A Hymn for the New Year.

I see not a step before me, God hangs a mist o'er mine eyes, And on each step in my torward course He makes new scenes arise; And every joy he sends to me Comes as a sweet surprise.

I see not a step before me, As I tread on another year; But the past is still in God's keeping, The future his mercy shall clear; And what looks dark in the distance May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future Is less bitter than I think: The Lord may sweeten the waters Before I stoop to drink, Or if Marah must be Marah, He will stand Leside the brink.

It may be that he has waiting, For the coming of my feet, Some gift of such rare blessedness, Some joy so strangely sweet That my lips shall only tremble, With the thanks they cannot speak.

Oh, restful, blissful ignorance I It is blessed not to know; It keeps me still in the arms of God, Which will not let me go; And hushes my soul to rest In the bosom that loves me so.

So I go onward, not knowing; I would not if I might; I would rather wask in the dark with God Than walk alone in the light; I would rather walk with him by faith Than walk alone by sight.

Cullings from Exchanges.

THE INPLUENCE OF THE VOICE.-It is soberly stated that in Switzerland a heart and on our lips -Golden Rule.

Pan-Aryan, in the Review of Reviews ates now is to let the "Compromise" has an optimistic article entitled "On to disturb which brought on the the Threshold of Universal Peace." fight-stand and not attempt to enforce He believes with the Mayor of Ant- any special interpretation of the Bible werp, who said, in welcoming the late upon teachers. Undoubtedly the clericountries," and calls attention to five in Christian Standard. propositions that have been put forth recently, "not by obscure enthusiasts, but by practical men of world-wide Rev. John Watson, of Liverpool, reduction of the term of service of all "The Coming Revival of Dogma," soldiers to one year; 4, an interna- which was very striking and suggestive. But there is France, irreconcilable for the loss of A'race-Lorraine, and how can she be expected to make any such contract? If the other nations, which have no implacable revenges, would enter-into such an agreement, France would be compelled to observe it and her revenge would die. It die.—Christian Standard.

The Chicago and Alton railroad company has issued an order prohibiting its employees from using any intoxicating drinks while they are on duty, and from visiting gambling resorts. It is a highly commendable thing for the the standpoint of the railroad company's public's. Many serious accidents have occurred which were the result of the incompetency of railroad men from the use of intoxicants. A strict enforcement of the order will be promotive of eulogies poured out on Upper Canada life, and while it tones and sustains the public safety. All railroad officials should served, but the thought is prompted blood.

for topers. They ought to go elsewhere and get some work which in volves no responsibility and where their nor property. Let them dig ditches and clean streets. But with their tremulous hands and shattered nerves they cannot be trusted by any railroid officer who wants his road to have a record of freedom from accidents."-Christian Oracle.

THE FIGHT FOR THE SCHOOLS .- It has been a long time since London was so stirred over an election as over the one just held for the members of the London School Board. Intense excitement was early manifested, for it was very clear that both parties were unusually in earnest, and the issues were so momentous. Over half a million children were concerned, and the aimavowed and disguised at the same time, for the Moderates, or Deggleites, were very shifty-of-the one party involved starved schools, mediæval texts, theological definitions and an extension of the State establishment of religion. The Progressive standard was raised for good education, liberty of conscience and the use of the Bible in Board Schools without creeds and fact that for once the greater part of the London press, which is usually milkmaid or milkman gets better wages conservative, was against the Moderif he has a good voice, because the ates. Even the Times was wobbly. shrewd Swiss know that a cow will and published some strong words yield much more milk if soothed with a against Deggleism. The result has more out of everything in this world if sives have won a great fight. The we approach it with a song in our figures are: Moderates, 29; Progressives, 27 members. But the popular vote gives the Progressives over 145,000 A writer, under the pseudonym of votes. The only hope of the Moder

mitted two mistakes-one had been a tendency to throw aside the past too might die hard, but it would surely easily, and the other that they had not always dealt respectfully with the men of the age that was passing away. New results had been offered, without sufficient consideration and respect for the men to whom those results were very startling, if not irreverent. Mr. Watson deems dogma an intellectual necessity, and he regards some recent works as company to do, whether viewed from signs of a disposition, on the part of strength. Vacation is earnestly longed theologians, to be less negative and interest, or the employees' or the more positive and constructive in their —Christian Guardian.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE -The temperance and good morals and of College last night are possibly well de- system it purifies and renovates the

follow the example set by the Alton that the brains and energy of the company. Concerning topers as rail- graduates had as much to do with road men, one of our city dailies well their future success as the discipline says: "There is no place on a railroad and teaching of the school. When the high schools and collegiates shall have been in existence as long as Upper Canada College, many of them will misconduct can endanger neither life have as brilliant honor rolls as has that old institution, if, indeed, several of them | For have not already quite as good a showing. The objection to the Upper Canada College is that it is a class in YEAR stitution kept up as a Government school. It is doing the same work as the high schools, gnd not doing it so heavy drafts on the Provincial purse and it is rivalling successful Government schools. If the admirers of the College wish to continue its existence they should maintain it as a private institution - Toronto Star.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN THOMPSON .-This sad event, which we were able only to chronicle in the briefest terms last week, has evoked expressions of sorrow and sympathy from all parties, not only in the Doninion, but in the Mother Cou try. Making due allowance for the generous impulse which prompts, in the presence of death, to forget the faults and recall the virtues of the dead, it has yet been made abundantly evident that the departed Premier stood very high in the estimapriests to interpret it. It is a singular tion of political opponents, as well as political friends, throughout the Dominion. Nay, as not unfrequently happens with men of noble character, his political opponents are found to have been, in some instances, his warm personal friends. For our own purt, pleasant song during the process of been technically a Moderate sictors, as having followed pretty closely Sir John's milking. In fact it is true that we get was expected, but morally the Progres- public life since his entry into the Dominion Government we deem it scarcely too much to say that from the date of such entrance, and more pirticularly from the time when he became, 'fine force' of discumstances, the virtual, as afterwards the actual, leader of the Government, Canadian politics were raised to a higher plane. Though we have not always been able to approve of the stand which Sir John felt Peace Congress to that city, " Peace is cal party have learnt a lesson, and let him elf constrained to take in the dein the hearts of all men in civilized us hope they will profit by it .- Nemo bates touching the scandal investigations of the past few years, and have in a few cases felt bound to express our A COMING AGE OF DOCTRINES.—The | conviction that he had failed, in some measure, to raise above the exigencies fame." These are, z, for a truce of recently delivered an address at the or prejudices of party, we are glad to ten years; 2, a truce to 1900; 3, a Presbyterian College, London, on be able to join in the almost unanimous expression of respect for his genuire integrity of character, as well as in. 2dtional agreement not to increase arma. The main thought was that the age of miration of his great ability. No ments for three years; 5, such an destructive criticism was passing away, matter which party holds the reins of agreement not to increase war budgets and that there were signs it should give Government during the next decade, till 1900. If the great powers of Eu- place to an age when doctrine would we believe that it will be a period comrope really want peace they could easily be enthroned in higher esteem. Re paraticely free from corruption in public secure it upon one of these bases. ferring to the past, he spoke of the first life, and that for the changed state of age of mystical experience; then the political and public feeling, which gives age of dogma; then that of scholasticism. promise of such reform, a large share followed by that of criticism. He said, of the credit is due to the much-"We have been born into the age of lamented statesman whose mortal recriticism, and have been baptised into mains are now being brought across its spirit." This critical age had com- the Atlantic in one of the swiftest warships of the Imperial navy .- The Week.

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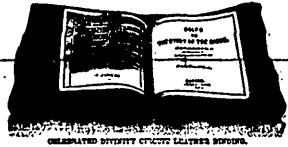
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