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AT THE PORTAL.

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Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear ;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful,
Making us rejoice.

For the year before us,
Oh, what rich supplies !
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise ;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound ;
For the faint and feeble
Perfect strength be found.

"I, the Lord, am with thee—
Be thou not afraid ;
I will help and strengthen—
Be thou not dismayed.
Yea, I will uphold thee
With my own right hand ;
Thou art called and chosen
In my sight to stand."

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake ;
His eternal covenant
He will never break ;
Resting on His promise
What have we to fear ?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and one of increased activity in spreading abroad the Gospel light. The opportunities and responsibilities of Christian people were never so great.

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

During the past week Missions have been in the air in Toronto. The Layman's Missionary Movement has held meetings for men daily, and on Wednesday afternoon all the Women's Missionary Societies and any others interested were invited to assemble in the University Convocation Hall.

Although the day was stormy, a large and representative audience assembled. Hon. Justice McLaren presided, and thrilling addresses were given by Mr. Rogers, of Montreal, who with his wife had visited the stations in China, also Mr. McBee, Editor of *The Churchman*, and Mr. Campbell White, Secretary of the Movement. His closing thought was the necessity for prayer, the greatest factor of all in carrying forward the work of God.

Since Convention we have been greatly encouraged by the large increase of subscribers, shewing that the Agents have been at work. Jarvis St. Church has added 29 since Dec. 1st. We wish to thank the Agents and also those who have looked at their labels and sent in arrears. It would cheer the Editor if many others during the present month would do likewise.

If you hold your culture, your success, your gold for yourself alone, it will by and by grow worthless in your hand and rot. Only eternal truth and character abide, and if you do not build your life into these things, you are utterly false to yourself. It is not of the slightest importance whether you are rich or poor. One thing is important,—that you fill your life with service, for man's sake and God's sake, and that you go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser.