

The Last Day of the Year.

This year is just going away,
The moments are flashing fast;
My heart, have you nothing to say
Concerning the things that are past?
Now, while in my chamber alone,
Where God will be present to hear,
I'll try to remember and own
The faults I've committed this year.

O Lord, I'm ashamed to confess
How often I've broken thy day;
Perhaps I have thought of my dress,
Or wasted the moments in play;
And when the good minister tried
To make little children attend,
I was thinking of something beside,
Or wishing the sermon would end.

How often I rose from my bed
And did not remember my prayer,
Or if a few words I have said,
My thoughts have been going elsewhere.
Ill temper, and passion, and pride,
Have grieved my dear parents and thee,
And seldom I really have tried
Obedient and gentle to be.

But, Lord, thou already hast known
Much more of my folly than I,
There is not a fault I can own
Too little for God to descry;
Yet hear me and help me to feel
How wicked and weak I must be,
And let me not try to conceal
The largest and smallest from thee.

The year is just going away,
The moments are finishing fast;
Look down in thy mercy, I pray,
To pardon the sin that is past;
And as soon as another begins,
So help me to walk in thy fear
That I may not with follies and sins
So foolishly waste a new year.

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Other short stories, and articles of interest, will appear; and much attention will be given to the new "Epworth League," including Epworth League stories, which will prove an attractive feature.



JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BRETHREN.

Auf Wiedersehen.

THE Germans have a custom when they part, of saying *Auf Wiedersehen*, "Until we meet again." So say I now to all the boys and girls who read the HOME AND SCHOOL. I hope that its visits during the year have indeed given many pleasant hours to the one hundred thousand young folk whom I have had the privilege of addressing from time to time. And I hope the pleasure has been mixed with profit, and that you are wiser, better, stronger in purposes of good and wise resolves than ever you were before.

With most of our readers this is a sort of turning-point. Most of the subscriptions to this paper end with this number. It is possible that some—I hope a very few—of the subscribers may not renew for the coming year. But most of them, I trust, will continue to belong to the HOME AND SCHOOL family. And therefore, when I say "Good-bye" in this last number of 1889, I say also *Auf Wiedersehen*—May we meet again during all the months of 1890.

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tract distribution, etc. Social work includes all social entertainments, systematic visitation of any members who are sick, looking after strangers who may appear in the Sabbath congregation, and giving special attention to any young people who may be members of the congregation, but from home. The department of entertainment embraces the musical and literary programme for each meeting, and arrangements for lectures or public entertainments. The department of correspondence includes the recording and the corresponding secretaries. The department of finance looks after the admission fees of members, or of public entertainments, and holds and disburses funds as the League may direct. At our first regular meeting last week, sixty-four members were enrolled, and we expect large additions at subsequent meetings. Our League is to meet fortnightly, on Monday evening, in the lecture-room at the church; and in the same room, on the alternate Monday evening, the pastor conducts a service for the special benefit of the young people. Thus each Monday evening is occupied; on each Wednesday evening the general prayer-meeting is held; and each Friday evening is occupied with choir practice and cottage prayer-meetings—leaving Tuesday and Thursday evenings free for social visiting, preparations for the League, or home duties. Our young people are united and earnest in this work, and we are expecting good results.—*Guardian*.

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