

set at the top of the page and we resolutely try again and again to make our life-writing a little more like that of our Master. Men may scorn our blundering attempts, but the Master will not join in their mockery. If we are really trying, He will lay His hand upon ours and help us every moment. Why should we despair? We have all eternity to grow in, and infinite Love to help us. But it is not enough to see the beauty of our Lord's life and wish we could live as nobly as He did. Vague and purposeless wishing is pretty sure to result in weakness of character. It used to be the fashion to make "New Year resolutions", which were apt to be forgotten in a day or two, leaving no trace on the soul. Resolutions which are made only once a year do not show the real desires of the heart. If we really will to become like Christ we shall make it our everyday business to see Him as He is. How can we become like Him unless we know Him well?

No man can become a first-class farmer or doctor, or electrician, or carpenter—or anything else—by making a New Year resolution. He must keep his purpose right in front of him all the year, and really enjoy his work. One who is a Christian against his will doesn't know the meaning of the word. Do you remember the story of St. Paul and his friend Silas in the prison of Philippi? They had been beaten for Christ's sake, and instead of binding up their wounds the keeper of the prison put them in a loathsome dungeon and fastened their feet in the stocks. They were suffering too much to sleep but they were not suffering too much to sing praises to God. They enjoyed being Christians more than they enjoyed anything else in the world. They even enjoyed suffering for the sake of Christ. The dark dungeon was far from dark to them for their eyes smiled up into the smiling eyes of their dearest Friend.

"Oh! dear my Lord, if Thou a traveller be,
All undismayed, I'll journey on with Thee."

We can run life's race joyously if He is our Comrade and always close at hand. He was with us in the dark days of the war, shall we fear to go with Him through years of peace!

There are people who look admiringly at the character of Jesus of Nazareth—as it is revealed in the Bible—and feel impelled to mould their lives on His; and yet they think He was only a great and holy Man. Perhaps they think He climbed nearer to perfection than any other man, but they do not worship Him as Divine.

That attitude of mind is not only cold and uninspiring—such people have to look back nearly two thousand years, instead of looking up into the face of a living Friend and Comrade—but it is also very illogical. If we heard one, who is only a man, invite the weary and heavy-laden to come unto him and rest, we should think he was either insane or untruthful. If we heard him proclaim himself as the Light and Life of the world, declaring that all mankind should be judged by him and that he had a right to claim the first place in every heart, we should accuse him of blasphemy—as the Jews accused our Lord. If we heard him telling others to approach the Father as penitents—humbly confessing their sins—yet quietly announcing that no man could convict him of any sin, we should certainly not think him meek and lowly of heart. We must acknowledge Jesus as Divine, or refuse Him a right to the position He has claimed as the Master and Judge of all.

Those who refuse to offer their lives to Him dare not say that they are afraid He will lead them astray. Is it possible that any man, when his earthly race is nearing its end, can look back and say: "I regret the time I spent in the service of Christ?" Millions of people have looked back regretfully and wished that they had served Him loyally all their days. If the year 1919 is not spent in His company, and His service, we shall be very sorry some day. Why shouldn't we prepare joy instead of sorrow for ourselves?

The race set before us requires "patience"—it may last many years yet. A Roman general, who had a hard time conquering a tribe on the frontiers of the Empire, said if people of that tribe: "Others got to battle; these go to war". If the Allies had only gone out to win a battle or two, we should

probably have been conquered by our mighty foe. We might lose many battles and yet win the war. So it is in the Christian warfare. We may fall very low—as David and St. Peter did—and yet ride as victors beside our King in the Day of Peace. If we are determined to fight under Him as our Captain, no reverse can make us downhearted—we must win the end. Let us keep our eyes on our Leader.

"There are bridges to cross, and the way is long,
But a purpose in life will make you strong;
Keep e'er on your lips a cheerful song.
Look up!"

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Gifts for the Needy.

A reader in N. B. (Mrs. H.) sent two dollars for a poor woman in the hospital—which I have passed on—and several parcels of papers for the "shut-in" arrived. They, also are cheering lonely patients in the hospital. In a few weeks I shall go over the Q. H. P. account book, and let you know the result.

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The Fashions.

Note.—We cannot possibly supply patterns of designs clipped from other papers. If you order a number of patterns and one or two arrive before the rest, do not be alarmed. The division is sometimes made unavoidably.

When sending your orders for patterns to us, please cut out the picture of the pattern you want and enclose it. Also cut out the following blank, fill it in carefully and address to "Pattern Department, Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," London, Ont.

Name.....
Post Office.....
County.....
Province.....
Bust measure (if for waist or one-piece dress).....
Waist measure (if for skirt).....
Age (if for child).....
Number of pattern.....
Date of issue in which pattern appeared.....

Allow a week or ten days in which to receive pattern.

Re Delays.

During the latter part of October and first part of November there was considerable delay and confusion in regard to patterns. We wrote the pattern manufacturers in New York about the matter and they have replied as follows:

"We have your letter of November 15th, and are sorry, indeed, to learn that you are receiving complaints, but we are afraid that this is entirely due to the general delay in mail there is at the present time, for we are filling your orders, the same day they are received, except when they reach us too late in the afternoon mail to go out the same night. Such orders are forwarded in the following day's noon mail, but all orders are absolutely filled within 24 hours after their receipt."

It is very regrettable that some of those who ordered patterns have not received them promptly, but it will be seen that this fault is not ours nor the pattern company's, but solely due to the congested conditions of the mails because of war transportation, etc. Letters always go better than parcels, and patterns come in the latter category. Now that the war is over and the soldiers coming back, it is to be hoped that this trouble will soon be over.

2667—Girls' Dress.
Cut in 4 sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. Size 8 requires 3 yards of 44-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2659—Ladies' Dress.
Cut in 7 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires 3 3/8 yards of 54-inch material. Width of skirt at lower edge is 2 yards. Price, 10 cents.



2302—Girls' Dress.
Cut in 4 sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 requires 4 3/4 yards of 26-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2658—Ladies' House Dress.
Cut in 7 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires 5 3/4 yards of 42-inch material. Width at lower edge is 2 3/4 yards. Price, 10 cents.

2651—Girls' Dress.
Cut in 5 sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 requires 3 3/4 yards of 44-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2654-2653—A Smart Coat Suit.
Coat 2654 cut in 7 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Skirt 2653 cut in 7 sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. It will require about 8 yards of 44-inch material for a medium size, for the entire suit. The width of skirt at lower edge with plaits drawn out is about 2 yards. TWO separate patterns, 10 cents FOR EACH pattern.

2273—A Dainty Set for Dolly.
The Pattern includes all styles illustrated, is cut in 6 sizes for dolls: 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26 inches in length. The dress requires 1 1/4 yards of 27-inch material, the petticoat 1/2 yard, and the combination 5/8 yard for an 18-inch doll. Price, 10 cents.

2368—Ladies' Apron.
Cut in 4 sizes: Small, 32-34; Medium, 36-38; Large, 40-42; and Extra Large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size Medium requires 6 1/4 yards of 36-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2665—Girls' Dress.
Cut in 4 sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 requires 3 1/4 yards of 44-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2650—A Good Service Dress.
Cut in 7 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires 5 3/8 yards of 44-inch material. The skirt measures about 2 yards at the foot. Price, 10 cents.

2657—Child's Short Clothes Set.
Cut in 5 sizes: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years. Size 4 requires 3 1/4 yards of 27-inch material for the dress, 1 1/4 yards for the petticoat and 2 3/8 yards for the combination. Price, 10 cents.

2271—Dress for Misses and Small Women.

Cut in 3 sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 will require 4 1/8 yards of 44-inch material. The dress measures about 2 yards at the foot. Price, 10 cents.

2272—Girls' Dress.
Cut in 4 sizes: 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 requires 4 1/8 yards of 36-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2647-2644—Ladies' Costume.
Waist 2647 cut in 7 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Skirt 2644 cut in 7 sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. It will require 7 3/8 yards of 36-inch material for a medium size, for the entire costume. The skirt measures about 1 1/8 yard at lower edge. TWO separate patterns, 10 cents FOR EACH pattern.

2645—Child's Play Dress.
Cut in 5 sizes: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years. Size 4 will require 2 3/4 yards of 36-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

2333—Ladies' Apron.
Cut in 4 sizes: Small, 32-24; Medium, 36-38; Large, 40-42, and Extra Large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size Medium requires 3 1/4 yards of 36-inch material. Price, 10 cents.

