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**A**N infant in its cradle slept,  
And in its sleep it smiled—  
And one by one three women  
knelt

To kiss the fair-haired child ;  
And each thought of the days to be  
And breathed a prayer, half-silently.

One poured her love on many lives,  
But knew love's toil and care ;  
Its burdens oft had been to her  
A heavy weight to bear ;  
She stooped and murmured lovingly,  
"Not burdened hands, dear child, for  
thee."

One had not known the burdened hands,  
But knew the empty heart ;  
At life's banquet she had set  
An unfed guest apart ;  
"Oh, not," she whispered tenderly,  
"An empty heart, dear child, for thee."

And one was old ; she had known care,  
She had known loneliness ;  
She knew God leads us by no path  
His presence cannot bless ;  
She smiled, and murmured trustfully,  
"God's will, dear child, God's will for  
thee !"

—Kate Tucker Goode, in the *Alkahest*

A great many of our children will have *JEWELS* this year, our new paper for the very little ones. Many schools have ordered it and many more will order. We should like to have *JEWELS* in the hands of every infant-class scholar. If your school has not ordered we shall be glad to send a sample copy to any address. A minister in Nova Scotia writes that he and his elders are making a house-to-house canvass of the congregation for *JEWELS* and *THE KING'S OWN*.

## A Happy New Year !

So says the Editor of *THE PRIMARY QUARTERLY* to all the little people. It has given him great delight to speak to so many of you during the year that is ended now, and he hopes that you have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons. You have all grown a good deal since last New Year. You were five years old then and you are six years old now ; or perhaps you were six years old then and you are seven years old now. At any rate, you are growing big very fast and he cannot hope to talk to you through *THE PRIMARY QUARTERLY* very much longer. You will soon get too old for it.

This year we are to have a delightful time. The lessons begin with the little baby Jesus and the song of the angels, and every Sabbath we shall have something new about Him, how He grew to be a boy, and then a man, and what wonderful things He said and did. To study about Jesus is like having a very dear friend come to visit you. The day seems brighter because you know he is coming. It makes the year 1900 very bright to know that every Sabbath we shall have a visit from our dear Savior and Friend. May it be a very Happy New Year to you all ! The happiest thing will be to have the love of this Savior and Friend in your heart and always try to do what He wants you to do. It will make every morning like the ringing silver bells and every evening like a sweet song.

*THE CENTURY FUND* wants to know what the children are going to do for it this year of 1900. Of course there will be Children's Day. That will be in September. But Children's Day is only one day in the year, and the Fund does not want you to forget about