



"Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail."

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day, and forever."

IT is significant that the writer of Hebrews opens his epistle to a positive statement regarding the unchanging Christ, and closes it with an inspiring reminder that though many and varied changes may be the experience of believers, they may confidently count on the unchanging presence and help of the Friend whose "years shall not fail," and who in the fulfillment of His own personal assurance, "Lo, I am with you always," proves Himself from age to age, "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

The time is opportune for us to remind ourselves of the same indubitable truths. Swiftly the months pass by in the tireless march of years, and calendar changes repeatedly emphasize for us the mutability of all human affairs, and the limited extent of earthly life. But in it all, happy is the man who cultivates the upward look and with expectant faith and hope, prays, "O Thou who changeest not, abide with me."

Another year has passed by, a new one presses on, and we count ourselves as twelve months older. What then? Age is not primarily so much a matter of physical as of spiritual being, and the secret of perpetual youth is in personal intimacy with and resemblance to Him who is eternally young. Let the new year, therefore, find the elders among us looking up. No man is old as long as he aspires, and in "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever," is the fulfillment of the highest aspirations of which the human soul is capable. Would you keep young? Think of Him—the unchanging Christ; and not only will such thoughts renew and revivify the hopes and aims of long ago, but in the turning of the years you will despite their increasing number, be sustained in glad and buoyant youthfulness of spirit even though the frosts of many winters may have sprinkled your hair with silver snow, and the responsibilities of life have furrowed your brow with lines of care. Let the elders rejoice in Him.

But to the young, this thought of the Unfailing One should ensure an inspiring entrance into another year. The door swings backward on the Old Year and it is closed forever with only memories of the past remaining to gladden or sadden us. The door swings forward and we are ushered in to the New Year with a sense of possession, that whispers to us of unmeasured possibilities lying ahead if we but go forward guided and sustained by Him who knows the whole way, and who is sufficient for every emergency that may arise.

That last fact is the Apostle's thought of Christ. He is all we need, and in Him our all of need is met.

What a ground of confidence is here! Is it temptation that confronts us with the subtle poison of sin hidden within some apparently harmless exterior? He is still able to succor those who are tempted.

Is it trial by which our heartstrings

are torn with grief and our eyes overflow with tears. He is still the One whose comfort is tenderer than a mother's words of love and cheer.

Is it doubt that, spectral like, confronts us and makes us afraid in the gloom and cloud of unbelief? He is still the Great Teacher willing and waiting to guide us into all truth.

But who can make inventory of all Christ is to those who know Him and who cultivate His personal friendship? The possessions of earth may be mathematically computed, even the value of human fellowship may be measurably stated.

"But those who find Thee, find a bliss Nor tongue, nor pen can show,  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know."

## Something Absolutely New

The General Board Makes a Beginning

### Lantern Evenings at Little Expense

A Depot of Lanterns and Slides Established

An Occasional Picture Programme for Your League  
All Needed Supplies Provided at the Least Possible Cost

THIS is simply an announcement for their use. Their value as influential factors in the education of the young is admitted on every hand, and their effects on the character for either good or evil is beyond question. But to only a few of our Leagues is the ownership and regular use of a lantern possible. It has long been the desire of the General Secretary to be able to place within the reach of all our young people, for occasional use in their meetings, a simple yet efficient outfit that will afford them the opportunity of an enjoyable and profitable pictorial programme. By provision of the General Board, and by the liberality of a few friends who have made special contributions to this new department, we are able to announce a beginning.

Each of our five Field Secretaries is being provided with a lantern equipment by which the purpose and scope of our Sunday School and Young People's work will be illustrated. Every phase of Sunday School and League life will be shown and the educative influence will be great and permanent. Evidence of this was given in the letter from Alberta in our last issue referring to Mr. Westman's illustrated lectures there.

Through the generosity of Mr. Geo. W. Gibbard, Nanaimo, Mr. Westman was provided with his equipment several months ago, and his popular use of it adds much to the effectiveness of his public addresses. Through the increased offerings of some of our Toronto Sunday Schools and the personal subscriptions of Mr. Chester Massey and Hon. Geo. A. Cox, we are enabled to extend the work, and not only will all the other Field Secretaries be fully provided, but a start is

made towards supplying the needs of our local Societies individually. If this provision is appreciated and utilized, it is our expectation and hope to greatly add to our store of supplies and make our lantern department large enough and complete enough to meet all demands that may be made upon it. At present the General Secretary can offer, for an evening, to any Sunday School or League, on terms which will be made fully known by letter to the applicant, a lantern outfit, complete in every particular and easily within the use of any intelligent person who will follow a few simple and plain directions, and the following sets of slides—

1. The Queen City. 100 views of Toronto, showing its main buildings, parks, streets, exposition, sports, and people. These slides are all from exclusive negatives, and cannot be either hired, borrowed, or bought elsewhere.

2. Toronto to the Coast. 100 views of Canada as one would see it in a trip to the Pacific Province, and comprising scenes of city and town, mountain and prairie, almost wholly the product of the General Secretary's own camera in his travels to the West.

3. From Calgary to Port Simpson. 100 views wholly in British Columbia, illustrating as one would see it in a trip to the Pacific Province, and comprising scenes of city and town, mountain and prairie, almost wholly the product of the General Secretary's own camera in his travels to the West.

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The above three subjects are attractive pictorial "Travel Talks," dealing with our own country westward and are almost without exception the outcome of the writer's own photographic work. The following sets are selected from the lists of the best English manufacturers and