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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

The old year's gone with all its hopes and fears.

Its joys and sorrows and its smiles and tears.
On many a home abundance has been poured,
And hunger gaunt has sat at many a board

The reign of peace has favored many a land,
While some have felt war's devastating hand
On some the gospel beams have poured their light,

While others have been wrapped in rayless night.

The old year's work is done until that day
When all that now appears shall pass away.
The new year comes with choices still to make
Of good or ill, with hearts to heal or break

O God of all the past, our Saviour now,
Help us to plight and pay to Thee our vow,
And in the coming year, through good or ill,
Our duty to mankind for Thee fulfil

W. H. P.

We would draw special attention to the paper on "Bungalow Homes in India" in this paper, as it brings before us again the need of these homes for our single lady missionaries. The Vuyura Bungalow is nearing completion, but the Akidu is still to be built, and as our Sisters in the East loaned us money for Vuyura, it is now our duty to pay it back as soon as possible. In Miss Alexander's report the matter was fully explained, and we would advise our sisters to read it over again that our responsibility may be fully realized and special efforts made to meet our liabilities.

We would remind our readers that on the resignation of Miss Nasmith, Miss Webster was appointed our Foreign Mission Treasurer. All money should now be sent to Miss Webster, 324 Gerrard St. East.

Any one having a spare copy of November, 1899, "Link" would confer a favor by sending it to the Editor, as it is needed to complete a set.

The Editor of "The Link" extends to all its readers a hearty New Year's greeting, wishing them a truly prosperous and happy year. Our earnest thanks are conveyed to the many friends who have so generously assisted us, not only by their prompt remittances and securing new subscribers, but for the words of kindly appreciation which have cheered and encouraged us in our work. In view of the Maritime Sisters issuing a paper of their own and the consequent withdrawal of very many of our subscribers from those Provinces, it is most desirable that greater effort be made to sustain "The Link," both by prompt payment and increasing its circulation in our own Provinces.

PREACHING CHRIST IN TIBET.

An Eurasian named Macdonald, who is an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Darjiling, North India, went with the Younghusband expedition to Lhassa as interpreter. He was able there to preach Christ to several small groups of Tibetans and to explain Christianity to the present Prime Minister and Regent of Tibet, who was very anxious to learn about "the White Man's Religion." He gave three Gospels in Tibetan to this august inquirer, and distributed quite a number of Gospels among both Lamas and laymen in Lhassa. Mr. Macdonald spoke the first words of Jesus Christ ever heard in the Lhassa region from an Evangelical Christian.

Paulu, one of the Moravian native preachers on the western border of Tibet, has recently returned from a daring raid into the forbidden territory. He crossed the border from Spiti to Kyurig, where all the villagers came together to hear him preach. Then he went on to Tsuruh, where a Governor appeared in his path. "What do you want?" was the question. "Nothing," said Paulu, "but to proclaim God's word." "We are forbidden on pain of death to allow Englishmen and suspicious persons to cross the frontier. Outwardly you seem like a real Tibetan, but inwardly you are evidently filled with the English religion. You must wait until I talk over the matter in the village." Still, he let Paulu pass the night in the village and preach there. The next morning he was quite friendly, but immovable in forcing Paulu to recross the frontier. Tibet is not yet opened, but Christians are actively using all the cracks in the wall.