

our strength, and never be weary in well-doing. So, if we live to the close of this New Year, when the Record is written and the page turned, we shall feel that, in spite of our many imperfections, it has been a year not wasted.

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### BIBLE WORDS.

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*Chapmen* only occurs once in the Bible (2 Chron. ix. 14), "Besides that which chapmen and merchants brought." It represents a man engaged in *chafare* or merchandize.

*Clout*. "Old cast clouts and rotten rags." (Jer. xxxviii. 11, 12.) This is from the Anglo Saxon *clut*, a patch. The primary meaning is a blow, as "a clout on the head." Then it came to mean a piece hastily clapped on, then any rag or fragment of cloth or linen.

*Reins*. A frequent word. It is from the Latin, *renes*, the kidneys. These were anciently believed to be the seat of desire and longing.

*Ring*, straked. Only found in Gen. xxx. 35-39, xxxi. 8, 10, 12, referring to Jacob's cattle. It means parti-coloured with circular spots. *Strake* is used for the ring of a cart-wheel. *Straked* is the old spelling of streaked.

*Runagates*. Only found in the Prayer Book Psalter: "But letteth the runagates continue in scarceness"; derived from *renegado*, one who denies his faith. It means those who turn aside from the right path.

"White livered runagate, what doth he there?"—(Shakespeare's, Rich. III. iv. 4.)

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"AND if some tones be false and low,  
What are all prayers beneath  
But cries of babes, that cannot know  
Half the deep thought they breathe?"

### THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

THE Church has provided a special Communion Service for the sick. She supposes that none of her children will be willing to pass away from this world without having received the assurance of the Saviour's dying love. And yet we fear that many Christians neglect this service. It comes, no doubt, in part, from nervous dread on the part of friends, to recognize the fact that any sickness is to be the last for the sick person. A thorough appreciation of the Church services, however, would entirely do away with these objections. The Holy Communion is the highest act of worship. Our souls are strengthened by its reception, and whether we live or die it will do us good. If all Christians would resolve, as they ought, to receive the Sacrament as frequently as possible while in health and strength, the Communion of the sick would be more frequent. It would only be doing in private what, for want of strength we could not do publicly. And no man's spiritual life will be what it ought to be, unless he prepares himself to receive the Communion as often as he can.—*Oregon Churchman*.

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THE Rev. J. T. Webster, formerly editor of *Our Dioceses*, in his parish paper recently said: "I am sorry to see that so few of the children of the congregation attend the regular services. Parents ought to bring them once on Sunday in addition to sending them to Sunday school. They thus early form a habit of attending church, and learn the use of the Prayer Book." There is scarcely a Rector to be found who would not say the same.