

world knows nothing now, many of His people are beginning to realize that it is a key which a gracious and wise God hath placed in their hands, wherewith once more to open Heaven as in days of old. "*Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are.*"—Jas. 5, 17.

Such have learnt to believe that, if in God's Name, and for His glory, they begin a work for Him which is fitting to proclaim the same, the God who knows their needs will hear their prayers and will glorify His Name in establishing it. Conscious then of a work to do for Him, in the strength of that consciousness, and in the faith that His Promises cannot be broken, we commit it afresh for the coming year to our loving and mighty Father, to Whom OUR FUTURE IS BUT HIS PRESENT. Our God is the Rock of the Ages, and the God of Jacob; the same Faithful One now that He ever was, and ever must be; and of Whose sustaining Promises that Patriarch and Toiler laid hold, and in his hour of need, though deeply sensible of his unworthiness, pleadingly reminded Him of them, saying, "LORD THOU SAIDST THIS UNTO ME."

And so in this spirit of Faith we would commence anew our steps for another year, strong only in Him, resting only upon His gracious Promises, and listening willingly to his cheering words of Exhortation, that, though uttered long ago in the ear of the Warrior and Worker Joshua, have never ceased their mission, and still come with all their sweet power to the ear of many a willing worker and warrior since that day, "*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou discouraged, for Jehovah thy God is with thee.*"

Though all may change, not so Thy Word,

From age to age secure:

So in its grace and fulness, Lord,

Our hearts rest sweetly sure.

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