

all our services ; that, on looking back on the year which, in a few hours, will close over us, there is very much for which we should be humbled, so much of coldness, ignorance, selfishness and pride ? Let us examine ourselves, and know wherein our weaknesses are, what are the sins that do most easily beset us, and the weights that hinder us and hold us back in the Christian race.

Let us see to it, my dear fellow-teachers and fellow-labourers all in the kingdom, that by God's grace, and through the aid of the Holy Ghost, sin shall no longer prevail, or, at least, prevail less than hitherto. Let us run the race that is set before us, ever looking unto Jesus. Let us, *every one*, with the new year, on the threshold of which we now stand, adopt, with the *whole* heart, the motto suggested to us by our Pastor, last Sabbath, "For me to live is Christ." Then, daily, our cry will be, "O God, whom we should never have known hadst Thou not deigned to discover Thyself to us in the light of the Gospel, complete the great work Thou hast begun ! Give us a heart to understand the truth Thou hast revealed ! Let the light of love, shed in our hearts by Thee, disperse all the obscurities of Thy word ! Let Thy goodness, let Thy marvellous wisdom, keep from us no other secrets than those which are useless for us to know ; teach us, by love, the most perfect of all wisdom ; render the most simple wise in the science of Thy salvation ! Thy spirit, O Lord, is love, as Thou Thyself art love. Diffuse it through the whole earth ; spread in every place that holy flame ; attract all hearts to Thyself ; make of all souls one single soul, in a common sentiment of adoration and devotion ! Lord ! we shall know all when we know how to love ; we shall then rejoice in a light which is not the product of mere laborious study, a light which sanctifies and consoles ! Then truly Thou shalt have spoken to us in the Gospel. Then shall it be seen that Thou hast given to us a message of love and peace ; and our intellectual conviction, in itself cold, sterile, useless, shall be changed into a living faith, full of hope, full of good fruits."

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