

For our Cozy Corner.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH.

FOR Y. F. H. B.

A Happy New Year, Hopeful Band,
Is the wish I breathe for you;
Though dwelling in this or that fair land,
I hope you will all be true.
Be true to right, where e'er it be,
Never the wrong to do,
True to the light the best you see,
And then you will aye be true.

What do we mean by "The Light," my dears,
Is it the outward sun,
That, breaking the darkness, the great world
cheers,

When the day is just begun?
Though the sun is bright to the outward sight,
There are other lights to see,
Than the moon and stars that shine by night,
Or the sun that sets them free.

A German student, in years ago,
Was trying, with all his skill,
To make a problem, profound and long,
Yield to his solving will;
Yet no solution could he find,
No opening could he see;
'Twas dark, all dark to his searching mind,
An unfathomed mystery.

Then suddenly a glowing smile
Swept swiftly across his face,
And the deep perplexity, meanwhile,
To a look of joy gave place
Like sunshine breaking through a cloud,
It was visible to see;
As quickly then he spake aloud,
"I see a light!" said he.

What was it gave the joyous light
Where all was dark before?
He knocked, 'twas opened to his sight,
As clear as well-known lore.
And so, sometimes, young, Hopeful Band,
Life's problems may be hard,
But if you firmly take your stand,
You'll find a due reward.

Yet bear in mind that, though the best
Seems hidden away from sight,
If you but search with a willing zest,
You surely will "see a light."
For He who lighteth the sun of noon,
And the moon and stars of night,
Knows too that light is a priceless boon,
When found by the inward sight.

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Idleness is a great sin and the cause
of many more.—[South.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

In a recent letter to the New York Tribune, Mr. Kairiyama, a Japanese resident of New York, states that he has received letters from Japan containing many particulars of the terrible earthquake in that country, which took place October 28. The section chiefly afflicted was the great island of Hondo, which is the main island of the Japanese empire, embracing many provinces. The surface of the ground at the time of the disturbances was terribly shaken. No person could stand. Houses were instantly thrown down, fire instantly raged, roasting the imprisoned victims. The shock took place at intervals during four days and varied from 100 to 600 in different localities. Relief funds are being subscribed in this and other countries.

The London Daily Graphic says: "Twenty-six thousand five hundred people were killed and wounded, 90,000 houses destroyed, 200,000 people homeless. Not even the distance between them and us, which robs the the facts of so much of their import, the figures of so much of their meaning, can deprive them of all. There are people starving too, and this is a tangible ill which one may attempt to lessen as well as to appreciate. An appeal has been made by the Japanese people to our charity. The disaster which has overtaken them it is not within the human power to foresee or prevent, but some of the consequences it is only human to attempt to alleviate.

The Steamer China, which recently arrived at San Francisco from Hong-Kong and Yokohama, reports that while the steamer was between Hong-Kong and Yokohama on the return trip to San Francisco an imposing sight was witnessed by the passengers and crew.

The great earthquake at Yokohama had taken place a short time previous, and many of the islands in the Yellow Sea were in a state of volcanic disturbances. About seven o'clock on the