

of the Church press. I am fully aware that in declining, as I may, to avail myself of the same channel of communication as Mr. Crompton, supposing it placed at my disposal, the truth must, for many persons, especially among the laity, fail to overtake and expose the falsehood, but even so, better that, in the estimation of such persons, I and my diocese should suffer for a time, if need be, than add to any other misdeeds that of aggravating the mischief wrought to the Church by the mistakes already made. E. ALGOMA.
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Family Reading.

NEW-YEAR'S MORNING HYMN.

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Hail to another year!
The year that now begins!
All hail to Him who led us here
Through danger and through sins!

Hail to another year!
Peace to the year that's past!
May this one at its close appear
Less worthless than the last!

Hail to another year!
Ere round its wheels are driven,
Each to the grave will stand more near—
Will each be nearer heaven?

Hail to another year!
Ere half its race is sped,
Ourselves, with all we treasure here,
May rest among the dead.

Hail to another year!
Though yet unknown, untrod,
Whate'er may come we need not fear,
If friends, through Christ, with God.

Hail to another year!
A year of peace and love!
Oh! may it prove a foretaste here
Of endless years above!

THOUGHTS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

In the providence of God I have been brought to the beginning of another civil year. It is a happy fact that the date of our years constantly reminds us of our Redemption, even as our Christian name reminds us of our being Christians, and should make us consider how we are called to live a Christian life.

The year has begun. Let me make a few resolutions concerning my own conduct as a Christian, personally, and let me determine what to do in promoting the good of others.

Personally, then, for myself. Redeemed without merit or act of my own in any way, by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, baptized into the Church of God, entitled to all the rights and privileges of that Church here on earth; let me, remembering these things, resolve what I will try to do.

I. I WILL TRY TO LIVE A PRAYERFUL LIFE.—I do not mean that I will always be on my knees, uttering supplications, but I will, nevertheless, "pray without ceasing." I will endeavour to pray at evening and morning and at noon-day, privately. My prayers may be very brief, but they shall be earnest, reverent, and devout. I will try also to attend the Daily Services of the Church once or twice at least in the week-days.

II. I WILL TRY TO LIVE A THANKFUL LIFE.—Whatever my lot be, I have much to be thankful for, and few things will more assist me in the practice of Godliness than a habit and spirit of thankfulness. Therefore I will praise God with joyful lips, in my private life, and within the House of God. For God's Word says, "Ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord." This, then, shall be one of the efforts of my daily life.

III. I WILL TRY TO VALUE PRACTICALLY THE TWO SACRAMENTS ORDAINED OF CHRIST FOR AND IN THE CHURCH.—Jesus Christ so plainly instituted these, and it is so very plain also that the Apostles and their successors used them diligently, that it must be an injury to my spiritual state if I do not use and value them greatly.

I find St. Paul uses our Baptismal standing as a strong reason for urging the practice of a holy life

upon Christians, and my Baptismal standing and calling in Christ ought of course greatly to influence me.

I will therefore remember that I am "baptized into Christ," and regulate my habits of life, in eating and in drinking, and in dress, and in conversation, according to this truth; "remembering always that Baptism doth signify unto us our profession," and endeavour to "walk answerably to my Christian calling as a child of the light and of the day;" and I will plead with God in prayer, that as I have been baptized into His Church, so He will be pleased to bestow on me more and more the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. As to Holy Communion, I surely cannot do better than strive to follow the practice of the early Christians.

They of Troas seem to have come together every Lord's Day "to break bread." If I do not go to Holy Communion every Sunday, I will attend at the least as often as I can, and I will seek for all those spiritual blessings which Jesus Christ conveys in the use of that blessed sacrament.

IV. I WILL TRY TO MAKE ALL ACTS OF DIVINE WORSHIP IN WHICH I ENGAGE, AS REVERENT AND DEVOTIONAL AS POSSIBLE.—My example will influence others for good, but without thinking about that just now, reverence and devotion become me as a Christian.

If I am not reverent, I cannot worship God in spirit and in truth. I will, therefore, practise reverence and devotion.

AND NOW AS TO PROMOTING THE GOOD OF OTHER PEOPLE.—I am resolved that during this year, if I live, I will not live to myself alone, but also to the glory of God, in and by trying to extend His Church, and to secure the good of my fellow-creatures. I must do this, however, very prayerfully and humbly; otherwise it will not succeed.

I. I WILL TRY TO HELP SOME WHO ARE NOT LIVING A HOLY LIFE TO BEGIN TO DO SO.—I know that I have a small amount of personal influence. Whatever may be the extent of it, I will use it in a hearty endeavour to lead others into the paths of righteousness. This I may do by kind friendly conversation, and by inducing them to read books and papers which shall set forth Church teaching and practical religion.

II. I MUST TRY ALSO TO ACT AS A BELIEVER IN "THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS."—One part of this blessed truth consists in Christians helping one another, here on earth. I can do this to others, even as others can do this to me. Friendly, manly, Christian conversation, (not cant, not talking more than I honestly mean and feel) may much assist me and others often. Some like to form guilds or associations for this purpose; others regard their baptismal calling as involving all these efforts. I see that my duty and my privilege as a Christian involve me in this effort, and by God's grace this year shall find me diligent in trying to perform it.

III. I WILL TRY ALSO TO WORK WELL AND HEARTILY WITH MY PARISH PRIEST IN ALL I DO.—I may not agree with him in every particular, but earnest work in the Church for the glory of my God and the benefit of my fellow-creatures, does wonders in getting rid of personal differences; and there are such multitudes of things in the Church in which the clergyman and I do agree and must agree, that I need not think of the very few matters wherein we may perhaps differ a little. I will work with him. The last chapter of the Epistle to the Romans teaches me to do this; and if my minister or parish priest be not equal to St. Paul in all particulars, I may do well to recollect that I am not equal to Aquila, or Urbane, or Stachys, or Persis, or Priscilla, Tryphena, Tryphosa, or Mary.

IV. I will try also to assist in making every public service which I attend, as reverent and hearty as I can, for the sake of others. I may often do something in this way at the occasional offices, as baptisms, burials, and marriages, besides the daily services. It shall be one object of my life this year to encourage everything that can with propriety promote heartiness and reverence in our services.

A New Year, with momentous issues, has begun. With the gracious guidance and help of God, I hereby resolve to endeavour, simply and earnestly,

to live as it is clear I ought to do. I will try myself to live a holy and Godly life. I will value and use the means of grace. I will do all I can for the benefit of others, and thus to live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world, looking for that glorious hope, the appearing of the Great God our Saviour Jesus Christ. O God, Thou shalt guide me by thy counsel and after that receive me to Glory.

UPWARD AND ONWARD.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Looking upward every day,
Sunshine on our faces;
Pressing onward every day
Toward the heavenly places.

Growing every day in awe,
For Thy Name is Holy;
Learning every day to love
With a love more lowly.

Walking every day more close
To our Elder Brother;
Growing every day more true
Unto one another.

Leaving every day behind
Something which might hinder;
Running swifter every day,
Growing purer, kinder.

Lord, so pray we every day,
Hear us in Thy pity,
That we enter in at last
To the Holy City.

M. BUTLER.

NEWTON AND VOLTAIRE ON PROPHECY.

It is a remarkable fact that Sir Isaac Newton, in his work on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, said that "If they were true, it would be necessary that a new mode of travelling should be invented." He said that "the knowledge of mankind would be so increased before a certain date or time terminated—namely, one thousand two hundred and sixty years—that they would be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour."

Voltaire got hold of this, and, true to the spirit of skepticism of all ages, said:

"Now, look at the mighty mind of Newton, who discovered gravitation! When he became an old man, and got into his dotage, he began to study the book called the Bible, and it seems, in order to credit its fabulous nonsense, we must believe that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The poor dotard!"

The self-complacency of the philosophic infidel made his friends laugh; but if he should get into a railway train, even a skeptic to-day would have to say, "Newton was the philosopher, Voltaire the dotard."

—Christ. Orecle.

REMEMBER THE HEATHEN.

Little children, when you pray
To God to keep you through the day;
When you ask that He would take
Your sins away for Jesus' sake;
When you thank Him for your friends,
And the comforts that He sends;
Don't forget to breathe a prayer
For those who know not of His care.

Many little ones there are
O'er the seas so very far,
Who never heard of God above,
Who know not of the Saviour's love;
Multitudes who never heard
From Christian friends this blessed Word—
That "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,"
Dearly loves a little child,

And bids them always come and pray
To Him to take their sins away:
This Saviour they have never known,
And therefore kneel to wood and stone.

Oh, children, ask of Him to send
Some one to be the heathen's friend;
To guide them from destruction's road
Into the path that leads to God;
That they may have their sins forgiven,
And when they die may go to heaven;
That you and they at last may be
Blessed to all eternity!