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### The Greeting of the New Year.

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The snow lies stiff and white,  
At the gate of the glad New Year;  
Her face with hope is bright,  
Though the wintry world is drear.

She smiles with welcome sweet,  
She speaks in accents mild:  
"Enter, with willing feet,  
And the heart of a little child.

"So shall you treasure find,  
Better than lands or gold;  
Friends that are true and kind,  
Love that is wealth untold.

"Humbly my lessons learn,  
So shall you wisdom gain;  
Deep peace your soul shall earn  
Through the discipline of pain."

Hark to the New Year's voice,  
With its promise of hope and cheer;  
"Courage, brave hearts, rejoice!  
For God is always near.

"Skies may be dark with storm,  
While fierce the north wind blows,  
Yet earth at heart is warm,  
And the snowdrift hides the rose."

### To Make Our Schools a Success,

In the October Banner three questions are asked:

1. How to retain the older scholars. I think there is but one answer to this question, get them converted in the Sunday School before they are older. I know of very few who were converted as scholars who left the Sunday School. What a responsibility on us as teachers.

2. To secure an intelligent interest in the study of the Word of God. I think it would help, if the pastor gave a good Bible reading, that would include the subject of the Sunday School Lesson, every week, even if there was one sermon less. Ministers ought to be leaders in this work.

3. Acceptance of a personal Saviour. This will have to be done by the Holy Spirit. Let us get the Spirit into the school, and this will be accomplished. We can get the Spirit for the asking.

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