

beginning of that year he had dimly seen that to do one's daily duties bravely and cheerfully was to be a true hero; now he realized it fully, and the purpose within him was stronger to-day than ever to be a Christian hero.

His mother entered most fully into all his feelings, giving him such counsel as only a true mother can.

At length as the lateness of the hour warned them that they must bring their conversation to a close, Walter said:

"Mother, what motto will you give me for this New Year?" And his mother opening the large family Bible, pointed to these words:

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

THE END.