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## FORWARD!

Backward glance we, glad and grateful for the good of yester  
year:  
Health and home, with joy in working, faithful friends and books  
that cheer :

Yet with ever eager outlook we this life's horizon scan,  
Sounding, forward, forward brothers, help the upward march of  
man !

Men, our kindred, died in millions to maintain fair Freedom's  
Right.

Facing foes and fiendish monsters to dethrone the lords of Might.

"Crown king 'Demos!'", is the cry now; "Hail the democratic  
reign!"

Still the selfish brute-force dares us, making profit out of pain.

Kneel we at the year's beginning; let us pray the Highest Power  
That the mantle of our heroes fall upon us at this hour :

Self-surrender, service willing, sacrifice unto the end.  
May we learn with all our strivings brotherhood like theirs to  
blend.

With the dawn of heavenly daylight let a Christlier race arise  
With the vision of God's purpose in their newly-wakened eyes.

—D. A. C.

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