

The beginning of the new year should fill us with a holy joy at the prospect of another season of life and love and service in the cause of God and man. Let it be the grandest year that ever we have known. The fields wave white unto the harvest on every side. Let us thrust in the sickle and reap, and rejoice before the Lord with the joy of the harvest.

The late Sir Arthur Blackwood was one of the most hilarious Christians of whom we have ever read. On his successive birthdays and anniversaries he used to write, "Hurrah! another milestone past! On the home stretch." Let us thank God who crowneth the year with his goodness, who maketh the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice, who reneweth the face of the earth, who gives us the glad and beautiful changes of the passing months and years, who fills our homes with joy and love and happiness. These are but types and symbols of the fadeless glories of God's endless years, of the undying love and gladness of the Father's house on high.

A Sunday-school superintendent found Withrow's "Harmony of the Gospels" so useful that he purchased one hundred and fifty copies for his senior scholars. Write to Rev. Dr. Withrow, Methodist Publishing House, Toronto, for special rates.

Methodist Magazine for December.

This Magazine closes its forty-eighth volume with a vigorous number. Among the admirably illustrated articles are, "Corea and her Neighbours," by the Rev. J. C. Seymour; "Snapshots from Jamaica," and "Among the Gypsies." "The Temper of a Saint; or, the Wit and Humour of John Wesley," by Rev. W. H. Adams; "George Fox and the Quakers," by Prof. Paisley; "Is the World Growing Worse?" by Dr. Dewart; "Some Curious Behaviours of Atoms," by Bishop Warren, and "An Indian Martin Luther," by Rev. Arthur Browning, are all strongly written and interesting articles.

In lighter vein are sketches of Irish Life, of Home Mission Work, "A Princess in Calico," and other stories. The Editor arraigns very severely the Hon. Attorney-General Longley's new book on "Love." "The Decadence of France," etc., are editorially discussed.

The departments of the World's Progress, Current Thought, Popular Science, Book Reviews, Religious Intelligence, are well maintained. The announcement of this popular Magazine for 1899 is the best yet made. New subscribers will receive the November and December numbers for 1898 free. Now is the time to subscribe.

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Order of Services.—First Quarter.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. SILENCE.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES [Psalm 96. 7-13.]

SUPT. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

SCHOOL. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

SUPT. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

SCHOOL. Fear before him, all the earth.

SUPT. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:

SCHOOL. He shall judge the people righteously.

SUPT. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

SCHOOL. Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:

SUPT. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with truth.

III. SINGING.

IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, OR THE APOSTLES' CREED.

V. PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

VI. SINGING.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. CLASS STUDY OF THE LESSON.

II. SINGING LESSON HYMN.

III. RECITATION OF THE TITLE, GOLDEN TEXT, AND OUTLINE by the school in concert.

IV. REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF THE LESSON by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. [Special lesson in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS [especially of the Church service and the Epworth League and week-evening prayer meetings.]

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. SINGING.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [1 John 1. 7.]

SUPT. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

SCHOOL. And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.