

## Old Year Memories.

(Susan E. Gammons.)

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us,  
The worrying things that caused our souls to fret  
The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us  
Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us,  
The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet;  
The pride with which some lofty one disdained us  
Let us forget.

Let us forget our brother's fault and failing,  
The yielding to temptations that beset,  
That he perchance, though grief be unavailing,  
Cannot forget.

But blessings manifold, past all deserving,  
Kind words and helpful deeds, a countless throng,  
The fault o'ercome, the rectitude unswerving,  
Let us remember long.

The sacrifice of love, the generous giving  
When friends were few, the hand-clasp warm and strong,  
The fragrance of each life of holy living  
Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true and gracious,  
Whatever of right has triumphed over wrong,  
What love of God or man has rendered precious,  
Let us remember long.

So, pondering well the lessons it has taught us,  
We tenderly may bid the year 'Good-by,'  
Holding in memory the good it brought us,  
Letting the evils die.

## Help for the New Year.

I am glad to think I am not bound to make the world go right, but only to discover and to do, with cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.—Jean Ingelow.

We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.—Brother Lawrence.

One vow will not suffice the long year through.  
One prayer a twelve-month's needs may not allay;  
Crown every morn with pure resolve anew,  
And live each day as though 'twere New Year's Day.

We must recognize the great end of all this panting and running and toiling—not that you or I should reach the goal, and be rich and honored in men's mouths, but that the torch of truth that was put into our hands when we started should reach the people at the end all alight with truth as when we took it. Let it be our hands if we can, that bring it there, and then the honor shall be ours; but that must not be our end. Let no petty conceit or unfledged pride keep us from giving it to a fresher and stronger man, with a hearty God-speed to run the next stage of the same great journey.—Phillips Brooks.

## God's Part and Ours.

God hath a thousand keys to open a thousand doors for the deliverance of His own when it has come to the greatest extremity. Let us be faithful and care for our own part, which is to do and suffer for Him, and lay God's part on Himself and leave it there; duties are ours, events are the Lord's. When our faith goeth to meddle with events, and to hold a court (if I may so speak) upon God's providence, and beginneth to say, 'How wilt thou do this or that?' we lose ground, we have nothing to do there; it is our part to let the Almighty exercise His own office and steer His own helm.—Samuel Rutherford.

## How Shall We Enter In?

(Lucy Larcom.)

We pause beside this door:  
Thy year, O God, how shall we enter in?  
How shall we thence thy hidden treasures win?

Shall we return in beggary as before,  
When thou art near at hand, with infinite wealth  
Wisdom, and heavenly health?

The footsteps of a child  
Sound close behind us. Listen, he will speak!  
His birthday bells have hardly rung a week,  
Yet has he trod the world's press undefiled.  
'Enter through me,' he saith, 'nor wander more;  
For lo! I am the Door.'

## Victorian Indian Orphan Society.

Those readers of the 'Northern Messenger' who are interested in the work carried on amongst the famine orphans at Dhar, Central India, by the above Society, will be glad to hear that the monthly reports from the missionaries show that the children are making most satisfactory progress. Dr. Margaret O'Hara, who largely superintends the work amongst the girls, has been on furlough in Canada this last summer. The children are so fondly attached to her, and she to them, that it was questionable whether she or they felt the parting most keenly, and during her absence many of them wrote interesting letters to her (in Hindi of course), that she was greatly cheered and encouraged. She sailed from Montreal on her return journey on the 27th of October, so we hope soon to hear of her safe arrival and warm welcome at Dhar. Whilst she has been in Canada, the Rev. F. Russell, the missionary in charge, has managed to get a building put up for a school-room for the children, and this will be formally opened with much rejoicing as soon as possible after Miss O'Hara's return, for which they have been waiting, as she especially, has so sorely felt the need of this for some time past. A number of girls who are showing considerable ability should now be trained as teachers, of whom there is great need, and this could not be done satisfactorily in the former cramped quarters, so the missionaries feel this new schoolroom will be a very great help. As in 1903 and 1904, this year the society is again arranging to give the children a Christmas treat, and it is intended to make this an annual affair. Besides the children in the Orphanage, and their teachers, all who have left and are still in the neighborhood, 'brothers and sisters,' are invited, so they make a numerous and very happy family, about 150 having to be provided for.

Some of the older ones who first came into the Orphanage in 1897 are now living in homes of their own, and proving useful Christian members of the community; lately a couple were married and went to the recently opened Leper Asylum to do the housework there, and thus the faithful, loving work done in the Orphanage will gradually make itself felt throughout the district and beyond.

This work being undenominational, is a splendid opportunity for Union Christian Endeavor Societies and other young people's organizations, as \$17.00 a year wholly provides for the support of a child, with \$1.00 a year added for membership of this society, the membership fees being used for expenses of postage, etc., and any balance left over is used for the support of additional children.

The following is quoted from a recent monthly report:—'You will be pleased to hear the children are exceptionally good. . . . I do not think it would be possible to find so many children together in one institution in any country who would give less trouble. They are of course quite busy, which goes far towards keeping them happy. It is a great pleasure to watch their bright faces in school or in church, and especially to see the eagerness with which they answer questions and follow the teaching. I only wish that all of you who are doing such a noble work for them could see them as they are; the sight of them would, I feel sure, repay you for all the effort

on their behalf. We here have, in a sense, the advantage; we have the burden and anxiety, it is true, but we have also the joy of seeing these children growing in likeness to the Saviour, whom they have come to know and love.'

Should any reader desire further information about this work, the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Crichton, 142 Langside Street, Winnipeg, will be pleased to answer any questions.

## Postal Crusade.

Every cent of the money sent to the 'Witness' office or intrusted to me has been paid into the work of the Post Office Crusade.

In addition to what has been acknowledged in the 'Messenger,' \$114.71 was received since January, 1905. Some of this was for papers. A generous portion for native preacher, Bible woman and orphan boy, and a liberal gift for anti-infidel literature.

A large number of subscriptions to the 'Witness' publications expire on Dec. 31st. If renewals are not paid in and the supply continued, friends in India will know why their papers cease.

It is impossible for me to reply to letters. As a rule I have noticed that when a request that was genuine came from India the money to cover the expenses of the request arrived from an unexpected source almost about the same time.

Those in India receiving papers and wishing for a change in their address will kindly write to the Managing Editors of the papers sent to them. As I am not a paid employee of any periodical, my time, strength, postage, car fare, and stationary are too precious for any purpose but that which benefits those who really make the very best use of the help received. The money that comes in for this work is that of self-sacrifice, and given for the love of the Master, and it is the desire of the contributors to help those who are willing to help themselves.—Faithfully  
M. EDWARDS COLE.

P.S.—Miss Dunhill is on her way to India.

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'Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Keep your imaginations, and don't allow polluting thoughts to gain access by any preventable mediums. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'

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