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## THE NEW YEAR'S GREETING OF "THE LINK."

While light upon the landscape gleams,  
And hope and faith with radiant beams  
Are human lives adorning,  
To those who know its high intent  
The greeting of THE LINK is sent  
On this glad New Year's morning.

From month to month, in its own sphere,  
It comes to bring to hearts sincere  
A wealth of helpful reading;  
And prized are they who everywhere  
Unite to seek by earnest prayer  
The help THE LINK is needing.

Each month its message is designed  
With kindred minds to Link your mind  
While pilgrim days are lengthened;  
And when, no longer ruled by chance,  
You make your payments in advance,  
THE LINK which binds is strength-  
ened.

To spread the light throughout all lands,  
By means of Churches, Circles, Bands,  
Its readers are invited.  
We pray as those who would succeed,  
That all who write and all who read  
May be in Him united.

—T. Watson.

## THE EDITOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The editor gives greeting to her readers, wishing them all a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Not only a happy New Year's Day, but a happy new YEAR—true happiness lasting all year. And she feels it laid most strongly upon her to strike a deeper note, at this gay season of the year, and say out of her heart's deepest and truest experience that real happiness is only reached by way of service. And, moreover, that loving and sacrificial service is its own exceeding great reward. It must be so, since it brings us into closest fellowship with Him who said, "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth." Our blessed Lord served us by His life, by His death, and even now is gloriously serving men and women by saving them. He invites us all to another year of service for and with Himself. To serve Him, and to serve our fellow-creatures with Him,—it means fellowship we know; and we earnestly desire, nay, crave that fellowship with our dear Master. But how often are we surprised and taken aback when it means sacrifice, and suffering as well. We looked for joy, inspiration, power—but we did not count on suffering. And yet it is just here that we get closest to the heart of Him who carried

in His heart the sins—think of it!—the sins of the world. And there is no way to the joy and power and inspiration except through the fellowship of suffering. If we are to serve with Him, we must, I think, share in some measure that terrible burden of the world's sin, and in this service know His heart of love for all mankind. For Him it meant unmeasured sacrifice, nameless suffering—shall the servant be above his Master here?

"Put any burden upon me—only sustain me,  
Send me anywhere—only go with me,  
Sever any tie—but that which binds me  
To Thy service and to Thy heart."

The whole world is calling for our service. Think of our own Telugu and Bolivian fields, where we are not yet adequately presenting Jesus Christ to every man and woman and child for lack of missionaries, preachers, Biblewomen, schools, money. Then, did you know that some time ago the Macedonian cry came to our Board from Bulgaria, where a company of Baptists asked us to establish a mission there? And that during