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THE TEACHERS MONTHLY offers heartiest New Year's greetings to the great army of Sunday School workers, and wishes them abundant success in the year's work.

The Bible Classes will be very widely using the new BIBLE CLASS MAGAZINE, issued specially to meet their needs. The TEACHERS MONTHLY has sought to provide for the needs of the Bible Class teachers, by a suggested treatment of the Lessons from their point of view.

A novel feature has also been added in the introduction of the stereograph as an aid to a better understanding of the geography of the Lessons: of the country in which our Lord lived and wrought, and of the people who inhabit it to-day. The stereograph will be found interesting to many of the older scholars as well as to the children; and by enabling them to see, as it were with their own eyes, the surroundings amidst which the life of the Man of Nazareth was spent, will make that life more real and more memorable.

"That It Might Be Fulfilled"

Once and again, as, during the weeks of this new year, we study Matthew's story of our Lord's life, we shall come upon the phrase, "that it might be fulfilled". That life, with all its marvels of word and deed and personality, brought to its completion the divine purpose of redemption which had been moving steadily forward throughout all preceding ages.

Equally true is it, though, of course, in a far other and lower sense, that our lesser lives are a fulfilment. These, too, have their

place in a purpose that looks down through the passing years and orders all their events for its accomplishment. Nay, even of those occurrences we call the most trivial, it may be said, "that it might be fulfilled". For nothing is so minute as to be unnecessary in the working out of heaven's design. With our short vision, we cannot see what to-morrow will bring; but no to-morrow can hold anything to daunt or dismay us, when we remember that all its happenings are arranged according to a purpose as loving as it is sure.

"I Am Debtor"

By Rev. W. J. Clark, D.D.

Nothing is granted to us to be used in any exclusively selfish sense. This is not the idea which is natural to man. The natural desire is to obtain, that one may hold his possession for his own gratification. If it were possible to question and obtain a truthful answer from the average man as to his ambitions, the discovery would be too often, that desire for money, for social position, for acquisition of knowledge, is altogether in order that he may have purely selfish gratification. The opposite extreme from this is the spirit which looks upon all possessions as held in trust, that others who have been less fortunate, may be blessed thereby. The first spirit is of the kingdom of Satan, the second is of the kingdom of God.

This does not mean that the thought of self is to be blotted out, but that the thought of one's life and opportunity is the thought of blessing and conferring, and not the thought of grasping and retaining. There is no possible plan by which one can imagine the world of men reduced to a dead level, each person possessing the same power and