

A HAPPY YEAR.

confine our New Year's saluta- but wish that the whole We do not... pleasant middle... in its birth, sunny youth... age and frosty close may be to them... piness and prosperity. The MESSENGER has... passed through a year of prosperity such as it never had previously, and we are full of grati- tude to our many hundred friends who have so nobly assisted us. An orator may speak till he faint to deaf men or stones and they move not and be any paper ever so good if it is not read its influence is nil. But the MES- SENDER is not so situated; its readers are at- tentive—see the "Good Words" on this page; its friends are active—see our circulation al- most doubled in twelve months.

We expect to progress more and more; we have the momentum of more than thirty thou- sand friends at our back urging us on, and new recruits are joining by hundreds every week—those who watch our published figures will see there is no exaggeration—and why should we not look to bright things in the fu- ture? There have been many improvements made in the MESSENGER during the year just passed, and we shall do our best to improve its style continually as our readers do their part in working up the subscription list. The MESSENGER is something like a great co-opera- tive store, for whose prosperity each "subscriber" works and each shares in the profits. If we are not too late let us wish you again

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES AND HER CHILDREN.

It is seldom that a happier picture is pro- duced than the one we present our readers in this number, of the Princess of Wales and her children. None of them appear to feel oppressed under the weight of their prospective crowns or present digni- ty. They simply represent a family cir- cle such as most of our readers must be sur- rounded with. The chief stronghold of Eng- land's Queen is not in her army or much boasted navy, but in the love of her people, over whom she judicially rules; and this hold has been largely gained by her character as a true wife and mother. Such a picture as this has much more influence in making the Royal family beloved and respected than any amount of state intrigue, state grandeur, or exertion of national power. Americans have always looked upon the Royal family of England with true affection based not alone on their royalty, but on a common loyalty to family and home.

The names of the persons represented in the picture are as follows:—H.R.H. Alexandra of Denmark (Princess of Wales), born Dec. 1, 1844; Prince Albert-Victor, born Jan. 8, 1864; George-Frederick-Ernest-Albert, born June 3, 1865; Louisa-Victoria-Alexandra-Dagmar, born Feb. 20, 1867; Victoria-Alex- andra-Olga-Mary, born July 6, 1868, and Maud-Charlotte-Mary-Victoria, born Nov. 26, 1869.

GOOD WORDS.

—From Petersville Church, N. B., the fol- lowing hearty recommendation comes:—"The children love the MESSENGER; as to the WIT- NESS, since I first saw it, I have valued it highly for its Christian and temperance spirit as well as its fearless opposition to Ultramontane ab- surdity. It is a valuable reading book for youth; in it will be found sound advice cal- culated to guide into and on the path of Peace."

—Allan McPherson, Belmont, writes:—"I am competing for a prize. I can not travel very far as I am only eight years old. Every person likes the MESSENGER so well that they take it as soon as they see it. I always give mine away as soon as I read it."

—A subscriber from Lakeville, N.B., sends us twelve subscribers with the following en- couraging words:—"When we moved here to our new home my girls could not see any Mes-

SENGER—it was scarcely known here. They thought they could not do without it and in a very short time one of them got eleven sub- scribers."

—The following from London, Ont., is a good kind of letter:—"Enclosed is \$5.10 and fifteen names. I think the MESSENGER is one of the best papers in this part of Canada I like the temperance without exception. I think that all stories in it and others, and the paper contains is very instructive."

—An old friend says:—"I fancy your prizes are too large in amount for your own profit." (This may be true, but still the prizes are offered and they must be sent. Perhaps during this competition we may obtain new subscribers enough to pay for the experi- ment).

JANET MASON'S TROUBLES.

This issue the instalment of the story "Janet Mason's Troubles," which should occupy the fourth and fifth pages of the MESSENGER, is omitted. The place is supplied with a happier picture, as this is not a season for troubles. Next number they will be again renewed. The third and sixth pages have been left blank, to allow any of our readers who desire to cut out the picture for pre- sentation or for any other purpose they may desire.

THE PRIZE COMPETITION.

As may be seen by another paragraph the amounts received for subscriptions this year are far in advance of those the year previous. This must not be supposed that this is owing to the amounts received "in competition," for while the competition is active still the aggregate amounts received therefrom cannot be in any way compared with those sent by friends who work simply from a de- sire to assist the paper and the cause they are attempting to advance. There is, there- fore, opportunity for the prizes to be won by some who have, so far, done little or nothing to obtain them. We repeat the prize list as follows:

- 1. To the person sending the largest amount of money on or before Janu- ary 7th, as payment in advance for our publications.....\$ 50
2. To the person sending the second largest amount..... 40
3. do. do. third do. 30
4. do. do. fourth do. 20
5. do. do. fifth do. 15
6. do. do. sixth do. 10
7. do. do. seventh do. 10
8. do. do. eighth do. 5
9. do. do. ninth do. 5
10. do. do. tenth do. 5
11. do. do. eleventh do. 5
12. do. do. twelfth do. 5

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