

begin to win sinners to the Lord Jesus, and floods of joy will pour into their own souls. They are doing their duty, and in doing it they find genuine happiness. Stop talking too much about "revivals," and revive yourself by trying to make somebody better, by helping up some sufferer, and by leading some soul to Christ. Then your new year will be one of joy and gladness. Try it and see.

At All Times

A Christian must be a Christian all the days. It is not enough to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day—we must be in the Spirit on the other days, too. We are to keep ourselves in the love of God all the week. Holiness does not consist merely in devout feelings toward God and reverent worship in God's house. We are to be Christians in our school life, in our business, in our amusements, in our friendships. We are to carry out the principles of Christianity in our associations with the world. Our hands are God's, and can be used fitly only in doing God's work on any day. Our feet are God's, and may be employed only in walking in good ways, the ways of Divine commandments, whether it be on Sunday or Monday. Our lips are God's and should speak only words that honor God and do good, whether it be in religious conversation, or in the talk of the parlour or the place of business.

A New Year's Wish.

A little tenderer each day
To all who hold me dear;
A little sweeter in my home,
May I become this year.

Oh, may my eyes, that plainly see
My neighbor's faults, grow clear
To sins and errors in myself,
As fades the passing year.

As the chill winter frosts give way
To sunshine's sweet appeal,
May to the winter of my heart
Love's gentle radiance steal.

And thus upon life's barrenness
Shall flowers and fruit appear,
Each season bringing heaven's gifts
To bless my happy year.

—Christian Endeavor World.

Pressed Down Upon Christ

I do feel my-self, now, to be more close to Christ than ever I was. My weight of sin helps to press me down on him. My weight of trouble, my weight of care, my weight of anxiety about the souls of my hearers, and even my weight of joy, all help me to press more on my Lord. The way to be coming to Christ, brethren, as long as ever you live, is to lean more on Christ, press more heavily on Christ, and depend more upon Christ than ever you did. In this way, you know, some stones seem, by long abiding and pressing, to cleave to one another, and unite together till they appear to be no longer distinct, but one mass. Have you not often noticed in an old Roman wall that you cannot distinguish the mortar from the stone? You cannot tell where the stones were joined; they have grown to be one piece. And blessed is that Christian who, like a living stone, has continued so to come to the foundation till Christ and he have become one, as it were; yea, one in conscious fact, so that nothing can divide them.—C. H. Surgeon.

Give strength, give thoughts, give deeds,
Give love, give tears and give thyself;
The more we give
The more we live.

Our Young People

Jan. 31. Every Christian a Missionary.

Some Bible Hints.

We are witnesses (v. 48). We also have seen Christ. We also know Paul. We also have experienced miracles. What we have witnessed we are to tell.

We are witnesses. The original Greek is the same as "martyrs." A faithful witness suffered martyrdom in those days. He cannot altogether escape martyrdom in these days.

Our witnessing must be "in His name" (v. 47). That is, in His strength, in His way, and for His glory. No other kind of preaching witnesses to Him.

We are to witness everywhere, beginning at home (v. 47). Unless we witness at home we cannot witness effectively anywhere else. Unless we reach out everywhere with our zeal, the fire will not burn brightly at home.

Suggestive Thoughts.

When our ministers can do all our eating, breathing, and growing for us, then let them do for us all our evangelistic work.

Lines reach from everywhere to everywhere. We can do foreign missionary work without leaving home, and we can affect our home conditions from the ends of the earth.

In the good days coming, either no Christian or all Christians will bear the name of missionary. Those that stay should be as much missionaries as those that go.

"Called to be a missionary"—called by Christ's example, called by Christ's command, called by Christ's desire, called by the great need, called by the wonderful opportunities, called by our own ability!

A Few Illustrations.

Wireless telegraphy is showing how the world is knit together physically; missions show how the world is knit together spiritually.

Missions, a century ago, were like men passing buckets of water at a fire, but missions to-day are like the great streams playing upon the fire from below and above.

Our religion will spread in foreign lands only as we make missionaries of the natives; but we must have the missionary spirit before they can catch it from us, as a match must be lighted before it can start a fire.

The Mormon church has spread because all their promising young men must be missionaries, and go out for a few years to propagate their false religion, just as young men in Germany must serve a period in the army.

To Think About.

What genuine missionary work have I ever done for Christ?

How am I inspiring others to missionary work?

Is my missionary work done gladly or grudgingly?

A Cluster of Quotations.

• Fill Thy church with faith and power,
Bid her long night of watching cease;
To groaning nations haste the hour
Of life and freedom, light and peace.

—Ray Palmer.

The church that gives itself with passionate interest to save others receives back into its own life the richest blessing.—Capen.

Every Christian of every age and calling is appointed an ambassador for Christ—James H. Brookes.

The moment a man says that his Christianity does not require him to give the

gospel to the world, then he has not a Christianity at all.—Speer.

How God Divides Man.

Men divide their fellow-men by worldly standards, by lines that run parallel to the world; God divides men by heavenly standards, by a line that runs from earth to heaven. So, as some one has said, man divides men horizontally into upper, middle, and lower classes, while God divides men perpendicularly, the right and left hand, the spiritually faithful and the spiritual failures. It is often because of these very different standards that God's ways are not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts. We may be seeking for ourselves a high place according to these worldly divisions, while God is seeking for us instead a place on his right hand. We almost unconsciously will be using the horizontal lines of the world, and be calling men high or low, while God will be using the up-and-down lines of the kingdom, and be calling the same men very differently. We only begin to know other men and ourselves rightly as we gain some vision of how things look when divided by God's upright standards.—S. S. Times.

All religious work meets many discouragements; but it is also full of brightness, if we will look on the bright side. In some societies you hear nothing but wailing. The young people are moving away. The pastor takes no interest. The members are growing careless. The society is running down. Such talk creates and augments the very troubles it exploits. Talk the bright side. There is none? Then "polish up the dark side!"

Daily Readings.

- Mon., Jan. 25.—Withholding the truth. *Jonah 1:1-3*
- Tues., " 26.—Constrained by love. *2 Cor. 5:13-21*
- Wed., " 27.—Weakness no excuse. *1 Cor. 2:1-5*
- Thurs., " 28.—Liberal giving. *Mark 12:41-44*
- Fri., " 29.—Inviting others. *Ps. 34:1-8*
- Sat., " 30.—Praying for others. *Col. 4:2-4*
- Sun., " 31.—Topic—Every Christian called to be a missionary. *Luke 24:47-49*

Many a trusting child is cast down because the little love-service, which may be required, seems too small to be counted for aught in the great harvest field, forgetting that the dear Lord asks of his children only so much as He gives them ability to perform.—Selected

A man can't be a good Christian very long by just sitting down and watching others work at it.

Great Traveler—The Chinese make it an invariable rule to settle all their debts on New Year's day. American Host—Yes, but the Chinese don't have a Christmas the week before.—New York Weekly.

If you follow in the footsteps of Christ you will leave your marks behind.

The brightest of all lights is the Light of the World.