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The opening weeks of the new year in deference to recent oustom, are 1 reely devoted to a special recognition and approach to God. The week of prayer calls many to a throne of grace, and broadens Crastians sympathy and love by its many suggestions of subjects suitable for supplication. The sinner and the seint are beckoned heavenward, and the is firence of our gatherings for united prayer should follow us throughout the year as a gracious benediction. No Christian should content himself in the possing months of 1894 without the consciousness of an advance in spiritual life. The mere flight of time without a corresponding march forward in Christian living is a sad reflection. A year gone is 865 opportunities of being good, getting good, and doing good, forever fled; and a sout to all eternity, by so much, dwa-fed in its highest development, if the days have been profituesly spent. No grander ambition can move a soul than that which impels one to ward God. The nineteenth century our present no longing more worthy or more importunate than that of the Pealouist, hoary with an age of three thousant years: "As the hart panteth after the water rocks so panteth my soul after Thee, On God!" Such longings are not blown away by the file wind, they enter the ear of God and an unseen girding for the race is given. The godly life and example are one of the most powerful appeals addressed to sinners, and without them golden words fall powerless. Every soul-winner is again and again assailed with criticism of lax and world y Christians. How sad to be of little or no service in the battle for righteousness, and by a pervenion of Christian character hinder others who might enlist! The Old and New Testaments fally bristle with appeals to Godly consecration. "One thing is needful," is the lesson tangth believers, and he who draws nearest to Gurist and recovers most

the lesson taught believers, and he who draws nearest to Carist and receives most from Him, serves Him best. It is the Christ in us, thinking His thoughts, controlled by His will, that must give true eq ipment for service.

Forward from self to Christ is the demand of every day. The germinant principle of sin is selfabiness: God sets is in homes and gives us families, to draw us from narrow provision for self, to practice sacrifice for others. Corist has entrusted us with the gospel for the same purpes. He it was who broadened he doottiee of neighbor, and made it our duty to go forward evangelising the nations till all shall know the Lord. In this great work to-day the Christian world is going forward in family or denominational divisions. True catholicity is not destroyed by this method. What might otherwise be shallowness yields to depth in the onward progress. Denominations having origin in conscientions conviction of divine truth are not sinful, and the massing of efforts and gifts in these lines is best service for the Master.

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THE IDEAL TYPE OF CHARACTER.

National types of character are essily distinguished. The Englishman with his robust solidity, the Fernchman with his robust solidity, the Fernchman with his stolid indiff-rence are essily recognized. In and above all these types there is one which is seen in all cores and is pre-eminently characteristic. The Caristian type of character is essentially the same wherever and in whomsorver it obtains. It makes itself known in modifying certain race peculiarities, and in showing itself in positive prodowments that overshadow all others. This ideal type has a pattern, and the peturn is faultless. "Be perfect," is the measure of attainment. Nothing short of this fills the divine requirement. A faulty pattern copied is sure to show exaggerated faults. A Misses, or a Peter even, will not suffice as a copy in character building, for they failed where they were reckoned strongest Only one man appears on the page of history without a fault. He could say, "Which one of you convinceth me of say," if and no fault in Him." All opponents of Jesus of Nasareth from Ceisus to Renan have had to say the same. This absolute purity of life makes Him the example all must follow who would attain character of the highest order.

In character building certain preliminary and basal considerations are all important. Man must recognise his moral condition and the Divine provision made to meet it. The Curist-Higmust be imparted in germ in regeneration, and manifested in repentance and faith. The destinguishing peculiarity of Cirristain life becomes faith, and fir it we add virtue, knowledge, temperance, patier ce, Godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. Faith is the outer wrapper holding each of the outer graces in the predecessor, and charity crowling the structure. This work is carried on in harmony with the teaching and life of Carist, and constitutes, the world over, a type of character which is so distinctive that it is universally recognized.

FAMOUS FAITH.

It was the custom of the late Dr. Cr.mp to quote at the beginning of the new year, with prayerful emphasis, the wish of William Romaine: 'God grant that this may be as year famous for believing.' The sentiment is so grand that we would pass it on with the hope that it may become contagious among us. So many of our families and friends are yet yet out of Carlst that we tremble for their safety and join in earnest supplication that this may be the year of their introduction into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. We need true evangelistic work pushed right and left here in our own Canadian home, that the many thoughtless and way ward may possess the faith which is counted for righteousness.

In these days also when everything is questioned, even the Bible and Carlstian experience, we need to pray as disciples, "L'rd, increase our faith." Some would undermine revelation in their rash attempts to apply the scientific method, and "sweep out the rubbish of traditional error." Great caution is needed lest we receive plausible theories for demonstrated facts, lest in getting rid of a minor defect we impair the authority and integrity of the whole. "If 8

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As Buptists we have ever held with peculiar emphasis certain truths which to day are shared more or less by other denominations, but originally were our birthright; for example, the right of each one to decide for himself as to worship according to his own cons ience, and make his own profession of faithme church a body composed of believes only, and independent of all out side control by the state or otherwise—the Bible our only authority in determining one faith and practice, and in seceiving or dismissing members. These were once almost, if not quite exclusively, our peculiar teachings, but some of them have now gained wide acceptance by other bodies. In this we rejoice, but it only accentuates our plea for a vigorous forward movement in giving to the world truths specially entrasted to our care for promulgation.

In our home field the missionary and deducational operations of last year had to report deficit in a scale of work that seemed reasonably within our messan. All this is a matter for grave consideration in the home and the closet, and unless it is, this year will add to the humilitating experience. We need men

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ENCOND FALIS, ST. GEOR Sabbath School which was last spring, has done got the new safe of teaches on Tuesday evening, Dec. Christmas concert. The beautifully decorated wit vergreen. The children, carefully trained by Miss. did their work zell, an was enjoyed by all.

ST. GE ROR.—Hisd. a V. Christmas service by the on 25th uit. Have some good in our general worl for prayer, special service and Tuesday of this week and Tuesday of this week. Last interesting limitarisated dec. Expret Bro. Isa. with us during itse We Hope he will remain in some til ve.

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