

are to get, and save, and give. For this our blessings are given us, and woe be to us if we misapply our Master's property. The Master keeps a strict account, if we do not; and "It is required in stewards" that they "be found faithful." Unfaithfulness will bring certain punishment. Blessings not rightly used, become curses. Stagnant air becomes poison. Stagnant water spreads disease and death; and riches not rightly used, become corrupt—"gold and silver cankered; and the RUST of them" will "be a witness against" their owners, and will "eat their flesh as it were fire." Oh, let us be on the watch against this peril! and "as we have opportunity, do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." We shall thus make to ourselves "friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." Let us begin the year by saying: "My business this year is to bless as many people as I can." Opportunities will meet us at every step if we are prepared to seize them; and if we do seize them, we shall ensure our having, in the highest and fullest sense, a very happy New Year. May God say to every reader of these words: "I will bless thee; and thou shalt be a blessing!" and, receiving the promise, let us gratefully sing—

"The God of Abraham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my happy days,
In all my ways.
He calls a worm His friend,
He calls Himself my God;
And He shall save me to the end,
Through Jesu's blood."