

The Deacon's Dream.

"What will you give," the minister said,
 "For the glorious mission cause to-day?"
 Deacon Harper pondered well
 In his seat near the door, but you could not tell
 His thoughts went rather *this way*.

Not how much, but how little he might give
 (Though God had prospered him that year
 With a bountiful harvest multiplied
 A hundredfold, his needs supplied
 While want he did not fear).

Deacon Harper listened well for awhile
 To the kindly counsel given,
 And then to him there came
 A change in the scene—he thought his name
 Was called, and he in heaven

Was hearing this sentence, "Inasmuch"
 (On the left before the great white throne)
 "As you to the least of these have done,
 You have done to me, the Father's Son
 And this your love made known."

And then in spirit he seemed to stand
 In the gypsy tent, and heard the cry
 Of the dying boy with this one refrain
 Repeated over and over again
 (While the tide of life rushed by):

"Nobody ever the story has told
 Of Christ and His wonderful deathless love,
 Of news of salvation to sinful men;
 Oh, tell me over and over again
 Of this gift of God from above."

The deacon's dream was o'er,—and then
 He heard (in conclusion) the minister say
 "Give as the Lord hath prospered you,
 Abide by this rule, and you will do
 His will from day to day."

Deacon Harper pondered well—
 But with purpose changed—and this his *him : 2172*
 How much? not how little might be given
 By him, for the cause of God and heaven,
 To glorify Christ's name.

—J. H.

In His Service.

Another year for the Master,
 What will its service bring?
 Will precious souls for God's glory
 Be won by the grand old story
 Of Him, whose praise we sing.

Another year for the Master,
 In work supremely sweet,
 In loving toil and labor
 Accomplished for the Saviour
 With hearts with joy replete.

—J. H.

Some New Year's Thoughts.

On the 11th of January, 1891, just a year ago last Sunday, Rev. W. H. Laird died at his post and left behind a heart-broken wife and family and a sorrowing church. Since that time how many changes have taken place! Rev. Mr. Pescott's ministry among us will ever be remembered. Although studying hard for his B. A. degree, he managed to delight and profit our people with masterly sermons. Then came the appointment of our present pastor, Mr. VanWyck. And is it too much to say that never in the history of our church have we enjoyed the ministrations of a more sympathetic pastor. The young people, as well as the old people, are irresistibly drawn towards him and feel free to talk with candor and to open their hearts fully. We were told at first, before Mr. VanWyck came among us, that we might expect a good pastor, but not much of a preacher. Well, he is good enough for us. It is the common consensus of opinion among the members of our congregation that we never had so many earnest, practical, simple, yet erudite sermons; such heart-searching appeals, delivered in such close succession as we have had since Mr. VanWyck became our minister. The church is prospering in every department. The congregations are becoming larger. The collections are better. The Sunday school bible class is a creation of his hands. The Christian Endeavor, the Science Class and every other organization in connection with our church is stimulated by his presence.

SAVE YOUR GOOD LITERATURE.

A Committee on Good Literature, composed of one member from each Christian Endeavor Society in the City, met in the front parlor of the James St. Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12th, to talk over the best methods for distributing good literature to the barber shops and fire stations of the city. There were twelve societies represented out of a total of twenty-two. Mr. Messieur was appointed Secretary of the committee and Mr. Geo. Hunter, Chairman. After taking a list of the various barber shops and fire halls it was thought best to adjourn for a week so as to get a better representation from the various societies. In the meantime each society is to signify its willingness or unwillingness to take up the work, also to give some idea of what literature it can supply.

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