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New Year's Thoughts.

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Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all untrod;

The New Year, spotless from the hand of God,
Is thine and mine, O friend!

Let us walk straightly, friend;
Forget the crooked paths behind us now,
Press on with steadier purpose on our brow,

To better deeds, O friend!

Let us walk gladly, friend;
Perchance some greater good than we have known

Is waiting for us, or some fair hope flown
Shall yet return, O friend!

Let us walk humbly, friend;
Slight not the heart's-ease blooming round our feet;

The laurel blossoms are not half so sweet
Or lightly gathered, friend!

Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,

How soon these precious years be overpast;

Let love walk with us, friend!

Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with our might while lasts our little stay,

And help some halting comrade on the way;

And may God guide us, friend!

Book Notice.

"Corner Stones of Faith." By Rev. Charles H. Small, B.D., M.A. Introduction by the Rev. John Henry Barrows, D.D., LL.D. Illustrated. 8vo. 470 pages. New York: E. B. Treat & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$2.00.

This is a book of unique interest and value. It gives a condensed history of the Christian churches, and even of some religious organizations which can hardly be called Christian. These sketches are presented with candor and fairness. A representative of each of the leading denominations gives an account of the reasons why he belongs to that particular body. This secures the best possible statement by men of light and leading of the characteristics of the several churches.

Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington writes on "Why I am an Episcopalian," and Dr. Edward McGlynn tells why he is a Catholic, and Dr. T. L. Cayler writes on the reasons why he is a Presbyterian. Rev. J. G. Butler writes on why he is a Lutheran, and President Raymond, fraternal delegate to our late General Conference, tells "Why We are Methodists." The volume is handsomely illustrated with 200 cuts of historic buildings, portraits, etc. The movements toward Church unity are described. The book is not only interesting and instructive, but valuable for reference. Many of the engravings it would be impossible to obtain elsewhere. Methodism is well presented.

The prodigal had to come to himself before he could come to his father.