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"I thought how once Theocritus had sung
Of the sweet years, the dear and wished-for
years,

Who each one in a gracious hand appears
To bear a gift for mortals old or young."

And what shall the triple 8 bring to each one of us? At the threshold let us pause and ponder. The old year is gone. It has taken its farewell of us and the world. May there rise up to us no sad memories from the past to trouble the present and the future. Wherein we have erred in judgment, or failed in performance of duty, may we be warned against those weaknesses and pursue the better way. May we take with a cheerful hand whatever gifts the sweet years bring us and go on rejoicing in our contentment. It

matters not our outward circumstances, rich or poor, king or peasant, so long as we honestly and earnestly strive to fill the place designed. Let us, my dear young Friends, as we are pausing on the threshold of a new year, secretly and in all earnest vow the vow of Jacob, saying in our heart of hearts "if God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, then shall the Lord be my God."

We are pleased to announce that some of our friends have sent us the five-dollar bills, each of which will carry the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW into eleven homes to gladden them during thirteen months. Now, we can dispose of as many five-dollar notes in that way as our friends may send. And to you who can well afford it we ask how in any other way can you, at so small a cost, disperse so much happiness, so much that will tend to bind the younger members of our Society to each other, and to the Society and its principles? With each such bill we would prefer the sender would send the eleven names and addresses. We have to thank those who have broken the ice in this direction.

We have been enjoying splendid winter weather here at Coldstream so far this season—only at one time has the mercury touched zero. We have known nothing of the severe weather we read of to the east and to the south and to the west of us. We have had two stormy days, but then the thermometer indicated from 10° to 14° above zero. Sleighing is fine.

We are receiving letters by every mail containing kind and encouraging words, and *substantial* evidences that our Friends are working with us and for us in this, to us, new but in many ways interesting and lovable work. Keep the stone rolling. A little effort on *thy* part, dear reader, might perhaps add a few more names to our list, and thus help the cause.