

How wonderful that such an inscription should have been allowed to remain on the great Mohammedan mosque for twelve hundred years! What pledge and prophecy it has maintained, through all the centuries of desecration of His sanctuary, and despoliation of His people, and yet there shall be an end. He reigns, and He must reign. Despite frenzy and fanaticism, despite death and dispersion, despite the power of opposing dynasties, and the might of superstition entrenched and established by the prestige and vantage of untold years, the Kingdom of Christ must come and must endure!

"Right forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
But that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God, within the shadow,
Keeping watch upon His own."

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On the Threshold.

Now, dear Sunday-school fellow-workers, we stand on the very threshold of another year. Before we lift the latch and enter in, let us reverently and solemnly seek that Divine aid which alone can enable us to walk wisely and well down the dim corridors of the future. We know not what may await us in those unknown chambers; but with God as our guide, whate'er betide, naught can bring us scath or harm.

Let us address ourselves with fresh diligence to the holy task of studying God's Word, so as

to learn His mind and will to us; and let us then seek so to impress those truths upon the hearts and minds of the youthful immortals committed to our care, that they be to them a savour of life unto life and not of death unto death.

Never were the facilities for the study of God's Word so brought within the reach of the Sunday-school teacher as they are to-day; and we believe never were they better presented than in the pages of our own BANNER. But all these helps are of no avail without diligent study on the part of the teacher; and the first and most important pre-requisite of study is the preparation of the heart, which cometh alone from God.

As Sunday-school workers let us labor for results—for pre-ent results. Let us not be satisfied unless the great object of our teaching is accomplished, and the children are brought to Christ. Let us make each boy, each girl in our classes, the subject of prayer—of that fervent effectual prayer which availeth much. Let us seek to influence them individually, by personal conversation, by kindly attention, by lending or recommending suitable books; but above and beyond all let every effort be actuated by an intense desire for the conversion of your scholars. Fail not dear fellow-worker, on your part, and God will be faithful to His covenant, for ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. To each of our readers, in the highest and best sense, we wish a Happy New Year!

County Conventions.

DEAR EDITOR,—I send you a copy of our Sunday-school Convention report. Our township, East Missouri, was organized four years ago by Mr. Day, Provincial Secretary, and since that time interest in Sunday-school work in our community has been greatly increased. Every summer our workers have met at a central point (our territory is only twelve miles long and six wide), to discuss the great question of training children in spiritual things. In a short letter I cannot tell your readers of the great success we have had. Our last convention was reported almost verbatim by a stenographer, so that, not only were the four or five hundred who were able to attend benefited, but, by the distribution of six hundred of these reports, we reach many hundreds more of our busy people who were unable to be present, and infuse them with an increased zeal in Sunday-school work. We recommend our plan of having the convention proceedings reported to our sister Township and County Associations. The cost of reporting and printing amounted to about \$50, which amount has been raised by the advertisements (which were cheerfully given and paid for by merchants of our neighboring towns), and by the proceeds of the sale of our reports at five cents per copy.

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