

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Oh New Year, teach us faith!
The road of life is hard;
When our feet bleed and scourging winds
As we walk...

THE "NEW YEAR CALL."

Little did we think when Miss
Brown offered a prize for Bible
verses, that it would lead in a New
Year call...

Hattie did think it over, and
the next Sunday asked Miss
Brown to please take the money
and buy...

Miss Brown laughed, and we
stopped again, but this time to
enter a store, and while the refrac-

with which to clothe a needy
child. My class then proposed to
make up the articles; so last sum-
mer they finished ten little
garments...

It was just like what you read
of in story books; we never
thought they were so real before.
Mrs. McKie thanked us again
and again...

NEW YEAR'S DAY CUS-
TOMS.

Ring out the Old and ring
in the New Year with
"A merry New Year! a happy
New Year to you!"

The Rev. T. D. Fosbroke, in his
valuable "Encyclopedia of Anti-
quities," adduces various authori-
ties to show that congratulations,
presents and visits were made by
the Romans on this day...

of the New Year was observed
with more than ordinary jollity
and feasting, and by sending New
Year's gifts to one another.

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of in story books; we never
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THEY SHALL SHINE AS
STARS.

I do not know that Mary was a
strong-minded woman, or that she
was wealthy or beautiful; perhaps
she did not move in the very best
of society...

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.

I am fading from you,
But one drawn near,
Called the Angel guardian
Of the coming year...

DRESSED FOR CHURCH-
GOING.

The question of dress when at-
tending divine service is, to my
mind, a very important one, and I
wish that all professing Christians
would seriously consider it.

neighborhood of Storm King,
where the scene of the story is re-
alistically placed. His pictures
will be supplemented by figure il-
lustrations from Mr. Frederic
Dielman, who drew "A Girl I
Know" in the mammoth "Harper's
Christmas" of last year...

HONOUR OLD AGE.

The Germaens have a story about
a little girl, named Jeannette, who
went out to see a grand review.

pinness of the soul without any
addition from earth? Not, per-
haps, that we have no earthly
longings left; but are they not
much reduced by the much strong-
er belief that we once had of the
good which there is in Christ—of
his intimate relations with the
soul—more intimate infinitely
than those of our nearest kindred;
of his love, so much sweeter in its
nature, to say nothing of its depth
and breadth?...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE NEW YEAR.
It's coming, boys,
It's coming, girls,
The grand New Year!
A year to be glad in,
Not to be sad in...

FRUITS OF GRACE.

And now, my dear friend, in
looking back upon the past year
of our pilgrimage, can we not at
least say that this New Year finds
us in the enjoyment of a far
stronger sense of the reality of the
love of Christ than we once had
—of its all-sufficiency for the hap-

that it is their privilege to know when they have passed from death unto life...

R. BRECKEN.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER—JANUARY 6-15, 1884.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6.—SERMONS.—Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

MONDAY, JAN. 7.—PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.—For our calling and election to divine favour, our merciful preservation during the last year...

TUESDAY, JAN. 8.—CONFESSION OF SIN AND PRAYER FOR CLEANSING AND RENEWAL.—Of national sins, of impenitence; of national sins, of impenitence...

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9.—PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AND INSTRUCTORS OF YOUTH.—For parents, that they may be deeply impressed with the importance of instructing and training their children...

THURSDAY, JAN. 10.—PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.—That it may be purified from its many corruptions and sins...

FRIDAY, JAN. 11.—INTERCESSION FOR THE NATIONS.—For National Rulers and all in authority; for the enactment of just laws...

forth more laborers into his harvest endued with power from on high...

That the blessing of God may abundantly rest upon the Conference of Christians of various nations...

FROM THE SOUTH.

DEAR BRO. SMITH.—Our Conference has just closed its annual session at Sumter. The past year has been marked with wonderful revival influence...

PERSONAL.

Rev. Wm. Mitchell, late of St. John, is now in a Lunatic Asylum in Boston awaiting trial on the charge of stealing books.

The funeral of the late John Pickard, M. P. for York Co., N. B. took place at Douglas on the 18th inst.

On Monday last Messrs O. M. Hill and M. Henry Richey, on behalf of the Committee, presented Mr. Henry Theakston the worthy Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., with fifty dollars as a mark of esteem and appreciation...

LITERARY, &c.

Diocletian's Monthly for December is of interest to the general reader and suggestive to the men who would obey the wise counsel, "Know thyself."

The Scholar's Hand Book on the International Lessons for 1884, by Rev. Edwin W. Rice, published by the American Sunday School Union...

The Homiletic Monthly, for December, (Funk and Wagnalls, New York), is a fine number—full and fresh. It has ten sermons, a number of miscellaneous articles, hints, criticisms, illustrations and reviews...

METHODIST NOTES.

A Frederickton paper says that the Rev. John Goldsmith, of Nashwaak, is to go to the lumber woods of the Miramichi, to hold services among the men there during January.

The Hants Journal says that a new Uxbridge organ has been introduced into the church at Avondale.

We learn from Rev. T. D. Hart that the Lord is blessing the congregation at Burlington. Every day some additional ones or more declare himself among the penitents...

The outrage in Wexford, by which the Methodist manse was wrecked, has been almost without exception condemned by the Irish press.

On the Sabbath during the annual meeting of the M. E. Central China Mission, fourteen adults were baptized.

Mrs. Neilsen, of Norway, for 25 years a successful actress, was converted under the preaching of Methodist preachers in that land.

The Salvation Army of England is having fifteen halls built, with seating capacity for 25,000 people.

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The Treasurer of the Infants' Home acknowledges with thanks, from Wallace, Digby Co., a Thanksgiving offering, per Rev. W. Frstwood, \$2.45.

Through the depression in the iron and glass industries, nearly 20,000 men are unemployed in Pittsburg, Pa.

An Amsterdam newspaper says negotiations of the Transatlantic Telegraph with Lord Derby, British Colonial Secretary, have probably been broken off.

Captain Eads estimates that his proposed ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, a distance of 153 miles, can be completed in two years for the sum of \$25,000,000.

Patrick Moylan, who recently returned to Ireland from America and rented a vacant farm near Galway, from which the tenant had been ejected, was shot dead by an unknown assassin last week.

The Jewish school and synagogue in Galata, a suburb of Constantinople, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Nineteen students were burned to death, and many injured.

The Government of India has opened the Agra Medical School to women. A small class is now in attendance.

The New York firemen are beginning to have a wholesome fear of the heavily charged electric wires.

On Friday, in the case of the Glasgow dynamiter, the jury returned a verdict that five of the prisoners were guilty of all the charges...

On Jan. 9th, a National Pilgrimage is to be made to the tomb of Victor Emmanuel in the Pantheon, the tenth anniversary of his death, to celebrate the first quarter of a century of Italy's unification.

The bark Helen Finlayson from New York has arrived at Cork. She rescued at sea from a raft, Captain Bain and five men...

The strike of cotton weavers in Lancashire and the miners in Yorkshire increases in proportions. Twenty-six thousand looms are idle in Blackburn and fourteen thousand in Darwin and Padeshamm.

Col. Sir W. Bartlett, M. P., states that "matters in the Army have come to such a pass that it is necessary to look them in the face..."

A despatch from Hong Kong states that a fight at Sontay occurred on the 14th, and two outworks were captured, and the citadel surrounded by French forces.

A steamer has landed at Dover seventeen persons rescued on the 16th from the steamer St. Aquilina. The scene was appalling.

The Local Option Temperance Act was all but unanimously adopted in that section of Trinity Bay District known as Random North.

The British Government announces that it will resume control in Basuto-land in compliance with the prayer of a large majority of the natives.

The colored people of Massachusetts have been made happy by the appointment of one of their number to a Supreme Court Judgeship.

It is a very unsatisfactory sign of the times in France that more money is being drawn out than put into the savings banks.

In Boston they will enforce the law providing that no child under fourteen, or a woman shall be employed in a store over sixty hours per week.

It is reported that the Legislature of New Brunswick will meet about the middle of February.

Very many more Christmas cards have been mailed at Halifax Post Office this year than ever before.

Forty machinists have been imported from Sheffield, England, to run a new cutlery factory to be started shortly in Montreal.

A proclamation is published ordering an election under the Temperance Act for the purpose of repealing the Act in Prince Co.

It is said that the total strength of the infantry, cavalry and gunnery of the military schools will be 750 men better equipped than the regulars.

Min. Adam Crooks, late Ontario Minister of Education, has been declared insane. A committee was appointed by the Court of Chancery...

Highly satisfactory work is reported as being done at the P. E. I. Railway Works. It is said that eighteen box cars and ten flat cars will be turned out during the winter months...

The dispute on the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario is to be submitted to the Privy Council. The case is to be heard in June or July next.

The News says that not less than 15,000 families in New Brunswick depend almost wholly upon the lumber industry for their employment.

At Birmingham, in a speech, Lord Lorne said: "Never was a railway better endorsed for its existence, for the Canadian Pacific Railway has about 25,000,000 of acres in its fertile belt..."

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Table of receipts for the Wesleyan church, listing names and amounts.

BIRTH.

At the Parsonage, Long Beach, Kings Co., N.B. the wife of Rev. W. E. Johnson, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

At the Parsonage, Exmouth Street, St. John, N.B., on the 1st inst., by the Rev. John Reid, Mr. George F. Kirkpatrick of Blissett, Sunbury Co., N.B., to Miss Elizabeth A. Graham, of the same place.

At the residence of Mr. Cranwick Hartley, Lockeport, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. J. L. Davidson, Mr. Abraham Daniel, of St. Bartholomew, W. I., to Mrs. Emma J. Stoutley, of Lockeport.

At the Methodist Church, Southampton, Bermuda, by the Rev. J. Wier, Aubrey W. Rowling, builder, and Emma E. Burrows, both of Southampton.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. H. A. Charlton, Mr. John S. Armour, of Kent, to Miss Mary E. Marshall, of Wicklow, all of Carleton Co.

On the 20th inst., at the Parsonage, Upper Kent, by Rev. Thos. Stebbings Edward E. Whiston to Miss Mary L. Armour, both of Upper Kent.

DIED.

At New Germany, Dec. 6th, Bertha E., youngest daughter of A. G. Calder, aged 8 years.

Nov. 30, at 6, Castle Road, Deal, England, the Rev. George Duteher, aged 65 years.

In Charlottetown, on the 6th inst., Mrs. W. B. Dawson, in the 60th year of her age.

On November 28th, Mr. Nathaniel Garland, of Lower Island Cove, Conception Bay, N.E., in the 90th year of his age. His wife died in 1858.

At Burlington, Hants Co., Nov. 20th, Martha, wife of Michael Salter, aged 75 years.

At Burlington, Hants Co., Dec. 6th, Mary Sophia, wife of Ezra Salter, aged 47 years.

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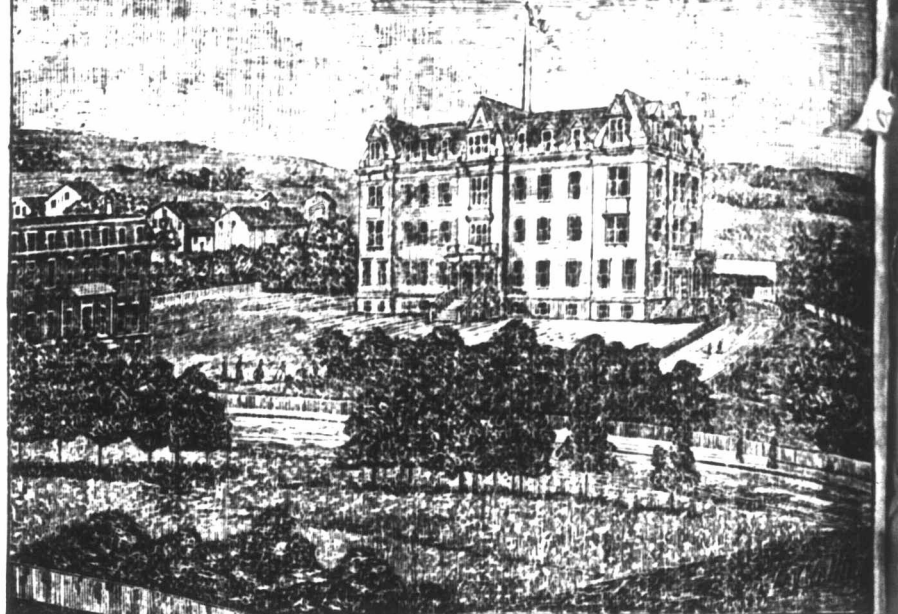
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