

# Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

## OUR RESOLUTION

We are entering upon the threshold of a new year. Another year freighted with its sorrows, its joys, its despairs, its hopes and its great possibilities. It is a time when we make new resolutions, and many of us, when we fail in the keeping, fall back into the "old rut" and "give up."

Each day is the beginning of a new year; each day is full of fresh opportunities for doing good, for "going and growing." Each day we may gain fresh impetus, new strength, greater desires to attain our ideals. "Just for today" the poet pleads for strength and grace. Today alone is ours and each day is given us that we may lift and be lifted. It matters not what the past has been, not what yesterday was; today is ours to make of it what we will.

Let us then each day be "still achieving, still pursuing," for "today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

L. S. E.

## LEARN FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

No fault of child training is as frequent or as glaring as the general assumption that the child should be taught to think as it elders think, and that the point of view and the motive of the child are the same as the point of view and the motives of the parents.

The mother who is most successful in training her children is she who cultivates most carefully the memory of her own childhood, and retains the freshness of mind, the openness to impressions, the habit of unconventional thinking, which enable her to view each circumstance of her child's life separately, and deal with each of its problems with sympathy, reason and justice, regardless of the habits and customs of her neighbors or friends toward their children.

There is no fixed single rule that applies to all children under a given set of conditions. The problem may be the same in a thousand cases, and yet no two out of the thousand children can be handled in quite the same way, with satisfactory results.

Keep your memory of your own childhood fresh. Cultivate wholesome sympathy toward nature, and especially toward every small living creature. You cannot train your child effectively unless you first understand it. Therefore, instead of trying to force it to understand you, devote your best energies to arriving at full understanding of the child. Learn from your children.—Mothers' Magazine.

## THE NEW YEAR.

Amid a world-wide hush, the old year dies;

Its every word and deed beyond recall,

By all our vain regrets, and tears and sighs,

For the Recording Angel has them all.

But hark! Upon the list'ning ear doth fall

The chimes, which herald that the year is new;

Bring out the swaddling clothes, and hide the pall,

Take up thy work, thy destiny to hew,

What has been done is gone, be heedful what ye do.

—Mrs. W. B. Hogan.

## MISS HELEN HAGAN.

The Sunday Register of New Haven, Conn., says of Miss Helen Hagan, the brilliant concert pianist who will be heard in Omaha, February 10th:

"Her playing brought down the house. Her natural gifts consist of a musicianly instinct, a certain emotion and sensibility, with rather more than a spark of the divine fire, the possession of which is beyond money and beyond price."

## HE WASN'T EVEN MISSED.

Proof That a Bridegroom is the Least Important Part of a Wedding.

There was to be a wedding of great importance in colored circles. Preparations were made for weeks and a big crowd turned out on the auspicious evening.

Next day the wife of a judge chanced to meet the happy bride, who had formerly been her maid.

"Well, Martha," said Mrs. J. "did you have a big wedding?"

"Deed Ah did, missus; 'deed Ah did; the mos' splendiferous occasion of de season."

"Receive many handsome presents?"

"Yes'm, yes'm, de hull house was just crowded wiv de gifts."

"Did you have your house nicely decorated?"

"Yes'm, yes'm. Everybody done wear der very best, look jes' lak a white folks' dress affaia, yes'm."

"And yourself, Martha, how did you look?"

"Ah was suttinly some scrumptious, yes'm. Ah done wore mah white bridal dress, an' orange blossoms, yes'm. Ah was some kid."

"And the bridegroom, how did he appear?"

"De bridegroom? Aw, dat triflin' low down houn' dawg, he didn't show up at all, but we had a magnificent occasion wivout him, jest de same."—National Food Magazine.

## PLAYING SANTA CLAUS.

We received the following letter, with enclosure, for which we are grateful and which we were pleased to use for the purpose designated:

Dec. 20, 1915.

Rev John Albert Williams,  
Omaha,

Dear Sir—Could I ask you the favor of buying a gift for some colored child, who will not have much of a Christmas.

I am sending only \$2.00, but the good wishes that go with it are large. Kindly do not publish my name.

Very truly,

## OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

No one is authorized to solicit for The Monitor's Old Folks' Home fund. Contributions must be sent or brought to the office of The Monitor. A receipt on a printed form will be given to each contributor. His name and the amount will be published in our columns. As soon as \$100 is received it will be turned over to the treasurer of the Negro Women's Christian association to be paid on the property, and a copy of the receipt from the treasurer and from the real estate agent to whom payment is made will be published in this paper.

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