

The New Year's Feast



The Children's Table.

To the Old Year

By Julia Jayne Walker

O MANY days we've fared through gay and wintry weather, Old Year, I cannot let you go! Such great times we've had as we journeyed side by side. None other so intimate as thou! No other friend, save thou, has witnessed my defeats, no other so cheerily shared my triumphs.

When friends proved unkind thou didst walk by my side and counsel patience. The hurts of wounded affection were healed; time alone endured. Thou wouldst usher in a new day, full of sunshine and the song of birds. Its blessed healing power didst revive my drooping spirit and soothe all wounds. Thou didst bring me friends from afar. The meeting them in the flesh once again, the looking into loving eyes and holding hands warm with the grasp of friendship, proved a benediction after long years of wearying separation.

The turning point in life came to more than one young person about me. Crucial questions were decided which will make for weal or woe. Thou didst accompany me each day while I helped to guide young lives into making safe departure from the beaten path. Farewells have been said which tore the heartstrings and made them bleed afresh with the ever new pangs of parting.

And then a time came when a great wrench must be made. The old ways were to be mine no more. I must turn my back upon the past and set my face resolutely towards the future. No matter how hard the road, nor how many heartaches and longings for the old path were involved in the treading of the new, there was to be no looking back. With gaze bent forward, the present must be lived; but there need be no fear, with a heart of courage within and God in his heaven overhead.

All these memories are linked with thee, Old Year! How can I let thee go? No matter how sad the retrospect, no matter how many sighs and heart-throbs, we have trod the way together. Thou, and not another, hast been my companion over both the rough and pleasant ways.

I feel so much at home with thee, Old Year! Thy face, so familiar, is the face of an old friend. But this stranger which comes on apace, hurrying to take thy place and to usurp thy privileges, I know naught of him. I know not what strange new ways he may usher in. He fills me with distrust and forboding.

He comes bringing vast possibilities for great things. Who knows whether he will realize his responsibility and seize the moment of achievement as soon as it is presented? If he proves to be a worthy heir of thine, he may add materially to the world's acquisi-

tion of science. Ere his life be ended, Tennyson's dream may be realized—navies "grappling in the central blue." Edison may be making houses of cement, which shall be adapted to rich and poor alike. Wireless telegraphy and wireless telephoning may be as easily done as the same is upon wires today. Mr. Stead may have bridged the gulf between this land and the further shore, with his spirit communications. Medical scientists may have waged war against disease with such success that health may be reigning o'er the earth. Warfare between nations may have been made so destructive that universal peace will cover the land as a mantle of green covers the earth. But, Old Year, should he introduce all these innovations, he might also bring in his train sorrows and burdens, new trials and toils. I shrink from letting him in.

I shall trust thy son to be worthy of his sire, Old Year, to be like thee kind and sympathetic, no matter what fate may bring to me. Casting fears to the wind, I look toward the future with smiling confidence, asking only that strength may be given to bear whatever of ill or good fortune the New Year may bring.

Nevertheless, I am loath to part with thee, the friend of so many dear days that are gone into the irrevocable past. Goodby, old year, thou dost not go out of my life. Though I shall see thy face no more, the recollection of thy dear friendship will be sacred among my heart's innermost treasures.

"Old year, you shall not die; We did so laugh and cry with you, I've half a mind to die with you, Old year, if you must die."



About even now, but which will be the taller when next New Year's day comes?

Daily Thought.
New Year, coming on apace,
What have you to give me?
Bring you scathe or bring you grace,
Face me with an honest face,
You shall not deceive me,
Be it good or ill, be it what you will,
It needs shall help me on my road,
My rugged road to Heaven, please God.
—Christina G. Rossetti.

Seeing the New Year In



No man is so rich he can afford to lose friends nor so poor he needs to buy them.

The New Year's Girl



THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 1, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 12:1-24. Memory verses, 12:14. **GOLDEN TEXT**—"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."—Prov. 13:20.

TIME—The time of Solomon's death and the division of the Kingdom, B. C. 922. **PLACE**—Rehoboam's capital was at Jerusalem. The Disruption occurred at Shechem, which was the first capital of the northern kingdom, and the metropolis of Ephraim. It was 30 miles directly north of Jerusalem, between Mounts Ebal and Gerizim. Here were located incidents in the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Joshua. Close by, doubtless as a part of the larger town, were Jacob's well and Sychar where Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman. And there is now the seat of the Samaritans, the smallest religious sect in the world.

This lesson covers the story of Rehoboam, and how he lost a kingdom. It is the story of a reckless, untrained, conceited young man, and his coming into the real business of his life. He was the heir to a throne, and his name means "Enlarger of the people," expressing the hope of his father for his son. The son disappointed these hopes, and became the "Diminisher of his people." Alas for such boys today!

His father was Solomon. His mother Naamah, a young heathen princess of the kingdom of Ammon on the border of the desert east of the Jordan. She was one of many wives of Solomon.

Rehoboam seems to have been the natural heir to the throne. Judah accepted him. But as in the case of Saul, David and Solomon, at least in Jerusalem, the people had a voice in the selection of their king. Accordingly the tribes were summoned to meet at the old northern capital, Shechem, to confirm the successor of Solomon. The northern tribes were determined to obtain a charter of rights that would relieve them from their burdens, as the price of their submission. For Solomon had forced them to give their unpaid labor upon his great buildings, and these free and independent Ephraimites were reminded of their ancestors' slavery in Egypt. They were shrewd enough to send for their brilliant sympathizer, Jeroboam, whom Solomon had banished to Egypt. They were ready to enforce their just demands.

Rehoboam, apparently attended by a small force goes to confer with them. Jeroboam is their spokesman. Rehoboam answered the people roughly. One of the most foolish things he could do. "Rough words do one of two things, they wound or they madden."

And Israel saw that the king hearkened not. Josephus says that "they were struck by his words as by an iron rod." What portion have we in David? What have we of the northern tribes to do with David's son, Rehoboam, or David's tribe, Judah? To your tents, O Israel. Back to your homes and prepare for war.

Every young man has a kingdom in his own soul. He may throw it away—half of it or all of it, in the same way Rehoboam did, foolishly following his headstrong will. Or, he may take the advice of wise men and the Bible, and become monarch of all the royal possibilities God has placed in his life.

One's character, already formed, is a powerful factor in all emergencies of choice and decision. There is no time to prepare a new character. Rehoboam had formed the habit of taking bad advice when it fitted his inclination, and so he took it at his life's crisis.

On his return to Jerusalem Rehoboam assembled an army of 180,000 men to compel the seceding tribes to return. But a prophet forbade the movement in the name of the Lord. Rehoboam's goodness was but the early cloud and the morning dew. As soon as he was firmly established, he returned to his old ways, and "forgot the law of the Lord." The deterioration of his character and his kingdom was symbolized by the change from the shields of gold which Solomon had made for his palace army, but which Shishak took away, and which Rehoboam replaced, by shields of brass.

This deterioration continued two years, when God used another instrumentality for making Rehoboam good. In his fifth year Shishak, the Pharaoh of Egypt, came up with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horsemen, and an uncounted number of common soldiers. They captured the city of Judah, devastated the country, and carried away the treasures Solomon had stored in the temple and in his palace, and the golden shields in his armory. Shishak left an inscription on the walls of Karnak in Egypt giving an account of this invasion. The prophet Shemaiah interpreted the meaning of this calamity; and king and princes humbled themselves, confessed their sins, and promised to do better.

The Lord therefore delivered them. Rehoboam continued to reign; and though his kingdom was not destroyed, yet it was far from what it might have been, for "he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord."

God's principles are everlasting, but the forms of their application vary with every variation of circumstance.

As patriots, what is there in our country, that we wish to have go down the ages as a blessing? and what is there that we should give our whole soul to changing or blotting out?

VERACITY OF THE BIBLE

After a Visit to the Holy Land Even a Skeptic Must Be Convinced.

One thing cannot fail to impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Saviour and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of them, as furnished us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. They agree with them in every respect and it is impossible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the Bible narrative.

The work in the fields, the arrangement of the buildings, the very articles of diet and clothing of ancient days are plainly recognizable in the doings and surroundings of today. Indeed, where modern methods have not become obtrusive the manners and customs of the people remain much the same as in the days of the presence on earth of the Saviour. Between the descriptions given in the Bible of localities, climatic and geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there is hardly any discrepancy, even a skeptic, considering this remarkable accord of circumstances with the Biblical narrative, cannot but be convinced of its veracity; to the believer it comes as a wonderful conviction, a satisfactory corroboration or encouragement to see things as those who described them so graphically saw them so long ago.—Columbian Magazine.

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Doing Out Knowledge.

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, what is the origin of the name Milwaukee and what does it mean?

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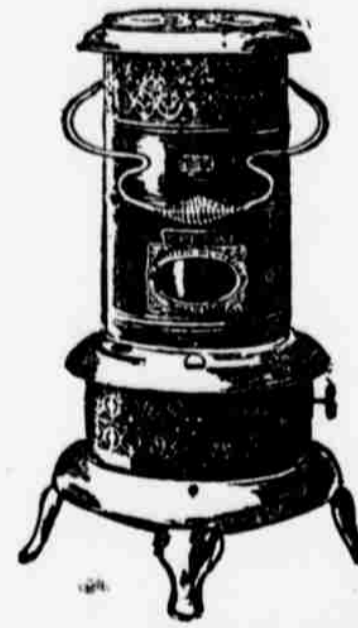
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