

# Happy New Year



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to the loyal host  
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We wish you joy  
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in warmest sincerity.  
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### ALIEN PUPILS IN LEAD.

Pennsylvania School Official Says Native Born Youth Are Too Fond of Pleasure.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Warning that children of foreign-born parents are outstripping American boys and girls in the public schools of the state is contained in the annual report of Dr. H. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Schaeffer's unfavorable contrast between the attitude of American children and those of foreign-born parents is drawn in the following paragraph:

"Children born of foreign parents realize the advantages thus placed within their reach. Many of them study with a zeal and earnestness which will make them winning competitors alongside of American youth, who waste their time at social functions and in the gratification of self instead of practicing the self-denial which lies at the foundation of all true success."

Dr. Schaeffer makes a plea for open air schools for children predisposed to or affected with tuberculosis. He declares that 1,000,000 school children in the United States will die annually of consumption before they are 18 years of age. 75 per cent of whom could be saved if proper measures be adopted.

### CAT WOULD NOT STAY LOST.

Was Quarter-Deck Terror to Men and Rats and Banished to New York. New York.—"Die Miller," Chief Officer J. A. Hartley called to the steward soon after the steamship Manchester docked at Tompkinsville, S. I., yesterday afternoon. "I want you to take that cat, Howler, and lose him in New York city. Lose him good, too."

"Mr. Hartley," said the steward, "There ain't nothing the matter with Howler except that he's homesick. He's homesick for New York."

Then Miller put Howler in a basket and dumped pussy out in Battery Park.

"That cat has given me more trouble on this voyage than the entire crew," explained Hartley. "He got aboard when we set sail for South American ports last Christmas day. First, he killed Joe Miller's Chilean crow, Kattty. Next day he ate Captain Gray's pet starling and a day later he clawed the gizzards out of Sapho, Third Officer Williams' pet guinea pig."

"He got so bad all the rats on shipboard leaped into the sea. We dropped him off at every port we came to, but he was always back when we headed for the sea. Then we began killing him every day or so, but he'd be back just the same."

The Famine for Society News. Brooklyn, N. Y.—The American people are supposed to have an insatiable and consuming desire for "society news." Next to the interest taken in a championship prize fight there is no news event which calls out the full resources of American journalistic enterprise to such a degree as a marriage or divorce in "high

society." It is frequently the case that one follows upon the other, and then these resources are taxed to their utmost. But nobly does American journalism respond. Neither money nor space is an object, and when the papers get through every man, woman and child in America is as familiar with the names and habits of life of the "upper classes" as English men, women and children are of those of the British royal family.

### PEACE WITH LABOR IS AIM

Seth Low Calls National Convention to Bring About Industrial Calm.

New York.—The first gun in a nation-wide campaign for industrial peace was fired when Seth Low, former mayor of New York, president of the National Civic Federation, made public a letter to the governors of all the states in the union. It asks them to appoint delegates to attend the annual convention of the federation in Washington on March 5, 6 and 7 to consider ways and means to assure industrial peace and progress.

### NAVY TO FIGHT TYPHOID.

Secretary Meyer Orders Inoculations of All Men Less Than 45. Washington. As a supplementary preventive measure against typhoid fever in the navy and marine corps, the compulsory inoculation of all officers and enlisted men of these branches of the service under 45 years of age has been ordered by Secretary Meyer.

## CHURCH STRONGER TODAY THAN EVER

Presbyterian Minister F. J. Milnes Takes "Christian Church" for His Theme, Says the Church Makes Greater Growth Than the Nation.

I am to speak to you tonight upon the last theme announced in our series of evening studies, "The Christian Church." And when I say "Christian Church," of course I use the term in its true generic sense with no reference to the sectarian conception by which one denomination appropriates the term exclusively to itself. I am speaking of the Christian church, including all its branches, whether Wesleyan, Calvinist, or Campbellite. I am speaking of the Holy Catholic Church without any reference to the specific Roman Church which ambiguously calls itself the Catholic Church. The word, catholic, means universal, and I am speaking of the Universal Church. But here, again, I do not refer to the specific sectarian sense of the term by which another denomination has appropriated the name, "Universal." I am speaking of the Universal Christian Church. Many specific denominations have appropriated generic names, thus failing to differentiate themselves and causing confusion. The Christian church has many branches each of which should have its own specific name so that we could refer to it and be understood. Now, it is not my prerogative to say what name any church shall choose to assume, but as long as specific denominations choose generic names which apply equally to other churches besides themselves, one finds himself under the necessity of making definitions and explanations whenever he speaks upon this theme. If he wishes to be understood, to be understood is one of the most difficult tasks in the life of every public man at best, and without a definition of terms it is an impossibility.

Now I think we are ready for a consideration of this most beautiful theme, The Christian Church. In the New Testament there are just two figures of supreme importance: Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church. St. Paul bankrupts language in his effort to find epithets which would adequately symbolize the Christian church. He conceives of it as "a family," a "household of faith," "a temple," the very "shrine of the eternal," "pillar and ground of the truth," i. e., that by which the truth is supported, perpetuated and made current in the world. Finally he projects his vision into the future, looks down the vista of the centuries and beholds the church standing erect adorned like a beautiful woman waiting her bridegroom. John, too, sees the church as a city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride in the hour of her most fascinating loveliness. But when we come out of the New Testament into the atmosphere of some magazines and newspapers and some of the conversations of men, we find the church held in different esteem. "What is the use of the church," men say, "cannot a man be a good Christian and remain out of the church?" Is it not enough to live the Sermon on the Mount and put those principles into practice? Some men believe in the church as a moral police force to keep society clean and decent but are unwilling to become policemen themselves. Others look upon the church as a sort of kindergarten intended for the development of the young, the ignorant, and the poor, but not for men of full orbed character. Still others speak of the church only in sneers and sarcasm. To them it is only a breeding place for hypocrites and bigots, an institution passed its usefulness, a mere vestige of a bygone age.

In reply to this I emphatically assert that there never was a time when the church was so powerful and necessary, so influential in money, membership and in moral deals as it is today, and I challenge the world to produce facts to the contrary. Why the church has grown during the past generation faster than the population of the United States, notwithstanding the enormous influx of the social scum of Europe during that period, few of whom are any help to the church numerically or morally. How do you like this statement, Mr. Critic? Will you kindly trot out your figures to the contrary? According to the census of religious bodies, 1906, the latest available, the increase in church membership between 1890 and 1906 was 6.4 per cent larger than the increase in our country's population during the same period.

So much for the membership, now how about the wealth? Approximately the wealth of the nation has doubled every seventeen years. If the church had failed to keep step with this unparalleled prosperity, it need not be considered surprising or as an evidence of stagnation. If it had increased its wealth half as fast as the nation, it would be evidence of remarkable vitality. But, please take notice, the church has far outrun the nation in the increase of its prosperity. The single item of value of places of worship in 1860 was \$171,397,932. In 1906 this same item was \$1,257,575,867. This, however, is only 77.7 per cent of the total, only that per cent of the churches having reported. But even assuming that all churches had reported this is far ahead of our national rate of increase in wealth.

Now, how about the church attendance? For this no tabulated statistics are available, but let us take the field of observation closest to us, the city of Pendleton. Surely no one would accuse Pendleton of being over a church town. Yet Pendleton has easily 1000 church members in the various churches. Including the two preaching services and the Sunday school, the total attendance will average more than double the church membership. That means that 2000 people attend some of the services every Sabbath in our city; or more than one-third of our total population, including all the decrepit, the babies, and the sick who couldn't go

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to church if they wanted to. Think it an institution immaculate and infallible? She doesn't get angels; she gets only men and she tries to make them better.

But, says the critic, the church is divided into denominations and factions, each faction full of jealousy and bitterness. To this we answer that the divisions of the church are not deep and do not violate the law of Christ. The New Testament knows nothing of any unity except that which is purely spiritual. Christ's prayer is, not that we should be one in ritual and government, but "that they be one in us," i. e., that they be one in spirit. Love is the basis of the union, and wherever there is love, there is unity. As Paul says, "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," though he reminds us in Corinthians that there may be "diversities of operations and administrations." In other words, the Bible approves of the denominations. Just as the various nations of the earth have their own peculiar forms of government, so the churches have their own forms of government best adapted to bring out, develop and appeal to the peculiar genius of their respective people. They are one in spirit, the only rivalry being as to which can do the most good to the largest number, and I maintain that that is a Godly rivalry. It is a wholesome mutual stimulation.

Yes, we need the church, and all men who believe in the kingdom of Jesus Christ should join it. Our modern civilization with its civic righteousness is largely the fruit of the Christian church. In an age like this when one silly tongue on one side of the ocean sets another silly tongue on the other side of the ocean to wagging and calling out men to fight and slay one another, we need an institution which shall cry "Peace on earth, good will to men." In an age like this when great incorporated money powers treat men as if they were mere cogs in a wheel and grind out their lives for selfish gain, we need an institution which shall cry "One is your Master even Christ and all men are brothers." We need an institution which shall remind the world of the story of the man who gave more attention to his brains than his soul. So, every one who has a desire to serve society morally and spiritually, come and join the one institution most powerful and best equipped for that work of any organization in the world.

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