

NEW YEAR'S EVE

I'm finishing the page tonight,
Confessing it is mine.
In a few moments I will write
The final, falt'ring line.

"I'll write a model for the years.
There shall be no mistake,"
I said, but there are blots and smears
I never meant to make.

The page completed, it shall be
Forever put away.
Its failures shall not hinder me
Upon a future day.

A firmer hand, a better pen,
Perhaps a clearer light,
May help me to do better when
I shall have more to write.

--Clarence Edwin Flynn



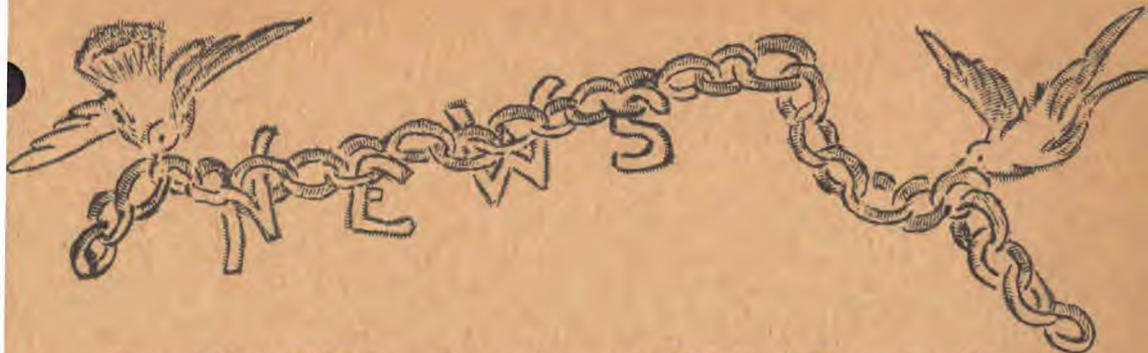
THIS NEW DAY

Yes, it's an old, old theme--RESOLUTIONS--but like all worthwhile things, there always remains something new and interesting about it. And besides we could hardly pass up this New Year's Day without saying something about resolutions. Perhaps you're the type of person who makes a list of resolutions at the beginning of the new year--Item 1, 2, 3, etc. But, do you know, there is one resolution that covers a multitude of items. It is this: I resolve to be more helpful, more like the Christ of Galilee, THIS DAY. This is something toward which we all should strive, and resolve anew each day. It is today that counts, that is important; not tomorrow.

I found a poem the other day, the theme of which I like very much because it expresses the thought I would pass on to you:

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does any one remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there any one to utter a kindly word of you?
Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came
along?
Or a churlish sort of "howdy," then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along
your way,
Or is some one mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping
fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look
ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it, was it well or poorly
spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God
would say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did
today"?



Mrs. Flora Williams is moving out of Third Floor Front, after twenty-one years! It'll never be quite the same again, but she's well earned a rest--and 7 Elm Avenue is "just around the corner", so we'll hope still to see her often...Zippie Franklin has made a good "comeback" from the Sanitarium. She remarks she would much rather be a "Keeper" on the job than a "Keeper" at the sanitarium...Louise Surface and Edna Edeburn are using their spare moments to knit sweaters...We welcome a former "Keeper" who is returning to our midst--Grace Evans, who because of international conditions could not respond to the call to the Singapore office, is joining the staff in the Secretarial office...Esther Benton is making out a budget! She figures that by the end of May she can afford a Defense Bond...The Seminary has been celebrating birthdays--Eunice Rozema was surprised when several friends sang "Happy birthday, dear Eunice!" And Mary Jane Dybdahl can be nosy as she wants to what with all the hankies her friends "showered" upon her!

We are told that Irene Walters shed some happy tears over the Christmas basket from the Keepers. Its appearance certainly was most charming.

Those who went "a-journeying" for the holidays: Nora Atkins traveled by plane to South Bend. She says she did not get sick...Edna Helms to Allentown, Pa....Lillian Bragan to Hartford, Conn....Alice La Bonte, Thelma Wellman, Marie Mooney to New York...Eunice Rozema to Chicago... Evelyn Wells accompanied her father to Indianapolis... Pauline Klady and Mildred Davis to Ohio--Pauline to Galion and Millie to Liberty Center. June, Charles, and Mother

News - Continued

Norton took a trip down into Old Virginia...Marian MacNeil made a pre-vacation trip to Michigan to visit a friend. She reports a wonderful time...Marion Hyman spent Christmas day in Wilmington with Virginia Kimball-Wilcox...Mary Paul motored to Johnson City, Tenn...Katie Farney visited friends in Capitol Heights.

Elsie Minesinger was "gracious hostess" in her new home to nine members of her family--3 from Illinois, 2 from Carolina, 1 from Kentucky, and the remainder from Takoma Park.

Bethel Rice reports the "traditional Christmas Eve party" at her home--ten-cent gifts and all. But one gift she received was not from the five-and-dime--figure skates, red-lined skating skirt and parka hood! Edna Deburn visited her aunt in Newark, New Jersey.

Edith Geymet says that the American Santa is very generous. She reports fifteen gifts for herself. Also she and Helen Miller and some Swiss young people from the college spent a very pleasant Friday evening at Matilda Wyatt's home. Helen Miller and her brother drove over to Camp Lee on Sunday. She says it is a very dreary, desolate looking place...The biggest news Lena Day could report was that her daughter, Charlotte, was home from Pisgah, North Carolina, for the holidays. That's big news in any language, say we!..."There's a reason" for Lois Burnett's radiant face! Her mother, Mrs. C. C. Burnett of Linwood, Kansas, is visiting her...Carol Crabtree entertained some of the Keepers informally Saturday night, December 27--and enjoyed the luxury of reading the Sunday paper in bed next morning!

Sunday evening, December 28, marked the final rendering of "The Messiah" for this season, by Professor Greer's chorus, of which a number of the Keepers are members.

The Seminary Keepers had a Christmas party all their own the Tuesday afternoon before Christmas. "Santa" delivered his packages by way of a Treasure Hunt, and the girls must have found it difficult to explain their "wanderings" to any bosses who happened to be around.

SANTA CLAUS

CAME

TO

TOWN



Zippy Franklin gave a reading about how to keep a job,
the idea being to keep the files so no one else can
find a thing;

And the quartet did sing

"Silent Night" in a manner symphonic.

Then Mary Jane Dybdahl explained why Santa Claus can't
be reached the day after Christmas by connections
telephonic.

Jewel Hatcher played her violin all by herself like a
little lady,

Whereas on the piano it took both Thelma Wellman and
Pauline Klady.

And if, on the first carol, most of us sang two verses
only,

It was partly because that was all the words they furnished
us, and partly because we wanted to hear Viola Wilkins
alonely.

Nora Buckman told a nice story (she also supervised a game)
And Jewel and Viola sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town,"
and Santa Claus came.

Everybody got something for Christmas that just cost a
quarter,

And who should appear on the scene but Santa Claus' son,
or maybe it was his daughter.

The committee on eats did its stuff
Sure enuff,

And everyone ate a lot, including Santa Claus, who already
looked very hale and hearty.

It was a swell party!

OUR NEW KEEPER

SIGNE NELSON was born in Canada and says she "roughed it" in Wyoming for the first part of her life. She is a graduate of Broadview Academy and took the secretarial course in La Sierra College. She is assisting in the library of the Theological Seminary. She likes music, cooking, reading, poetry. She does not like jazz and loud radio programs.

RUBY RAMSLEY first made known her presence in New Orleans, Louisiana. Most of her life she has lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended grade and high school. She is not a complete stranger to us, for she worked at the Review and Herald previous to coming to the seminary to be Elder M. L. Andreasen's secretary. Her hobby is reading, and she likes to hike.

ETHEL FREEMAN comes to us from Elmira, New York. She is in the Statistical Department, and her husband is employed in the Art Department at the Review and Herald. Ethel's hobbies are music and collecting menus, and she likes volley ball.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1941

<u>Club Account</u>	<u>Key Note Account</u>
Receipts:	Receipts:
One-half dues . . . \$14.50	On hand 1/1/41 . . . 9.96
	One-half dues . . . 14.50
Disbursements:	Subs. & Sing. cops.. 3.55
Parties, farewells, etc. . . 7.65	<u>28.01</u>
6.85	Disbursements:
<u>Gift Fund</u>	Paper, stencils, p postage. . . 9.24
Receipts:	<u>18.77</u>
On hand 1/1/41 . . . 2.88	On hand 12/31/41:
From members . . . 15.95	Club Account 6.85
<u>18.83</u>	Key Note Account . . . 18.77
Disbursements:	Gift Fund 2.98
Flowers, cards, etc. 15.85	TOTAL ON HAND 12/31/41 \$28.50
<u>2.98</u>	

NOTE: Club dues of 40 cents to be collected next week.

Helen Porter, Treasurer

HERE'S TO OUR HEALTH

As 1941 closes, we are reminded of "inventories", and the New Year inspires "resolutions". Let us examine our daily health habits and resolve to correct those that keep us from enjoying perfect health and vigor. Someone has aptly said that in order to attain physical excellence we should employ three physicians: "Dr. Quiet, Dr. Merry-man and Dr. Dyet".

May I suggest that we make HEALTH an important part of our reading program for this coming year for in Ministry of Healing, page 271, we are told that "the knowledge that man is to be a temple for God, a habitation for the revealing of His glory, should be the highest incentive to the care and development of our physical powers. Fearfully and wonderfully has the Creator wrought in the human frame, and He bids us make it our study, understand its needs, and act our part in preserving it from harm and defilement".

-- Lillian Bragan.

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