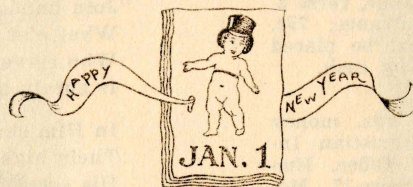


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## New Year's Resolutions

So far as I know, none of our enterprising statisticians has computed how many books could be made from the new leaves turned annually on January first, or how far they would reach if laid end to end—to the moon, I am sure. After they have done this, I wish they would take a few minutes and compute the combined length of time these resolutions are kept.

There is no question but that the world would be a much better place in which to live if we would all carry out our resolutions not to do certain things. The greatest trouble seems to be in finding the particular things we can give up. Most of us are so good that we have no besetting sin. Now, if I could make resolutions for my friends and neighbors, it would be fine. I can think of any number of things which my neighbors ought to do, or stop doing, and I am sure that if they follow my advice they would be much more congenial and pleasant.

But even though we joke about our resolutions, which are never kept more than forty-eight hours, yet through it all there runs a strain of seriousness. There must, on this New Year, come to each of us the thought that another year has ended, with all its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and disappointments. What will the new year bring? Will it bring the success of our plans—the fulfillment of our dreams, or will it bring cessation of pain and worry, peace after storm?

I believe there is not one of us but who, in the depth of his heart, says at the beginning of a new year, "I will strive harder; I will do better; I will accomplish more in this year that is just commencing." And even though we do not realize all our hopes, we are better men and women for the thought and the effort.

It is true that resolutions foolishly or unwisely made and speedily broken, often result in more harm than good, because they tend to weaken the morale; but a genuine effort to better one's condition must prove beneficial to the individual and to society in general.

The old year is ended; the bright new year, with all its possibilities for success and happiness, is before us. Let us, in the lines of the preacher and poet, C. H. Dickerson, pay tribute to the new year vows:

"We haven't time today to write,  
But New Year's leaf is clean and white;  
But we'd be better off somehow,  
If we could keep a single vow.

You know last New Year we swore off,  
Unless we had the whooping cough,  
We'd leave the "growler" in the cup  
And never take another sup.

The chauffeur finds his tire is flat,  
His battery somehow won't bat,  
And then he tries the thing to crank—  
"Bam" goes his vow, "blankety blank."

We vowed each night we'd say our prayers,  
That "Now I lay me down" with care;  
But he comes in so vicious late,  
It wiped the praying off the slate.

The choir singer comes to boost  
"This year up in that choir I'll roost";  
But Sunday night forgets herself  
By calmly roosting somewhere else.

When tires break, you vulcanize;  
When wires break, you use the plies;  
The only cure that's safe and sane  
For broken vows is "Try again."

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A NATIONAL JOURNAL

EDITORIAL

EIGHTY YEARS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR AND STILL IN SLAVERY

We quote a statement published in the Clarion Voice, by the Secretary of the National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ. This organization is a STEP-CHILD of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Quote: "Our relations with the U. C. M. S. was that of parent and child. We would ask for what we needed, and they would give us what they thought we should have." End quote.

The above statement published by the Secretary of this STEP-CHILD organization, in this age of FREEDOM, is pathetic. The Secretary's statement has the earmark of master and slave. They only asked for what they "needed" and the U. C. M. S. "would give them what they thought they should have." In other words they are considered children, incapable of knowing what to ask for. The Secretary's statement affirms the things the editor of the Christian Informer and the National Christian Preaching Convention have said; concerning the U. C. M. S. and the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

I do not understand how members of the National Convention of Disciples, who are founders of Insurance Companies, presidents of Banks, former presidents of National Business Leagues, Lawyers, Doctors, Presidents of Colleges, Ministers of the Gospel, Professors and Teachers would stand for such, before the "Civil War" method, as described by their Secretary.

What do you think that the Founder, and first President of their National Convention, who willed them his estate of more than one hundred thousand dollars, would say if he could speak from the dead?

"IN THE WRONG CHURCH AND IN THE WRONG PEW"

Segregation or discrimination because of race or color, is in the wrong church and in the wrong pew. When they come to churches of Christ, Christian, or Disciples of Christ. It is contrary to "the last will and testament" of Jesus Christ, the Founder of the Church.

"Join hands then, brothers of the faith,  
What e'er your race may be:  
Who serves My Father as a son  
Is surely kin to Me."

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close binding all man-kind."

"STOP PLAYING CHURCH"

Any church that makes the color of a man's skin a test of fellowship or membership, is simply playing church. Stop playing church. We are on business for the King. "The King's business requires haste."

"REAL TROUBLE"

It has been reported by reliable sources that there is "real trouble" in certain churches in Brooklyn, N. Y. Is this "real trouble" an aftermath of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ, which, met in that city a few months ago? Isn't it a fact that the churches of Brooklyn got along very well, until the "BIG SHOTS," of the National Disciples Convention, U. C. M. S. and Laymen League started coming around? Didn't all the churches of Brooklyn (except one) pull up by their own "BOOTSTRAP," without the aid of the National Disciples' Convention, U. C. M. S., and Layman's League? Didn't they organize their congregations, and bought fine church buildings, without the help of the National Disciples Convention and the U. C. M. S.?

Is it true that a "FIFTH COLUMN" is at work trying to get the present pastors out; so that they can be replaced with men with college degrees, and men from S. C. I., and Jarvis College?

SAMSON AND DELILAH

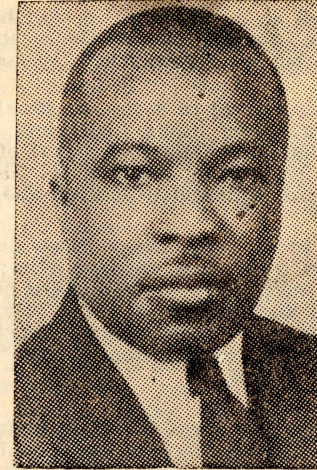
Like Samson turned a deaf ear to the counsel of God, and put his confidence in Delilah. Likewise did certain churches in Brooklyn, N. Y. They turned a deaf ear to the counsel of the editor of the Christian Informer; and the National Christian Preaching Convention of churches of Christ. They put confidence in men who advocate open-membership. They put confidence in the National Convention of Disciples of Christ. They put confidence in the United Missionary Society. Now there is "real trouble."

There was "real trouble" in certain churches in Brooklyn not so long ago, and the editor of the Christian Informer, with the help of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, "saved the day." Ask the pastors and members there, they will tell you.

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THE NEW YEAR CALL TO THE CHURCH AND MINISTRY

By ELDER W. H. (BALTIMORE) TAYLOR, Maryland

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.—Isaiah 60:1.

These words are the counterpart of a perfect day, with its splendor of the dawn, the completeness of its noon, and the spaciousness which it reveals on land and sea. The darkness of the night have passed and a new day has dawned. Shall the church of Christ and the ministers of the National Christian Preaching Convention slumber or sleep when God is waking the world to a new day and year.

The prophet utters this call to the church and ministry, to arise in its power. Arise in its power to preach the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. Arise in its power and drive from the church open-membership. Arise in its power and destroy liberalism. Arise in its power and "break down every idol and cast out every foe." Arise in its power, to shine with its God given splendor. Arise! That is a great word in the Bible. It has in it the element of exhortation. It has in it the element of command. It has in it the power of the Almighty, for God never says, "Arise," to any church or to any preacher without giving them the opportunity and the power to do so.

Arise is a lifting, ennobling word, for it has hidden in it the larger, nobler future. It was God's word to Abraham: Arise! get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, into a land that I will show thee. It was God's word to Moses: Arise! and free the people from their bondage. The same word came to Abraham Lincoln. The same word came to the founders of the National Christian Preaching Convention. The same word came to the founder of the College of the Scriptures. The same word came to the founder of Christian Institute. The same word came to the editor of the Christian Informer, Arise! and "what thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the churches." "Write



By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON

"The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us." —John 1:14.

- His Habitation.
- His Possessions.
- His Vision.
- His Mercy.
- His Patience.
- His Wonderful Love—John 3:16.
- His Name.
- His People.
- His Promises.

the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, if therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief."

Arise is the word which Jesus used so frequently and with such glorious power. He said to the paralyzed man at the pool, "Arise! take up thy bed and walk." It was the word arise which brought back to life the daughter of Jairus, and restored the son of the widow of Nain.

The need of the Church is great.

God is saying to the church today: Arise from sleep, for seldom, if ever in history has the ministry of the church been more needed than now. And yet there are many churches and ministers who seem to be wholly unconscious of their duties to their time and people. God is saying to the church and ministry, Arise from

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deading lethargy of indifference; for there are those who seem absolutely indifferent to the needs and sorrows of the world, so long as they themselves are comfortable and safe. God is saying to the church and ministry, Arise from pagan spirit of self satisfaction. There are churches and ministers which are completely satisfied with having fine houses of worship, money enough to ensure good music and eloquent preaching. Such a church and ministry there was in Laodicea. Jesus said to that church and minister, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of My mouth because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and thou knowest not that thou art a wretched creature, miserable and poor; blind and naked."

The second exhortation of God's call to the church and ministry is "Shine." Does the church of Christ, Christian Church or Disciples of Christ, stand before the world today as a shining light? If the church is to shine, its ministers must preach the same doctrine, wear the same name, have the same rule of faith and practice, obey the same ordinances; because Paul said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Then we can sing, "The Church is one Foundation." If a church is to shine the members of that church must help to make it shine. In them must be found the virtues which make a church shine before the Lord.

Every life can shine. Sometimes preachers speak of shining lights, but you can not expect any minister to shine enough for a whole congregation. About all he can do is to keep his lamp from smoking. How then can a church shine? The church officers, elders and deacons should be shining lights. Every member of the church should be shining lights. The responsibility is yours. God expects every member to shine.

"For your light is come."

That Shining Light is the reason for the possibility of a shining life. "The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." The humblest life filled with the spirit of Christ will shine with heaven's glory.

The main thing about a lamp is that it gives light. It may be wonderfully wrought of expensive material and fine workmanship, but if it does not give light it is no good as a lamp. The church is like the lamp. If it is not giving light to those who sit in darkness, it is not justifying its existence as a church. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

#### GOD'S GREAT LOVE TO MAN

Editor's note: This sermon was preached by the late Elder W. H. Dickerson, minister and educator, who, with Elders Preston Taylor and Henry L. Herod, organized the National Missionary Convention of Christian Churches. Like Jude, he "earnestly contended for the faith." Like Paul, he was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Like John, he believed that, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ,

he hath both the Father and the Son."

TEXT: "For God so loved he world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life."—John 3:16.

Who was better prepared to write this great text, than John, the Disciple whom Jesus loved and who loved Jesus. This has been called the golden text of the Bible. There are at least eight great words in it. "God," "I AM THAT I AM." "I lift my hand to heaven and say, I live

forever."—Duet. 32:40. The great First Cause of all things. "All things were made through Him; and without Him was not anything made that hath been made."—John 1:3. Paul declares (Heb. 1:2): "Through Him the worlds were made." "Who created heaven and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein."—Rev. 10:6.

"SO," the "so" in this verse is not understood by the angels, and is beyond the reach of human mind.

"LOVED." God loved and showed it. His love came down to the floor upon which man stood; yea, it went down into the gulf of despair into which helpless man had plunged himself. It pleaded and wrestled with him. It woke him, and called for his love.

God so loved the "world"—not any one race or nationality. "Not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins."—I John 4:10. Has there ever been such love? Does any of God's servants now have a love that does not know racial boundaries? The love that expresses itself in terms of "your people" and "my people," is not fashioned after the love that God showed to the world. It was not a limited love. "He loved the world."

"GAVE." God gave freely; gave all he had—His Son, His only Son.

The liberality of a man is not to be measured by what he actually gives, but by what he has left, and his avowed purposes or intention of using what he has left after he has made his gift. God had nothing left. "There remaineth no more sacrifice for sin."—Heb. 10:26. God had sent many messengers before to men, but now he sends His last messenger. "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."—John 8:24. "That whosoever believeth on Him might not perish." "Whosoever" is a word that has plenty of room in it. It takes in all who will come, regardless of race, color, or previous conditions of life. The good, bad, disreputable, beggars, thieves, murders, and even the vilest sinners are included in this "Whosoever believeth on Him." Faith in Christ leads to obedience and salvation.

There is no standard of human experience, as some would have it. There is no waiting at the pool for the troubling of the water. We do not have to come the way John Bunyan did—through the "slough of despond." When Andrew Fuller asked an aged saint how long he was in the "slough of despond," he replied, "I was never there at all, Sir; I went straight to the cross of Christ." And that is God's way. There is nothing between the sinner and Christ except faith, repentance, confession and baptism; and all these requirements are easy work for the sinner to do, and requires but little time. We are told that they have been done "the same hour of the night."—Acts 16:32. In the mind of God and Jesus Christ, "eternal life" is that which "has part in the first resurrection."—Rev. 10:6. It is that life that is to be happy and full of peace and joy after the resurrection, "at the last day." It is the life that knows no tears, nor sorrow, no crying, no pain, no more death.—Rev. 21:4. It is the life that shall ever be with the Lord.—I Thess. 4:17.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are sorry to be late in sending our subscriptions for the Christian Informer, we will send some more within a few days. Mrs. Marjorie Booker, Reporter, East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Baltimore Taylor, how R U? Closed find the \$5.00 I forgot. Hoping it don't miss the spot. Informer gave me some Puff. "Thanky," wish I was worthy. Hope your Thanksgiving puts you "next" to a Merry Christmas. Ever yours, C. H. Dickerson, N. Tazewell, Va.

Just to let you know I am thinking and praying for you. I did not attend the Convention, due to the illness of my sister here in Denver. I would like to have heard one of your good sermons. I miss my church affiliation more than any thing else, as you know we have no Christian Church here among our brethren. I trust you and Sister Taylor are both well. I am sending my subscription to the Informer. May God bless and keep you both. I covet your prayers. Yours in the bond of His love, Mrs. Maude Davis, Denver, Colorado.

I am down right ashamed of my self for not having written any thing for the Informer in all of this time. I am deeply sorry that I could not have been at the National Preaching Convention. Enclosed please find a donation for the paper. Yours in the "One Faith," A. R. McDuff, Lawrence, Kansas.

I am renewing my subscription to the Christian Informer. I would not be without it. I read it over and over. I would like to hear Brother C. H. Dickerson and Brother A. G. Nelson, whose pictures and sermons I read preach, for I know they can "step." Keep the change for a donation. Yours truly, J. E. Peters, Hagerstown, Md.

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Brother Taylor: I am very feeble in strength. Should I feel able to go to Los Angeles, I will get there ahead of time as usual; I have five nieces living there, I have not seen since 1918. Elder A. C. Chichon, Carbondale, Illinois.

Another donation for the Christian Informer. T. T. Hicks, Oxford, N. C.

#### SPEAKING ON LOVE

By ELDER G. W. WALL, Indianola, Miss.

I am to speak on love since some have become enemies of the Truth. Matthew 24:12 says that the "Love of many shall wax cold." Also love your enemies and do good to them. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.—I John 4:8. Let brotherly love continue for I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 8:38-39.

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verse is the 8th of the 118th

Psalm. The longest name is in

the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The

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the "Lord" 1855 times. The 37th

chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chap-

ter of the 2nd book of Kings are alike.

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chapter of Esther; and the Shortest verse is

the 35th of the 11th chapter of John.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

By M. J. DABNEY, College of the Scriptures  
Louisville, Kentucky

Our school got off to a flying start. We have organized a literary society. Its name is Philenotians, pronounced like "nations," as is Greek for "Love in Unity."

I am "Moderator" and young Brother David Cole, from Arkansas, is chairman of the program committee. Brother E. Blacklocke is assistant Moderator, Brother Alton Sasser is Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Cornelius Daniels is Parliamentarian, Brother Scrues is Sergeant-at-Arms. We had our first debate last Friday evening. We also had our first official meeting of the Student Council. Officers were elected last spring for the 1946 and 1947 up to the second semester. Then we will elect new officers. The present officers are:

Brother James Johnson, President; Brother David Cole, Vice-President; Brother M. J. Dabney, Secretary; Brother Cornelius Daniels, Treasurer; and Brother Alton Sasser, Monitor. The latter inspects rooms daily to see that they are in order.

The council agreed to send to Brother H. E. Fowler a letter of thanks for his kindness in bringing the Dean and the Student Body back to Louisville from Covington, Ky., after the automobile accident we had en route to Cincinnati, Ohio. No one sustained serious injury, but Brother Maxey's car was wrecked, much to our regrets.

November 15th we are having a Faculty Student Banquet. The fellowship we had during our banquet last year was grand, so we hope to have a greater fellowship during this one.

We are asking your prayers during our school term here. All the brethren join in wishing you success in your work there to you and our friends.

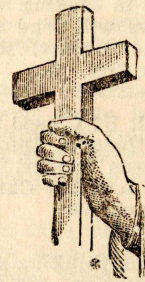
We have had our first convert here at the school, young Leonard Scrues, from Detroit, Mich. We baptized him in the pool at 16th and Chestnut Christian Church. He is attending Hill Street Christian Church, Elder Roach is the pastor. We now have ten students enrolled from Kentucky (6), Ohio (1), Michigan (1), Texas (1), and Arkansas (1).

The papers you sent to me I gave away in hopes of getting subscriptions.

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Trials great and trials small;  
He will share them, freely bear them  
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### II

Would you have your past forgiven,  
And be lifted, if you fall?  
Trust the friend whose side was riven  
Just tell Jesus, tell Him all.

### III

Are you needing one to guide you,  
Shelter when the storms appall,  
Someone who would stay beside you?  
Just tell Jesus, tell Him all.

## THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION MADE HISTORY



By ELDER J. N. KEYES, Greenwood, Miss.

I didn't attend our first National Convention in Baltimore, in August. But the information I received through the report coming up is sufficient for me. Now all the delegates have already returned home and rested and are asking the question: "What's next?" The answer is: on to Los Angeles, California, February 11 to 16, 1947. Let us congratulate ourselves and more especially those who are sponsoring for the good and sane work they have done this convention year. We must remember that there is so much more to be done. We say that we are God's "Steward." And if we are we must remember that Stewardship is based on the fact of God's ownership. We belong to God. Since we belong to God, then we are responsible to Him for the use that we make of this wonderful gift. Both parables of the talents are good pictures of Stewardship.

Stewardship implies responsibility. Stewardship demands faithfulness. How can we be faithful? We can be faithful stewards by using all we are and all we have according to the will of God, for His glory and for the extension of His Kingdom and problems of the church. Let us include both of our schools in helping to make them worthwhile institutions. Let us continue God's way and use God's plan for His way is always best. Let us work prayerfully and earnestly and victory will be ours.

### HARVEST HOME

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And for faith to increase  
You have earnestly, fervently prayed,  
But you cannot have rest  
Or be perfectly blest,  
Until all on the altar is laid.

### CHORUS

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid  
Your heart doth the spirit control  
You can only be blest,  
And find peace and sweet rest  
As you yield Him your body and soul.

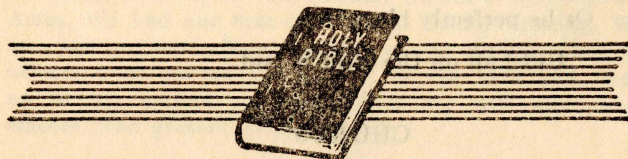
### II.

Would you walk with the Lord,  
In the light of His word,  
And have peace and contentment always,  
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And be free from all ill,  
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