While we sit comfortably in our homes this holiday season, let us give thought to the discomforts of the world.

THE NEED

M. R. Zigler, executive secretary of the Brethren Service Committee recently returned from a trip to Europe, says that the destitute peoples need friends as well as goods. "Some parts of Germany will be forced to go anti-Christian," he says, "unless we send both men and materials immediately."

Observers believe that, although some material aid is getting through to starving people, the victims are becoming subject to deliberate annihilation. In places mass graves are having to be dug with bulldozers. No babies born in 1946 will "live," reports say.

THE ANSWER

Consider the whole question of American policy toward ex-enemy peoples. Church members need to prosecute a vigorous campaign to offset the tendencies toward any vindictive attitude. High military authorities, including General C. L. Adcock, commanding officer of the American Zone in Germany, states that the food situation must be changed soon. Secular sources report that Jews, still held in concentration centers, clamor to have the stormtroopers return; under them fewer died and there was less suffering, they lament. When you have studied these matters and come to informed and Christian decisions, contact your officials in Washington.

Funds are needed for purchases either here or abroad to meet requests as received from Geneva for trucks, jeeps, bicycles, foods, and medicines (especially for child care), implements such as sewing machines, needles, farm tools, etc. Money is also needed to meet costs of shipment. Send contributions through the Denominational Budget to Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis.

Contributed supplies are constantly and urgently requested — clothing, shoes, blankets, comfort, linen, and canned and processed foods. All articles of clothing should be cleaned and mended before shipment to United Church Service Centers, New Windsor, Md., or Modesto, Calif. Label all contributions as coming from Seventh Day Baptists.

Specific shipments to specific people as yet are not possible — unless some person who is going overseas delivers goods as a part of personal baggage. However, letters can be sent to friends and church people abroad. Several missionaries (Continued inside back cover)
**Editorials**

**MARCHING ORDERS FOR A NEW DAY**

With the challenging theme “Marching Orders for a New Day,” a world-wide Bible reading campaign was launched during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas by the American Bible Society. The purpose of the campaign was to enlist men and women the world over in daily Bible study to forge a spiritual bond among nations in the rebuilding of a new and better world community in which peace based on mutual understanding can be secure.

Millions of people have found new inspiration from the Scriptures during these past days; Seventh Day Baptists have participated in daily Scripture reading and meditation. Some have discovered, perhaps for the first time, that real help comes from the purview of God’s Word.

Marching orders for a new day! As a challenge for 1946, we would like to suggest that daily Bible reading be continued in the same spirit, and with the same earnestness, as during the holiday season just past. The theme for this year’s annual Thanksgiving to Christmas campaign should be the guiding principle of our lives for the entire year ahead. What great accomplishments would be made in the new year if the “line of march” were outlined day by day from the Book of books.

Most of our church people, we know, already support some organized plan of daily Scripture study. Some use the daily Sabbath school lesson readings; others follow the meditations suggested in the “Upper Room.” Perhaps in addition to these—or instead of these—we would like to suggest a daily reading program for Seventh Day Baptists, a series in which we as a church group would be brought in close fellowship each day as we unite in reading the same portions of the Holy Word.

It would be fitting for churches or church societies to volunteer thoughtfully to consider and present a series of readings for one month of 1946. If a number of organizations would submit such a list, a Scripture passage for each day of the year would soon be provided. Which group will be first to send in the first thirty daily Bible readings? How soon can we begin in 1946 reading together each day?

United we stand; divided we fall!

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The largest heart, the friendliest hand, Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be."

**THE BIBLE DOES SPEAK**

Sometimes at this season of the year one will hear the remark, “They are always talking about money at the church.” Usually this is said by one who is not a regular attendant at all services. Sometimes it is said by one who is placing his money, and frequently his greatest emphasis, on things other than the church. Often a timid soul will warn the new preacher, “Don’t say too much about money. Someone will be offended.”

Recently in the Scroll, Hartford, Conn., we noted the following which expresses our sentiments regarding “talking about money” and its effects:

“I notice that the United States government entertains no such fears. Many times a day we hear, “Give, or take amercial scrip, buy bonds, buy bonds.” And lest any fail to respond, taxes of many kinds are imposed. But no one suggests that patriotism may wane or patriots become offended. Likewise any church which follows its Lord’s example will continue to talk “Money” and to urge its people not “to let it hurt” and to keep on giving until it stops hurting. If any be offended, let him read his New Testament.”

—Don’t take so seriously.

**GUEST EDITORIAL**

TO ALL A NEW YEAR’S GREETING

At this time of year many cards of personal greetings and letters of cheer and encouragement come to the editor’s office. A personal acknowledgment of each expression of good will is what the editor would wish to make; yet so to respond is impracticable, for there are many subscribers and friends of the Recorder, but only one editor.

First of all then, not only for himself but for all his helpers—for many messages are intended for the whole Recorder staff—he would express his profound gratitude for the cheerful and helpful words and for the many evidences of practical co-operation shown during the past weeks.

The year ahead looks more promising than many a new year recently. The opportunities for Christian service are great; the chances for personal satisfactions are good. With all of us working together, 1946 should be a glorious year of progress for Seventh Day Baptists.

Let us meet each problem squarely—for there are many problems to face in building toward the type of world we want. Let us step out into the future with confidence of the leading of our Saviour Jesus Christ. There is no greater joy than to have a part with God in building his kingdom. That is the happiness which the editor wishes for each of you in the days to come.

December 27, 1894.

—Rev. L. E. Livermore.

**AN ECUOMETRICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY**

In response to many requests, the Committee on Educational Promotion, a part of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches, authorized its secretary, Rev. Paul G. Macy, to prepare and publish “An Ecuometrical Bibliography” for the use both of those wishing to make a general study of the subject and of those undertaking a more thorough study.

The bibliography divides the subject according to the following heads: the Church, movements toward Christian unity, ecumenical worship, and periodicals and year books. All sorts of documents are listed.
with a brief description given of the contents of each. American movements toward unity, the world mission of our Church, faith and order, and the churches in the period of war and reconstruction are among the subheadings covered.

Concern of the bibliography may be obtained from the World Council of Churches at either the headquarters in New York, 297 Fourth Avenue, or the midwest regional office, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill.

STUDY to show thyself approved unto God

A CHOICE FOR THE NEW YEAR
By Rev. George B. Shaw

"When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2: 11.

It has been suggested that gold, frankincense and myrrh on the one hand and ivory, apes and peacocks on the other are the treasures and present gifts. May we not make it our final question to the texts? Does it really mean that we must choose between gold, frankincense, and myrrh on the one hand and ivory, apes, and peacocks on the other?

FIRST THINGS FIRST
Conference Attendance

Last year I sent many letters to church clerks and other officers urging that action be taken to make it possible for their pastors to attend Conference be taken early. The response was very satisfactory, but the fact remains that each year much choose between gold, frankincense, and myrrh on the one hand and ivory, apes, and peacocks on the other.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"The kingdom of heaven is within you, or are you not within the kingdom of heaven?" Luke 17: 21.

Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of a Baptist Church, recently placed his sermon subject, "Suicide Is No Solution," outside the church. A man knocked at the door of the pastor's study, said he had planned to commit suicide, wanted to know why not. Mr. Pruden convinced him that God can solve all problems. A sermon subject—not the sermon—a new twist.

Too many preachers conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan—self-service only.

We stand and look in the store windows at Christmas time and watch the shoppers and we think, "Ivory, and apes, and peacocks." We pass the newspapers and glance at the papers and magazines, and think, "Ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

The Sabbath Recorder and its readers are interested in gold, frankincense, and myrrh; in the work of the kingdom of God; in spiritual worship, and in "the fellowship of his suffering." No one would think of claiming that what is here written is a real interpretation of Scripture, but the fact remains that each year many choose between gold, frankincense, and myrrh on the one hand and ivory, apes, and peacocks on the other.

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The French pastor saved me a seat next to his in the train to Paris and we got into a good conversation that revealed more of France and her religious life than I had heard in many an hour. Like most people in France, we thumbed at such lunches we had brought along. He offered me a hard-boiled egg, such as you can find if you go to the countryside. But though we get only one egg per month in Switzerland, I hesitated to eat a precious French delicacy and said, "No, thanks." I offered him a small banana I had brought from Geneva, however, and he took it, explaining that he would carry it home for his wife. The youngest of his seven had never seen a banana, he said.

I found that they lived in a small French city of Lorraine, not far from Nancy and Metz, which had been given one-third destroyed by the war. Before the French capitulation, he had been an artillery officer in the army. During the German occupation, he went on with his church work, separated from his wife and children. Seeking safety, the family had gone south but had had the misfortune to have to live twelve nights in a damp cellar because of bombing. The eldest boy, in his teens, developed some lung trouble, and though he has now just been in the hospital and months as one of the hundreds of children guests whom the Swiss are aiding, he was still well.

German Prisons

German prisoners of war were helping in the building of his city, the pastor told me. And then he confirmed reports that had come from all sides, that the POW's in the camp were treated as in other parts of France, were virtually starving. The prized jobs, he said, are those which take the prisoners to farms, where they can eat.
who has had half the required work to graduate from Yale Divinity School, is continuing her work in Tokyo. Her husband is teaching in the university.

Donald Hartwig who has an A.B. degree from Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, Mich., has been accepted as a regular degree student when he shall have been separated from the service. The last account we had of him he was working in Japan. We are reserving a room in the Gothic for him.

We are very much disappointed that Robert Burdick, a junior in college, has been called into the service. Selective Service has made an examination from service of students preparing for the ministry, if they are in college. This ruling has been made in recognition of the great need of ministers. Each one will have to decide for himself just what his duty is in the matter. But I hope our churches, and all who advise young men who have decided for the ministry, will impress upon such young men the fact that they are acting in harmony with the wishes of their government when they elect to go to college and prepare for the ministry. In fact, we have a new ruling from Selective Service making the provision even more favorable.

The twenty-third annual conference of the Middle Atlantic Region of the Inter-seminary Movement was held at Colgate-Radcliffe Theological Seminary, November 1-3. The theme of the conference was "The Church and the Emerging World Community." Rev. Ralph Kaetzel represented Alfred School of Theology at this conference.

Dean Alva J. G. Bond attended a meeting of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches which was held in Philadelphia November 5 and 6. At Alfred, he held an informal meeting with students, Monday, October 19, in connection with the meeting of the Students Religious Conference. Students interested in this subject were present.

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HERALDS OF THE EVANGEL.

By Jesse M. Baden, D. D.

(Excerpt from an address delivered during the International Convention, Columbus, Ohio, October 19, 1943.)

What an honor to be the herald of the King of kings and Lord of lords! What a privilege to be his messenger, to bear his messages to his people! He who bears the message of his King is on high business. He is not ever to think of himself as some little sub-committeeman fussing around with little methods and trivial matters.

God goes to peculiar and unlikely places for his message. He goes to the plain and calls Elihu. To the shepherd, he goes for Amos. He walks along the seashore and calls four fishermen from their nets to become his heralds. He goes to the university to call Paul; to a farm for Barnabas; and to the seat of custom for Matthew. He calls his heralds and angels from every sort of background. Today he is still surprising men by his ways in selecting his heralds. He goes to the shoe store for Moody; to the baseball diamond for Taylor; and to the campuses for Sterk; and to a humble home on Prince Edward Island for A. McLean.

As each one of us contemplates the past, he is amazed. God has done more than he should have been chosen for this sacred calling and to be counted worthy of a place in the glory.
cous company of those who have been ordained with the ordination of the half-ordained hand.

We are in a mighty succession of the great hearts of the calling from Jesus until now. Simon Peter was the first preacher; Paul, the tireless evangelist; St. Francis of Assisi, who "married my lady poverty"; Henry Mead, the president, the preacher of God's judgments; John Wesley, savior of England and helper of the world; Dwight L. Moody, herald of the love of God; and J. H. Cotton, the interpreter of the Word. "Seeing we are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses," let us seek to be more worthy of our places in this succession of God's heralds.

It is not easy to be the herald of the Gospel of Christ today. It has always been serious business and an exacting work. But never has a generation of preachers had a more difficult day in which to preach than in this generation with its two hundred thousand heralds. War has many casualties. Some preachers are to be found in the list. Many chaplains have given their lives. Others have a physical death in the line of duty. Many heralds here at home and around the world have been casualties of war in their souls. Their courage has been wounded; their vision smoke-screened; their hopes imprisoned; and their zeal killed. Yes, many preachers today are casualties of war. Some are confused; others discouraged; and still others are disillusioned. War always makes preaching more difficult and the tasks of His heralds heavier.

With the thought of these difficult days of war and the postwar in mind, what man or woman should to-day place the everlasting evangel to this generation? What basic qualifications should they have for their high calling? What equipment do they need for these times?

Physical Preparation

The herald's preparation should include his body, soul, and heart. The physical man has an important part to perform in the heralding of the message. Dr. Charles E. Jeffrey has said, "Many have acted as though man was spirit only, and have had little or no concern for their bodies." God fashioned the body, and without it, the soul can do nothing on this earth. It is the soul's medium of expression. A messenger cannot herald his message without his body; and other things being equal, the more healthy his body, the more effective his message. The stronger the bow, the swifter the arrow. These are hard days on human strength.

By our modern ways of life, now, in order to get on edge, vitality is sapped, and exhaustion is frequent. We live fast. We hurry too much. We carry too much weight with mind and stone and brick. They stay where they are put. They are without life. It is comparatively easy to work with flowers, for, having no emotions, they do not lose their temper. But he who works with folks, finds passions, appetites, dispositions, and wills. They get out of order. Now, having dispositions and wills, people do not always "stay where they are put." The herald needs to care for his body.

Preparation of the Mind

No matter how fine the physique, something besides the body is needed in preaching. He who speaks for God must give constant attention to the making of mind. His memory must be disciplined. His imagination must be kept alive. There are two kinds of thinking. One of these is thought and the other is thought and these of thought. One cannot give out that which he does not first have himself. The flow of the thought is determined by the depth of the reservoir. Niagara leaps to her grandeur because she feels the push of the great lakes behind her. The herald needs the best mental equipment that his day affords. He should know God's book and God's world. There never was a time when the more we entertain educated and trained within the colleges and university halls as generally as now. The herald of the message should seek to become the best educated and training possible for his work, the same as other men seek education and training for their work. He has never put a premium on ignorance. The best education and training is none too good for God's heralds.

Physical and mental preparation has always placed great emphasis on education. We need head culture. But every herald needs to ask himself the question now and then, which Dr. Fitzpatrick has used as a basis for his "Is our culture a load or a lift?" With some men the more they know, the less do they do; the more culture, the less feeling." Preach-

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ACTIVITIES OF RURAL YOUTH GROUP EXPLAINED

No Formal Rules or Regulations
By Dorothy Payne

Our Rural Youth group consisted of older young people, most of whom had formerly been in 4-H club work. Nearly all our members lived on farms or had come originally from them. I enjoyed our group, as they were a jolly set of young folks. We had no rules or regulations, but it just seemed to be an unwritten agreement not to smoke in our meetings. We brought any friends we wished to any meeting.

We met at least once a month on Thursday nights. Our main aim was recreation, but each winter we took part in lessons furnished by our state extension service, pertaining to some phase of rural life, or homemaking, or living. Repairing farm machinery, feeding livestock, planning meals, and selecting good furniture were a few of the subjects discussed. The boys and girls usually planned a discussion or demonstration which was presented by the members who had gone to a district meeting to get the lessons from the state leaders. Later the whole group joined in games of various sorts; sometimes pencil and paper or table games, but more often active ones like relays, Individual and small teams. Occasionally we had folk dances. We ended the evening with a light lunch planned and furnished by two of our group. Everyone present was assessed ten or fifteen cents each to cover the expenses. Sometimes we all go to a local establishment for a dish of ice cream and a soda pop.

Our group also got into the habit of planning an extra meeting each month just for recreation. Sometimes we all went bowling or to the movies, or had parties at a member's home or a steak fry and picnic in a park. Once we took an all day excursion which included a trip on a Mississippi River boat.

As for how Rural Youth helped young people, I felt that it helped us to learn how to enjoy ourselves and how to turn our lives to commercial entertainment always. We also learned as much from the association with and the experience of the other members as from the lessons sent out. The county agricultural agent was ever ready to help when needed. Since we were quite independent, we got out of it just what we put into it, as is true of any organization.

The above article is what we mean by Rural Youth which has been reported by Don Sanford and me. As Miss Dorothy says, the need for wholesome and original plans for recreation is a very important need of youth anywhere.

If there are other rural youth doing something on this order, please send me a report.

H. S.

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ing is the unfolding of truth. It is the evolution of an idea. A herald who can take a great idea and by sheer force of brain power, unfold it until it glows and hangs glorious before the eyes of men, and so burns that his heart is mellowed and his conscience awakens and begins to tremble—is a preacher, indeed.

"A sermon is a rose. The text is the bud, and the idea is the blossom. The idea causes the folded petals to open on the air and fill with fragrance the place where the saints of God are sitting."

The herald of the evangel should go to the spider, study her ways and her work. The spider does not weave her web out of the material which is gathered from the field, and yet is so beautiful that live and yet of the nature of the spider herself. If the herald catch and hold men, he must weave his sermon out of the very substance of his soul.

The Spider's Salesman

The herald must not only have a trained mind but a cultured heart. The heart is wiser than the intellect and moves with swifter hands and surer feet toward wise and true ideas. If the boy has the heart as well as the head, the time has come when heralds of Christ's Gospel should put the measuring string around the heat of the heart as well as the intellect. It is impossible to have emotion without emotion. The herald should speak with his heart. A man should not only work on his message, but on himself.

Hymn: More Like the Master

Worship Program

Pio Humbold Himself

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 7-21.

As we approach the new year, it seems well again to think of humility and service. Jesus came to earth, lived as a commoner, suffered the trials and temptations such as all of us must suffer. This he didn't have to do—he was the Son of God—but he humbled himself for us. Jesus took the place of a slave.

Have you remembered the story of the washing of feet? He went deep down in his humility.

In order to be humble one must spend much time in the presence of God. He gives us strength and power to carry on. Jesus was despised by men, humiliated in their presence. Those who follow in his footsteps will be exalted with him, for he was exalted and taken to his Father in heaven.

If Jesus had not gone through his life on this earth, we would be a member of the churches, our place of worship; in fact, life would not be livable today. Jesus made the road plain. He said, "I am the way; come unto me, and I will give you rest."

Jesus became a slave in his Father's house that you and I might find life, and rest, and security. He humbled himself for us.

"Come unto me," says Jesus, "and rob yourself in the robe of my righteousness, and I will save you from all harm. I will present you in the hour of justice before my Father."

Let us start the new year in all humility and reverence before God, "pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." For it is the will of God that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Prayer: Dear Father, we thank thee for the blessings of the past year. Make us truly grateful. Forgive our many errors and guide us in the paths of righteousness. Clear our minds, for I paid your penalty for action in the service of Jesus. Show us the way, enlighten our souls, and keep us ever near thee. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.
A PRAYER FOR THE HOMY FOLKS

By Chaplain Hurley S. Warren

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Help us to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We are thinking today of our friends and loved ones as they gather in places far away to worship thee. We all see them as they take their places in the pew. We see them. O God, wilt thou bless them where they are and make them a blessing.

Too, we see him who is carrying on in our behalf. May the word this morning grant unto him grace and power. May he preach with unction from on high. May he be greatly blessed and be a great blessing.

And, we see the organist as he takes his place and the choir as they enter. We pray that director and choir may be so in tune with heavenly harmonies that they "will sing with the spirit, and . . . with the understanding also," as they lead the congregation in voicing thy praise.

The ushers, too, we see as they greet folks and help them feel at home. Then, as they wait upon the worshipers for their tithes and offerings, a sense of entire separateness envelop the minds and bodies and spirits of all. And as they become a fine musician; he presided at the chaplain's battered organ, which had survived the Pacific campaign. The soldiers would sing a verse of a hymn, perhaps "Faith of Our Fathers," in English, then the people the second in Marshall, and so on. "Of course we couldn't sing their words meant, just as they had discovered, to their endless delight, the meaning of ours. Their singing was a joy to hear. I've never heard soldiers sing with as much spirit as did our lads, lest they have to admit that these Mar- shalles were completely outsinging the Americans." When the chaplain was finally ordered farther west the Marshall Islands interpreter said to him in his broken English, "Please come back. We'll sing the songs before his puzzled eyes. He had been trained as a Kamikaze suicide flyer, and had only re-

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FROM OUR CHAPLAINS

separated and consecrated, grant that they may know the reality of thy presence, the certainty of thy forgiveness, the assurance of thy love, and the thrill of being united in spiritual bonds with those of like mind throughout the world.

We pray that the stranger who enters thy house this Sabbath may find a warm welcome and receive a rich blessing.

Grant, O God, the guidance of thy Holy Spirit in the study of thy Word. We thank thee for its inspiration, its newness, its appeal, its application, its power. Help us to study to shew "ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We have faith, and so when they asked their chaplain. The chaplain sent them to the Sunday morning service of the Japanese Presbyterian Church in town. When they finally made it clear to the Japanese minister that they wanted a Bible, the minister gave them his own; for it was the only one he had. The minister was a pilot in the Japanese Kamikaze pilot. He will take this precious Bible to him and talk to him. And the young airman will find direction for his unexpected extension of life; he will find an anchor for his faith.

He will find Christ.

Fukushima, Japan.

November 27, 1945.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS HELP JAPANESE FIND CHRIST

By Chaplain Warren B. Bood

Two American G.I.'s helped a Japanese to find Christ this week.

The Americans were combat men of the 27th Infantry Division, the same tough, fearless sort of soldier that had wrested the Pacific from the Nips. The Japanese was a young man with serious eyes and a smiling mouth. He was like thousands of other young men in Japan today, trained for a job he could not do now, ill at ease in civilian clothes, perplexed by the tremendous changes of life, war, and the figure of Toyohiko Kagawa again comes into focus in the activities and utterances of the past few years have been hidden from view by the veil of censorship; but now, once more, he is being inter- viewed, and press notices are following his movements.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:
I have never written to you before, so I asked my mother to write to you. I will be five years old in March, and my brother will be three years old in June. His name is Wayne. I have a dog. Her name is Queenie. She likes to lie in front of the fireplace on cold winter nights. I have a doll. Her name is Bessie. I help my mother. Wayne and I had the chicken pox last month, but we are over it now. Your little friend, Barby Jean Cruzan.

9th and Arapahoe,
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Barby Jean:
It was lovely of your dear mother to write to me. I just see how you looked when you were telling her what to write. I can just see how you looked on earth, good and happy.

One day I was there calling, her master told her to make her fast asleep.
With the Christ child at her breast.
Shepherds watching o'er their flocks, Were startled by a star before them leading. And most of them sang in mingled song:
How in earth, good and happy.

Dear Recorder Children:
Here is another poem written by our good friend, Welcome S. Wells, of Riverside, Calif. Although it will be after Christmas when you read it, I don't think a Christmas message can ever be too late.

Sincerely,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Christmas
Christmas is the merriest time
That comes throughout the year;
A time when many gifts are made
And wishes of good cheer.

It is a curious custom
That started, as you know,
By the coming of a baby
Most two thousand years ago.

Shepherds, when they heard the heralds
In the fields near Bethlehem
Of a Savior that was born,
Peace on earth, good will to men.

Long-bewhiskered patriarchs started
In their ancient costumes styled,
With the star before them leading
Thus to find the holy child.

On and on they pressed thro' weary
Till before them, there at rest,
Lay the mangered virgin Mary
With the Christ child at her breast.

Gifts were brought and worship offered;
What could be the mother's mind
As she gently cuddled her
Him—the Saviour of mankind.

Years passed on; He grew to manhood,
Walked and talked beside the sea,
Healed the sick in mind and body,
This loved Man of Galilee.

Thus each Christmas it's befitting
To remember the mother's mind
Of what it cost our Saviour
And try to make happier
Someone else's little kid.

—Correspondent.
Forgetting What Is Behind

"Another year draws toward its close,
As fence posts glimpsed from moving train so swiftly pass from view.
Its golden hours have slipped away, till there remain but few;
May they be spent as God first chose
In fellowship with him."

NEW YEAR IDEALS

To be myself.
To keep a laugh in heart and throat.
To be as good as some friends think I am.
To find joy in my work rather than in the prospect of applause.
To win friends by being one.
To be captain rather than victim of my moods and tenses.
To preach the most searching sermons to myself, calling my own sins by their rightful names.
To waste neither time nor energy in anticipating calamities which may never come.
To rejoice in the rise of a rival, swift in applauding and slow in minimizing his success.
To wipe up spilt milk as best I can and hold onto the pan next time.
To be worthy in some measure of these words inscribed on Chinese Gordon's monument in St. Paul's: "Who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, and his heart to God."

H. E. Brown.

"Let high resolve and purpose reign,
And God's own will your will command, nor stoop to base desire,
But ever climb God's upward way, and to the heights aspire:
Banish the wrong, the good retain
In fellowship with him."

—D. G. Decherd.

Reaching For What Is Ahead