

RELIGIOUS READING.

A NEW YEAR.

I know not what the year may bring, Nor know I what the year may take...

His promise stands forever sure; Mid changing scenes unchanging, He; Whatever else may pass away...

Should care be mine or loss of health, Or poverty, or loss of friends...

With God's forgiveness for the past, And with His grace for days to store...

Come home or bless my good or ill, All things are under His control...

do will I start the year with song, And bless God's name from day to day...

International Sunday-School Lessons. Dec 27-Review Service of Young Missionary...

THE "UNKNOWNABLE." The Scientist's Strange and Incredible Conclusion-God's Manifestation of Himself.

It is a peculiarly suggestive fact that scientists, who are so largely disciples of the positive philosophy...

Which Will You Take? A Few Thoughts for the New Year-The Upward and the Downward Path.

Again you stand at the parting of the ways, and again you must choose which road you will take.

What is ahead? If there is nothing higher, is degeneration to follow? Is Maudsley right? Is Hartmann with the pessimists correct?

THE BASIS OF TRUE FAITH. Conformity to the Truth the Indispensable Condition of Religious Belief.

The vital truths of Christianity are neither difficult to ascertain nor to believe. They are not hidden, as by a malign power...

GEMS OF THOUGHT. The word of the Lord is suited to each individual as if he were the solitary occupant of the universe.

God sometimes washes the eyes of His children with tears, in order that they may read aright His providence and His commandments.

A certain strain of nobility of character is needed to enable one to see without envy the better fortune of his neighbor, even though that neighbor is also his friend.

There are some Sunday-school classes in Boston, composed chiefly of young people from wealthy and cultured families, whose teachers make it a condition of membership that each scholar shall choose some person in sickness or need...

Belief of the

GERMAN FARMERS.

What an American Agriculturist Saw Among the Peasants of Germany-How They Live and Work. Interesting as these old cities are, with their quaint buildings and galleries filled with pictures...

As we got away from the city I could not cease praising the soil, and as there are no fences here, it was singularly like one of our rolling prairies...

But all this time not a farm-house! Why, where do they live? I thought, After awhile I saw a cluster of tiled buildings, that seemed jammed together in this prairie...

THE SENSE OF PAIN. How Sir Humphry Davy Learned to Believe in the Injury of Pain.

Sir Humphry Davy, when a boy, did not believe in the injury of pain, but he was not long in that belief, for one day when he was in the water a crab savagely took hold of his big toe...

THE SENSE OF SMELL. How a Dog Forms Opinions and Judges Men's Character. A man's sense of enjoyment and his means of comprehension, though in some ways vastly superior to those of the lower animals...

THE SENSE OF TOUCH. How the Beautiful Fish Climbs Steep Hills. Not long since I followed one of these dashing trout-streams from the valley up the mountain...

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