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New Year Sermon

By request we print in full the sermon at the Presbyterian Church for the opening sermon for the New Year by Rev. R. T. Mathews.

There are some practices in the world which are kept up because of fashion, some because of the end to be accomplished and some because of the inherent good—the intrinsic value—of such practices.

The practice of New Year's greetings, we believe, to belong to the latter class. It is the expression of truly hackneyed words and phrases, but they speak so much of the human heart that old and dry and familiar though they be, they seldom fail to bring a glad response.

The darkest heart grows lighter; the light heart becomes more joyous, and love and gladness and sweetness and tenderness speak the thoughts which meet the answering strains struck from kindred hearts in unutterable language.

And so let us consider the text to us this morning—deep expression of a sincere Christian heart, hoping for the very best thing for one who loved—the Great Master—to the point of diligent witnessing for the truth for the sake of the common Lord and Savior.

The first thing we notice in the text is that it expresses a relationship. It is not a blood relationship, or a business relation, but simply that of love. "Beloved" John says to his fellow. How much that must have meant to the spiritually minded disciple whom Jesus loved, we cannot say, but it must have meant a fullness of feeling. At no other time does John use this word, speaking to an individual, altho he often uses it in speaking to a company of Christians.

"Beloved," it tells the esteem of friend to friend, man to man brother to brother, Christian to Christian. No person knew better than John why one witnessing for Jesus in those days should be loved. John had felt the persecution of the Jews, the enmity of the Roman authorities, and his own brother James had been beheaded; and Gaius was one who had not faltered and had walked in the truth. A wonderful commendation and a great reason for Christian love.

But "Beloved" is a word which we, too, ought to use, and there is probably as much reason in many instances for that same. But even if not the same reason, we have the great reason, that we have on Father, one Lord, one Savior, one Christ. Then, Jesus Christ wishes us to be one, that we should love our neighbor and that we should fulfil His new commandment, for He said: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Therefore, brethren and friends, we might say to each other, and I say to you, in Jesus Christ, here at the beginning of the New Year, "Beloved."

The second part of the text is, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Beloved, this is our message to you this morning. During the days and months of this year, which seem so long as we look ahead, but which will seem so short after we look back upon them, first that ye may keep in health as thy soul prospereth.

Without health we may have increase of goods and friends, but it will be hard to enjoy them. With health we can stand a good deal of rough usage, hard work, some losses, and yet buoyed up by

a never dying hope, enjoy life. What a boon it is to feel the rich red blood coursing thru our body, when working or playing! It brings the bright flash to the eye, the scarlet tinge to the cheek, the quick, powerful vigor to the muscles, wit and wisdom to the mind and enthusiasm to the heart. It is a continual source of thanksgiving, a never failing fountain of contentment, an ever flowing spring of blessing. It is one of God's most bounteous gifts to men, copious, abounding, springing, refreshing. It is the likeness in the material of what He would have us be in the spiritual. Yes, we, too, wish each other health as the soul prospereth.

Then we wish thee prosperity in material possessions. Once Jesus Christ sent his adherents out without purse or scrip, but in the latter days he said, "But, now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip." And Paul says not to be slothful in business, and tells us to distribute to the necessity of the saints, and charity covereth a multitude of sins.

Then again we are told that the meek shall inherit the earth, as the lawful possession of God's sons. I believe in the literal interpretation. It is God's word, pure and simple. Therefore, we wish you the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel that the land may be a land flowing with milk and honey. We would wish, yes pray, that the soil might give abundantly of its strength, that the elements might unite to drop fatness, and thy hands should be filled with their rich and well deserved rewards. This, we believe, is one of the great ends of God's established government, of divinely planned justice, of a Christianized humanity.

It is of necessity that it should be so, for other things being equal the man or organization with means at command will wield the greater influence when those means are properly used. The world is to be Christianized. The heart of man is to be regenerated. The church is the heaven planted means to accomplish this, and with its coffers supplied, the workers can be sent and the ear of man can hear and God will be glorified.

Beloved, no man can be prosperous and his neighbors in poverty. We are a united people—no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself. Our prosperity or our poverty influences all those around us, and their influences us. Therefore mayest thou prosper even as thy soul prospereth.

As thy soul prospereth. Here is the critical part of our wish and text. The Lord's field has been sown with tares, His vineyards have been entered by foxes. His refreshing showers have been wasted, and sometimes His threshing floors have been broken asunder.

Influences have been introduced into the souls of men which have narrowed and seared, and destroyed them, oh, so many times.

At the beginning of the New Year is a good time to make fresh resolutions. I know many laugh at the New Year resolutions. But, why? The child learns to walk after much stumbling. One boy said he learned to skate by getting up again. The old ladder of Christianity reaches clear to the gates of heaven, and altho we may sometimes go back a step, there are angels all along the way ascending and descending, and they will help us to the top.

The nearer Jesus Christ came to Calvary, the more He talked of the sweetest spiritual things. The more the soul prospers under Jesus, the deeper becomes the love of man, the more tender it is in suffering, the more sorrowful for sin.

The highest ideal, the best idea of right, the deepest sense of one's own shame, the fullest determination to forsake vice and gain righteousness, comes from making

right resolutions. If it is necessary make them again and again. John B. Gough did not reach his place as the greatest crusader for the temperance pledge until he had failed and fallen many times. Then at last came the strong reliance upon God, when he came off a conqueror thru him that loved us.

John G. Woolley was a noted lawyer. He would accept no cases except those before the United States Supreme Court. He received one of the largest fees ever paid an attorney. But his soul was not prosperous. Temptation was too great for him. One night he found Jesus as a Savior. He began to fight his greatest enemy, the saloon, and won a fame that is worldwide.

So it has been with many. They who afterwards became workers for the poor, or the outcast in numbers of the rescue missions of the world. Christ was precious to them even in their falls, but renewed attempts, enabled them to finally stand as supports to multitudes of other souls, wearied by sins victories.

Dwight L. Moody, dear man that he was, made failures. He loved his God, but like so many men who want to do a good work, began blaming the churches for conditions. He was embittered, his soul did not prosper. Then after a conference with Dr. Herrick Johnson, from whose lips I heard of the incident, Mr. Moody changed. He had come at last to love the earthly fold of the heavenly shepherd. His soul prospered and only heaven itself will reveal how many souls for whom Christ died were led to the Redeemer by this Godly man.

Beloved, if we are ever prone to blame the church, let us remember that it is God's expression of a never dying love to a fallen race. The person who cannot somewhere find a place where his soul can prosper within its pales, is a dangerous personage to follow:

In the church of my childhood there was a man who became angry at someone within the church. He forgot that it was God's house, and not man's, and became estranged from the church. He fell far from the path of rectitude, becoming a great blasphemer, and a scoffer at the church. How shriveled the neighbors knew his soul to be. Jesus Christ's cords of love drew him back once more. His soul prospered, and nothing else was quite so dear to him as God and God's house. Many were the tears he shed because of the sweet fellowship with God, and God's people which he had missed during those years.

Beloved, it is far better to shed the softening tear here, than to spend eternity where there is weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, but no blood to wash away the wages of sin.

Oh, do not let anyone tell you that you cannot rise when down. No man has ever reached spiritual greatness without first being a sinner, and just one step up from a sin is a soaring far above the previous state.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper, and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

In the secret of a happy day F. R. Havergal says: Just to let thy Father do Just to know that He is true, And be still. Just to follow hour by hour As He leadeth; Just to draw the moment's power As it needeth. Just to trust Him, this is all. Then the day will surely be Peaceful, whatso'er befall, Bright and blessed, calm and free.

Just to leave in His dear hand Little things. All we cannot understand, All that stings. Just to let Him take the care Sorely pressing. Finding all we let Him bear Changed to blessing. This is all! and yet the way

Marked by Him who loves thee best! Secret of a happy day, Secret of His promised rest. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

HOW THIS NERVOUS WOMAN GOT WELL

Told by Herself. Her Sincerity Should Convince Others.

Christopher, Ill.—"For four years I suffered from irregularities, weakness, nervousness, and was in a run down condition. Two of our best doctors failed to do me any good. I heard so much about what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for others, I tried it and was cured. I am no longer nervous, am regular, and in excellent health. I believe the Compound will cure any female trouble."—Mrs. ALICE HELLER, Christopher, Ill.



Nervousness is often a symptom of weakness or some functional derangement, which may be overcome by this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as thousands of women have found by experience. If complications exist, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for suggestions in regard to your ailment. The result of its long experience is at your service.

About Bran and Ship Stuff

A report from Columbia Mo., says the milling division of the U. S. Food Administration has fixed the price on bran, shorts, etc.

In car lots the miller cannot sell his bran higher than one thirty eighth of the cost of the wheat. For instance, wheat at \$2.00 would be \$66.67 for a ton of wheat. The miller cannot sell his bran out of this wheat for more than \$1.75 the ton in car lots. Shorts or standard middling \$2 more than the bran or \$3.75 ton, mixed feeds \$4.00 more than bran or \$5.75 a ton and flour middling \$9.00 more than bran or \$10.75 the ton. Figure it and you will find the miller makes a good profit at this. If wheat costs more then bran etc will cost proportionately more.

Cramps!

Says Mrs. Frank Hagler, of Carbondale, Ill.: "I was suffering terrible cramps and pains each month. I had used... but it didn't give any permanent relief. The pains came back on me just the same as before... After taking Cardui, I was entirely relieved from the pains, and have never been bothered with them since."

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Cardui

The Woman's Tonic

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All Druggists

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Dr. Hawkins of Salisbury was in town Wednesday morning.

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Trustee's Sale of Real Estate
Whereas, Peter Vitt and Adelheid Vitt, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated July 18, 1914, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Chariton County, State of Missouri, in book 44, page 182, conveyed to William M. Van Cleve, Trustee, the following described real estate lying and being in the County of Chariton and State of Missouri, to wit:

The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and that part of the Southwest quarter of Section One (1) lying South of the Chariton River, also the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and Sixty-two and fifty-five one-hundredths (62.55) acres being that part of the West one half of the Southeast quarter and the East one-half of the Southwest quarter of Section Two (2) lying South and East of the Chariton River, and Thirty-two (32) acres being that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Eleven (11) lying North of the Public Road; also the West one-half (W. 1/2) of the Northwest quarter and the North one-half (N. 1/2) of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twelve (12) all in township Fifty-three (53), Range Eighteen (18).

Which conveyance was made to the said William M. Van Cleve, in trust, to secure the payment of the promissory notes in said deed of trust fully described, and

Whereas, the said William M. Van Cleve, the Trustee named in the said deed of trust, after being duly notified in writing by the lawful owner and holder of said promissory notes and deed of trust, failed and refused to execute said deed of trust, and resigned as said Trustee, as shown in the minutes of the Recorder of Deeds for Chariton County, State of Missouri, on January 14, 1918, recorded in book 109, page 106, and

Whereas, said deed of trust provides in the case of the resignation of said Trustee, the holder of said notes may appoint or substitute any other person to act as Trustee with all the powers, duties and obligations of said William M. Van Cleve, Trustee; and,

Whereas, by an instrument dated January 14, 1918, and recorded in book 109, page 106, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Chariton County, State of Missouri, the International Life Insurance Company, the lawful holder and owner of said notes, has appointed Ben Emmons, Jr., as trustee to succeed said William M. Van Cleve, who resigned; and,

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the principal note secured by said deed of trust, and the same is past due and remains unpaid;

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said notes and in pursuance of the conditions set out in said deed of trust and by virtue of the power and authority to me given by said deed of trust and the aforesaid appointment as substituted Trustee, I Ben Emmons, Jr., the substitute Trustee, do hereby give notice that I will sell the real estate hereinabove and in said deed of trust described, at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of

the Court House in the City of Keytesville, County of Chariton, and State of Missouri, on Saturday, February 9, 1918, between the hours of Nine o'clock in the forenoon and Five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

BEN EMMONS, JR.,
Substituted Trustee.
St. Louis, Missouri.
January 16, 1918. 51No.2

Draft Order Numbers

The order number of the drafted men called for examination by the board Friday and Saturday;

20	362	538
21	365	542
29	377	546
68	401	554
86	412	560
96	416	563
101	423	568
176	437	570
178	481	577
201	483	579
208	500	580
224	501	583
232	502	585
248	503	588
250	507	589
266	509	590
287	514	598
302	517	599
305	518	601
306	520	606
314	524	608
317	528	614
332	535	623
333		



Best Route
Stop only

St. Louis Accom. 8:07 pm
North Bound

31 Mail & Exp. 7:50 am
31 Local Freight 9:15 am
31 Mail & Exp. 8:07 pm
* Stop on flag only.

South Bound

32 Passenger arrives 4:15 pm
33 Passenger arrives 11:15 am
(Except Sunday)

30 Passenger departs 1:25 pm
(Except Sunday)
Sunday only, 1:00 pm
31 Passenger departs 8:50 am
J. COX, Agent.

GLASGOW BRANCH

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dewey were on hand for farmers week at Columbia.

There are several cases of small pox too close to us for equanimity. Its spread in town should be prevented no matter who is inconvenienced. Victims of the disease are more numerous over the county than generally suspected.

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