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MY NEW YEARS BOOK

*Before me lies an open book,
With pages clean and white,
On which to write my daily deeds—
The wrong as well as right.*

*A page there is for every day
Throughout the livelong year.
I'll try to keep them free from stain,
Without a single smear.*

*This New Year's Day I am resolved
I'll do my very best
To scatter happiness and joy
That someone may be blest.*

*And when this year is gone for aye,
A backward glance I'll take;
Oh, may these pages still be clean
And show not one mistake!*

—Fern Row Casebeer

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Editorial

NEW RESOLUTIONS

We hear our friends talking about the resolutions that they are going to make this New Year's Day.

They mean that they have decided on some things that they are going to do during the new year that is just starting. Perhaps some of the things that they did this year were not so good and they think that they can change and do better than they did the past year.

Resolutions to be better are good to make any time of the year, and we shouldn't wait until a certain day to improve our lives. That should be done every day of our lives.

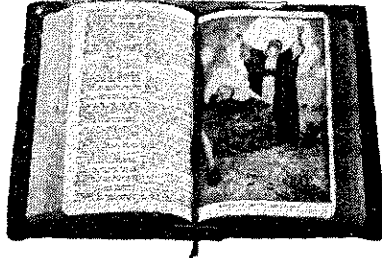
This paper is for the very first day of the year, and as it is fun to make resolutions then let us make a few. It will be a good time to resolve to live closer to Jesus; it's a fine time to decide to be kind to all we may be with, and a good time to resolve to be of help to those who may need help.

It doesn't seem like I have been visiting you through this paper for a year. And I have certainly enjoyed it, and I am happy that so many of you have helped with letters and stories. I am going to resolve to try to make this little paper more interesting

for you during the coming year, if I can.

I hope that you children will resolve to write more stories and letters than you did in the past year. And I hope that many new ones will be heard from. Let us see what a nice paper we can have for a whole year.

—: M :—



CARRY YOUR BIBLE TO SABBATH SCHOOL

Rodney formed the good habit of carrying his Bible to Sabbath school. One Sabbath morning Rodney's parents could not go to church because of sickness; but Rodney was old enough to go alone, so as he walked along he carefully held his Bible in his right hand. He had gone about halfway when he passed a businessman who was walking in the same direction. The gentleman saw the clean-looking lad and noticed the Bible in Rodney's hand. How unusual to see a boy walking along with a Bible on Saturday! He was curious to know where the boy was going, and felt impressed to follow him. Soon Rodney turned a corner and walked another block to the church.

The gentleman followed Rodney into the building. He was met by the friendly minister, and warmly invited to join the Bible class. He did so. He had been troubled about some personal matters, and the minister was a great help to him. He attended the evening meetings that were in progress at the time, and a little later was baptized and joined the church. He was always grateful to Rodney for carrying his Bible to Sabbath school.

Rodney's Bible, you see, had preached a silent sermon, but Rodney had not said a word. The influence of God's wonderful Book, even in a street, is greater than we realize. Let us be sure to carry our Bibles to church every Sabbath day.

—Ernest Lloyd in Our Friend



Covering The Ugly Spots

Marie and Walter Lamb lived near an old car junk yard. They were not very happy about the place they lived for they said that they wanted to live in a prettier part of town.

"Just look at all those ugly old cars that are piled just across the fence," Marie said one evening, as she and Walter were looking out of the window.

"It doesn't look much worse than those old dirty looking coal yards just across the street," answered Walter.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we could wake up in the morning and see pretty pictures out there," Marie asked as she turned away from the window to help Mother with the supper.

"What are you children talking about? Did I hear something about painting a picture?" Mother asked.

"Yes, we were wishing that we could see a pretty picture out there in the morning instead of that ugly sight," Walter answered.

"Perhaps it will be painted with snow in the morning. The clouds look like it would snow by morning," Father told them.

When the children awoke the next morning they looked out the window and sure enough everything was covered with a white blanket of snow.

"The ugly spots can't be seen now, can they?" Marie asked her mother as she went to the window.

"No, dear," Mother Lamb answered, "Everything looks so pure and clean this morning. It just reminds me of our lives."

"How can that white blanket of snow be anything like our lives?" Walter wanted to know.

"Those ugly spots, as you call them, are like sins in our lives. As the junk yard and

coal yard spoiled the looks of this block, just so do sins spoil the looks of our lives. Others watching us can see our sins and they look just as bad as the junk yard does," Mother explained.

"How can we make the ugly spots in our lives look better?" Marie wanted to know.

"When we go to Jesus and confess our sins, He has promised to forgive us. He shed His blood on the cross to take away our sins. The Bible says though our sins be as scarlet He will make them as white as snow. His forgiveness and love covers our past ugly life and makes it as though it had never been. The ugly spots will not be seen any more."

"I am glad you explained that to us," Walter said. "I want to try and keep ugly spots out of my life, but if any creep in, I want Jesus to come into my life and paint them out."

"I do, too," agreed Marie. "I'm so glad that He is willing to help us get rid of the ugly spots in our lives."

—C. E. L.

—:: M ::—

LET'S BE THANKFUL

Sometimes you owe more to God for what you haven't got than for what you have. In a world full of people who still know strife and want and suffering, it is an unspeakable blessing to live in a land where such misery is all but unknown. Thank God that you are an American. Thank God that you have never experienced the pangs of starvation or pestilence; that you have never spent a cold winter in a cave or an unheated bombed-out home. Thank God you do not live in the darkness and despair of heathen lands.—Selected.



A Birthday Present For Mother

By Mary Holbert

Minnie, Jay, Susie and Jim Webb were in the flat boat out on the lake. The Webb children loved the lake and often went boating on its clear blue green waters. Today Jay and Jim were using the oars to bring the boat into the landing at the Webb home. Minnie sat in the bow of the boat day-dreaming. She was a beautiful lady in silks and satins looking at the paintings that had brought her fame.

"Look at her!" exclaimed Jim. "Always day dreaming!"

"What are you thinking of, Minnie? Mother's birthday present?" inquired Susie. "My gift for Mamma is so beautiful—long red beads."

"Me, I am going to give mother a present too," stated Jim. "I sold my frog family to the frog hunters and brought mother a pair of black gloves."

"Did you buy something, Jay?" asked Minnie.

"Yes," answered Jay, "I bought a cover for the table, all blue and pink flowers."

Minnie turned away and pretended to be busy pushing aside the water lillies that grew in the lake. The worry within her mind grew bigger and bigger. The rest must not know that Minnie had selfishly spent all of her carefully saved money on a box of paints and paper for herself. She hoped they wouldn't ask her what she had got for mother.

But Susie asked, "What did you buy, Minnie?"

Minnie hesitated, then replied, "My present is a big secret and I won't tell a soul."

Jay guided the boat to the little landing in front of the Webb home. Minnie didn't feel like eating that night. How would she ever manage a present for mother now? She had spent all her money. She hurried to the barn where she had hidden her paint

set. She made a mark with the yellow stick. She longed to try each of the lovely colors, but she must hurry and help Jay do the chores. Just at that moment Jay stuck his head into the hayloft.

"Oh, Jay, please do not tell," begged Minnie, "I didn't mean to spend all the money."

"But what can you do about Mother's present?" asked Jay. "Oh, Jay, I don't know," answered Minnie sadly.

When the chores were finished Minnie went to the lake shore. She looked up and down the lake. How could she manage a present for mother. Minnie loved this view. Even now the bright porches on their neighbor's houses brightened her spirits. Then she looked at her own dull and gray house, and thought how often mother had wished it was bright with color.

Suddenly Minnie jumped up and cried with joy, "I shall give mother a brightly colored porch too."

"Jay, will you help me?" asked Minnie explaining what she would do. She would sell her paint set in exchange for some paint for the porch.

"A grand idea," exclaimed Jay.

"We'll paint the wall and steps pink, and the door, the posts, and the shutters blue," went on Minnie happily.

"Mother will have the most beautiful pink and blue porch on the lake," stated Jay.

Minnie was happy now. She had found a way to get a present for mother. Never again would she be such a selfish girl.

—: M :—

ANSWERS

To the puzzle in the last paper:

1. Belshazzar. 2. Joseph. 3. Ruth. 4. Zachaeus. 5. Moses. 6. Elijah. 7. Paul. 8. Samson. 9. Job. 10. Esther.

Your Stories

THE STORY OF SAUL

By Patsy Keith

Saul was on his way to the synagogues at Damascus to persecute the Christians. Suddenly a light shone around him and he fell to the ground.

He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" And Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

After Saul was led to Damascus, he was blind for three days and three nights and he neither ate nor drank.

Ananias went to Saul and put his hands on him and he received his sight. Ananias said, "The Lord hath sent me, that thou might receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

After Paul received his sight he arose and was baptized. When he received something to eat he was strengthened and he preached Christ in the synagogues.

—: M :—

OCCUPATIONS QUIZZ

Can you select the occupations of these Bible characters:

1. Cain was a (1) vine dresser, (2) tiller of the soil, (3) judge.
2. Deborah was a (1) seamstress, (2) shepherd, (3) prophetess.
3. David was a (1) tentmaker, (2) shepherd, (3) taxcollector.
4. Matthew was a (1) fisherman (2) lawyer, (3) taxcollector.
5. Peter was a (1) fisherman, (2) teacher, (3) merchant.
6. Paul was a (1) merchant, (2) Roman soldier, (3) tentmaker.
7. Lydia was a (1) physician, (2) cook, (3) seller of purple.
8. Luke was a (1) teacher, (2) carpenter, (3) physician.
9. Gamaliel was a (1) teacher, (2) bricklayer, (3) soldier.

—Young Pilgrim

Mark out the two answers you think

wrong, then get your Bibles and look up the answers. I hope you got them all right.

—: M :—

LETTERS

FROM ARKANSAS

Greetings to the Editor and Readers:

We are two boys living in Arkansas with our mother and daddy and two brothers and two sisters.

I (Rodney) am eight years old.

I (George, Jr.) am six years old.

We go to school at Acorn which is three miles east of Mena, Ark. We like school very much, but we like Sabbath School very, very much. Please everyone pray for us and our Church of God Sabbath School here at Mena. God is blessing and we thank Him.

May God richly bless you all. Your young brothers wanting to know more about Jesus.

Rodney and George Miller.

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FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is the first time I have written to you. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I have two sisters and one brother. Their names are Anita, Mary, and Charles.

I have two little pet kittens and five little chickens.

I go to the Church of God at Joplin, Mo. My teacher's name is Jean Wallace, she is a very good teacher.

I would like some pen pals. I will close with a puzzle; sesdebl rae hte ruep ni areht ofr yhet alsh| ese odg. Htemtaw 5:8.

Virginia Robinson,

Rt. 2, Goodman, Mo.

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FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first letter to the little paper. I enjoy reading the paper very much. I am eight years old and in the third grade. I go

to the Detroit Sabbath School. My mother is my teacher. We have ten in our class. We like the lessons and the stories very much. I have a brother seven years old. We have a small dog and a white cat for pets.

Your friend,
Clara Merriam

—:: M ::—



OUR PUSSY

We have a little pussy
And I named her Fluff;
She's most as soft and fuzzy
As Baby's powder puff!

Sometimes Fluffy runs and plays
With a catnip mouse,
Or she climbs our apple tree
Close beside the house.

When we call, our pussy comes
To drink milk and purr;
She's always so good and sweet
Everyone loves her.—Sel.

—:: M ::—

THE YEAR

In January fall the snows,
In February winter goes.
In March the primroses spring,
In April birds begin to sing.
In May the gardens are all gay,
In June the mower cuts the hay.
In July corn fields ripen fast,
And August sees the harvest past.
September turns the forests brown,
October blows the leaves all down.
Then comes November, bleak and drear,
And cold December ends the year.

—C. C. C. Cushing.

Your Lessons

FOR JANUARY 13, 1951

A BUSY DAY

Lesson Material: Mark 1:21-39.

Memory Verse: "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching. . . . and preaching. . . and healing." Matt. 9:35.

Jesus went into the city of Capernaum, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue and began to teach the people. They were surprised at the things He taught.

There was a man in the synagogue who had an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth," Jesus rebuked the man and commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him. When the man was healed the people were surprised, and began to say, "What new doctrine is this?" And they wondered by what authority Jesus could do such things. Immediately His fame spread around the country.

Upon leaving the synagogue, Jesus and James and John entered into the house of Simon and Andrew. There they found Simon Peter's mother-in-law sick with a fever. They soon told Jesus about her. Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up and immediately the fever left her and she was healed.

In the evening after the sun was down and the Sabbath was past many people who were sick and diseased, were brought to Jesus so He could heal them. There were so many that practically all the city was there. Those who were not sick had come to look on and see what wonderful things would be done.

Jesus healed many at this time. This had been a busy day for Him as He preached to them and healed the sick. He had spent the Sabbath doing good and helping the people.

A great while before daylight the next morning Jesus arose and went into a place

by Himself to pray. He felt the need of talking with His Father. And we should feel the need of talking to God when we are alone with Him.

But Simon and others followed Him, and when they had found Jesus they told Him that all men were looking for Him.

Jesus said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also." That was why He had come into the world, to preach to all people.

Questions

1. To what town did Jesus go?
2. What surprised the people?
3. Why did His fame spread?
4. Whose house did He go into?
5. Who went with Him?
6. Who was sick with a fever?
7. Tell what happened when the Sabbath was past.
8. Where did Jesus go real early in the morning?
9. Why did Jesus want to go into other cities?

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FOR JANUARY 20, 1951

JESUS CURES A SICK MAN

Lesson Material: Mark 1:40; 2:17.

Memory Verse: "Follow Me." Mark 2:14, part of verse.

A leper came to Jesus to be healed. A leper is a person with a certain disease that cannot be cured, and in olden time they were not allowed near anyone else because of spreading the disease.

But Jesus was not afraid of the man who was a leper, for when the man knelt down to Jesus and said, "If thou wilt thou canst make me clean," Jesus was sorry for him and said, "I will; be thou clean."

Jesus reached out and touched him and as He spoke the leprosy or disease immediately left the man and he was perfectly well.

Jesus told the man not to tell anyone what had been done but to go and show himself to the priest, and to make an offering because he was healed. But the man went out and began to tell the people, and because of the excitement, Jesus couldn't go into the city, but stayed out in desert

places and the people came to Him from all directions.

Another time He went into Capernaum, and it was told that He was in a certain house, and right soon many people gathered there. In fact there were so many gathered there that there wasn't room at the door for them.

Four men came bringing a man that was sick with the palsy. He was so bad that they were carrying him on his bed. When they arrived at the house the crowd was so large that they couldn't get near to Jesus. They climbed up on the roof and uncovered part of the roof and let the bed down with the man on it, into the room where Jesus was.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the sick man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." The people wondered at this saying, and Jesus knowing what they were thinking and saying, said: "Is it easier to say . . . Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and take up thy bed, and walk?"

But He told them in order for them to know that He had power on earth to forgive sins, He said to the sick man, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." Immediately the man arose, and took his bed and went out before the people. The people were amazed, and said, "We never saw it on this fashion."

Jesus was always ready and willing to heal the sick and do all the good He could to everybody He could. He left us a wonderful example, that we should help those who may need help.

Questions

1. In this lesson who was the first to come to Jesus for healing?
2. What is a leper?
3. What did the leper say to Jesus?
4. What was Jesus' answer?
5. Did the healed man keep quiet as Jesus told him?
6. Did many people come to Jesus after this?
7. Who was the next man brought to be healed?
8. Was he healed and what did Jesus tell him?
9. How did the man leave Jesus?

—: M :—

We need stories from the children.

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WINDOW SHOPPING

We like to look at things in stores—
There is so much to see;
Today we saw some pretty glass
Filled with perfumery...

We all remembered right away
How the Bible story said
The Bethany woman poured perfume
On our dear Savior's head.

—Sel.

—:: M ::—



When tempted to tell a "little white lie,"
remember all lies are wrong, and no lie is
white.

—:: M ::—

Watch and pray that you enter not into
temptation.

—:: M ::—

TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Editor and Missionary Readers:

I am a little boy five years old. I go
to school in the kindergarten grade. I
like it a lot.

I live on a farm. I like to help Daddy
do the chores. I have a calf of my own
and its name is Susan.

I go to Sabbath School. I have a little
friend in my class. His name is Bobby
Turner. We like the Missionary stories.

Your little friend,

Charles Cole.

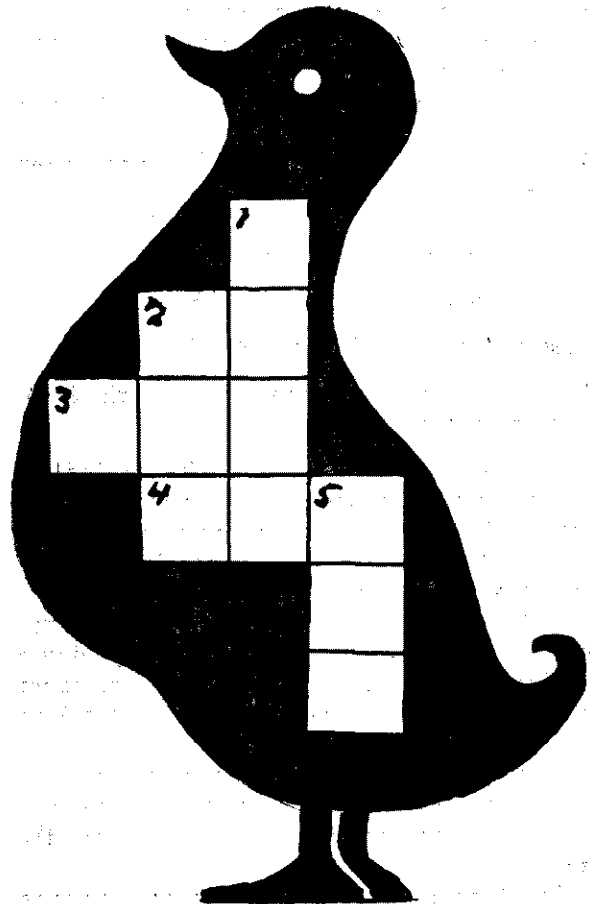
TINY TOT PUZZLE

Down

1. God is
2. Don't for... to pray.
5. Love the world.

Across

2. ye into all the world.
3. Abbreviation for third book of the
Bible.
4. Commandmnts.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle

Across: 2. go; 3. Lev.; 4. Ten.
Down: 1. love; 2. get; 5. not.

—:: M ::—

Please send us a letter.