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THE NEW YEAR.

Eighteen hundred and sixty has come—eighteen hundred and sixty-one has gone. The one has already made an epoch in the world's history; the other is likely to make a mark equally lasting and significant.

Will we not then with our friends and readers a HAPPY NEW YEAR? Or shall we do it only as a form, without faith or courage to expect the realization of the wish?

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Our Union may be dissolved. God may suffer it even so to be. He may suffer a blind and revolutionary fanaticism to hurry good and bad alike, to the desperate work of tearing apart this Union, even when every concession that can reasonably be asked, is made to the disorganizers.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FAST DAY. In pursuance of the recommendation of the chief executive of the nation, the churches of our denomination will observe Friday, the 4th of January, as a day of fasting and prayer.

LARGE RESULTS FROM SMALL LABORS.

The following narrative will cheer our Christian readers. It is a ray of light falling upon the gloom that overhangs our churches and our country.

There resides, in a little village at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains, a few miles from Altoona, a good old mother in Israel, who delights in nothing so much as in following in the footsteps of her Divine Redeemer.

We held our first meeting on last Tuesday week, at which there was a fair attendance. Much solemnity prevailed. We felt, indeed, that we had occasion for encouragement; and we thanked God who had put it into the hearts of so many to come out and hear the gospel.

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come a lamb in the Saviour's fold. From subsequent conversations with her, from her intelligent and feeling answers, we doubt not that she too was brought into the fold of the good Shepherd.

Besides these instances, we could supply other instances of hopeful conversions to God, of the most intelligent and influential men of the place. One more only will I mention now; that of a noble young man, of great intelligence, who, before our visit, was inclined to skepticism.

We held our last evening meeting, (after staying several days longer than we had arranged for,) on Wednesday last. The church was crowded. As we desired that the good work which the Lord had only begun, great as that beginning was, should go on, and believing that the most effectual way for accomplishing this, was in letting those who loved the Lord feel that we were all battling for the same purpose; and that, however much we might love the particular branch of the church of Christ, with which we were each connected, that after all, it was in the united effort of the whole church that the great power for good lay, we there open the meeting, with the intention of inaugurating a Union Prayer Meeting.

We gave notice that we should hold our next meeting between 9 and 10 o'clock the next morning. A goodly number were present, most of whom seemed anxious about their souls.

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other man in the East has preserved, in standard works the grace and purity of the Malay tongue—confessedly the Italian of the East. He has demonstrated, also, the fact that missions may, to some extent, be self-supporting; and that the Malay race—the most fierce, bigoted, and unteachable in the world, may be reached, educated, and Christianized.

On the mission premises, there are two native schools—male and female. I have incorporated two verbatim letters of rare penmanship, addressed to the Secretary of the American Tract Society, giving a description of these schools, one of which is under the charge of two accomplished daughters of the Missionary.

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though they would, that it was less clear and consistent than the similar letters which they had in their possession. It was my intention to go to the counsel with Mr. B. and talk the matter over with them and show them the peculiar difficulty of my relations to the case.

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THE GOODLY HERITAGE AND ITS HEIRS. This is the title of a thanksgiving discourse of Rev. H. H. H. I am sorry that I have disturbed the "equanimity" of this voluminous correspondent, by a statement of incontrovertible facts; and had I known that he feels responsible for the editorial reputation of the paper in question, I might have directly addressed him. I am rejoiced, however, to know that he is a reader of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, and can still cherish the hope that all will be well. But I should be the innocent occasion of wasting another column of a valuable religious paper, I will leave the "correction" to stand. G. F. W.

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