

### Happy New Year!

May every single joy You had this year Be doubled in the one That's drawing sonear

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The famous clock of the late John Muir, the noted naturalist and author, which not only woke him up in the morning, but dumped him out of bed; which delivered his books to him in regular sequence when he was studying, and which lighted his fire in the morning. has just been presented to the Wisconsin State Historical Society's museum at Madison by the Wisconsin Alumni Association of Northern California. The clock was used by Mr. Muir during his school days at Wisconsin University and is described at length in his autobiography, "The Story of My Boyhood and Youth."

If "K." the famous surgeon who so successfully veils his identity from his neighbors throughout the greater part of the novel Mary Roberts Rinehart has named for him, were a real person and still wished to keep his secret, he might well despair of doing so, for "K" the book is far past the hundred thousand mark and still going.

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Somewhere in poetry, and best in poetry because there most concentrated and most penetrative, lies crystallized experience at hand for all who need it. It is not difficult to find, although no one can find it for you. It is not necessarily exalted, romantic, passionate; it may be comfortable, basionate; it may be anything but commonplace, for no true emotion is ever commonplace, for no true emotion is ever commonplace. In have known men of one poet; and yet that poet gave them the satisfaction they required. I know others whose occasional dip into poetry leads to no rapture of beauty, not throbbing vision into eternity; and yet without poetry they would be less going. As children, most of us would have flushed before the beauty of a sunrise or a tropic ocean, felt dimly if profoundly—and forgotten. The poet-like the painter—has caught, has interpreted, has preserved the experience, so that, like music, it may be renewed. And he can perform that miracle for greater things than sunrises. This, perhaps, is the best of all reasons why every one except the emotionally senile should sometimes read poetry.—Professor Henry S. Canby, in Harper's Magazine for January.

"Treasure Island," according to a London newspaper, is one English book which the Germans are not boy-cetting, but which instead they are bringing out as a holiday gift book. Its German title is "Die Schatzinsel." In this country Stevenson's great story that been brought out also in holiday dress, with numerous illustrations by

urray W. Hocker, of Braddock, Pa., ts his brother, Dan. G. Hocker, to a to him at once. A telegram to effect was received to-day by the



#### City Rescue Mission Folk to Watch in the New Year

At the City Rescue Mission to-night special ceremonies. From 8:30 to 9:30 riffith Jones, superintendent, will con-Griffith Jones, superintendent, will conduct the regular evening service. From 9:30 to 10:30 Ira P. Dean will give an illustrated lecture on "The Life of Christ," the pictures being supplied by Miss Donnelly, connected with the State Miss Donnelly, connected with the State Museum. Plano and violin solos will be a feature of this part of the service. Following the lecture and musical program there will be a social hour lasting until 11:30. From 11:30 to 12 a devotional program will be presented. The meeting will be attended by all the officers and directors of the Mission.

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#### 1915 Has Been Notable Year in Church Life of America

Both Membership and Gifts Have Largely Increased; Some Reflexes of the World War

(By the Religious Rambler)

A religious retrospect of the year is bilities and cares. What this all means 1915, while revealing the effect of the war, shows rather surprising advances in several respects, as well as a few outstanding events.

In the first place, it seems to have been a year of recruiting for nearly all churches, for the figures of the denominations show substantial increases in membership. This notice able growth began tellistic effort has been general and has assured the continuance of the increase. The recent period of business depression reacted favorably upon church membership, as is usually the case; and twar has had a like effect.

Instead of a great slump in gifts to and through the church, such as many leaders feared, there has been a really remarkable increase, all along the line. Especially in foreign mist on a fear of the big boards have passed their highest marks. At least one reached a total of a million dollars, for the first time in its history.

How War Effects Missions
World-wide missions have been sadily upset by the war; and many missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries in Japan and India and many parts of Africa have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring nationalities have been expelled. Thus, all the German missionaries of warring n

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The Row Among Episcopalians
One of the most serious and disturbing events in a religious retrosses between the high church and the low church parties in the Protestant Episcopal denomination over the Pan-ed from the Board of Missions because the latter persists in sending ed from the Board of Missions because the latter persists in sending ed from the Board of Missions because the latter persists in sending ed legates to the conference, the Panama meeting being deemed by them as an affront to the Roman Catholic church.

Some conservative commentators have declared this split to be the beginning of an irreconcilable division in the Protestant Episcopal church. Certainly its effects upon the meeting of the interdenominational commission upon Faith and Order, to be held in Garden City this month, will be pronounced.

The Year also saw the creation of The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a

It was the year 1915 that put Billy Sunday on the world map. His meetings in Philadelphia last January and February made of him a national character, giving him front page postion on the newspapers of the land. A tremendous impetus was thereby mparted to all forms of church work, wangelight especially

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Most important of all the year's events of a religious nature has been the Armenian martyrdoms. More Christians have been slain for their faith in 1915 than in all the preceding Christian centuries. The horror of these atrocities has been slow in taking hold of the consciousness of the church, so stupendous is it, but the result may be a new world-wide Christian solidarity such as previous centuries have not achieved. Just what will grow from this latest and greatest outpouring of "the blood of the martyrs" no man can yet tell.

Clearly, 1915 has been an extraordinary year in modern religious history.

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