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MICKIE SAYS—

FROM THE ROCK-BOUND SHORES OF MAINE TO THE SUN-KISSED VALLEYS OF CALIFORNIA, FROM THE SKYSCRAPERS OF THE CITY TO THE VILLAGE PRINT-SHOP, EDITORS ALL MAKE THE SAME WISH—THAT READERS'D PAY THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS WITHOUT BEING ASKED!



NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

The following New Year's Message was written for The Reporter by the Rev. Arndt, pastor of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Grove. It was crowded out last week but we believe it carries a message that you will appreciate.

There is no better New Year's message for this sick world than that which is found in Luke 2, 21: "When eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called Jesus." The name Jesus means Savior. This we plainly see from Matthew 1, 21, where the angel, speaking of the virgin Mary's child, says: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins."

To all that desire a happy New Year, this message should be a very welcome one indeed, for without this child Jesus there can be no true and lasting happiness. Those that try to find happiness and contentment in the riches and joys of this world do not know what true happiness is. In the time of need, in the gloomy days of sickness and sorrow, and in the dark hour of death their treasures will fail them. The New Year into which they go forth so merrily, may be their last year upon earth, and if they die without the Savior, they go into eternity with the load of their sins upon them, and these sins will rise up in judgment against them and cast them into eternal misery.

Be a sure, dear friend, only Jesus can render the New Year happy, only with Him is true, lasting happiness found. Looking back on the past year, you will find that by many, many sins you have offended God, who has shown you so many mercies from day to day. Will you now enter the New Year with all those sins and with the wrath of God upon you? Can you then expect true happiness? Stop a moment and consider, this year may be the last year of your life. What are you going to do if death should lay its icy hand upon you?

You may say, "I shall resolve to do better in the New Year."

Suppose you keep your resolution and actually do better in the year to come, what about those sins of the past? They are recorded in God's Book of Omniscience, and your better life cannot blot them out. But the trouble is, dear friend, you cannot do better by your own strength. Those good resolutions are easily made on New Year's day, but are they kept? Experience proves they are just as easily forgotten as they are made. Luther well says: "The way to hell is paved with good resolutions." Your good resolutions will not make you a whit better in the sight of God. You cannot change that sinful, corrupt nature of yours merely by dropping this or that habit, or by leading an outwardly decent life. There is only one thing to save you and to make the new year a truly happy one, and that is: the

name Jesus. Jesus means Savior. He is not only named Savior, but He really is the Savior. He has accomplished the work of salvation. He was made under the law and in our stead fulfilled perfectly that law of God. Our sins were punished in Him, and in Him we have redemption through His blood.

Rejoice then in the name of Jesus! It is the sweetest of all names. It is a bottomless sea of mercy and love. Throw all your sins into it and they will sink and disappear forever! What a happy New Year you will then have! The name of Jesus will brighten all the days, even the darkest days befall you in the days to come; God only knows. But by faith in Jesus that God is your loving Father, and you are His beloved child. Whatever He sends you must be for your own good, for "He maketh all things work together for good to them that love Him. Come what may, your are safe while you believe in that child of Bethlehem. In Poverty, in sickness, and in sorrow put your trust in Him, for He says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

The hour is coming when all things must fade, and when you must part with all. That hour may come in the New Year. But cling to Him whose name was called Jesus. He will go with you through the black currents of death's stream, and will take you into heaven and make you sit together with Him in heavenly places forever for His name was called Jesus, SAVIOR!

"Jesus is the name we treasure, Name beyond what words can tell; Name of gladness, name of pleasure, Saving us from sin and hell."

BURLINGTON ESTABLISHES PENSION SYSTEM

Railroad Plans to Give Not Less Than \$25.00 per Month to Disabled or Retired Employees.

Following the announcement of President Holden on December 4, that the Board of Directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad had decided to inaugurate a pension system, there is being distributed today to all employees, a copy of the plan and the conditions under which employees are extended the benefits of the system.

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Rainbow in Summer and Winter.
Why is the rainbow so frequently seen during the summer and so seldom during winter? Its occurrence, we are told by Prof. W. J. Humphreys, the eminent meteorological physicist, requires the coexistence of rain and sunshine, a condition that often occurs during local convective showers but rarely during a general cyclonic storm, and as the former are characteristic of summer and the latter of winter, it follows that the occurrence of the rainbow correspondingly varies with the seasons.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Dec. 27, 1921.

Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Commissioners Bender, Bryce, Haller and Heardt. Commissioner Heardt took the chair in the absence of Mayor Barber.

Minutes of the meeting of December 19th, 1921, were read and Commissioner Bender moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Bender, Bryce, Haller and Acting Mayor Heardt voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bryce moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date January 3, 1922. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Bender, Haller and Acting Mayor Heardt voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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Man With Horns.
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Mending China.
Flake white, ordinary oil paint, will mend china. Be sure that there is no dust on the china. Then put a little flake white on one broken piece and hold it tightly against the other. Then put the broken dish aside for ten days or two weeks while the flake white hardens.

Ballroom Dancing.
The earliest form of ballroom dancing was the quadrille, started about 1815. This was followed by the lancers, invented in 1831. The polka was adopted in 1835. The waltz, which came from Germany, in 1735, did not become popular as a ballroom dance till later. The two-step is an American invention.

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