

Another year, with all its hopes and fears,  
Has sunk into the deep abyss of time;  
And on the threshold of the new we stand,  
Like travellers to a strange and distant clime.

Hope smiling beckons, bidding us take courage;  
Faith points to heaven where God and angels dwell,  
Assuring us that all our untried future  
Is known to him who "doeth all things well."

### From The Rose of Cherriton

The autumn day was closing, cool and dry;  
The sun was setting in a cloudless sky  
Flinging around him as he sank to rest,  
A crimson glory flushing east and west.  
The quiet landscape caught his bright farewell,  
Ere the deep shadows of the evening fell.

The gliding river, and the broken sedge,  
The pollard willows by the waters edge  
Smiled for a moment in the passing gleam  
Then sighed the sedge and darker flowed the stream;  
While cottage windows flashed into a blaze,  
And meadow pathways lay in purple haze;

A sudden glory touched the whirling mill  
More crimson glowed the heather on the hill  
And starting up beneath the pine wood shade  
A moment, stood a golden colonnade;  
Then dropped the sun, the vision died away  
And twilight followed in her sober grey.

#### 1. SATURDAY. [1-364]

New Year's Day.—Bank Holiday.

It only comes once a year and the cattle have to be fed all the same. So have we + a new year's day dinner too; whether it be beef steak + plum pudding or neeps + neep brose. Last night + this morning or last year + this year we (that is, Mr. W. Morrison, Elie, Annie, Belle, Willie + I) were waiting for the last moments of 1880. and as it neared its end we bade it farewell and welcomed the new by singing to gether the # Paraphrase. Father, Elie + W. Morrison, were at Uncle W. Henderson's. Willie took them up + I took them home. Miss Belle gave me one of E. P. Davis' works, "What could she do, as Xmas box so I have been enjoying it today." <sup>then will we a. meet again</sup>

#### 2. SUNDAY. [2-363]

Attended Divine worship in Chalmers Church Meady  
The Rev. Mr. Currie preached from the text "Is it well with the  
# Kings 4 + 26."