NOW AND THEN

A NEW LEAF

By Kathleen Wheeler.

He came to my desk with quivering lip—
The lesson was done.
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
"I have spoiled this one."
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—
The old year was done.
Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

The New Year 1940 is almost upon us. How strange it will seem to change the figures after writing 1939 for a whole year. And there will be two figures to change this New Year. The year 1939 came to us full of blessings, and altogether it seemed a year of good fellowship until September when the smoldering antagonism burst — into a flame! And although we are not actually into the brawl, yet we are by no means free from responsibility and we will feel it in various ways even if we are not brought into it.

But meantime we are rejoicing in the many blessings which have been ours all of 1939. We can truly say:
Ring happy bell across the snow—
Ring happy blel across the snow—
The year is going let him go
Ring out the false ring in the true."

And, too, we can take the blotted pages of 1939 to our merciful Father an dask that we may have a clean one with which to begin the New Year.

ENGLISHMEN VS. SCOTCHMEN

It was Samuel Johnson who in his famous dictionary, gave as a definition of oats. "A grain that is fed to horses in England and in Scotland is fed to men,"

The ever witty Scotchmen retaliated by saying." Yes, England has fine horses and Scotland has fine men."

At one time it was almost a tradition in England for prominent and worthy gentlemen to heartily dislike the Scotch.

One day Lord Stanley, cousin to the king, came for a private audience with James I, who was also James V of Scotland. Because he wore only a very plain suit, a burly Scotch guardsman mistook the nobleman for an intruder and tried to block his way. The disturbance which ensued was great enough to cause the king himself to look out and ask the trouble.

"My liege," Stanley remonstrated, "this countryman of yours will not admit me to your presence."

"And how shall I punish him, cousin?" the king asked pretending to frown. "Shall I order him to the Tower?"

"That punishment is much too light to fit the crime," Lord Stanley said. "Send him back to Scotland."

One hundred years ago, a trip from New York to Chicago would have taken months, but it would have involved no work except your own and that of a couple of straining oxen.... Today, this same trip may be made in a few hours, but it requires the combined services of hundreds of persons—aviators, engineers, radio dispatchers, teletype operators, stewardesses, ground attendants and weather experts!

THE WEEPING WILLOW'S FAMILY TREE

All the weeping willows of Great Britian and America owe their existence to a fragment of a basket used as a container for figs sent from Smyrna to Lady Suffolk, in England, early in the 18th century. Alexander Pope, the satirical poet, who was present when the gift arrived, drew out one of the withes and remarked, "Perhaps this will produce something we have not in England." He had it planted on the bank of the Thames at his villa at Twickenham, where it sprouted and grew into a fine weeping willow tree.

Years later, a young British officer, leaving for the American colonies, plucked a twig from Pope's willow, and carried it, wrapped in oiled silk, throughout the Revolution. At the end of the war he presented the twig to John Parker Custis, son of Martha Washington. Planted on the Custis estate of Abingdon, in Virginia, the withe took root and became the ancestor of all weeping willows in the United States.

THE FIRST SNOW FALL

The Snow fell all day Wednesday. In looking at its dazzling whitness, I thought of two poems both written in New England, one by Lowell, the other by Whittier.

The one written, by Lowell begins: "The Snow had begun in the gloaming."

It is a very lovely poem, descriptive of the snow covered trees and the lovely landscape.

But the central thuoght is a little grave at Mount Auburn, that was to be covered by snow for the first time. When I went to Mount Auburn, I looked for the little grave, and found it but it was not alone but surrounded by others, father, mother and brothers and sisters in that beautiful place for the sleepers.

The other poem was "Snow Bound," so descriptive of the big snow storm that one can really see it in ones mind eye, the family gathered round the fire, the neighbors coming to help dig the other neighbors out of the snow.

I remember going into the school room, and seeing a little girl intensely reading her book. "What are you reading Elinor?" I asked. "Snow Bound," she replied "I just read it over and over." Poor little Elinor was a direlict in that she had no home, but school.

Her father and mother were divorced, so she was sent away to school when her father remarried, a poor little rich girl. So when ever I see the snow I think of that little girl and wonder if she has a real home now.

GALENA

Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Houch, spent Xmas Day with his mother in Reading, Pa.

News was received this week of the sudden death of Mrs. Annie Kendall in Rock Hall. Prior to her death she was a frequent visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Crouch.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stevens, of Chicago, Ill., spent the Xmas holidays, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Starr entertained on Xmas Day the following: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woodall of Massey, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Callawoy and son, Kenny, of Chestertown, Md.

Miss Jennie Parr entertained the 500 card last Thursday evening at her home.

The members of the Philathea Class were entertained at a Xmas Party last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Earle Gilfillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey and daughter, Miss Nellie were recent guests of his sister, Miss Carrie Dempsey in Dover, Del.

Miss Geneive Cochran entertained at diner last Sunday, her mother, Mrs. Wilson Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran and family, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran and family, Mr. Thomas Cochran and Miss Helen Caulk.

Master Robert Kent, of Wilmington, Del., is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A Bolton.

Mrs. Harry Jarman and family, of Baltimore, Md., are spending this week at their country place, near town.

Miss Martha Whitaker, of Chestertown, Md., spent the Xmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hicks.

The Philathea Class held a banquet in the M. E. Chapel on Friday evening a delightful supper was served and games were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Blanche Cochran of Baltimore Md., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. William Towler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ireland, Mr. Lewis Cruickshank, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the week end with the latters sister, Mrs. Lucy Bond in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. L. R. Vansant left last Wednesday to spend the winter months with his daughter, Mrs. Terry Mitchell in Waynesboro, Pa.

Mrs. Showers has returned to her home in Baltimore, Md., after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Kimble near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gilespie, and daughter, Ruth and Betsy, of Ocean View, Del., are spending this week with her father, Mr. Frank H. Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Hoffecker, of Wilmington, Del., spent the Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dill.

Mr. George Johnson, Sr., and son, spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. George Carroll in Dover, Del.

Midnight services were held in St. Dennis R. C. Church and the M. E. Church, both services were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moffett, of Middletown, Del., were Sunday guests at the home of his father, Mr. John Moffett, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Powell and family were entertained at Xmas dinner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stedham, near Sassafras, Md.

Mrs. Katherine Sampsel, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nicholson.

Misse Helen Davis, Maxine Johnson, Mr. Herbert Ford, Jr., of Salisbury State Normal School, Miss Margaret Ellen Ford, of University of Maryland, Miss Clara Davis of Fredericksburg, Md., Miss Hazel Bolton, of Beacom College in Wilmington, Del., spent the Xmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hurtt left last week to spend several months with their son, Woodland, in Avon Park, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Schrieber and daughter, Anne, of Chestertown, Md., spent Xmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mistake About Finland

Commonest mistake about Finland is that, because it is a northern country, it must be cold. Actually, it is as warm as the south of England or northern France. The sun is as warm—and there is more of it because the days are longer.

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