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A New Year's Greeting

By Emory J. Haynes

THINK of an Egyptian pyramid—the Sphinx, for instance, that stone forged head of a man. It stolidly stares out of sightless eyes over the wastes of sand. Now think of a big town clock in the forehead of that hard face. The hour hand has been wagging around and yet around for all these centuries. And now it marks the beginning of another New Year. Does the stony face smile? No. Do the granite lips move to bid us, of this age, a Happy New Year? No. If we speak up to the broken ears do they hear? Never.

¶Such a senseless, heartless thing is time. It knows us not nor cares for us. It has no eyes to see us, whether we be Greeks, Egyptians or Yankees. As well might be the countless grains of the desert sands, we and the generations gone before us. Our laughter and our tears are alike to time. If we living beings carve a clock on its brows; if we renew its wheels as they wear out; if we wind it day by day and appoint our children to keep it going after us; if we make its iron tongue strike the hours on a bell, it yet is nothing to the sphinx of Old Time. We only are the living ones. Time is not alive. And if there were no living ear of man or beast on the vast Sahara there would be no sound of the striking clock.

¶We speak in error of the New Year's coming. It is we living souls who come and go. Time never comes, never goes; is not new, not old. Time is a fetish, an imaginary thing. Man is all, in fact, since the soulless beasts take no note of time, and God's measure is Eternity.

¶What we do on New Year's day is to take note of our existence. Away back of us are multitudes of human lives to whom we realize our relation. We say back of us. Why not say before us? For they are the procession that passed this way. Are we the head of the column, or is it they who have gone before? In either view we are all one. It is Humanity that is passing over the earth. The Sphinx is nothing since it has no soul to see us pass, or to hear us as we pause and toss our caps in the air before him in a New Year's festival.

¶Instead of the pyramid let us look up to a Father. How different the thought! Eyes has He and He sees us; ears, and He hears our thankful acclaims. Hands has He, which extend themselves to sustain us, to help the toddling children, to upbear the aged, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night."

¶We think today of brotherhood. We are conscious alike of our mortality and our immortality. Life seems sweet and we are glad to be alive. Life seems all embracing, all conquering, for we have survived so many trials and yet are living.

¶In vain does one seek to put it in words, this mighty shout of men into the faces of the aged stars and to the sunrise, "A Happy New Year." It is a day of tinkling bells and music with dancing feet. Yet poor indeed must be the mind that cannot also rise to say: "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him?" And so give thanks.

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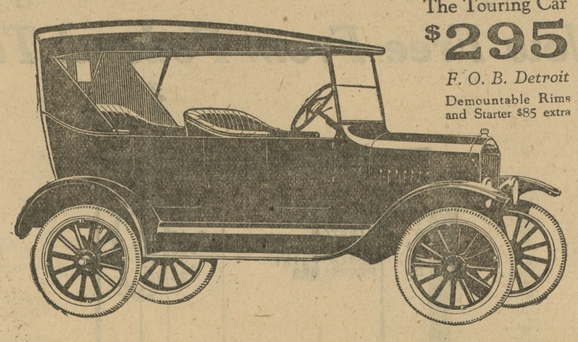

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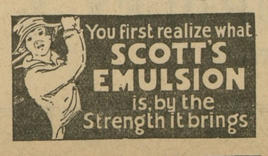

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