

[WRITTEN FOR THE EXAMINER]

New Year at School.

A happy new year has begun With tokens bright and fair; The old year through its course has run, And with it many hearts have gone Beyond our reach and care.

New resolutions have been passed; We hope that they will stand The wear and tear of life, and last Long after this new year has passed, To strengthen heart and hand.

Back to his books, with frame and mind Recruited, has returned The merry student, glad to find His heart to industry inclined, After a rest well earned.

The old walls ring with mirth again; And greetings warm and kind From friends and teachers cure the pain Of parting from the loved we find Would never leave behind.

But settled down to work once more We quickly cease to frown; Knowing the future has in store Days brighter still than those of yore If we but persevere.

With duty done and conscience clear Our lives will blessings prove, And we can make each glad new year The better for our being here By fellowship and love.

J. B. DOCKENDORFF.

THE FAIR GOD.

BOOK THREE.

CHAPTER IV.

(Continued.)

And the prisoner arose and saluted court and king, and answered, "It is true that on the night of the banquet I fought the Tezucan; by favor of the gods I defeated without slaying him. He is here in person to acquit me.

"Bring the witness," said the judge. Some of the officers retired; during their absence a solemn hush prevailed; directly they returned, carrying a palanquin. Right before the dais they set it down, and drew aside the curtains. Then slowly the Tezucan came forth—weak, but unconquered. At the judge he looked, and at the king, and all the fire in his haughty soul burned in the glance. Borrowing strength from his pride, he raised his head high and said scornfully:

"The power of my father's friend is exceeding great; he speaks, and all things obey him. I am sick and suffering; but he bade me come, and I am here. What new shame awaits me?"

Montezuma answered, never more a king than then: "Hualpili was wise; his son is foolish; for the memory of the one I spare the other. The keeper of this sacred place will answer why you are brought here. Look that he pardons you lightly as I have."

Then the judge said, "Trince of Tezucan, you are here by my order. There stands one charged with your murder. Would you have had him suffer the penalty? You have dared be insolent. See, O prince, that before tomorrow you pay the treasurer ten thousand quills of gold. See to it, and returning the portrait to the clerk, he added, "Let the accused go acquit."

"Ah! said I not so, said I not so?" muttered the Chatean, rubbing his hands joyfully, and disturbing the attentive people about him.

"Hut! hut!" they said impatiently. "What more! hearken!" Hualpa was kneeling before the monarch. "Most mighty king," he said, "if what I have done be worthy reward, grant me the discharge of this fine."

"How!" said Montezuma, amazed. "The Tezucan is your enemy?" "Yet he fought me fairly, and is a warrior."

The eyes of the king sought those of Iztilil. "What says the son of Hualpili?" The latter raised his head with a flash of the old pride. "He is a slave of Guatemala's; I scorn the intercession. I am yet a prince of Tezucan."

Then the monarch went forward, and sat by the judge. Not a sound was heard till he spoke. "Arise and come near," he said to Hualpa. "I will do what becomes me."

His voice was low and tremulous with feeling, and over his face came the peculiar suffusion of sadness afterwards its habitual expression. The hunter kissed the floor at his feet, and remained kneeling. Then he continued:

"Son of the Tihuacan, I acknowledge I owe my life to you, and I call all to hear the acknowledgment. If the people have thought this prosecution part of my gratitude—if they have marvelled at my appearing as your accuser, much have they wronged me. I thought of reward higher than they could have asked for you; but I also thought to try you. A slave is not fit to be a chief, nor is every chief fit to be a king. I thought to try you; I am satisfied. When your fame goes abroad, as it will; when the minstrels sing your valor; when Tenochtitlan talks of the merchant's son who, in the garden, slew the tiger, and saved the life of Montezuma—let them also tell how Montezuma rewarded him; let them say I made him noble."

Thereupon he arose, and transferred the pacche from his head to Hualpa's. Those close by looked at the gift, and saw, for the first time, that it was not the crown, but the crest of a chief or caecque. Then they knew that the trial was merely to make more public the honors designed.

"Let them say further," he continued, "that with my own hand I made him a warrior of the highest grade," and bending over the adventurer, he clasped around his neck the collar of the supreme military order of the realm. "Nor is that all. Rank, without competence, is a vexation and shame. At the foot of Chapultepec, on the shore of the lake, lie an estate and place of which I have been proud. Let it be said, finally, that I gave them to enrich him and his forever." He paused, and turned coldly to the Tezucan. "But as to the son of Hualpili, his fine must stand, such pride must be punished. He shall pay the gold, or forfeit his province." Then, outstretching toward the audience both his arms, he said, so as to be heard throughout the chamber, "Now, O my children, justice has been done!"

The words were simple; but the manner, royal as a king's and patriarchal as a pontiff's, brought every listener to his knees. "Stand up, my Lord Hualpa! Take your place in my train. I will return to the palace." With that he passed out.

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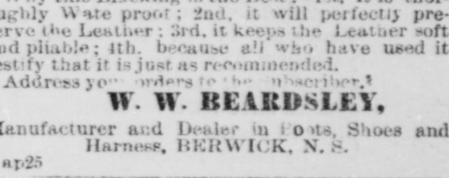
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