

history, it may not be superfluous to express the hope that our "Ritualistic Evangelicals" will not in their turn become exclusive, and look down with contempt upon their brethren whose tastes are simpler or more puritanical.

It is, after all, largely a matter of temperament whether we appreciate or dislike elaborate ritual; but there is one point on which all Evangelicals may surely agree, and that is, that the outward forms of our worship, whether ornate or simple, should not be prompted merely by the motive of imitation, but by the desire to express with the utmost clearness the Evangelical ideal of the Christian religion.



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UPON the threshold of the dawning year
 Two messengers stand ready to attend
 And me, by God's appointment, to befriend
 And bid strong confidence take place of fear.
 In them His own sweet Presence doth appear,—
 Fulfilment of Love's promise, "to the end."—
 O'er hill or dale, where'er my path may trend,
 Their aid and comfort are for ever near.
 Fallen, the hand of Mercy doth restore,
 Fainting, the arms of Goodness me embrace;
 I lie in peace on "restful waters'" shore,
 And feast in joy spite of my foe's grim face.
 And Death's dark vale is but the opening door
 To my dear Lord's eternal dwelling-place.