

What The years Take and Bring

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I saw a church not long ago, a few miles from here, beneath whose shadow you may stand and looking up at its gray walls say to them, "Since you were built practically every person there living on earth has died."

How short are the years of physical man when compared to walls of stone.

The writer of our text must have a large place in literature. His theme is the few brief years of man and the long eternal years of God. Indeed how short is ^{our} time. We may stand on our court house yard and look up at that splendid building and say "when every person now living on the earth has passed to the other side across the river of death, your walls will still remain as they are with but little change."

What is man's life? Moses answers in a series of beautiful pictures

- Like grass
- Like vapor
- Like tale that is told

Remembering
my time has

I
There are certain things which the years take away. Youth is a world. By the years, you are a man when you have a rage for living. Memory is powerful up to twenty then begins to falter. It is a great time for putting deep and steady the foundation of life. That rich, wise and

and sad king in Jerusalem recalled
his wasted years and urged thousands
of young men to make the most of
their youth.

I have seen men who were strong and
robust men. As a boy I held them as an
ideal of strength. Now I go back to my
town and see them lean on their canes.
Take your youth.

They take away opportunity. A corn field
all ripe with grain is beautiful. When
it goes beyond proper time for gathering and
rain comes the corn falls rot and
is never the corn it was.

This however is nothing a tragedy com-
pared to retrospect which brings up before
us purposes unfulfilled, friendships neg-
lected and lives by neglect of our
to a ~~point~~ end.

Now is the time to do. Time is passing
past. You have a chance to spend the
S.S. the ~~best~~ opportunity of building a
church to care for the religious life of the
people called Methodist in New Albany.
Look ten years will have passed since
you bought a lot on which to build a
church and at our present rate of pro-
gress ten years will pass and no new church
will beautify the lot but the debt on the
lot will remain unpaid. Oh I wish
this expression would make you in-
dignant at me if your indignation
at me would result in ~~unpaid~~ cut
your indebtedness as a church and
erec ~~such~~ a building as I know you
are able to build when you get to where
you really want it. If we really
mean business in our religion then

Let us to a man get busy and make this
year witness the wiping out our debt
and the building of a new church.

The years take away honor
and office and give them to
youth.

One of the hordest things to
bear about the years is that
they take away our loved
ones and friends.

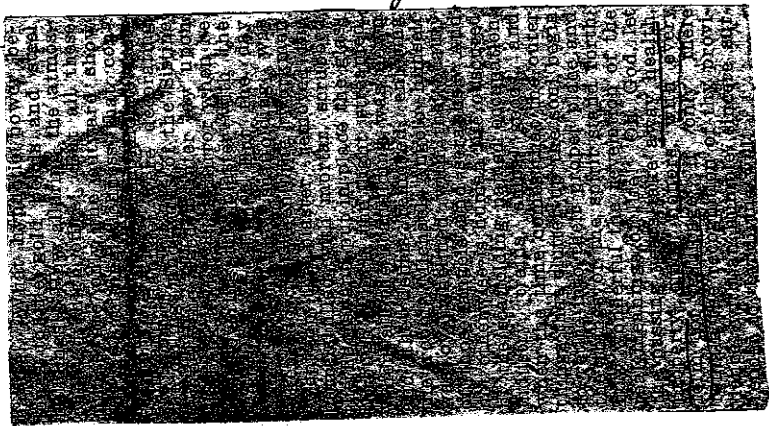
A man last year, over
40 likened his maturity
to a great forest covered
with trees - his friends
and his old age a field
covered with stumps.

II

There are certain things
the years bring to us. ① The conviction that
this world is a good world, we have trouble
but yet there is a movement upward. The
storm brings its rain but the rain reaches
roots of the trees and brings fruit. Winter
comes but cracks the ground and accords
to release the plant which becomes the tree.

② A better revelation of the hidden things

II.



The years bring gray heads. we thank
God for these heads that have faced the storms
that come in the christian life and come off
more than conquerors. Every gray hair
tells of some struggle met and over come.

not only gray hairs come with the piling
up of the years but wrinkles also come. wrinkles
on your faces today? yes, and as you
sons and daughters look into a wrinkled
face to-day may you men up courage to
ask "mother, mother, did I make any of these
wrinkles? Those wrinkles that have stood
wrigles and served as the passage way
for the hot burning tears of a troubled heart?

yes the years have taken much and
much they have brought.

The character of the things which the
year bring is determined largely by the
conduct of our lives. If we are much
in prayer and if we are very faithful
- 1925 it will bring many joys our
way. will you be faithful will you
pray for the ~~our~~ going of the kingdom

Bring out the teachings of parents
and teachers in the life of youth.

