

ARTS BALL.

They said good-bye to 1938 in the old, old way in London --- the annual Chelsea Arts Ball at the Albert Hall. A floor thronged with merry people, singing and dancing and shouting.

You might feel that New Year Celebrations are a triumph of optimism over experience --- but it's a good thing that we can always look forward to the future with hope, Anyway, for the time being --- let us enjoy the noise and the music

~~of course this year they did the new dance -- the Charleston~~

~~There.~~

Then the high spot of the show --- the parade of floats round the floor --- all very gay. At times you ~~might~~ got an uneasy feeling that you'd wandered into the wrong room

~~but New Year's Eve is celebrated all over the world with~~

~~excitement and fervour.~~ In the streets the happy crowds bid good-bye to the old year and welcome the new. ~~Though~~ if 1939 isn't any better than 1938, next year will get the bird

What shall we say to the New Year this time? ~~What shall we~~ we shall ~~hope for?~~ We shall hope for peace and prosperity --- ~~and~~ work to ~~and~~ --- and/build a foundation of international goodwill and humane feeling for the future.

KING'S MESSAGE.

We say good-bye to the old year on a note of good wishes from our King. And with loyalty and affection we wish ~~him~~ His Majesty and the Royal Family a happy reign for many years to

come.

*The year, 1939, has done the chariot tree*