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GOD WITH US—A HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR.

God with us! Immanuel!
Open, with the year before us,
Thy treasury where blessings dwell,
And their fulness scatter o'er us.
Source of good! make us to know
Whence our daily comforts flow.

Thou art the body and the soul,
Oh, Thou source of every blessing!
Every anxious fear control.
Lead us still, Thy grace possessing,
Where Thy foot in mercy treads,
Where Thy hand its bounty sheds.

Let our every act be blest,—
Our incoming and outgoing;
May Thine eye upon us rest,
Still the path to glory showing.
We our need of grace confess;
Let Thy grace, Lord, give success.

Make us seek our heavenly home,
Here on earth let concord flourish;
And though evil days should come,
Let e'en then our graces nourish.
Let the city and the state,
Through Thy "gentleness," be great.

Lord, Thy covenant seal impress
On the year Thy love is sending;
With divine protection bless
Its beginning, midst, and ending.
Hear our humble prayer, and—then
Thyself pronounce the glad Amen.

—From the German of B. Schmolke.

THE PAST YEAR AND ITS LESSONS.

Another year has closed; its record has been completed; its opportunities, whether wisely improved, or foolishly neglected, have been withdrawn from us; its lessons of encouragement or of warning have been delivered. It has passed, and a single one of its precious moments cannot now be recalled. We have begun a new year. What shall be its character no one can tell. Whether it shall be an eventful year with great and important facts standing on its record, or whether it shall pass quietly, with no event of startling interest, we do not know; but we do know that we are responsible for the time which God is giving us, and that it becomes us