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THE YEAR 1858.

READER, while you are perusing the twelfth number of our periodical, the year 1858 will be about numbered with the past, and the occurrences, both small and great, which have transpired during its passage from "time is" to "time was, shall remain in history's keeping till "time shall be no more."

And while its funeral knell is being tolled, it would be well for us whose lives have been spared, and guarded through all its mutations, by HIM who rules throughout the armies of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth, to remember that all the phases which the

world of mind has assumed are recorded for our benefit, for our instruction, and should be weighed in the balance of man's moral and intellectual ability.—They are the ways the Divine Lawgiver adopts in order to usher in the time when "knowledge shall cover the earth."

Reader, which of us on retracing the individual vicissitudes of the expiring year with regard to ourselves, cannot point to some change, either in our situation in life, or the departure from our midst of some dear relative or kind friend? Reader, if you have been pro-