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ANOTHER YEAR GONE. COME.

WE are not among those who believe in making flourishing reports. We learn from God's word that, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise;" and we are convinced that in voluminous reports the same element is not lacking, and therefore we deem it wise to refrain from writing too much. In looking over the past year we see much to encourage. The Lord has been very good to us in many ways. Especially do we rejoice in the fact that souls have been won for Christ in our Rooms; troubled ones have been comforted; helpless ones have been aided; and weak ones have been encouraged and strengthened. At the same time we see much to call for humility. How many neglected opportunities; how much negligently done; how much left undone! But the past cannot be recalled; and now forgetting the past, we would press forward, trusting that by Divine grace the coming year may be marked by greater faithfulness, and then we know it will be marked by greater fruitfulness. We wish all our fellow-workers, and our many readers a truly "Happy New Year."

OUR WORKERS.

THE regular monthly social meeting of our workers was held last Thursday, when notwithstanding the very inclement weather, there was a large attendance, and a spirit of earnest devotedness to the Master and His work prevailed. The work was talked about and prayed over.

ELOCUTION

MR. R. LEWIS, the well known professor of elocution, has consented to take charge of a class in connection with the Association. Should a sufficient number offer, the class will open the second week in January. The conditions upon which

entries may be made, can be learned on application to the Secretary, or his Assistant.

MEETINGS.

OUR Monday meetings are well attended, and are increasing each week. The same may be said of the Sunday evening gospel service. The meeting held last Sunday had the largest attendance of any this season, and a pleasing feature was the proportion of young men present.

NOW.

GOD speaks very loudly, demonstrating the truth, "Man's life is but a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away." "All flesh is as grass, and the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." One man sets out to go to an entertainment, and falls down on the way, and shortly after expires. Another man is energetically making arrangements for athletic sports, two days after is a corpse. These and many more such like cases say to the living, with a voice that ought to be heard, "Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after death, the judgment." Reader, if it had been you who had been thus cut off, *where would your soul be throughout eternity?* Boast not thyself of to-morrow; you are but a tenant-at-will, and may be called as suddenly from time into eternity. Then as the tree falls so it must lie—unsaved, lost for ever and ever and ever. Do not say to these solemn appeals, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee." That "convenient season" may never come! *Now*, to day, is the "accepted time." "Hell" is no fiction; "the lake of fire" no cunningly-devised fable; "the smoke of their torment ascending for ever and ever" no lie; and "everlasting punishment" no creation of a disordered fancy. They are found in the word of truth, which endureth for ever.