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THE NEW YEAR.

WE have now entered upon a new year. "Eighteen hundred and thirty-nine" has gone, with all its pleasures and pains. We felt exceedingly loth to part with it; for it was an old friend, from whom we have experienced many joys, though these were often mingled with sorrow. Yet it is gone, and we cannot recal it. The wheel of time moves steadily on, regardless alike of the impatient or the sluggard; and it has now brought us to an new era in our lives. Another year has opened upon us, in all its brightness. May the snow that we see around us, be emblematic of the purity of our lives.

New-years-day is a day to which all look with some degree of delight. The young, on this day, give way to their hilarity; and the old, partake somewhat of their joy. But it is a day which is often spent in sensual gratification. We hardly need remind our readers, that such is not the way in which it should be spent. To spend this day in a profitable manner, we ought to devote a part of it at least to reading the Scriptures, meditation, and prayer. And now that we have entered upon a new year, we would express a desire that all our readers may have "a happy New Year"—that they may be happy in the enjoyment of the temporal blessings that their Heavenly Father has bestowed upon them;—and, above all, happy in the enjoyment of pure and undefiled religion.

At this season, we may profitably take a

retrospect of the past, and allow our minds to penetrate into the future. We would, therefore, lay before our readers some of the occurrences of the *past year*, that we may be led to refrain from that which is evil, and to persevere in that which is good. We commence with ourselves. In doing so, we are pleased that we are able to offer the language of contratulation, instead of complaint. The January number of the last volume closed by placing this important question before its readers: "*Is the Magazine to be continued?*" And it was then stated, that unless "*one hundred and fifty additional subscribers*" were obtained, we would be compelled to bid them a melancholy farewell. The call that we made in July last has been nobly responded to. The Subscription List has exceeded our most sanguine expectations; the monies received up to this period have been considerable; while the flattering testimonials that have been sent to us—*unsolicited*—from the most talented individuals of the Baptist denomination on this Continent, induce us to hope, that the *Canada Baptist Magazine* will soon have an extensive circulation, and find a welcome in every family not ashamed to claim some kindred with that "sect that is every-where spoken against."

We would here tender our thanks to those friends who have kindly assisted us with their literary contributions; and also to those who have exerted themselves in procuring Subscribers. We have no doubt that they