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A NEW VOLUME.

The present number is a fair specimen of what our readers may expect throughout the year. We may safely ask, have we fully redeemed our promise in the last number of Volume II.? We solicit careful, thoughtful, and prayerful reading; for our main object in writing and publishing is to do good. We said in December number of last year, that we would lose on the magazine as we did on the first, but we thankfully correct that mistake, the loss this year, if any, will be trifling. But we wish to extend our circulation much beyond the past, and therefore very earnestly request the assistance of all our readers to accomplish this. Many of those who pay for one copy could do so for two or more, and send them to friends abroad. Others could ask their acquaintances to swell our subscription list, and with very little trouble and self-denial this little work might be made a power for good in many homes. We have up to the present distributed gratis about twice the number that are subscribed for, but this is costly, and unless the list of paying subscribers is much increased we cannot continue this. However, we have made arrangements to do so for this year, and if we receive the encouragement that the work merits, we shall send it to those who are too poor to pay, or in circumstances where payment is not easy if at all possible. Those who wish to have their numbers through the post will be charged *One Dollar* per annum, but when sent through the agents, will be delivered at the same price as last year, sixty cents.

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THE NEW YEAR.

We sincerely wish every Christian reader "A Happy New Year," and right sure we are, that throughout every day of this year of grace, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, God designs to make His own loved ones happy. Everything in nature, in providence, and in Christ combines to make us happy. The sun rises and shines for us; our Father's power provides all things for our comfort; our Elder Brother, bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh, is ever before the Throne, spreading for us His hands, and pouring forth His all-prevailing prayer. We are heirs of God, and joint heirs of Christ Jesus. What matter if the world knoweth us not; it knew Him not; Jesus

knows us; angels know us. We are never for one second out of the thoughts of the Omnipotent God. This year bears us nearer the great Redemption Day. Perhaps He may come again to receive us to Himself. We look for the blessed hope—not death, but the glorious appearing of the Great God, our Saviour Jesus Christ. We may have our share of the world's temptations. "A few more trials, a few more tears," but we have likewise "the strong consolations." In His loving bosom we may sob out our sorrows, in His compassionate ear we can pour all our complaints. We will not have more than our share of suffering, but we shall find grace to help in time of need. Be happy, dear child of God; a review of the past should confirm thy faith. The worst part of the journey is over. Has one good thing failed of all the Lord thy God promised?

Meditate on the exceeding great and precious promises till your whole soul is filled with joy. Place the telescope of faith to thy eyes, and behold the Delectable Mountains; the hills of immortality, crowded with the glorified. Remember once they were mourners here below, and poured out cries and tears.

A LIFE OF POWER.

Many believers have little power. They pray, but there is no power. They teach, but no good results follow. They exhort, but no unction attends the word. Temptation and trials come, and they seem to have no power to stand, much less to triumph. These things ought not to be. God's people should triumph always. Why then are so few endued with power? Because "they have not received the Holy Ghost since they believed." They have been pardoned, justified and adopted into God's family, but there they have stood. Now what we wish to urge believers to seek, is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This grace is as manifestly intended for the Church of God in this age, as it was in apostolic times. The only reason that it is not obtained is that it is not sought. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." When believers are filled with the Holy Spirit they will speak the Word of life with power; they will pray in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and God will again confirm their words by signs and wonders following. The Church will no longer be powerless in the presence of infidelity, worldliness, intemperance, and other forms of vice, but the "feeblest shall be as David, and house of David as the angel of the Lord before him."

Let all who feel their need of power confess their