

THIS SHALL BE UNTO YOU THE BEGINNING OF MONTHS.—EX. NO. 2.

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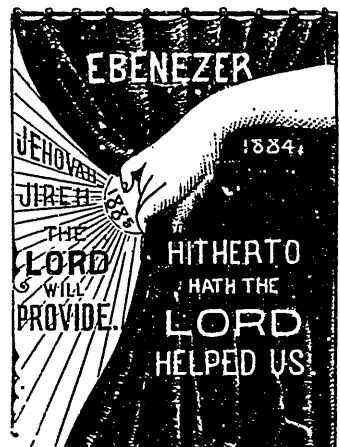
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BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.



Another Year.



AMONG the designs in New Year cards issued a few years ago by an English publishing house, was one which to our mind was most appropriate and expressive. On one side of the card was represented a female figure, standing by the side of a stone tablet on which was carved the events of the past year. In her hand she held a chisel, and at her feet lay the mallet, signifying that her work as Recorder for that year was complete. On the other side of the card was a similar tablet without inscription, but the female figure was

engaged, with mallet and chisel in hand, carving the date of the New Year. The last numeral was completed, and there was about the figure that which led the looker-on to imagine that she was about to turn and ask, "What is the first deed to be inscribed?" The lessons of that card have been forcibly impressed upon our mind during the past week. Another year's record of work has closed. The tablet for 1884 is complete. How much of it is such as shall stand the test of that great day when every man's work shall be tried? The year with its anxieties, its labors, its blessings, its discouragements, its failures has passed. We can alter nothing, we can crase none of the inscriptions. But there is before us an ungraven tablet. Shall it record work performed more in accord with the Divine will, a deeper consecration to the service of Him "who died for us that we which live should not henceforth live unto ourselves," a higher—nobler—truer conception of the magnitude and importance of the work entrusted to us? God grant that it may be so.