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If any man be in
Christ, he is a
new creature: old
things are passed
away; behold, all
things are become
new.—2 Cor. v. 17.

OUR NEW YEAR'S MOTTO.

"THE LORD HATH BEEN MINDFUL OF US;—
HE WILL BLESS US."

TRULY Thou hast been mindful, Lord,
And ne'er has failed Thy faithful word;
The record of the closing year
Bids us give thanks and banish fear.
No morning came without Thy love,
And countless blessings from above;
Thy sheltering wings made midnight shade,
And we, Thine own, were safely laid.

O, may we praise Thee as we ought,
For hopes fulfilled and joys unsought;
O, may we love Thee as we might,
Were feeble faith exchanged for sight;—
That all we asked Thou didst not give.
That daily chast'ning made us live
More near to Thee; and joys ungiven
Increased our treasure-store in heaven.

We are but weak, Lord, yet the more
Would we Thy mindfulness adore,
And trust Thy love this Opening Yea.,
With all that is so dearly dear.
Lead us, Lord, in the homeward-way,
Our joy be Thine, our Staff and Stay;
Bear Thou our burdens and our cares,
And bless us as Thy word declares.

—Selected.

OUR BULLETIN.

THE present number completes
Volume II. of our BULLETIN.
During the year we have re-
ceived, from many quarters,
testimony as to its usefulness, and hopes
have been expressed that its publication
may be continued. It has proved itself
specially useful to our work in boarding
houses and hotels, as it is readily received,
and even welcomed by many who would
certainly refuse a tract. We feel thankful
that the Lord has thus owned our effort.
It has ever been our aim to make the
BULLETIN an advocate for whole-souled
Christian work by Christian Associations.
We are daily becoming more impressed
with this fact, that there is too much of the
world and its amusements mixed up with
many of our Christian organizations of
the present day, and the sooner the separa-
tion takes place, the better it will be, both
for the world and the Christian. The
complaint made by the Lord, as spoken
in Ezekiel xxii. 26, "They have put
NO DIFFERENCE between the holy
and profane, neither have they showed
DIFFERENCE between the unclean and
the clean," is to a great extent applica-
ble to much of the Christian (?) work in the
present day. There has been much
pandering to the tastes and desires of the
world, and we have been so anxious to
heed the advice, "to be wise as serpents,"
that without being aware of it, we fear we
have been doing much of the "old ser-
pent's" work. It is vain to expect that we
can beat Satan with his own weapons. He
is too well skilled in their use, and nothing
but the "sword of the Spirit and the shield
of faith" will prove of service against him.

We are not prepared at the present mo-