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1802.—We stand upon the threshold of another year. Although one moment of time is just like another, yet the period we term New Year's Day is weighted with thoughts and things above the ordinary. It is the time we take a retrospective survey, and add up the records of the past to see how we stand in God's favor, whether we have advanced or retrograded, and how far. It is the time, too, for laying plans and making promises to ourselves for the coming year. The future is always vast, infinitely vast in possibilities. May each one of the REVIEW readers realize, as far as it is to their positive good, their brightest hopes. This is our greeting to you.

The greatest need of the Society of Friends, to day, is ability to present our principles clearly and convincingly before the world. We have principles and religious truth that are worthy of the richest settings the English language can give. But alas, how weak are we in that respect! Are we doing our duty to a religion that is capable of such vast possibilities? If Quakerism is the most spiritual, it is also the most poetic, and the most scientific, of all modern religions. These facts need but be clearly demonstrated to be accepted by every honest, earnest and unbiased thinker. These are statements we leave with the reader, for the present, to ponder over. In the meantime we intend to make the REVIEW do the little that is in its power, in this line, to entice the young people into the habit of closer and deeper thinking, and of more frequent and careful writing. While thus greatly benefitting our Society, we hope to make the REVIEW more in accordance with its first design, more complete in execution, and more generally interesting to its readers. Our plan is this—we will give prizes for original articles as follows:

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