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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

IN writing this well known salutation we desire that your experience should infinitely surpass that which is usually comprehended in the word *Merry*. May your heart be merry—Your face be cheerful—and your soul rejoice in the knowledge that through faith in the blood of Him (in remembrance of whose birth this day is observed) your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Be Merry? Yes. Happy? Yes. The Christian should be of all men the happiest. "Christianity is not a sepulchral thing, a gloomy life, a depressed condition of social existence. True the Christian life has its sorrows; but these

are not unsweetened. It has its shadows, but these are not unmingled with bright beams of heavenly light. The light of our life is not a dim, but a bright religious life. The light is bright. He is our light. "Whom, having not seen we love; in whom though now we see Him not, yet believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory. We "Joy in God." Therefore we wish you like joy, and reiterate the words A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice."

A NEW VOLUME.

We purpose commencing Vol. II. of the Bulletin with the New Year. We thank our friends who by favoring us with their advertisements have enabled us to publish thus far without cost to the Association. While they have thus done much towards helping on our work, we believe they have also reaped corresponding benefit. The Bulletin is faithfully distributed among the Boarding Houses, Railway Stations, and Manufactories, and the unanimous testimony of our Young Men is that it is not only favorably received but cordially welcomed. We hope at an early date to largely increase the edition published, and by illustrated articles, and a choice selection of reading to make it a true Messenger of the Gospel among the Young Men of Toronto. Friends pray for us and it.

SOME ITEMS ABOUT OUR WORK.

No. I.

Toronto Hospital,

DEAR BROTHER,—I am very thankful to the Lord that I am once more made well, after a severe illness; and still thank Him that He sent me such a friend as you have been to me, in providing for me as you have done. My strength is