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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

THE NEW YEAR.

As we have now entered upon a new year of our existence, we should strive to learn some wholesome lessons from the past, and open up some new and good purpose for the future. There will be no difficulty in the accomplishment of this, provided we view the future in the spirit of our Master, and be willing to do, and that with our whole might, whatsoever our hands find to do. There are openings every day for the willing to enter in the service of Christ and in the work of the church. Should this meet the eye of any of our Sunday-school scholars, we hope that they will pause a moment and think over the great field open for doing good. How many boys and girls are growing up not blessed with good and godly parents, and consequently growing up in ignorance and sin. In the streets and lanes of our towns and cities, and also by the waysides of our country settlements, they are to be found by the score and hundred. Could not something be done for the purpose of having the knowledge of Jesus Christ brought home to them? There is no reason why Sunday scholars themselves should avoid special and repeated intercourse with them for the purpose of bringing them into the "nursery of the church." Now what better resolution could our Sunday-scholars make at the beginning of another year than this—to endeavour more zealously to increase the roll-books of their schools by inducing those who have not been in attendance to enter at once?

To the Teachers in our Sunday schools we wish to address a few remarks. This is a class of persons the most self-denying and really benevolent in the world. To our S. S. Teachers the church owes a double debt of gratitude, simply because their labours are disinterested and sincere, and it is well that they should be reminded and that at the beginning of a year, of one very serious drawback to the usefulness and success of many of the best and most worthy of this self-denying class of men and women. To be a Sunday school teacher should mean to be one whose whole desire is after holiness, and whose life is consecrated to God. Now this being so, why is it that so many excellent S. S. teachers remain outside of the communion of the church? Let teachers make this another question for consideration on the New Year.