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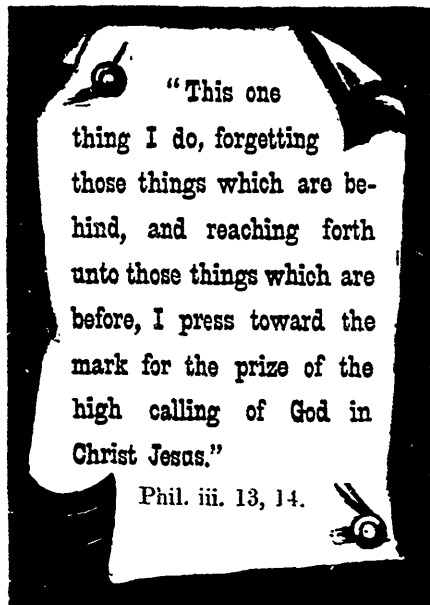
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ANOTHER YEAR.

AMONG the designs in New Year cards issued last season 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 1880 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 1881. 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 to be the first deed which I must inscribe?" 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 1880-81 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 blessing, its discouragements, its failures has passed. We can alter nothing, we can erase 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, and that large numbers of the young men of Toronto may be won for the Lord Jesus. If this be not the result, all else will be but comparative failure.

The year now passed has been unmarked by any of those special features which at times furnish material for glowing reports; yet while conscious of much failure, we are constrained to acknowledge that in our Christian work, the good hand of our God has been with us. There is noticeable among our young men a deeper interest in the work, a longing to go out and gather in the young strangers, and a desire to know more of the mind of God as revealed in the Scriptures. These gratifying tokens of the work of the Holy Spirit among our