

year has come and gone, to some of us laden with heavy trials, to others it may be with severe afflictions. Who can tell how many of us, between whom a bond of sympathy has, we trust, been permitted to arise, will see the close of another? Young readers, "now is the acceptable time," not to-morrow or next week, but *now*. Harden not, then, your hearts, but listen to His words, who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

THE ORPHANAGE AT CALCUTTA.

DEATH OF TWO ORPHANS.

We have painful news to communicate from the Orphanage at Calcutta. Two of our Schools have lost the little orphans, who, in the Providence of God, were dependent on them for support. Small pox having made its way into the Orphanage, Catherine Mathieson, supported by the St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Montreal, and Mary Hamilton, by that of Hamilton, died of the disease. We have received only a bare intimation of the fact, but full particulars are looked for. These Schools had been looking forward to hear of their protegées being trained up for positions of usefulness amid their own people, but God's ways are not as men's ways. All flesh is as grass. Young and old do fade as a leaf. May this sad intelligence be sanctified to these schools, and let us hope that in the brief period, that these orphans were permitted to spend under the influence of religious instruction in a Christian home, they may have been led to the Saviour.

OUR NEW YEAR'S THANK OFFERING.

THE ORPHANAGE LIBRARIES.

Received from the L'Orignal Sabbath School, per Master Robert Bell.....	£0	18	1½
Received from the South George Town Sabbath School, per Rev. J. C. Muir.....	1	0	0
St. Andrews' Church, Sabbath School, Portsmouth, Kingston,.....	0	15	0
St. Andrews' Church, Sabbath School Hamilton,	0	10	0

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N.B.—We trust the example thus set will be extensively followed.—*Editor Juvenile.*