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Mr. R. W. Lay having given up the publication of this Journal, with the close of last year, the directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society have published the present number, and the Journal will continue to be published by the Society until such time as new arrangements can be effected with some other party.

#### THE NEW YEAR.

A year is gone, and we have scarcely perceived it passing! As usual, it has brought us seed-time and harvest, summer and winter, and although in the latter season nature reposed, and the land was covered with snow, and the waters with ice, yet, in the spring, the trees again brought forth leaves and blossoms, the fields were covered with a beautiful green herbage, the gardens with flowers; and the harvest succeeded, filling the barns of the husbandman with an abundant produce for himself, his household, and domestic animals. For all these blessings there is great cause for thankfulness to our Creator, the Giver of all that is good in this world. No doubt the year has not been productive of an equal portion of health and happiness to all, and it would be unreasonable to expect that it would, because various circumstances, over which we may or may not have had any control, must have had a great influence upon our health and enjoyment. The past year, however, makes only one of our lives, and for those who have found it

an unhappy one, or one of trial, they should hope that the coming year would be more favorable for them, and afford them more of the enjoyments which were withheld from them in the past. For those also, who have been blessed with health, prosperity and enjoyment the year that is now expired, it is the bounding duty to be thankful, without presuming that it shall always continue to be well with them, as such a state is seldom the lot of man. We may pray for, and humbly hope for the blessings of health and happiness, but if we should not happen to obtain these blessings to the extent we would desire, it is our duty to submit to the will of Providence without any repining or dissatisfaction, and trust that another year will be more favorable. Of one fact we may be certain, and that is, the goodness and benevolence of our Creator in all things. However we may conduct ourselves, the goodness of God is unchangeable, and shall continue so forever. With this conviction on our minds, there will be no room for doubt or apprehension for the results of the present year, but that it shall be as former years, producing food and other necessaries for all created things that have life; and as regards our own health and enjoyments we should do all in our power to secure them, and be satisfied with that portion of each which it may be our lot to obtain. There are few persons who have lived long in this world who have not experienced their share of pleasures and griefs, of success and disappointment, whatever may have been their station or circumstances, whether rich or poor. Indeed, a changeable state is the most