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for
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YOUNG PEOPLE.

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New Year's Hymn.

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FASTER and ever faster,
Year rolls after year,
And the Lord and Master
Shortly will appear.
"Go ye out to meet Him;"
Soon the cry will ring,
Oh! that we may greet Him,
And His triumphs sing!
Onward, resting never,
Be the journey trod;
Upward, homeward, ever
Nearer to our God.

Onward, as the river
Flows by town and tree,
Hasting to deliver
Tribute to the sea;
So, our mission knowing,
We would ever press,
Good to all bestowing,
Living but to bless.
Onward, &c.

Upward, as the eagle
Wings his daring flight,
Borne on pinions regal,
Soaring into light;
So, by faith's direction,
We would ever move,
Setting our affection
On the things above.
Onward, &c.

Homeward, as the weary
Turn at set of sun
To the fireside cheery,
Glad their work is done;
So, when death's shades gather,
We would joyful come
To our gracious Father,
And our heavenly home.
Onward, &c.

Though the way be longer,
Darker than we know,
Christ is still the stronger,
And He'll bring us through;
Who in Beth'lem's manger
Once for sinners lay,
Will preserve from danger,
And He's near to-day.
Onward, &c.

Last Year's Work.

A TEACHER'S SOLILOQUY AND PRAYER
AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR.

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ANOTHER year is gone! Fifty-two more
Sabbaths have seen some hours spent in
the Sabbath-school, with my class gathered
round me. I seem to see the faces of the
young immortals now, as their changing
aspects tell the action of the truth upon
their natures. Now the story of a Sa-
viour's love causes the tear to trickle
down the cheek, and now the solemnities
of life, as they stand up vividly in thought,

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