

## Happy New Year.

THE first day of the year is the feast of the Circumcision. The Church then praises and extols the name of the Desired of Nations, the name that comprehends in some measure the whole scheme of man's redemption and sanctification, the most powerful, the sweetest, the most holy and most sacred name, the glorious name Jesus. But the world in general, even Christian look upon this day principally as a day of enjoyment, of an interchange of congratulations, visits and gifts ; As if by magic the sorrows and vicissitudes of the past year are forgotten in the very joy of being alive and expecting all good from the future so auspiciously opening.

The streets are alive with a merry throng, the places of amusement, crowded yet amid all the animation and enthusiasm—perhaps more so on account of it, one street seems deserted, the very one that should be crowded because it leads to the true Friend : the way to the church. How it must grieve the tender Heart of Jesus, in His Sacrament of love, to see that amid the general rejoicing He alone is forgotten. You at least, dear Associates, you will not treat Him so unkindly, but like dutiful children will offer Him first of all your New Years greetings. What shall they be ? Let Père Eymard himself answer you.

“ May thy Kingdom come, may it increase, expand, extend.” That is the best wish to offer Our dear Lord on this first day of the New Year : that where He is not known, not loved,

