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### THE NEW YEAR.

Commencing another year a few thoughts suggested by the season in reference to the great object of the present publication may not be unprofitable. The time is marked for the arrangement of human society. This does not arise from there being any thing in the year to distinguish the 1st of January from other days. Its importance arises from the fact which may be considered in a more accidental of its being chosen as the time from which the commencement of the year should be dated.

It is a season marked in our pecuniary and worldly transactions, when men balance their accounts and arrange their business. Settling your accounts do you remember to whom we are all stewards. Perhaps you are of that class of whom it is said, "I did not know that I gave her corn, olive, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold." And He may say, "Therefore will I return and take away my corn in the season thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax." Remember that He requires that

you honor him with your substance and with the first fruits of all your increase. His own rules of proportion by which you are to be guided is, "as God hath prospered you." Many of our readers have been, during the past year, blessed abundantly in their basket and their store. We ask such, are you careful that your return be proportionate. During the years of visitation many of our members contributed to the cause of God with what was in their circumstances exemplary liberality; are we careful now that God has returned to us a measure of returning prosperity, to "render to him according to all his benefits."

Do you remember that greater account with him who made you—to whom you owe your life—your all, and how are you prepared for the day of reckoning. Doubtless you find yourself sadly in arrears. But are you yet interested in the surety who assumed your obligations and paid your debts. And are you from gratitude constrained not to live unto yourself but unto him who died for you and rose again.

It is a season of joy. But do you recog-