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WITH this number we close Volume I. The eight issues that we promised have been completed; and we are about to commence our second volume. In reviewing the year, we have great cause for congratulation: our circulation has exceeded our calculations; our list of contributors has been steadily growing; and, judging by the many kind remarks, our readers have not been dissatisfied with our efforts to please, instruct and improve. The year's work has been one of profit and pleasure to us, and we hope that the coming year will, in this respect, surpass it. We made few promises, and we hope we have fulfilled the expectations of all. We prefer to leave the decision as to our past work in the hands of our readers; if you are satisfied, we will say that the coming year will see no retrogression. Our prospects are bright indeed. We have determined to issue our numbers early in each month, and will place Vol. II., No. 1, in your hands in the early part of July. From that date forward we have decided to issue the JOURNAL every month, twelve numbers to the year. We have not yet completed our list of promised contributors, but can say that the prospects are that the coming numbers will be in advance of the past. The new departure in publishing during the summer months, is owing to the hearty reception we have been accorded. There are many other improvements still desired; but we are anxious to keep our subscription price at its present low rate. Whether these shall be added or not depends upon our readers; as we are justified in doing so, we shall endeavor to