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ANOTHER NEW YEAR.

Another New Year has come upon us, and we most heartily wish, pray, hope, and trust that it may be a very happy year to all our Branches and members throughout the country, to all our sister Auxiliaries, and last but not least to our great parent the British and Foreign Bible Society. We do so with much expectancy and even assurance, for surely we have already an earnest of the answer to our prayer. It is true that there does not yet appear any revival of commerce, and business men still talk of hard times, especially when they suspect that the listener has a collecting book; farmers are still accused of grumbling, though we hope the accusation is unjust; and doubtless these things are likely to affect our finances, so that they will probably not be nearly as large as we should like, and perhaps not as large as they ought to be. But even in this matter the prospects are not discouraging, for most of the Agents' reports are promising, and nearly all those Branches that have remitted have sent more than last year. A few of the Agents, however, have not yet reported, and many of them did their work in December, so that the majority of the Branches remain to be heard from, and should many of these fall short our income might possibly yet be less even than last year; but we hope not, and trust that the harvest will be in keeping with the first fruits. But let us not magnify the means above the end. We do want money; but what for?—to multiply and scatter Bibles freely, yet wisely, throughout the length and breadth of our own land, and among all the nations of the earth. And why do we wish to do this? Not because the Bible teaches the highest code of morals, as is acknowledged even by infidels, and therefore is the most