

Our New Volume.

ITH this issue we commence a new volume. Looking back over the past year we see much to call forth gratitude; but at the same time we recognize the fact that there have been failures. From the blessings we would take courage—from the failures we hope to draw

lessons calculated to keep from any repetition during the coming year. We are pleased to know that our effort to provide sound Gospel reading has been appreciated by our patrons, and we have received, not a few, testimonies as to blessing resulting from the perusal of our paper. We have but this desire—to exalt our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—to point enquiring ones to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world"—to cheer the discouraged and weary pilgrim—and to feed the members of the Lord's dear flock. It will ever be our prayer, that grace may be given us to enable us thus to labour for the advancement of His kingdom upon earth, and to hasten the coming of the chief Shepherd.

While we thus labor we ask the hearty co-operation of all Christians. We ask them to Pray and Work. Pray for success, and then work to ensure that success. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts made by some to extend the circulation of our paper, and we feel assured that but little effort on the part of each reader would speedily result in a largely increased subscription list. We therefore appeal to all those who are in sympathy with our aims, to think on these facts, and to personally assist us. The Publishers will be pleased to furnish copies for distribution among those likely to become subscribers. We might also add this hint: Our paper is not a high-priced one,* and it

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