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REDEEM THE TIME.

Another turn of the wheel of Time has brought us to the opening of a New Year. We hasten with kindly feelings to present our cordial salutations to our readers. Our good wishes for their future prosperity we turn into a prayer, that grace, mercy and peace, may be multiplied to them all. The year that is spent in the enjoyment of spiritual good cannot fail to be a happy one. May each succeeding wave of the rolling stream of life bear on its bosom treasures of grace to their souls; may each earnest throb of the old heart of time find them tireless and strong in their trust for mercy; may each step on the road which they travel over, before they come to cross the dark waters of Jordan, be taken with the peace of God reigning in their hearts. Can this be realized without redeeming the time? Wisdom will gather lessons from the past, and, refusing to settle down in hopeless despondency over the sins and sorrows, trials and temptations, bounties and blessings that are gone, will bravely apply itself to the working out of the problem of life; that it may be a life of faith on the Son of God, who loved us, and gave himself for us. The winter wind sweeps over the grave of a departed year; buried there is the record of its deeds, till God in judgment shall read them out; already a new page is turned which is to be written with the events of 1863. There is a column for every individual; the deeds done in the body are registered in heaven. Reader, what shall the entry be in your case? While God holds the pen you can make your mark. The future is to us all unknown, and yet, regulated by the principles of the gospel, we may look forward with the brightness of hope. Plans for the future are laid out by all sorts of men, the merchant, the farmer, the lawyer, the physician, the statesman, all have their purpose; it is well when that recognizes the will of God, and takes into account the certainty of death. The Christian too has his plan of life; let it be diligently studied, calmly matured, and faithfully carried out, and then every year of work will add something to its completion. Should not Christian churches also, ask how much can we do this year for Jesus? What plans of an aggressive and benevolent character have been formed? To make this year a happy one it must be filled with deeds of kindness—deeds of love. To aid in suggesting plans of effort to save souls, we gladly insert the following striking thoughts, from an exchange paper:

(1.) "As the basis idea, each church is responsible before God for the salvation of every soul within its sphere of influence, and can only be discharged of