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TRY OUR OWN SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON HELPS FOR 1898.

THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR.

This is the last issue of the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year give wide scope for moralizing; but our issue is monthly; moralizing in advance is profitless, and by next month stale.

All we can do, is, say—not sing—Amen, to all the good printed and preached; and urge that thanksgiving for the year's mercies be not the vapor of speech and song but the solid sweet remaining; and that it be moulded into effort to give others the good, of every kind, for which we are grateful.

Much of our own land needs more light. More than two thirds of the race beyond are in dark hopelessness. The past cannot be retrieved or improved. Let new and better thanksgiving mark the coming year.

As a church we can do more and there is more to do. Larger are the throngs of millions ever nearing our doors, starving for the Bread of Life. Shall they die hungry in larger measure than we can prevent.

The Eastern Section with no small debt already on its Foreign Mission Fund, has decided to open up a new mission in Korea. Larger giving, each one a little more, some a good deal more, will be necessary to meet what they have undertaken. The Western Section has heavy obligations. See statement of the schemes on another page. Let thanksgiving be shown by meeting them.

Let not the calls of God be looked upon as burdens, or merely as duties, but as high privilege. Co-workers with Christ in the world's uplifting to better things.

And now a word as to our own work.

1. Special thanksgiving from the RECORD and its readers to those who have, with no little care and work, and sometimes at personal loss, helped to make it successful by aiding the circulation.

Will pastors, elders, and all of our Christian workers join in the effort to get it, as far as possible, into all the homes of our Church for the coming year.

As the *Childrens' Record* is in some places unknown, it will be sent, for the year 1898, to *all new places*, where it has not been before taken, at ten cents per copy in parcels, only two-thirds the regular price.

3. See advertisement of our Sabbath School Helps, on page 336. Try them for a year. Send to this office for *Teacher's Monthly*, for *Quarterlies*, and for *Leaflets*. See advertisement for other helps.

4. Young Peoples' Societies will find the Topic Cards and Booklets, supplied at this office, of great help. See advt. page 336.

And now for the future. Time does not wait. There is no resting place between old and new years. On. On. To the true toiler there will be rest enough, but not too much, when New Years come no more.