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### THE NEW YEAR.

"Old" and "New" are fickle adjectives. They mean, now better, now worse, now neither, or either. Chameleon-like they color with that to which they cling. Old wine is "better?" Old bread?—not always. Time is neither "Old" nor "New." To "Year" they mean but the beginning and end of another lap in the endless race.

The "New," if new there be, must be in those who live the "New Year"; new hopes, new aims, new efforts, new life. But even here, of many a life "the old is better," the new being but a faster stride in the wrong road. What shall our "New Year" be? A kind Providence has spared us to see its beginning. What use shall we make of it?

A few days since, going through a book-making establishment, I saw in preparation for the Bank of Montreal, great account books, half a foot thick, and long and broad to match. Their books for 1898 are done; some pages filled, some partly filled, but all finished, and stowed away, for review if need be.

Our account books for 1898 are closed. Some of the pages have little, some more. They are laid aside until "the books are opened."

A new book is given us to fill. With many the pages are ruled for great opportunities; with some for less. But whether greater or less, with us as with the banking books, what is needed is faithfulness to our trust.

Let 1899, the last year of the century, or as much of it as we may see, be so lived as to receive the Master's "well done."

### YOUTH'S RECORD.

The new paper issued from this office for our young people. Notice was given of it in last RECORD. Samples have been sent to all the names on the address books of the *Children's Record* and *S. S. Helps* for 1898. Samples will gladly be sent to any who write for them.

It is not intended in any way to take the place of the *Children's Record*, but for an older class of our young people.

It has a three-fold aim: (1) To give good reading matter, such as may be found in foreign papers that come so plentifully; (2) To help cultivate in our young people, a spirit of patriotism, love for our own country, which foreign papers cannot do (they often do the opposite); (3) To give to our young people some knowledge of our Church work, which no other papers for the young people, whether Canadian or Foreign, will do.

While, therefore, other papers may be good in their place, the RECORDS, *Children's* and *Youth's*, should have the first place for our young people. After them, others as may be desired.

### Special Notice.

All orders and payments for any of the three *Records*, to be sent DIRECT to this office, but no orders for any other publication should come here.

All payments for *S. S. Helps* for the past year, 1898, to be sent to this office.

All orders and payments for *S. S. Helps* for 1899, also for *Topic Cards* and *Booklets*, but not for any of the *Records*, to be sent to Rev. R. D. Fraser, 592 Markham st., Toronto.