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### THE NEW YEAR.

At this season, when all the world have been wishing each other a Happy New Year, it is not unfitting for us to greet all our Branches and members with the same kind wish. Most heartily we do so; wishing them a New Year not of mere pleasure, but of deeply felt happiness. Moreover, we do so expectantly, for we have good reason to look for the realization of our wishes or the answer to our prayers—and should not all right wishes become prayers? For as there is great reward in keeping God's commands, so is there great happiness in spreading God's Word. Does not the husbandman, when sowing his grain, anticipate the harvest, and is it not the happiness of hope that nerves his hand to scatter widely and plentifully? Surely then we who are scattering the incorruptible seed, with God's promise that it shall not return unto Him void, must feel that ours is happy work. Therefore, it is with no doubtful mind that we look forward to a Happy New Year for all our sincere and loyal members.

May we not venture to take another lesson from the children of this world, who our Master has told us are wise in their generation. At the beginning of a new year they take stock. They look back at what they have done in the past, and make plans for the future. Although it is not the beginning of the Society's year, and, therefore not the time for reviewing its operations, should we not as individuals look back on the way we have been led, thank God for His numberless mercies, note wherein we have failed through unbelief, indolence, or other besetting sin, and resolve, with God's help, to be more