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TO THE READER.

A TRAVELLER by railroad is not unfrequently in want of employment for his time and his thoughts. Such a want the following pages are intended, in some degree, to supply. Nor are the subjects here glanced at suitable to the railroad passenger only. All are hastening by a course—if less perceptible, yet not less rapid—to eternity.

I shall not be disappointed if this little book be made the means of good to only a single fellow-traveller.

J. L.

There's ONE great Name,
Which he who deepest graves within his heart
Is wisest, though the world may call him fool.
Therefore become a listener to the voice
Of men of heavenly wisdom, faith, and prayer ;—
If perchance thy soul,
That fleeting wanderer on the shores of time,
May, by their lore instructed, turn to God.

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TIME.

TIME is a friend to the mind, though his treatment of us depends upon what he meets with at our hands. If we use him well, and listen to his admonitions, he is a friend indeed, but otherwise the worst of enemies, who takes from us daily something that we valued, and gives us nothing in its stead. It is well with them who, like you, can stand a-tiptoe on the mountain of human life, look down with pleasure on the valley they have passed, and sometimes stretch their wings in joyful hope of a happy flight into eternity. Yet a little while, and your hope will be accomplished.

COWPER'S LETTERS.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

MAY this year be marked by a more lively, more deep, and more serious repentance: by greater fervour in supplicating the influences of God's Holy Spirit; by renewed earnestness in devoting ourselves to Him and to His service. May we look to Him, and employ all our mental and bodily powers, our time, and our property, to His glory, and to the purpose for which Jesus quitted his throne, namely, the conversion and happiness of mankind. May we this year apply ourselves with renewed faithfulness to obey all his commandments.

May this year be distinguished by an increase of the number of the children of God, and of the followers of Jesus Christ; by the weakening of the kingdom of Satan within us, and by the coming of the kingdom of God.

May we, during each succeeding year which God shall grant us in this world, become more and more prepared for a blessed eternity, abound more in prayer, shed more tears of penitence, love, and pity, and perform more good works, in order that we may reap an abundant harvest on that day, when God, through Jesus Christ, shall make all things new.

MEMOIR OF OBERLIN.

A BIRTH-DAY THOUGHT.

Not all the charms of nature can for a moment compare with those of grace; and when can we better contemplate the real value of life, the vanity of the world, the worth of the soul, and the need of a Saviour, than when the lapse of time brings round the anniversary of the day of our birth? It seems to concentrate