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The New Year.

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THE year is dying, dying,
Its weeks and months have fled ;
The year is dying, dying,
The good old year is dead.
The snows of its December,
The sunshine of its May,
Its joys and griefs, its smiles and tears
With it have passed away.

Now we remember duties
Neglected or forgot,
And many things we did, that now
We wish that we had not ;

The hearts we did not lighten,
The wounds we might have healed :
We cannot change the record now,
The book is closed and sealed.

But hark ! the bells are ringing,
And shouts of joy we hear,
From boys now singing in the street—
"A happy good New Year."

And this may be a happy year,
Beginning from to-day.
We'll find the road to happiness
By showing folks the way—

Kind deeds pay back a hundredfold,
Like good seed freely sown,
And sunshine made for other hearts,
Is sure to warm our own.

Give to the poor if you would have
A pleasure in your wealth ;

Visit the sick, if you would know
The blessedness of health ;

Lift up the fallen, and rejoice
That God has made you strong ;
Turn back the erring, and you'll know
Your back is to the wrong.

In short, the key to happiness,
One ever sure and true,
Is, "Do to others as you would
Have others do to you."

Cæsarea Philippi.

THIS ancient city was situated at the eastern and most important of the two sources of the Jordan, at the southern extremity of Mount Hermon. It was enlarged by Herod Philip, and named after Tiberius Cæsar, with his own name added to distinguish it from Cæsarea. Its original name was Panias, as being dedicated to the heathen deity, Pan. It is now known as Banias. Here Titus, after the capture of Jerusalem, A.D. 70, exhibited public games, in which many of his Jewish captives lost their lives in conflict with wild beasts. From the way in which it is mentioned in Mark 8. 27, it seems to have been in the time of our Lord a sort of local capital. It was visited by our Lord, and was the northern limit of His journeys. See Matt. 16. 13-28. It is now a small unsightly village, which appears the more mean from the contrast afforded by the magnificent scenery by which it is surrounded, and ruins of stately palaces and public buildings which it contains.

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