

of darkness—how many warm young hearts cold and still—how many lips voiceless as the deep grave—how many gushing thoughts and loves will have passed away, as if they had never been. But, dear young friends, even should you in this New Year die, yet, if you are carried up from earth to heaven—carried up in the arms of Jesus to your high temple-home in the Father's presence, then this will be the happiest New Year to you of all. It will be a year that will never grow old—a year whose seasons will blend for ever the budding freshness of spring, the bursting foliage of summer, and the ripe golden fruitage of autumn, but never knowing autumn's decay, or the sere leaves, and the dark desolation, and the bleak winds of winter. It will be the New Year that will part you from the sin, and suffering, and death here, and lay you safe on the breast of your Elder Brother in his eternal home. Which of you can smile gladly as you read, and can think, that such would be for you a happy New Year indeed?

Now, we trust, you understand us better when we say, that to all *we wish a happy New Year!*

OUTLINES OF SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

NINTH MONTH.—LIFE OF CHRIST.

I.—CAPERNAUM—THENCE TO BETHSAIDA.

Death of John the Baptist.—Matt. xiv. 1-12; Mark vi. 14-29; Luke ix. 7-9.)

Healing in the desert. (Matt. xiv. 13, 14; Mark vi. 30-34; Luke ix. 10, 11.)

Miracle of the loaves.—(Matt. xiv. 15-21; Mark vi. 35-44; Luke ix. 12-17; John vi. 1-13.)

II.—TO THE LAKE—CAPERNAUM AGAIN.

Jesus on the water.—(Matt. xiv. 22, 23; Mark vi. 45-47; John vi. 14-17.)

Peter saved.—(Matt. xiv. 24-33; Mark vi. 48-52; John vi. 18-21.)

The men of Gennesaret seeking Jesus.—(Matt. xiv. 34-36; Mark vi. 53-56; John vi. 22-24.)

III.—DISCOURSE TO THE CAPERNAUM MULTITUDE.

The Bread of Life—Jesus coming into the World—Believing on Him.—(John vi. 25-40.)