Here, the rocks rise tall and black, Casting shadows o'er our track; There, the golden sunbeams rest On the mountain's sparkling breast; While above us, meets the eye, Clear and deep, the azure sky.

Now we take the homeward way, Warned by the departing day; From the windows, o'er the snow, See the bright fires' ruddy glow; Their mute welcome seems akin To the faces bright within.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A glad good morrow! neighbour mine,
A good new year to thee!
A year of life, and health and hope,
I pray that it may be.

Last year we held each other's hand,

The self-same wish had we,

And has it not been well fulfilled?

Thank God! it has to me.