



A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

Addressed to Readers of "The Carmelite Review."

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I.



RING out, sweet bells, a joyous chime,
 And greet the coming year.
 Ring out far o'er the virgin-snow,
 Through starlight bright and clear!
 Within my spirit softly thrills
 That music of the bells;
 An echo of their silvery tones
 From mystic harp-strings swells.

II.

I fain would greet all kindly friends,
 —Far distant from my view,—
 Who love Mount Carmel's glorious Queen,
 And welcome her "Review."
 Accept, in these low notes of song,
 From "Enfant de Marie"
 A New-Year's prayer that to you all
 It may a blest one be.

III.

We'll lay it at thy sacred feet
 O Blessed Mother-Maid!
 Its joys and sorrows all shall be
 'Neath thy maternal aid.
 The first fair flowers of early spring,
 —White as the drifting snow,—
 The scented rose of summer-time
 Unfolding in its glow.