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For the Standard. ECHOES OF THE YEAR.

Old year! aright to sing thy parting lay, Than mine demands a bolder minstrelsy; A surer hand must touch the echoing lyre A sweeter voice, glow with a Sappho's fire. Yet you to please, I now essay to sing, To pluck one feather from the muse's wing, In golden ink to dip this pen of mine To gild this page with faded spoils of time. We've left a mile-stone on time's changing shore, Write for the past, the epitaph-no more.

Klad Patrons, may this joyous festive morti, To you of brighter days, be but the dawn; Thy joys unnumber'd for the coming time, Fresh as the leaves of Daphne's deathless vine. While joy and pleaty reign around your hearth, Think of the poor, the needy sons of earth; One thy rich store, some generous aid impart O'er our blest land, the land Islove to si Fair Peace and Plenty stretch their beautous wing That yields its fruits to hard and honest toil Here all may live unharmed by foreign foes, Secure from strife, and her attendant woes.

See, heree o'er Europe how the War-god flien, And shakes his crimson plumage in the skies, How shattered hosts in wildest terror flee, blooms the German Rose, how lade

Fleur de lis. Awake fair France, thy glittering hose advance, Arise once more and shake thy palsied lance, Thine eagle soaring as in days gone bye, Towards victory's eyrie saulit in the sky. Most still remain to animate the bearts.
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Now thy fair fame is pitted gainst the stake Of button merchants and a yard of tape, Thine honour sold by Gladstone and his clan, Whose proudest deeds disgrace the name of Is Albion happy in fair France's tears? Tell not the tale to blushing Europe's ears. Can she stand still and see the Golden Horn From nerveless Turkey's grasp by brigand Rus

Where is the conquering flig she once unfurled? Its motto freedom, for the wide, wide world; Shorn of thy glory and thy clivalry.

The United States claims my attention now To Uncle Sam we make our humble bow, and " cave right in" to Grant and other gees Whese life-long cackle ends in "let's have Thou braggart land, where vice is stamped so plain. Grant is thy tongue, and little is thy fame.

Old year! deep buried within thy shadowy past, Are lives and deeds too bright alas to last; How list we chained as if by magic spell To these soft murmurs of thy ech Out from its depths proceeds a witching strain, Such none ere heard before, such none will hear

Catch ye the sound distinct and clarion clear ? ' I's Dickens name that thrills thy ravished ear. Not dead art thou whose truthful, master pen Wrote well the virtues and the faults of men; Whose generous heart beyond ambition's lure, Wrote the sad, simple, annals of the poor. Stand foremast on the deathless page of fame, Abaliowed spot on which to turn the eye, To know, to feel, that genius cannot die No marcle slab to point where Dickens lies; Useless the fane, in vain the sculptor's art,

His name is graven on the wide world's heart.

Ye who with sadness on the year look back, See in the past, a dreary barren tract, Where brief with grief, has never ceased to blen To snatch all joy that happiness could lend. Whose furrowed cheek, the path of many a tear Bears the deep mark of this thy saddest year; The too plain token of the thoughts that dwell, Lone with thyself in memory's haunted cell. Take heart, for thee in hope's sweet garden gro Wreaths for each toil, a charm for every woe; Contentment's pearl in life's sad cup must lay Beneath the bitter draught each mortal drink Our hones, our hearts are now with thee, the new,

> My dream is o'er-for you I've strove to sing, An unskilled hand has touched the lyric string; My highest hope is that to you 'twill seem, no unpleasant or ungrateful theme.

## A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

BY JENNIE BELL.

On a New Year's Eve a little girl might have en see picking her steps as carefully as she after, came the rain drops on the little uncovered head; while the thin worn shoes let the wet in a site drew the shawr crose, and the way in and as quick y as she could, wending her way in and

That made thy land of glory hallowed on the e.i.th, room. The room had little farmiture in it, yet, do you think papt and manuan will be angry someway, it had a look of gentility about it that

whit are ease that proved she had trod the work He has for you to do? You know man Maggie, said — God has a work for each of His once with the mildren to do in this world, and we must be Can you say the verse about the orphan's stay shoes, and the boy stopped. and God's promise to be a 'Father to the

Oh yes, Maggie, I can say them both But Gar. for He put it into your heart to send the and Uncle James will conschome soon to you think papar and mamma will be angry basket.

After clearing the table and putting away the dishes. Maggie drew her little brother down on the hearth rug to talk about papa rad mamma who were in heaven. Wise little often Maggie gathered the little child Maggie, but a child your-eff, and yet trying to fill a mother's place to your little brother. But she had known what sorrow was, and trouble had made her wise beyond her years. I don't believe God will help us, said James. Before mamma died, she said that God would send some one to zare for us, and it's ever so long ago since then, and nobody has come yet. Hush, replied Maggie, don't you know don't hears every word we say, and maybe papa and mamma too? Perhaps Uncle James may come to morrow; only it is strange he had mot written. Nearly a year since mamma wrote to him, and a letter does not take six wonths to go from England to Australia.

Suppose uncle should be dead, Maggie, or your letter had gone down to the bottom of the sea, like the ship, you were telling me of a few days ago.

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Maggie, said Mr. Howard as he patted James' were kind.

Here poor Maggie's voice failed, and the begins and true to do in this world, and we must be save and true tin Him that all will come right, thanking him for his present and such warm shoes, and the bey stopped.

Slipping off her wet shoes. Maggie got a pair of dry stockings—a good deal too large, to be sure—but they were dry; and the color-came into her cheeks a little as she stood before the fire making the coffee. Child as she was, once could see by a glance that she must have had careful training. Her setting of the table was so near: the books were taken off the little table, then the green-and black cover was carefully folded; and a white towel, a little thread-bare, was spread. The cups and sancers, bread and butter, did look very in viting, so tastefully were they arranged. By this unknown gentleman? James danced was the first to speak:

Slipping off her wet shoes. Maggie got a pair of dry, stockings—a good deal too large, to be sure—but they were dry; and the color-came into her because you, perhaps, ever missed a dinner for London—and we had a garden and kept a servant, and papa was much looked up to, best cause of his talent, mamma said. Just after the weil of London—and we had a garden and kept a servant, and papa was much looked up to, be servant, and papa w

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Well, all I wish, James answered, is that mamma had taken me with her. I never would be hungry in heaven, and everything is so beautiful there! the streets all gold, instead of greasy mut, like London; and the people that dwell there dressed in white, with their that dwell there dressed in white, with their that people is the streets all gold, instead of greasy mut, like London; and the people that dwell there dressed in white, with their that greated the top of the stair. Something seem, the latter that all a latter that dwell there dressed in white, with their that greated the top of the stair. Something seem, the door open long before Mr. Ho and the hadron are seem to be under the people of the wide of the people of the stair. Something seem, the door open long before Mr. Ho and the hadron are seen watching; yet she had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he is not a street, and we had to make the people of the stair. Something seem, the door open long before Mr. Ho and the door open long before Mr. Ho and the door open long before Mr. Ho and the hadron are seen watching; yet she had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James is very ed to affect the gentleman v-ry much as he had to nacle; so Uncle James tellushing the was long to the had to nacle; so Uncle James tellushing the had to nacle; so Uncle James tellushing the had to nacle; so Uncle James tellushing the had to nacle; so Uncle James tel barps singing all day long.

But then James, it was not God's will to take you then; and who knows what great work He has for you to do 2 You know manner was all Mr. Howard as he patted James.

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What is it my boy? I have made you sad, sir; but Maggie says I have me re reason to thank I'm sure mother's prayers will be answered,

Quite right, childs; your sister knows who will and he has come, for I am your Uncle James ; and he clasped them in his arms.

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