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IN THE BELFRY.

RING out, O bells! ring
silver-sweet o'er hill and
moor and fell!

In mellow echoes let your
chimes their hopeful story
tell.

Ring out, ring out, all-jubil-
ant, this joyous, glad re-
frain:

"A bright new year, a glad
new year, hath come to
us again!"

Ah! who can say how much
of joy within it there
may be

Stored up for us who listen
now to your sweet
melody!

Good-bye, Old Year! Tried,
trusty friend, thy tale at
last is told.

O New Year! write thou
thine for us in lines of
brightest gold.

The flowers of spring must
bloom at last, when gone
the winter's snow;

God grant that after sorrow
past, we all some joy may
know.

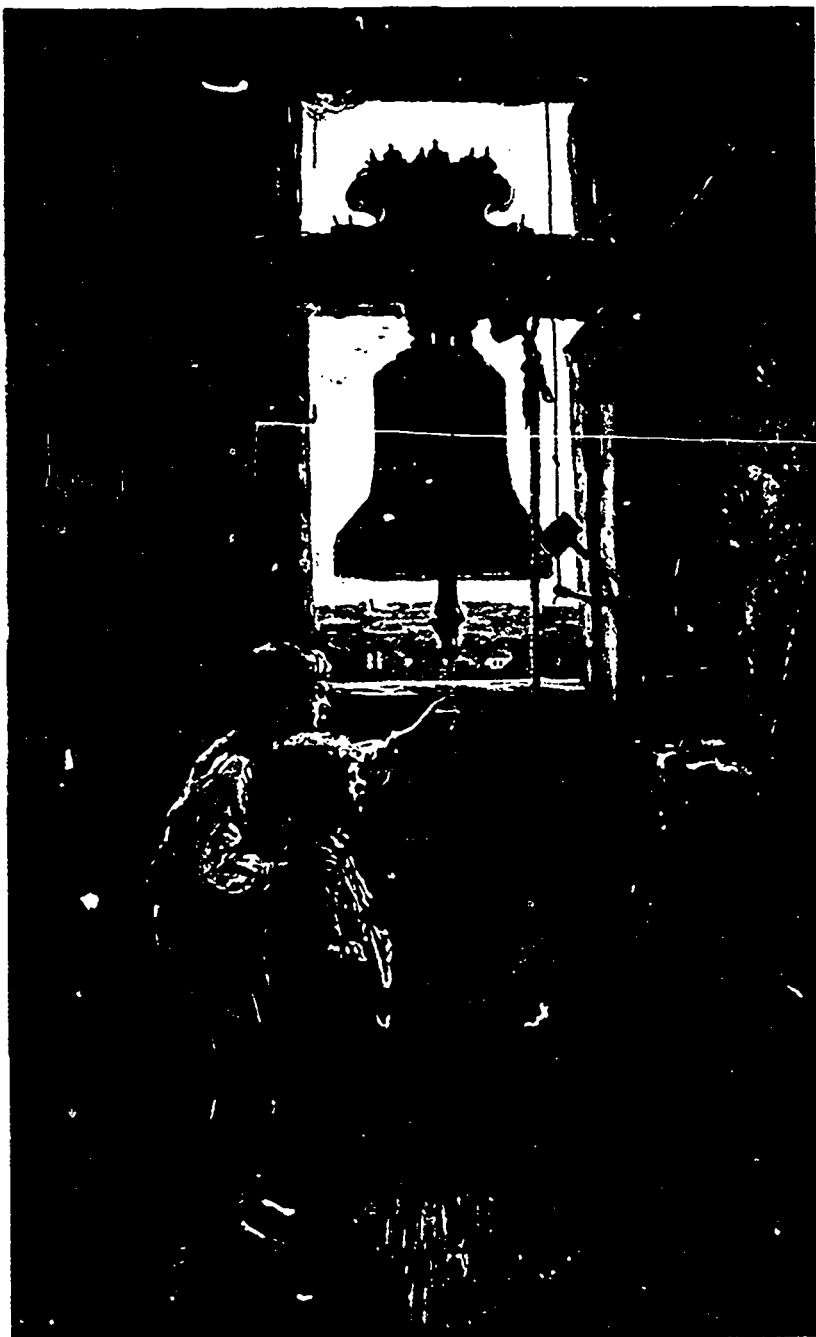
Though tempest-tossed our
barque awhile on Life's
rough waves may be,

There comes a day of calm
at last, when we the
haven see.

Then ring, ring on, O peal-
ing bells! there's music
in the sound.

Ring on, ring on, and still
ring on, and wake the
echoes round,

The while we wish, both



IN THE BELFRY.

for ourselves and all
whom we hold dear,
That God may gracious be
to us in this the bright
New Year!

A HAPPY NEW-YEAR.

QUICK glad ringing words
they are. We hear them in
the street, in the home, in
the office, store, and shop.
They are the utterance of
the kind impulse of the
heart. But a world of
meaning the words convey.
A Happy New-year! There
are so many shadows that
darken the year. These are
sicknesses, deaths, disap-
pointments, trials that ring
bitterly the heart. Then,
on the other hand, there are
so many things to brighten
life. There is the sweet,
pure sunshine, a thousand
million flowers, teeming
fruits and other crops, the
songs of the birds, the
bright eyes of the children,
churches and Sunday-
schools, dear and loving
parents and kind brothers
and sisters, myriads of
things to delight the eye,
the mind, and the heart.
The Happy New-year shout
is a wish that there may
be just as few as possible
of the things that darken
and sadden life, and just as
many as possible of those
which brighten and gladden
and sweeten life. And that
is the kind of a HAPPY NEW-
YEAR the Editor wishes to
all his many readers.