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### RING, HAPPY BELLS.

Ring, happy bells of Easter time!  
The world is glad to hear your chime.  
Across wide fields of melting snow  
The winds of summer softly blow,  
And birds and streams repeat the chime  
Of Easter time.

Ring, happy bells of Easter time!  
The world takes up your chant sublime,  
"The Lord is risen!" the night of fear  
Has passed away, and Heaven draws near,  
We breathe the air of that blest clime  
At Easter time.

Ring, happy bells of Easter time!  
Our happy hearts give back your chime.  
"The Lord is risen!" we die no more;  
He opens wide the heavenly door;  
He meets us, while to Him we climb,  
At Easter time!

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### FASCINATING DANGERS.

HERE are many pitfalls of danger into which the young and unwary Christian of the present day may unwittingly be led, which by some may be thought of, as only acts of liberality and Christian intercourse. Union and communion with God's own people, of whatever name, is delightful and profitable, but unfortunately, profession is not always possession. We are, sometimes prone to form friendships and even intimacies with those bearing the name of Christians, but whose creed and religious views may gradually and insensibly influence us and lead to very disastrous results.

How many of our young people nowadays are fascinated with the idea of a convent education. They will not believe there is any danger, but numberless instances can be shown where others equally confident, have been deluded, and many a bright and lovely girl has been won to immure herself for life

within convent walls, foolishly thinking that she could in this way, better serve Christ, instead of like Him, going about doing good, or fulfilling other duties to those nearest her; multitudes of others have been led away from simple faith in Jesus, and become converts to the Church of Rome. Even the least calamity which it entails is that of a very superficial and useless education. In one of our late papers an instance is given of a Roman Catholic lady appealing to the Minister of Education against the tyranny of the priests and bishops, who will not allow her to send her daughters where they can procure a higher education than is permitted in the schools of their church.

Again our own young people are not sufficiently instructed as to the really dangerous and unscriptural doctrines of the Church of Rome, nor of the Romish tendencies and practices of the ritualistic High Church of England, in this and the mother country. Indeed many of the latter repudiate the name of Protestant altogether. I once said to a canon of the English church, who is now a bishop, an excellent, devoted evangelical Christian: "How can you teach such error as is in your baptismal service?" An answer to a question says, "By baptism I am made regenerate, a child of God and an heir of everlasting life." "Now sir, you know that is not true." He answered, "Unfortunately some of our churches teach rank Romanism. I never teach that." Then why is such error allowed in the service or catechism?

When quite a young girl the writer remembers being greatly humiliated, by being told by a young Roman Catholic friend, that our Protestant religion was not as old as theirs. That Methodists could only date back to Wesley, and all other denominations only to Henry VIII, or Martin Luther. Not having been properly instructed, I could not deny her state-