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THE NEW YEAR.

Ring out wild bells to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light ;
The year is dying in the night ;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow ;
The year is dying, let him go ;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more ;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out the slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife ;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times ;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite ;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease ;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free ;
The larger heart, the kindlier hand
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—[Alfred Tennyson.

LIFE'S LOAN.

Tho' Providence hath lavish been
In blessing you with talents ten ;
Put them to daily use you must,
Or they'll be injured by the rust ;
Not fold in napkin—dormant lay,
But put to use and interest pay ;
When Lender comes, calls for his own,
Requiring interest on his loan,
You'll be prepared—your duty is,
To render all to Him that's His.

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ANSWER TO “A QUERY.”

For the Young Friends' Review.

A query appearing in the REVIEW of twelfth month, 1887—“What has our peculiar faith to offer to the conscience-stricken or disheartened offender that can compare with the statement the churches outside make when they say : ‘Jesus, though pure and perfect, died for you’—does our faith lack the element of love, etc.?”

Our beloved *brother*, Jesus of Nazareth, said : “I of myself can do nothing, but the Father who dwelleth *in me*, He doeth the work.” Here the oneness was established *in brother* Jesus, and must be *in us* in order to be Christians. How? By the Seed receiving from the Father fertilization ; hence the new birth—becoming the sons of God ourselves—because of the divine birth *in* Jesus and *in us*, the Christ of God, or Son of God—*same in kind*—which is the only begotten Son and heir of the Giver of all good gifts. Hence divine supplies are from the Celestial alone, for we witness it received through lineal inheritance. How? By becoming heirs of God by birth, from whence cometh teachings in divine unfoldment and is to the children thus taught—authority. Why? Because it cometh from *the Head*, not through an instrument partaking more or less of the vessel through which it passes, but directly from *the Fountain*, consequently pure. First the physical, then the celestial child, and in obedience to this innate leaven—we know The Voice, Saviour—obeying, following and speaking from it, practical lessons flow from the lips of the qualified. Why? Because God is teaching His own in person.