THE FREE LANCE.

songs of unknown centuries ago, in the self-same words; why Shakespeare still holds the theatre spell-bound speaking in the accents of "Queen Bess." This is why the birth of new nations that come upon earth with a mission and power are heralded by the poet, and when poetry de clines the nation decays. Books then are only aids to help us in our own efforts to "mate with the essence of things."

"Truth is within ourselves, it takes no use From outward things, whate'er we may believe ; But from the inmost centre in us all." W.

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Hep ! Hep ! Hep ! Boom ! ! Hep ! Hep ! Hep ! Boom ! ! Now shivers all the air with sound : The valleys sing The mountains ring And noom comes back from sky and ground.

To all the world Our challenge hurled, Whatmen we are our deeds shall prove : With hand and heart We'll do our part To make this old world onward move.

The earth shall yield From mine and field, 'Till railways grean to bear the load, And ev'ry force Become the source Of pow'r and good on man bestowed.

With heart and mind For human kind, We'll sail right smooth the ship of state : . With fire of youth And leal to truth, We'll make the old bent ways be straight.

The contest done, The victory won, Together sound our slogan loud : There's not a deed For which we need Be otherwise than justly proud.

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

It is gone ! with its record of sorrow and gladness: With its throbbings of hope and its tramblings of fear; With its accents of joy and its wallings of sadness— The mantle of silence enshrouds the old year.

It is gone ! with its changes, its plans, its resolving, . . Its brightness and darkness, its sunbeams and showers ; With its scenes panoramic so quickly dissolving. It is gone ! and their memory now only is ours,

It is gone ! and how many it parted for ever ! How many sad hearts did it leave as it sped ! How many fond ties did its seimitar sover ! How many bright flow'rets were crushed by its tread !

It is gone! from the homes of the high and the lowly It has borne on its wings many loved ones away ; No position too high, no relation too holy.

When the summons is given, all, all must obey.

It is gone ! but within yon heavenly portals New inmates appear in the mansions of love ; It has added bright forms to the white-robed immortals ; Now voices now blend in the anthems above.

It is gone I but upborne on its swift-fleeting pinions, Good nows has been wafted glud (idings of joy ; It has added fresh conquests to Jesu's dominions ; Now names are inscribed in the archives on high.

It is gone i and recorded in annals unfading Are the tales that it told as it winged on its flight; The good and the evil, the brightness and shading Are photographed all by Eternity's light.

It is gone hand with ardor and high aspirations; With Hope radiating futurity's sphere; With renewed resolutions and fresh consecrations, We enter again on mother new year.

Who can tell what great changes, what mighty revolving May mark its progression as onward they speed;
Events seem to haste to the glorious resolving Of problems man long has been trying to read.

We know not the inture ; its joy and its sadness, Its shadows and smashine alike are concented ;
But we fear not, with Christ as our strength and our gladness,
No darkness can come where His light is revealed.
Fresh page of our life ! shall thy lines be unblotted ?
Shall thy record be one of Immanuel's power ?
Shall it tell how He keeps us with garments unspotted ? Of triumph through Him in temptation's dark hour ?
Shall words be inscribed there so pleadingly spoken -The story of Calvary lovingly told ?

Shall the record be there of hearts bound that were broken -

Of wander hg and weary ones led to the fold ?

Dear Master! we long to behold Thee victorious; To Thee and Thy service ourselves now we give; Use us each in Thy work, then this year shall be glorious, And, abiding in Thee, 'twill be heaven to live.