

The simple annual feast is spread—
Sober the guests and few the cheer.

The Old Year dies—in our hearts—
Dies on the stormy sea—

And here, in presence of the dead,
Let all our quarrels die;

Then all the "Cups of kindness" high,
With hearts from the church tower,

"A Good New Year, and happiness
To you, and you, and you!"

With his eyes from the church tower,
Time, with his iron hammer, saw,

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POETRY. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A New Year greeting, how pleasant to all! Like some of the best of the winter they call.

OUR STORY. A Story of Christmas Day.

"I will prove all that I have said," Robert Dyson said to the woman, quietly.

She passed a second, then looking up, answered, holding forth her hand.

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you are a brave, good fellow. I hid all here know that the charge made against Robert Dyson is false.

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