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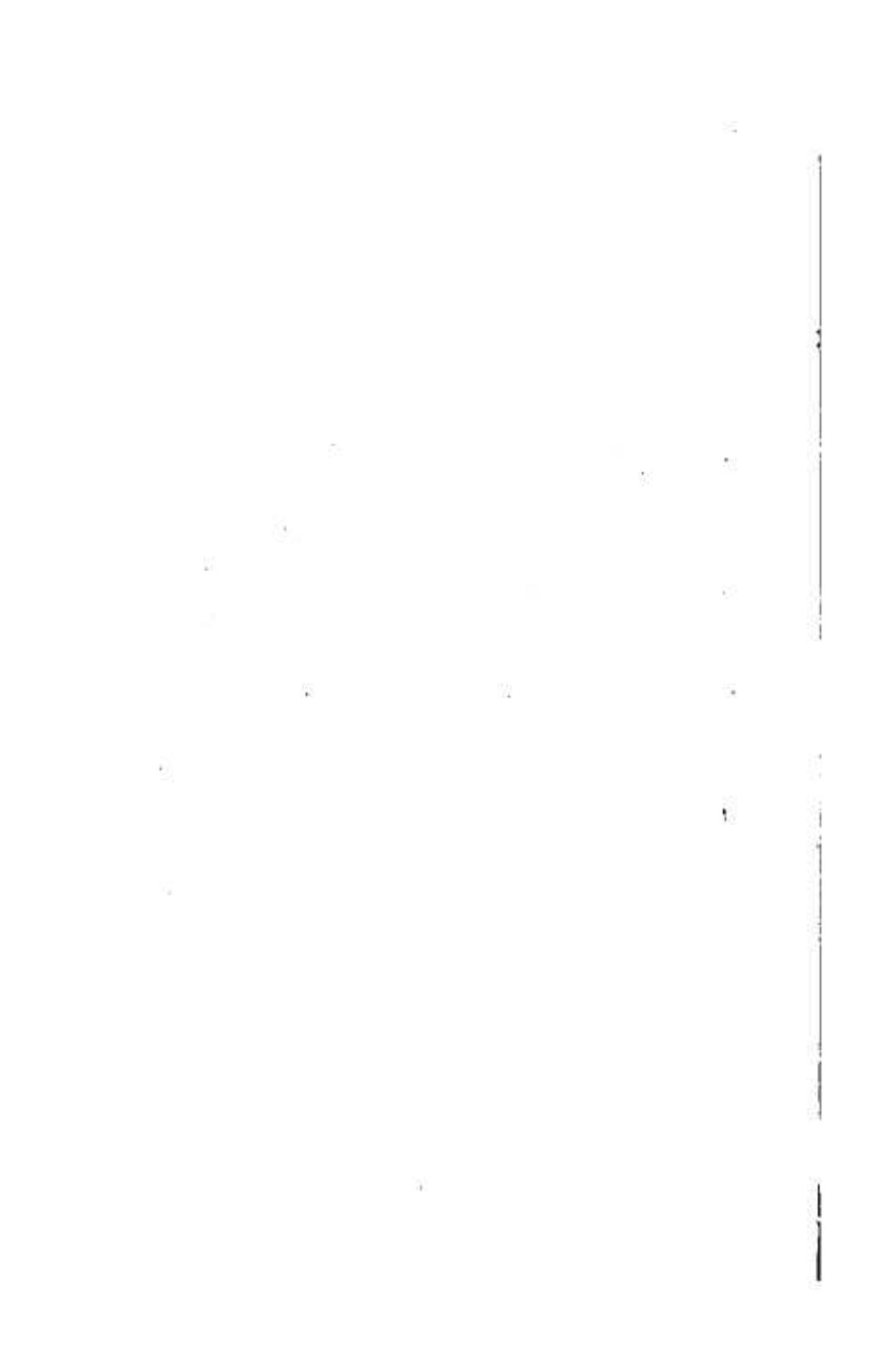
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TRANSLATIONS

THE SONG OF THE BELL

*Vives voca. Mortuos plango. Fulgura frango.*¹

[The latter part of this poem was composed by the lurid light of the old French Revolution, from which the first man of the time — Burke, for instance, like Schiller, — "shrunk almost blinded by the glare."]



N the earth, now firmly planted,
Stands the mould of well-burnt clay.
Come, my lads! Strong hands are
wanted,
We must make the bell to-day!
From the heated brow
Sweat must freely flow, —

¹"It is said that the wicked spirits that be in the regions of the air fear much when they hear the bells ringen; and this is the cause why the bells be ringen when it thundereth, to the end that the foul fiend and wicked spirits should be abashed and flee, and cease from moving of the tempest." — *Durandus*, quoted by Mrs. Jameson in *Sacred and Legendary Art*.