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" The King is dead, Long live the King ! "
Age wanes, youth follows after,
Ring out the Old with solemn swing,
Ring in the New with laughter.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

AND

NEW YEAR RHYMES,

SERIOUS AND COMIC.

WITH A GALLERY OF NOT-ABLES DRAWN AND
QUARTERED IN VARIOUS VERSE,
SENSE, AND NON-SENSE.



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PREFACE.

HEN the reader has finished the Christmas-Eve legend of Saint Nicolas, which I have printed from a wonderful paper, the "Californian Spirit of the Times," vol. 40, 2nd January, 1875, No. 16," he will, if moved as I have been by that pure domestic idyll, feel himself in a fitting mood to walk with me into, and through, my Gallery of Not-ables. Tenderness will have taught him truthfulness, and truthfulness will incline him to mirth, for what can make a man more merry than to see the traits of men as they are, true to nature, indeed, but lightly touched, with only so much care and

severity of treatment as to make their eyes look into his—the test of artistic portraiture.

The portraits are so few, that the gallery, though small, admits of their all being hung upon the line. Some few I have in a back room, still standing on the ground with their faces to the wall—not because the King of Burmah so arranges the series of portraits sent him as presents by the kings and princes, his contemporaries—as if he would have none of them higher than himself—but simply as a reserve for a future hanging; should I hereafter think them worthy of having their heads lifted up, like that of the chief baker of Pharaoh. One must not consume all our holyday bake-meats on Christmas Day. There is a New Year's Day and Twelfth Day to come, and Christmas Days after this. I adopt the principle of reserve.

The sketches my visitor will find numbered, but I have no catalogue to offer him; his mind must make one for himself. In one or two instances some sort of inscription or descrip-