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ORIGINAL POETRY.

Weitten for the Highland Messenger.
ADDRESS TO THE NEW YEAR.

Ma Entrou :- As Poets are licensed to he their fancies in whatever garb they ry-like Queen--ull gentleness and gaity, stead of the rude ideas of a blustering monch, with Burens at his heels, trusting that

ill be the more occupiable. Hait! bappy New Year! Upon the glud ear Thy foot-trends are falling ; Hast gemly been calling For walcoming hearts : For hearts that have smarts Inflicted by Time's old Varar, Who lately did be much rigor : -Reproving our folies, And frowning our vollies
Of laughter and fun—
Our wit oud our pun. The date god old fellow

And wrinkled and anllow Consurfous had grown : Complained that we'd treated His chains with disdain. Ant often defeated

"Had which of his own;

The hopes of his gain ; la fact, as a miser-Regretting his pence; He'd have us he wisor Farever from thence. "Tis true we had trifled The moments aways

And often had sided The grounding day; We often had laggered At foot of Life's hill, And R. c. when it gathered, We know we offended .. The wrinkled old Seer.

And off were are piled With justice severe.

But hall thee New Year! And the smiles bliss inditing ; There beams in thine eye.

The freshuess of morning, and populs connet vie With its innocent dorning. So lightsome and gay, Thou'lt sure not reprove use If we're carried away By the hearts that now move us:

"Ers a jubilea time, And we'd toin be rejoining; Our music would chime With th' occasion, long poising. We'll speed us nway To the loves of our wooing,

And dengthen our stay By the prospects ensuing; We'd hie to the triends Who are waiting to greet us,-Who are making amonds For the way they did treat us, When the " Seer" held his sway In his growing dominion,

And caused them to stray From the "loving opinion." We have promises many, With which we now greet thee; With a bright miscellany Of strong vows we meet thee:

We give thee true faith, As in marrying one snith, And render our vows, As our circumstance lows, To honor thy deputies, And render our debtor's fees:

Our homage to thue. Aye, gladly and free, We'll strive to do better In thy company; By Love's gentle fetter Connected with thee,

We'll heed thy sweet 'vitings To duty and cheer, And vield to the 'citings Of love-miggied fear to Each moment that passes We'll kiss as fair h

With whom they do vie : . We'll kiss them in token That they are from thee; And all that we've spoken E'er binding shall be.

Franklin, Macon co., Jan. 1st, 1846.

hort Patent Sermon. To resume my habor of love, I will discourse this movining from the following text:

He chean himself, his negations too,
And, when from moth he passer,

lence, and economy are commendable quali-

ies; but merconary meanness and miserly hyeician, like myself, for instance. A germof meanness, if it be not nipped at its first building, will suon avershadow and stunt eveher guano, fertilizing powders, nor all the empires or of nations on paper, but she writes manure of morality in creation will be able her own history on the impurishable mind of to make them flourish again. Man's soul, her child. That tablet and that history will my friends, has an expandability and a stretch. remain indelible when time shall be no more. fliveness about it equal to India rubber .- That history each mother will meet again, When high, heaven born, noble and generous and read with eternal joy or unutterable woe bought are infused into it, it swells like a in the far ages of elernity. This thought ay think proper, I have availed myself of bulloon, and rises into a porer and more ethe. should weigh on the mind of every mother, privilege in the lines that follow, in prestorms of debasing passion. In fact, it can't erful, and faithful in her solemn work of get down if it would, any more than an infla- training up her children for heaven and imted blow fish can descend to wallow in its na. mortality. The minds of children are very live mud. It scorus every dishonest deed, susceptible and easily impressed. A word, and spurns every low and niggardly practice. Pregnant with a generous and philanthropie pride, somer than take advantage of the weak. the defenceless and the fallen, you might exbet the American cagle to grey upon the putrid corcuss of Mexico, or condescend to pick out the eyes of a prostrate nation. But when a human soul has long been exposed to the scoreling rays of avarice, it becomes show. elled up to fried show strings-nay, to the in-visible atomy that concatenates with nothing. It becomes so insignificantly minute, that, ten millions like it would rattle in a pennar

My friends -too many of you (city folks

especially) are uver-inclined to meanness -

I know some who are so wastly little-if I amy use the term-that, when they are brushed from earth into the devil's dust pan, the old chap will have to put on double magnify. ing spectacles, and poke for a long while among the rubbish of martality, before he can find them. There's reighbor Tightfist, to some respects a worthy member of my congregation; and yet, I regret to say, he is mean enough to chase a fat musquito through a five mile awamp for the sake of his suct. -To his credit, however, he once made a sa- Love, Romance, and War. - A corresponerifice to the good enuse by putting an unfor- dent of the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat, uninviting study, but it is a study which would tunate holding penny in the box, and going writing from Corpus Christi, relates a bit of be of great utility to Legislators, and persons supportless to bed. And there's neighbor ramance, which we have not before heard concerned in administering the laws to write Grab, tho; if he had the power and could of. The following is the writer's version: encich himself thoreby, he would brush the . About a mile back of our camp is an en. youth-to parents and guardians of children silvery stars from the firmament, snatch the campment of Texas Rangers, under the comgolden san from the sky, and sell the moon mand of Col. Reil. They have among them for ald brass. If a sixpence were required as a prisoner, a beautiful Mexican female, of showing that many of the causes may be at the grie of heaven, rather than pay the about sixteen years of age, whose recent hisfee, I worlly believe he would rise from his tory would form the ground work for an inresting place at midnight, and pick the lock tresting work of romance. She is connected with a tenpenny noil. Oh I you mean and with one of the first families in Mexico, and philul pilgarlies! You think that, by cheat- falling in love with a young man of her own ing others, you earlieb your-elves; but you nation, but beneath her in wealth and station, that the strength and correctness of the morcheat yourselves in proportion as you cheat her family refused their assent to the match. al principle, depends greatly on the correctothers. You cheat yourselves out of that She eloped with her lover, crossed the Rio contentedness and mental repose, which the Grande, and was taken prisoner by the Ranfree hearted, generous, and philanthropic en- gers. Her lover is also a prisoner. Beauti. which are set for their imitation. In other juy; and which is worth more to a mortal fol indeed is the maiden, and honorably do the words, the morals of youth are generally than mountains of geld. By boarding up Texans hold their prizes. We have not formed by Education, or left unformed for the every shilling you can got, you increase the heard how they will be disposed of, but pre- lack of culture. If this view of the subject burning thirst and intelerable itching for more; some the Rangers know the value of their be allowed, it follows, that the predisposition and where this incessant restlessness prevails, prisoners." happiness won't roost, any more than birds vill roost upon the nodding branches of the Mr. Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee .- We tree top. The boststiful flowers of sentiment see it stated in the Washington corresponwill fade in your cold basoms-your tender dence of the Richmond Enquirer, that Mr. feelings become like the parings of finger. A. Johnson, of Tenn. a member of the House nails-philanthropy loses all its sweet liquor of Representatives, and a very estimable and -your sympathies seem to be made of sole intelligent gentleman, was taught by his wife leather-you never feel the power and the po- to read since his marriage. " He is a tailor etry of love-you are perfect strangers to by trade, and it is said, yet carries on his rational enjoyment. In short, your lives lead business at his shop at home. It is well added through a dark tunnel, at the farther end of what his standing in Congress, is a strong which you appear to see nothing else than a illustration of the excellence of our institusixpence glittering in the sun, and are forever shaking with the Jurusalem fidgets to get at it. If this be happeness I have heretofore confounded the animal with some other cresture that had hair on it.

My hearers- Keep what you have got and get what you can,' is a very bad precept. If every body were to act upon this principle, a precious little indeed could be got. He that had much would keep it always without benefit to himself or to any one cise, and he that had nothing would be in a fair way to just hold his own forever. No, no-the seed must be sown before it can be made to pro-duce sixty or an hundred fold; but you must duce sixty or arrhunded fold: but you must be careful and not says flupon barren ground, or you will have the mertification of gathering nothing but thistles at the best. Of every three-peace, put one in your pecket, dispose of the other for the mod of the body, and give the other to God, through the hards of the poor and needy; and heaven will smile upon, fortune favor you, and men speak well being of belly and wischen. Partake thouk. Hogs should have warm beds at this sea. lacy of certain a rgum fully and cheerfully of the good gills of Prov. idence with which you are surrounded, and have a like charcoal.

The accumulation

ing at boof. Open your mouths, your hearts, your hands and your pockets—sow and resp—give and receive—help one snother; and And, when from earth he preses,
Salan, lo see his hittle soul.

Well have to put on glusses.

My hearers—carefulness, vigitance, pruthat pression born love which springs up in a
that pression born love which springs up in a denly; but that gentle, heavenly, amaran-DOW, Jr.

A Word to Mothers .- Each mother is a ennobling principle of the heart, that net. historian. She writes not the history of a look, a frown may engrave an impression on the mind of a child which no lapse of time can efface or wash out. You walk along the sea shore when the tide is out and you form characters, or write names in the smooth white sand, which hes spread out so clear and beautiful at your feet, according as your fancy may dietate, but the returning tide shall in a few hours wash out and efface forever all that you have writen. Not so the lines and characters of troth, or error, which your conduct imprints on the mind of your child. There you write impressions for the everlosting good or evil of your child, which neither the floods nor the storms of earth can wash out, nor death's cold finger can erase, nor the slow moving ages of eternity obliterate. How careful, then, should each mother be of herself in her treatment of her child. How prayerful, and how serious, and how earnest to write the eternal truths of God on his mind-those truths which shall be his guide and teacher when her voice shall esilent in death, and her line no longer move in prayer in his belief, in commending her dear child to her covenant God .- Tenn.

tions. Native mind and labor, by the op-It gives us pleasure always to record such examples. Mr. Johnson may be opposed to us in politics, but that does not prevent us from acknowledging his merits, and feeling interested in his welfare. We do not know him, but a man who displays the energy, industry and intellect that he has, is an honor to the country .- Alex Gaz.

It cannot be too widely known that Nitrous Acid Gas possesses the property of destroying the contagion of Typhus Fever, and certainly for joy, when the good deed is done. preventing its spread. By the following triffing expense: Place a little Salt Petre in a sauger, and pour on it as much oil of Varol as will just cover it. A copious discharge of passions, will perhaps be sources of crime to from Ruleigh westward. The Professor's quantity of which may be regulated by lessen- drinks, and crimes from these sources would Greensborough Patriot ing, or increasing the quantity of ingredients. be of rare occurrence in a moral and well or-

The Rinhmond Whig defines the Presi- dered community.

From the Raleigh Register.
Remarks on the Penitenting Question. No. In

Introduction-Crimes of c. "This is true liberty, when free born men, Having to advise the public, may speak free; Which he who can, and will, deserves high praise Who neither can, nor will, may hold his peace; What juster in a State then this."

Ma. Galas:-There are many things avaries are almost too loothsome and detesta. thine love, which not only flourishes in smiles from baving heard them asserted from our but blooms as fresh in tears. So mote it be! early years, by those whom we regard as our or say any thing without violating the law, superiors, and which will not bear the test of strict examination. There is a kind of iner- ry may be asked in these cases. tia in our nature, which inclines us to adopt this easy mode of arriving at conclusions, rather than undergo the intellectual labor of making it illegal to do what their sense of du- from New York, Albert J. Tirrell, alias Denour opinion of the expediency and propriety of a Penitentiary, as an adjunct to our critainal code, has been imbibed in this tradition. ary manner; and when the subject is viewed prevention of crimes, (at least the frequent were given at the time. Tirrell, who has been adduced in favor of such establishment is subected to the ordeal of truth, we may become that it is inexpedient and preposterous? The nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a that while coming up the river, Tirrell, find. sentiment of the writer has long been opposed to the Penitentiary system totally; while that it only requires the extension of the ful attempts to jump overboard .- Delta. a close attention to the development of facts, and a rational scrutiny of the arguments adened and confirmed this opposition.

I hope Editors throughout the State, without regard to what may be their private sentiments, will lay before their readers what may mestion. Is is due to the people that they inny, the system will be fastened upon us; and arguments and objections will then be too IT.

The terms Sin and Crime, though often used one for the other, are by no means synonymous. Sin is a violation of a divine preopt--Crime the breach of a human law .-An important distinction, because many sins tre not made crimes by law; and some things are made criminal which otherwise would not be sinful. It has even sometimes been made criminal not to do things forbidden in the divine law; or to do that which is commanded in the divine law. What I would show is, that crimes are arbitrary things.

The philosophy of Crime may be a very

I design here only to take a brief view of some of the causes of Crime, for the purpose counteracted, and the crimes obviated.

It must be obvious to the slightest reflection, that the great predisposing cause of Crime is the want of moral principle-a weak ness of the precepts with which the minds of children are imbued; and of the examples to eschew crime or to commit crime, depends greatly on couses which are within human

But there are influences which tend to corrupt morals, and to incite to the immediate perpetration of criminal deeds. Of these et us examine a few.

The example and persuasion of criminal associates, is a great means of leading into crime it is difficult always to prevent. Keep out of bad company, is a rule much easier solatory to reflect that this rule is carrying the great mass safe, and that it is capable of being extended, till there will be no criminal company to avoid.

The intemperate use of intoxicating drinks ists among us. Remove this and we will need to be swindled again whenever your officeno Penitentiary. And this cause of crime can be removed. None is more completely within the control of human agency. And every friend of our race will clap his hands

Idleness may be enumerated as a source of simple method the Gas may be procured at a crime. A rigorous enforcement of the vagrant law might remedy this.

Inordinate appetites or desires, and violent Nitrous Acid Gas will instantly take place; the the end of time. But take away intoxicating a man ofter our own hunt for business .-

it it be used so as to furnish employment and a comformble subsistence to the great giass, will necessarily drive men into crime, chiefly theft or robbery. Query-Are not the mo- vote was cast for Joseph G. Murshall. popolists the veritable criminals?

The enactment of oppressive laws, and the failure to execute the laws justly, may drive men into crimes. Making too many things criminal, so that men can scarcely do necessarily increases crime. The above que-

Advancing still further, we come to those ennes, of the First Municipality Police, arrestlaws which interfere with men's consciences; ed on board the ship Sultana, just arrived reasoning and research, or even of close and ty impels them to do; and illegal to omit do. nis, alias Hart, who is charged with having continued observation. May it not be, that ing what their conscience forbids them to do. murdered his mistress, Maria Bickford, in Under such laws and decrees, the earth has Boston, a short time ago, and afterwards setdrank the blood of martyrs.

on the other side, and the reasoning which is recurrence of fligitious ones,) is by no means recognized since his arrival here by several so hopeless as might have been imagined, and gentlemen who knew him from infancy, was what increases the prospect and saves the committed to prison to await the requisition of ess confident of its utility; or even convinced thought from appearing visionary, is, that the Governor of Massachusetts. We learn thousand, are, by some means, preserved, so ling himself detected, made several unsuccess. means a little further to achieve the desired object. Then if crimes can be mensurably vanced in its defence, have greatly strength. prevented, the question may be asked, shall we use our exertions and prevent them, or shall we let them increase and erect. a Penitentiary to punish them? To this question, every lower of God, every lover of man, the most worthy and notice and every lover of God, every lover of man, stands before that country a felon! He has be offered on the negative of this important every lover of his country, all that is cleaned and benign on earth, will respond, if crime truth; for, if a majority votes for a Poniten. the invisible orders of beings above us, all SYLVANUS.

> on religious subjects. She is said to have order. been much agitated, and was unable to stand The note was discounted by a broker, who alone during the adjustment of the rope. Not exhibited it to McDonough : he dealed that he a soul went forward to bid them adien; nor had such a note out, enquiry followed, and did they take farewell of each other or of the largery became too apparent to be doubt.

> There were a very large number of persons known, Judge G. made the attempt to end the ground-probably between two and three thousand. Our informant states that he giver in an exhausted state. saw young Burnett, the son, in prison on the morning of the execution, and that he appeared entirely carelessand unconcerned about the destiny of his father and mother.- Van Buren (Ark.) Whig.

modernised into; " in the earliest stages of or perverted principle. It is equally evident, maturity, proceed with accelerated swiftness.

How to Write For Newspapers. 1-Have something to write.

2-Write plain-dot your i's-cross your t's-point your sentences-begin them with 3 -- Write short-to the point-stop when

ou are done. 4-Write on one side of the leaf. 5-Read it over, abridge and correct it until you get it into the shortest, space possi-

0 -- Pay the postage. the publication of an article, and what is more desirable to the writer, will secure its

Hallo, Pennsylvanians !-- Did or did not crimes requires many actors. This cause of ard Brodhead, Benj. A. Bidlack, Pottsville men!" Who would believe it !- Ib. criminal acts. The commission of some James Buchanan, Wilson McCandless, Rich-Hughes, Sam'l. W. Black, etc. when they traversed your State in 1844, assure " you in effect that Polk was as much a Tariff man aid down than enforced, especially if the as CLAY ?"-They duped and cheated or told predisposition is unfavorable. But it is con. you the truth-which was it ! Have you his 124th year in June last. He volunteered read Walker's Report yet? Do your journals which huzzaed for " Polk, Shunk, and the Tariff of '42," lay before you the substance of the Revolution, and, though then exempt and drift of that Report? Have you pondered on Mr. Polk's second official explanation of his Kane letter ! Does it tally best with is the most prolific source of Crime that ex. the Whig or the Loco Foco expositions on the stump last year? And do you stand ready seekers have another ax to grind? Think the matter over, Pennsylvanians! and keep thinking till the time comes to acr!-- New York Tribune.

> Turnpike Survey .- Professor Mitchel, of Chapel Hill, passed through this place last Wednesday, bespattered with mud to his knees, with his compass and staff on his should-er, and accompanied by his chain enriers, engaged in the survey of a route for a turnpike

Fifteen Feet of Snow - The Quebec Gasette of the 5th says that the of you—and finally go to your long home as happy as a woodchuck to his winter burrow. Be saving but not parsimonious. I want you to supply the good things of this world in a to supply the good things of the following the supply the good things of fifteen feet, and then fulling so thick that it for the purpose of hereafter showing the ful. The St. Lawrence was piled up with this adduced in favor floating ice. This degree of cold is more I'll be darned if I don't resign right off, and severe than the frightful climate of Muscow give every feller a fair shake for fame and

The Hon. Jesse D. Bright has been elected a United States Senator, from the State of will not drive men to the perpetration of crime; Indiana, for six years from the 4th of March but the monopoly of the means of subsistence last. The election was made by the Legisla. ture of Indiana on the 6th instant. The Whigh

The South Carolina Legislature has adjourn ed after a session of only three weeks.

A writer in the Cultivater estimates the number of sheep killed by dogs in Ohio, during the losp year, at 20,000.

Important Arrest - Yesterday Capt. You. ting fire to their room in order that his crime But to return, I trust I have shown that the might not be discovered, the details of which

> A most melancholy affair has occurre Louisiana. Rice Garland, one of the Juc of the Supreme Court of that State, and once a highly prominent member of Congre teemed by the whole country to be among the most worthy and honorable of men, now

been guilty of forgery, and is now a fugitive hould hear both sides. Let them hear the can be prevented, LET US DO IT. And of from justice, if indeed he be in the land of the living, for he had attempted suicide by that are propitious to our race will echo, Do jumping into the Mississippi river from the deck of a steam boat. The circumstances of the forgery, as clicited at an examination Auful Execution - We have just conversed before the Recorder, were briefly these: A with a gentleman who witnessed the execu- gentleman of New Orleans of the name of ion of the old man Burnet, and wife, at Fay. McDonaugh sent to Judge Garland some time etteville, on Saturday last. They were convey. ago a present of strawberries, accompanied ed to the gallows at half past twelve, and by a complimentary note. The body of this were executed about two o'clock. The old note was extracted by Judge G., by a cheminan uttered not a word after he was put on cal process, leaving the signature, over which the plat-form, and the old woman said only was written a promissory note for six thena few words, which were understood to be sand and odd dollars, made payable to his own

ed. Upon the circumstances becoming fully

When such a man falls from the height of moral rectitude, the spectacle is almost bewildering to the mind .- Wil. Chron.

Close Shooting .- At a shooting in this n. Mr. Harrison Newton went up and "Go it while you're young," has been took hold of the turkey exposed for shots. A marksman not minding him, fired and killed the turkey while his hand was on it. Distance 35 rods .- Barre Gazette.

> Native American Party - This most unnecessary political organization is fast falling to pieces, and we are glad to see it coming to an end, and its capacity for mischief, in the party contests of the country. The American Patriot, the organ of the faction, denounces the leaders in set terms .- Alex. Gaz.

Placquemines, in Louisiana .- This parish in Louisiana is lamous in political history .-It will maintain its unenviable notoriery Tho These rules observed will always ensure New Orleans Tropic says, Placqueminesthe Placquemines, which returned a majority of one thousand votes for Polk, gives in all, only 185 votes for the new constitution! Yet the Locofocos all go for the Constitution !-O, what a falling off is there, my country-

> Extraordinary Langevity.-Died, in Bl den county, N. C., on the 14th Oct. last, Mr. Wm. Pridgen, aged 123 years! He entered to serve his country in the Continental Army by reason of his being over age, he served a full term in that war, and has received a pension for many years, past. He has lived to follow all his children to the grave, except an aged daughter. His grandchildren are aged people, and he has left great grandchildren upwards of 40 years of age, and great great grandchildren about 12 years of age. He retained his faculties till his death, except his sight, which he lost a few years ago. He was able to walk until a few days before his death, when attacked by fever, of which he died.

'Fellow sogers,' said a newly elected lieutenant of militin down in Maine, "I am allfired obliged to you for this ere shove up in the ranks you have given me. Fellow sogers, I'm not going to forget your kindness so soon, not by a darned sight; I'll stick to my post d the snow lies in heaps more than like puch to a pine board, so long as there is peace; but as I go in for rotation in office, if we should come to blows with the Britishers I'll be darned if I don't resign right off, and glory, and all that ere,"