

An Explanation.

Believing that the outlook for two daily papers in Durham was not as bright as we wished, a proposition was made to Mr. J. S. Carr, proprietor of the Daily Plant to pay him so much if he would discontinue the publication of his Daily or we would discontinue our DAILY if he would pay the price asked. He accepted the latter proposition, hence this will be the last issue of our DAILY.

On March the 27th, 1886, we issued our first DAILY RECORDER and since that time the patronage has been all that we could ask at the hands of the good people of Durham. Last Sept. we found that the demands upon our advertising space was so great that we were forced to enlarge the DAILY, making it the largest evening paper in the State, and as large as any morning Daily. It has always and will continue to be our aim to publish a paper that will be of some benefit to Durham and her enterprising citizens. We will in the future concentrate our energies on the WEEKLY RECORDER, THE SOUTHERN TOBACCONIST AND MANUFACTURERS RECORD, believing that we can accomplish as much for our city with these two papers as we did with the DAILY and the two WEEKLIES. In ceasing our daily visits we beg to assure our friends that while we cannot see them but once a week, we hope to make up in the matter that shall appear in our WEEKLIES. We trust that a liberal patronage will be given our esteemed contemporary the Daily Plant and that the brightest dreams of its liberal owner, Mr. J. S. Carr, will be fully realized.

1888-1889.

Standing within the first gray dawn of a new year, the imagination naturally rises above the prosaics of mere fact; and in contemplation of the hour, wreathes garlands of immortelles to the memory of the year departed, whilst culling the brightest flowers from the garden of Hope with which to embellish the coming of the new. Some there are who can in fancy see the hoary and wrinkled form of 1888 laid out in state upon a snow-clad bier—draped in sombre hues which are relieved only by the dim rays of its last fading sunbeams; while, by its side, in all the glory of effulgent brightness, entwined with evergreens and circlets of fresh beauty, is the cradle of 1889. In the one they see nothing but gloom and decay; in the other they see all that fond anticipation can desire. Yet we are unwilling to bury the old year in oblivion, or to ascribe to the new any meed of praise or pre-eminence above that to which its predecessors are entitled. We would not forget the friendships formed, the pleasant hours and the happy recollections that date in 1888. We cannot forget the rich blessings Heaven sent us that year; nor will affection ever be truant to the memory of dear ones whom Fate took from us then, leaving us only their departure to bewail, their virtues to emulate, and their graves to visit. Thousands of hearts will often revert in tenderness and love to the old year; for while it may have brought grief and pain to some, it also taught them that Time is but the servant of God, and He doeth all things well and for the best. What joy or sorrow the new year may yet bring to humanity none can tell; yet it should be borne in mind that as thorns and flowers grow upon the same stem, so do tribulation and happiness combine to perfect the lives of men.

On the threshold of a new year, it may be well to discard all of our hopeless regrets, as far as possible, and not allow them to clog our energies or mar our happiness in the future. If mistakes have been made, their recurrence can be guarded against, and possibly avoided. If we have wasted time or neglected opportunity, it should be remembered that there is a future of promise for every one who has the virtue to repent and the manhood to atone. Let your motto be: "Never despair!" Let Right be your aim, and Truth your guide. Turn your back upon the grave of shattered idols and buried hopes; wipe the ashes of "Dead

Sea fruit" from your lips; start anew upon the journey of life, and resolutely march onward to an honorable success. Let there be "no such word as fail" in your vocabulary, and let there be no wavering or halting in your movement. Refer to the errors and disappointments of the past only to profit by the lessons learned in the school of experience; and when the victory has been won, from the pinnacle of success you can look back to those pits and quagmires in which last year you floundered, only to see that their power and haunting influence was mainly imaginary.

Railroad Building.

There were 7,120 miles of railroad track laid in the United States in the year 1888.

In 1887 there were 13,000; in 1886 there were 9,000; in 1882 there were 11,500; in 1881 there were 9,700. With the exception of the years named, the record of the year just ended exceeds all except the year 1871, when 7,379 miles were built.

As the Lynchburg Virginian says, this is a railroad-building country in which the wide-awake people live and move, and the old fogies who stick to horseback, and stage-coaches must get off the track when they hear the locomotive blow.

The question of having Trinity College moved from Trinity to Raleigh is being considered by the people of the latter place. The Wilmington Star thinks such a move would give Trinity a boost such as it never had. The Star's belief has long been to build colleges at the central points and put church buildings on the most conspicuous thoroughfares. In connection with these ideas the Star says, as a friend of Trinity, it would like to see it moved to Greensboro, Durham or Raleigh, preferring Raleigh. So far as Durham is concerned, we would like to see it brought to Durham. Our people would give it a warm welcome. If the proper effort is made we believe it could be induced to come here. We leave the matter in the hands of our Methodist friends. If they want it here it is our opinion that our people will unite with them in establishing such an institution in Durham and will be liberal in their efforts. The RECORDER would like to see Trinity College moved to Durham.

Deposit the Money in Durham.
What is the matter with our Democratic friends of Wake, that forced their Treasurer to come to Durham to make up his official bond.—[Durham Tobacco Plant The Chronicle is ashamed to answer the question. There are men in Raleigh who vote the Democratic ticket who ask and receive favors from a Democratic administration, and who count their wealth in the hundreds of thousands. Their patriotism does not run very high when an honest Democratic official desires to give bond, but their fervor is at top notch when they desire to milk the Democratic cow. Hurrah for Durham and its men of wealth! The Chronicle honors them and their Democracy! We thank them for helping one of the honestest of honest men, Mr. L. O. Lougee, to give bond, but all the same many of us feel humiliated that he was compelled to go out of his county. It does not speak well for Wake Democracy, to say the least of it. But it speaks trumpet-tongued for Durham and its liberal Democrats.—State Chronicle.

As the people of Raleigh did not feel disposed to go on the Treasurer's bond, we suggest that the Treasurer return the favor and deposit his money with our three Durham banks.

Longstreet or Mahone—Which?
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—A distinguished Democratic Senator is quoted as saying: "If a Southern man goes into Harrison's Cabinet, it will be either Longstreet or Mahone. General Mahone is now very strongly urged by the dominant power in the Republican political machine, while Longstreet has no following at all with Northern Republicans who have won the fight for General Harrison, but Longstreet has back of him a strong Southern sentiment."

Resignation of a Chief-Justice.
HELENA, MONT., Dec. 30.—N. J. McConnell, Chief-Justice of this Territory, has forwarded his resignation to President Cleveland, finding the duties of the office too burdensome. Judge McConnell was appointed from Tennessee about two years ago. He will probably form a law partnership here and continue to reside in Helena. His resignation is to take effect as soon as his successor can be appointed and qualified.

HARRISON IN DANGER.

An Attempt Said to Have Been Made to Take His Life.

New York, December 21.—The Herald's Indianapolis special says: A rumor has crept out there that an attempt upon the life of General Harrison was made one day last week. The facts, so far as they can be stated, are that a close friend of the Harrison family told the story to a confidential friend. It was to the effect that a well laid plot to take the life of General Harrison was arranged by a gang of bloodthirsty villains, and that an attempt to execute their dastardly design was made one day last week, but that the scheme was discovered by one of Harrison's nearest friends and thwarted. General Harrison and his family intended that the matter should never be made public. The one or two persons who have been entrusted with the facts still decline to give any details, and it is only possible to give this mere statement at this time.

The Herald's correspondent adds: "Of course the publication will lead to a thorough investigation of the affair, and a determined effort will be made to bring the would be assassins to justice."

A Burglar Killed.

On Christmas morning, at 4 o'clock, M. M. Kirk, a citizen of China Grove, was waked by a noise at his window. Getting out of bed, and creeping noiselessly to the window from which the sound came, he perceived that a negro was trying to break into his house. As quick as thought, Mr. Kirk secured his gun, and pointing it at the negro's head, informed him that, unless he desisted at once and left the premises, he would blow his brains out. This seemed to convince the negro, for he ran as fast as his legs would carry him. Mr. Kirk then went out on the porch, and it suddenly occurred to him that he had driven away the burglar with an empty gun. He thereupon proceeded to load his gun, and while thus engaged, he heard a slight noise behind him. He turned around just in the nick of time, for the black ruffian, who had been lurking near the house, was stealthily moving towards him with a drawn bowie knife, and, in the next instant, would have plunged it into his back. Mr. Kirk was too quick for the would be assassin, however, for, with lightning rapidity and all the strength of desperation, he dealt the negro a blow on the head with his gun, which went crashing through his skull, killing him instantly. At the coroner's inquest the jury decided at once that Kirk was entirely justifiable, having acted in self defense.

With the Fair Sex.

Queen-Natalie expressed recently the desire to hear Sarah Bernhardt in one of the principal scenes of her repertoire. The obliging actress complied with the royal request and chose a scene from "Dameaux Camelias." But when she came to the passage, "La grandeur tom bee ne se reverts done jamais!" the unhappy Queen, thinking doubtless of her own case, burst into tears, and all the ladies present followed suit. This was too much for Sarah. She began to cry, too, and the scene closed with crowds of weeping women sobbing as if their hearts would break.

Among the large number of visitors at the President's public reception recently was a fond mother accompanied by her little five-year-old daughter. Santa Claus had evidently been generous with the little one, for she was decked out in a bright new cap and cloak, and in her arms she hugged a gaudily attired wax doll. The mother pushed the child towards the President, bidding her shake hands with him. The little girl was confused, for instead of taking the outstretched Presidential hand, she hugged dolly more closely to her breast, as if she was afraid the President wanted to take it from her. The President took in the situation at a glance and in a good-natured way patting the little one on the head and said: "That's right, little one; you would rather have your dolly than be President. I don't blame you—so would I."

The will of Miss Ann Hunt, a wealthy resident of Bridgeport, Conn., disposes of \$100,000 to charity. She had been a school teacher nearly half a century and nearly all of her splendid fortune was the result of slow accumulation and economy.

The Northern and Southern Presbyterians.

New York, Dec. 29.—The conference of the Presbyterian Southern and Northern General Assemblies committees was reported as progressing favorably at the close of today's session. In the morning session the Southern men deliberated alone, as did also the Northern men. In the afternoon the opinions of both sides were brought together and the session adjourned until Monday. Many of the seats of pupils of the leading city churches will be occupied tomorrow by visiting clergymen.

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