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Poetry.

ANGELS AT DE CABIN DO.

From the N. C. Farmer,

BY W. J. OETZEL. Don't you hear de river callin,' Solemn like, and soft, and low; Sounds like massa was a callin' As he used to, long ago, See, de moon am shinin' brightly, All de lights are in the sky, An' I almos bear de rustlin, Of de angels passin by.

Put your han' in mine, young missy, All de worl' am dark an' drear;-I am almos' tired o' waitin' For de Massa to appear. Rest de banjo on my pillow, For I'll tech de strings no mo' In de blessed summer twilight Sittin' by de cabin do.'

I have waited for de comin' Of His face for many a day, Since I passed in to de winter An' de summer fled away. Soon I'll join de big camp meetin,' Dere upon de heavenly plain, Where de tree of life is bloomin'
An de sunshine never ware!

Harki de waters still am callin, Don't you see de shinin' band? Dey am crossin of de river From de blessed Canaan land. Raise me up, I'm ole and feeble,-I won't never grieve no mo,' For I 'spect dey is a waitin'-

Here outside my cabin do'! Put your han' in mine, young missy, All de worl' am dark an' drear, Now de fire am burnin' lower-Time is almos' drawin' near! Hark! I hear de drums a beaten Tell de Lord dat I am ready, Angels at de cabin do't

Greenville, S. C. Jany, 7th 1880. THROUGH THE TUNNEL.

It was a bright, clear, cold morning in early December, When Kathie entered the car there was scarcely a vacant seat to be seen. To be sure there was one stout old gentleman sitting alone, but he was next to the aisle and seemed so deeply absorbed in thought that Kathie dismiddleaged woman, but she had numberless parcels and wraps in the seat beside her, and her appearance, take it all in all, was so forbidding as she looked fixedly out of the window, that Kathie passed her by. There was but one more seat unoccupied. It was beside a gentleman who sat close to the window reading a paper.

'Is this seat engaged?' asked Kathie with timid hesitancy.

'It is not,' was the answer in a pleasant tone; 'but,' springing up as he spoke 'would you prefer the seat by the window?

'Oh, no! Thank you! Not at all!" murmured Kathie, and she sat down be-

The gentleman turned his attention to his paper again, and Kathie immediately fell to wishing that she had taken the seat by the window. For the gentleman sat at her right hand, and her purse was in her cloak pocket, and had not Aunt Kate warned her again and again. to be on her guard against pickpockets, and declared that they were quite as likely to be young, agreeable and polite, as the reverse? And was not this person all three? Kathie stole a shy glance at him. His dark eyes were intently fixed on the atation, where he left her with a courte-newspaper, He was fine looking and one bow and Good morning.?

well dressed, and to all intents quite oblivious of her existence: Kathie wondered demurely what sort of an expression his face would wear if he knew that
any one thought that perhaps he might
be a pickpocket.

'Instellit thing, said Macine to he seek
and in the live of the seek that
admiring eyes, as long as she could distinguish his face toym in the hurrying
be a pickpocket.

She might take her purse and hold it in her hand, but that would seem ostens tations and tiresome, moreover there would be ample time for that when the gentleman-he looked like a gentleman certainly should put down his paper and Kathie could no longer watch his and Aunt Kate's commissions were all

the Christmas gifts she was going to buy train he escorted her to the station. The next two years to put the same in good and of the other shopping she was going train was in readiness when they arrive repair? Here state what amount of crossto do. It was her first trip to Boston quite alone. Aunt Kate had always the right car, a form approached them and help her to select Christmas git's, but this year Aunt Kate's rheumatism was so much worse than usual that she did not hope to be equal to a trip to Boston for the winter; and as it was already nearing Christmas, there was nothing to be done but to let Kathie go alone, And so it came about that Kathie feeling quite old and responsible, was on her ed for way this bright December morning, to tion. the city. . She mentally planned her day's work, and portioned out her mone ey for the varios things that she was intending to buy. There was the book comb for Aunt Kate, the engraving for cousin Will, that must be especially fine of the car. and nicely framed, since it was to do double duty as a Christmas and wedding gift. Should it be a copy of some celebrated old picture, or some attractive group, full of modern life and interest?

While Kathie was trying to decide this question, and was reviewing with her minds eyes, all the finest and most beautitul engravings that she had ever seen, the train swept into the tunnel.

As it grew dark the gentleman beside her put down his paper, turning slightly towards Kathie as he did so. And then Kathie was sure she felt a stealthy motion towards her cloak pocket. Quick as thought her hand went down to seize her purse when-oh, horrors;-there was the man's hand in her pocket! Kathie did not withdraw her hand, on the contrary being determined to protect her property at all hazzards, she felt about with her fingers as well as she could for her purse, but could not find it. It was intruding band with the firmness of desperation, fully determined to make an alarm as soon as the cars emerged into daylight again. If he did not have the purse in his hand, there at least was his hand in her pocket, and some of the passengers would see her righted and ler purse restored. Fortunately her purse had her name printed on the inside. How long the minutes seemed before the train came out into light! Then Kathie still grasping firmly the man's hand looked up and down the aisle, with sparkling eyes and flushed cheeks, for the conductor.

'I beg your pardon,' said her captive in a low tone that Kathe could scarcely catch the words, but have you not made a mistake in the pocket?

Kathle gave one switt glance. Good heavens! Her hand was in his pocket! If she had touched a burning coal she could have relinguished her hold and withdrawn her hand more promptly. She ventured one deprecatory glance at the gentleman. His expressive face wore a mischevious smile.

'I though'-began Kathie tremulously, sion of feeling was too great. The brightness of her eyes was suddenly quenched by gathering tears, and her lip quivered

ominously.
That it was your pocket, of course, said the gentleman, completing her sentence. 'I understand periectly. Pray do not let the mistake disturb you,' he continued with imploring earnestness.

In the midst of her distress Kathie could not help thinking how musical his yoice was. Then, with much tact, he took up his paper, and devoted himself with great assiduity, to reading an article, which, if Kathie had but known it. he had read twice already since she sac beside him, without knowing in the least what it was about.

Kathie became onewardly compose after awhile, but her mind was still in a tumult. Suppose he had turned the ta bles upon her, and denounced her as a pick-pocket as he might have done! She

shivered at the mere thought of it. Once or twice, as they neared the city, the gentleman glanced at her as if he would speak, but Kathie's resolutely averted face and downcast eyes gave him no opportunity, and not another word was spoken till they reached the

Her purse, it is scarcely necessary to say, was safe in her pocket, and she soon set about diminishing its contents. Notwithstanding the inauspicions beginning of her trip, her day proved quite successful and eatisfactory. Her own errands Then Kathie's thoughts slipped into a to spare for a call at Couisin Will's office bed, including cross ties, ditching, &c., more agreeable channel. She thought of and when the time drew near for her and what amount will be needed in the executed, and there was still a half hour

and of the other shopping she was going train was in readiness when they arrived, and, as they walked along to reach b cen with her before, to take care of her from a side entrance, a glance at which sent a thrill through Kathie's veins and the hot blood to her cheeks and brow.

'Ah! here's Harry Thorn, going down on your train, Kathie.' said her cousin

'He will be agreeable company for you, and will see to your parcels,' and then, before Kathie was at all prepared for it, came the inevitable introduce

Kathie could hardly torce herself to meet the glance of the mischevious dark eyes bent upon, or to touch the proffered hand. It was utterly impossible for her for Sunday-school teacher, the shell- to speak a word, but the gentlemen talked on till Will lett them at the entrance

> 'You will take the seat by the window this time? said Mr. Thorn, and Kathie silently took it.

> After he had arranged her parcels in the rack, and seated himself, Kathie res marked, with a frank smile. 'I really hoped that I should never see you again. ·Did you think I deserved eternal banishment?' he asked, lightly.'

'Oh, no! It was rather I who merited it, said Kathle. 'So long as you did not know me, it did not matter what you thought of me, but now, -ah, where were Katheriue's words leading her?'-'but now, if you should tell Cousin Will,' she continued quite illogically, 'he would tease me unmercifully, and I should never hear the last of it.'

'I assure you,' was the earnest answer, that I will never mention the mistake to which you refer to Will or to any one else. No one beside ourselves need ever know aught of it.' And then he skillalready gone, Then Kathie seized the fully turned the conversation, and Kathie was soon quite at her ease, and they were conversing like two old friends.

That memorable ride through the tunnel occurred some years ago, and Kathies relations with Mr. Thorn have changed so greatly, that now, instead of suspecting him of taking her money, she appropriates with great coolness, funds from his pocket book for her Christmas shop-

Mr. Thorn sometimes laughingly declares, that instead of his wife's waiting tor him to offer his hand, as ladies usually do, she took possession of it the first time that she ever saw him; but his most intimate friends ask in vain for an explanation of his jest.

WESTERN N. C. RAILEGAD.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPORT.

MORGANTON, March 8th, 1880. To His Excellency THOS. J. JARVIS, GOV

DEAR SIR-I have the honor to ac knowledge your favor of the 5th iust., in which you say:
"I desire to place before the Legisla.

"ture, when it assembles, the fullest and Smost accurate information as to the con "dition of the Western N. C. Railroad 'so that the members may know all about "the property with which they will have "to deal. For this purpose I herewith send you a series of questions which I "wish you to answer in detail and as "fully as possible.
"Of course through your regular quar-

"terly report made to this office, and by
"actual inspection of the road as you
"know, I am already in possession of
"much of the information asked for, but
"it is not in a convenient shape to lay before the General Assembly, and therefore ask for this special report. "will thank you to return your answer "as soon as convenient, together with any "other suggestion or information you "may have, not embraced in these ques

In accordance with your request. herewith append my answer to each your questions, first repeating the question for convenience.

1st. What is the length of the road from Salisbury to Asheville by actual sur-

Answer. 145 miles. 2d. How many miles of that part of the road is completed and now in operation?

Ans. 138 miles.

3d. How much of the track on this part of the road was laid before the war? How much since the war, and prior to 1875, and how much since 1875?

Ans. Before the war 71 miles were laid, during the war 7 miles, with old iron, after the war and prior to 1875, 36 miles, reaching Old Fort, and since 1875, 24 miles additional, extending to the present terminus, 7 miles west of Ashe-

4th. Of that laid before the war, wha amount of new rails will be necessary in the next two years to replace the old and

worn rails?

Ans. The entire track from Morganton east, a distance of cighty miles, has been in use from 20 to 23 years, and must necessarily be greatly worn, besides being laid with the old chairs now out of use. If the company had the means it would be desirable to relay it all, but perfect safety would not require, during the next two years, an outlay for more than 20 miles.

5th. What is the condition at the condition of th

ties has been put in and what amount of ditching done in the last two years on what is known as the old part of the road, with any explanations you may desire to

Ans. During the last two years 95,000 cross-ties have been replaced, fully as many more are now needed. No ballasting has ever been done on the road, and for several years but little ditching, from for several years but little ditching, from the fact that we had no engine for this purpose and no means to pay a ditching force, and at the same time supply tools and material for the convicts engaged on construction. From worn iron and for want of proper ditching the road-bed is not in a condition to ensure both safety

and dispatch.
6th. What amount of money, if any, would be needed for the repairs of the bridges in the next two years?

Ans. A sheet iron cover for the bridge over the Catawba at a cost of \$2,000 would be all that is absolutely required. 7th. Give the condition of the depots and buildings and what amount will be needed, if any, in the next two years to put them in good repair, with any re-marks you desire?

Ans. All in fair condition; no repairs of importance needed.

8th. Have you a sufficiency of shope and tools for the wants of the company? What is their condition and what will be the probable seed of any addition therefore. the probable cost of any addition thereto, in the next two years?

Ans. Our shops have been recently rebuilt at a considerable expense, and are ample for present purposes, but we are greatly deficint in machinery. An outlay of \$3,000 is as little as can possibly serve our immediate wants.

9th. How many locomotives have you on the road, and what is their condition

and size?

Aus. We have six locomotiveslarge freight engine, new. another old one with new boiler, in good condition, just purchased from the R. & D. railroad, and not paid for, and four others, which have been in use about 23 years, and now requiring new boilers and other re-

now requiring new boners and other re-pairs amounting to about \$2,500 each.

10th. How many passenger, baggage, express and mail cars, and their condi-tion? How many box and flat cars, and their condition.

11th. What additional locomotives

and rolling stock will be necessary in the next two years for the business of the company, and the probable cost of the Ans. We have three coaches, three 2nd class cars, two mail cars, fourteen box cars and thirteen flats in good condition. This number was not sufficient for the busines of the road, but the Richmond & Danville road kindly let us

have the use of seven box cars and two flats, and Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line and Carolina Central allow their cars to go over our road free of charge. The immediate wants of the company require the purchase of two engines at a cost of \$18,000, and near double our present number of freight cars, at a cost of about \$12,000, to enable us to transact our business without asking favors from

other corporations.

12th. What is the length of incomplets ed road to Asheville and the cost of its

Ans. Three miles of grading is yet to

what will be the cost of construct equipping that part of the road?

Ans. The distance from Asheville to

Paint Rock is 45 miles: the original estimate on this line was \$968,000; about one third of the grading has been and the estimate for engineering and contingencies was extravagant. I recontingencies was extravagant. gard \$650,000 as a fair amount for the completion and equipping of this line.

14th. What length of time to complete the same under existing laws? Ans. Under existing laws, \$70,000 is yearly appropriated for the purchase of airs, spikes and superstructure; eight thousand dollars per mile will be required for this purpose at present prices, so that only nine miles each year can be finished. The present legislation in addition, provides that this appropriation shall be equally divided between the Paint Rock and Ducktown lines, thereby

fluishing 4 1-2 miles per annum on each: the Paint Rock line (45 miles) will take ten years to complete.

15th. What is the distance by actual arrvey from Asheville to Ducktown, and what will be the cost of construction and equipping this part of the road?

Ans. The distance from Asheville to

Ducktown is 135 1-2 miles, and the estinated cost is \$5,330,000.

16th. What length of time will it re-

quire to complete the same under exist-

quire to complete the same under existing laws?

Ane. The use of the \$70,000, divided as above, would complete the Ducktown line in 19 years. But the present legislature ascertaining that the earnings of the road were not sufficient to employ 500 couvicts, and at the same time keep in good condition the finished portion, enacted that \$20,000 of the appropriation might be applied to purposes of construction. If this provision is adopted 15 years would be required to complete to Paint Rock, and 30 years to Ducktown. 17th. What were the gross earnings of the company for the year 1879?

Ans. \$83,422.57.

18th. What were the operating expensions.

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ea for the same period?
Ans. \$60,264.87
18th. What were the net earnings of

company, if any outside of the \$850,000 mortgage bonds, and why and for what

purpose contracted?

Aus.: When the present administration took charge of the road there was a floating debt of about \$20,000, made for the extension of the work. Our earnings we were forced to use in the construction of the road instead of liquidating this debt: we had also to buy two ting this dept: we had also to buy two locomotives and three coaches and to build one new coach which is about completed, and rebuild the shops, thereby increasing our floating debt to \$30,000, which amount is due to employees of the company for work and labor done, for the purchase of ties and other material, and to the R. & D. Railroad for purchase

The road having about reached Asheville, for the further progress of the work we are controuted with these facts and figures which candor and a proper sense of public duty require me to again

reter to: The floating debt is 2 engines now required, Rolling stock now required, Repairing old engines, Machinery for shops, Covering for Catawba bridge, 100,000 cross-ties, 20 miles new iron, 50 hands ditching 2 years, \$281,000 60,000

Less worth of old rail,

Total, \$221,000
To meet this requirement and to build a road estimated to cost \$5.980,000, we have yearly earnings amounting to \$22-177 and an appropriation of \$70,000 per annum. I am however, of the opinion that our uet earnings will be very greatthat our uet earnings will be very greatly increased as soon as the connection is made at Paint Rock. By a mortgage upon the completed part the line to Paint Rock could be finished and a few miles in the direction of Ducktown, but any attempt to mortgage the right of way beyond this could result, even with any increased earnings we are likely to have only in failure and a sale of the road with no guarantee for its completion.

My answers to your inquiries have, I believe, given all the information possessed by me, which would aid the General Assembly in determing what is best to be done in regard to the property the State holds in the W. N. C. R. R. Should anything have been omitted, it will afford me pleasure, at any time to furnish it.

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rill afford me parties it.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully your ob't serv't,
JAMES A. WILSON,
Presiden

Gleanings.

It was wittily said of a beautiful French literary lady, that she had but one tault—a husband.

A case of domestic scandal was discussion at a tea-table. "Well let us think the best of her we can," said an elderly spinister. "Yes," said another, "and say the worst."

Mamma-Well, Johnny, I shall for give you thus time, and its very pratty of you to write a letter to say you're sorry. Johnny—Yes, ma; don't tear it up, please. Mamma—Why not? Johnny—Because it will do for the next time.

be done; the cost, with labor turnished. A man will wipe on a towel as filthy cannot exceed \$5,000.

13th. What is the distance by actual as rot at his office, and smash the furniture at home if he has to use one what will be the cost of construction and which is the least hit will be

Hon. James L. Wells found hi et down as a married man in the official list the Assembly. He lost no time in writing to the compiler of the manual: "In proof-sheet of manual I see you say I am married. Please correct send the woman around, and oblige."

One of the lady teachers in a Ikano public school a few days since was laboring with an urchin on the science of simple division. This is what came of it: 'Now Johnny, if you had an orange which you wished to divide with your little status how much would your circumstants. little sister, how much would you give her? Johnny-"A suck."

Life is put together considerably like a set of harness. There are traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good for-tune, breaches of good manuers, bridled tongues, and every body has to tug to pull through.

A check for fifteen hundred dollars wat sent a few days ago by a business man at St. Louis, to a neighbor whom he had wronged some years before of that amount. He had listened to the preaching of Mr. Moody, and the first he did after his conversion was to draw this check to return his ill gotten gains That was probably a case of goutine conversion. They ought to be more common.— Baptist Wesley.

A correspondent avers that this too

Mrs. A., a close-communion Baptist, lives near Mrs. B., a Methodist. Making a call one day, Mrs. A., in speaking of her poultry, of which she had a large number, complained the complained of t number, complained that she had on hen that she could not provail upon a est with the other hers, and had to give her a dish of food by herself; which taus ed Mrs. S., to laugh. Mrs. A., wanted to know what there was in the circumatance that pleased her so much. Mrs. B., feared that Mrs. A., might take offence if she told her thoughts. Mrs. A., promised that she would not. 'Well' the company for the same period and to what purpose were they applied?

Ans. The net earnings were \$22,156,...
60, and were expended tor purposes of construction.

20th. What is the indebtedness of the

SUPERIOR COURT.

Alaunance County.

G. D. Cobb, as adunt. of Breat Cable, dec'd.

Against.

Heira at law of Cynthia Young, Melli da Joh
Rlisabeth Linnens, Abel Hobbe, Samuel Hobbs
Lewis Hobbs, Susan Barton, Rohenra Canacy
Emanuel Ingle, Rusan Hugbes. Anthony Ingl
& wife Laura, Bliasbeth Lamb, Helra of Frank
Thomas, Heira of Masheta Job, Lizaie & John
Govan Ingle, Heira of Vinerat Ingle, Lew
Cable, Polly Job, Rannah whitsell, Alexande
Cable, Isabella Cable, Emily Gana, Racha
Holt, Daniel Cable, Pernella Tiekle, Susahna
Stonr, Edna Law, Valentine Cobb, Elizabet
Cobb, Jarnet Cobb, Jane A. Phipps, Isabell
Robertson, Melina Andrews, William Wyriel
Nowton Wyrick, Israel Cable, Elizabeth Cabl
Jane Cable, Wilkins Cable, Elizabeth Cabl
Jane Cable, Wilkins Cable, Catherine Cabl
Saml. Cable, Milkins Table, Blinder
This is a special proceeding to sell land is
assets by G. D. Cobb, admr., of Israel Cabl
and it appearing to the satisfaction of the cout
that the beirs of Cynthia Young, names as
sexes anknows, Elizabeth Linnens, Abel Hobb
Saml, Hobbs and Elizabeth Lamens, Abel Hobb
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Sassanhah Stone, Newton Wyrick and Willia
Cable, are all necessary parties to casle, pu
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is therefore ordered: That publication be me
for them in Tura Alaxanor Guzanus a new
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Done at office in Graham?

Jan. 20, 1880.

North Carolina Presbyterian

No afforts are spared to make this the North Carolina Presbyterians but tive and metal. To do this we preserved to make the provided and metal to the said and laity, barned and unlearned, aim is to publish a live paper.

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Who Shall be President!

THEFT Raleigh Observer

A Democratic Newspaper, "THE OLD RELIABLE," Samuel a ashe Editor and Owner.

Company Shops DRUG STORE

I have very recently purchased, and filled the store house formerly occupied by Dr. J. S. Mur-shey, with a fresh stock of Drugs and Medicines Also a hardcome stock of fancy articles, and overything obe generally found in a First Class Brug Store