CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas.

BY HENRY TIMROD.

How grace this hallowed day?
Happy bells from yonder ancient spire,
Their glad greetings to each Christmas fire
Round which the children play?

Past for many a moon,
Tongueless tower hath cleaved the Sabbath air,
As an obelisk of ice aglare
Beneath an Arctic noon.

How shall we grace the day?
Feast and song and dance and antique sports,
Shouts of happy children in the courts
And halls of ghost and fay?

Would not some pallid face
Upon the banquet, calling up
Shapes of battle in the wassail cup
And trouble all the place?

How could we bear the mirth,
Some loved reveller of a year ago
In his mute Christmas now beneath the snow,
In cold Virginian earth?

How shall we grace the day?
Let the thought that on this holy morn
Prince of Peace—the Prince of Peace was born,
Employ us while we pray!

Let every sacred fane
Has sad votaries to the shrine of God,
With the cloister and the tented sod,
Join in one solemn strain!

With pomp of Roman form,
In the grave ritual brought from England's shore,
With the simple faith that asks no more,
Man that the heart be warm!

He who till time shall cease,
Watch the earth where once, not all in vain
Used to give us peace, will not disdain
A prayer whose theme is—peace!

Let ponder what it means!
Turn the rapturous thoughts in every way!
Give the vision and the fancy play,
And shape the coming scenes!

Peace in the quiet dales,
Richly fertile by the blood of men;
Peace in the woodland and the lonely glen,
Peace in the peopled vales!

Peace in the crowded town,
Peace in a thousand fields of waving grain
Peace in the highway and the flowery lane,
Peace on the wind swept down!

Peace on the whirring marts,
Peace when the scholar thinks, the hunter roams,
Peace, God of Peace, peace, peace in all our homes,
And peace in all our hearts!

Testing Their Love.

Mr. Tharpe is a middle-aged widower, and some time ago he paid his addresses to Mrs yBotts, a widow on the shady side of 40. Tharpe is rich, and after the widow accepted him, began to tear that maybe she had taken him for his money, and so he concluded to test her to ascertain if she really loved him for himself alone. One evening when they were sitting together in the parlor he said to her,

"Hannah, I've something unpleasant to tell you, but I' am going to do it because I consider it right that you should know it. Hannah, what would you say if I informed you that one of my knee pans is gone, and that I have a patent hinge on that leg?'

"I should say that I [illegible] for that, my dear; I hav[illegible] my left foot. The oth[illegible] taken off, and the ankle is [illegible] and crooked."

"You don't tell me!" said [illegible]. "Well but I've something worse than that. I might as well confess now that the bald place on the top of my head is not real y my scalp; have been trepanned, I have a silver plated contrivance set in my skull, and a trap door, so you can lift it up and see down on the inside of me."

"I'm glad you mentioned it, dear," said the widow, "for it gives me courage to tell you that I haven't a hair of my own on my head. I am as bald as a chandalier globe."

"Is that so? Gracious! I never should have expected it. But you will be surprised to learn that none of my teeth are natural. All false, and beside that I have to wear an India rubber thingamagig on my palate to keep it from dropping down."

"I am very sorry for you, John, but it's some comfort that all my teeth are false, too, and that I am perfectly blind in my right eye. It looks like a good eye, but it absolutely ain't worth a cent."

"Great heavens! Why didn't you tell me of this before?" exclaimed Thorpe. "But while we are on the subject, I will say farther that I have chronic torpidity of the liver. How does that strike you?"

"Oh, I don't mind it," said Mrs. Botts, "because I have been dyspeptic for twenty years; and besides I am one rib short. It was broken in a railroad accident and the doctor had to cut it out. I'm subject to fits too."

"This is horrible," said Tharpe. "Mrs. Botts, I think you ought to have mentioned these things to me when I proposed to you. I imagined that I was addressing a woman, a complete human creature. But what are you, Mrs. Botts? Mrs. Botts, you appear to me to be a kind of a dilapidated old wreck, with no more'n half of the usual machinery about you. It's a wonder to me you don t fall to pieces."

"I am no worse that you are. You said yourself that you had a trap door in the top of your head, and a gum elastic palate."

"Yes, but but these things ain't true," said Thorpe. "I only told you about them to see if you really loved me. I'm sound as a dollar, no inactive liver, or silver plated skull or anything. But if you should knock against anything you'd scatter all around over the carpet. I think you ought to let me off."

"Very well, sir, so I will. But let me tell you that I've got nothing the matter with me either. I knew you were playing a game over me. Now I know you don't love me. You can go, sir."

"Hannah, I take it all back. I do love you."

"Do you really?" Then I love you more than—."

But no; the curtain had better be drawn right here. The cold and selfish world has no business with such scenes as this. They are to be consummated early next month.

Burying a Pope.

The *Catholic Record*, of Philadelphia, contains a timely description of the proceedings on the death of a Pope. The death in first announced; the bells of all the churches toll; the Cardinal Camerlengo assumes authority; and the courts and tribunals are suspended, and guards were doubled formely. Twenty-four hours after death the remains are embalmed and laid in state. The funeral lasts nine days. The remains are carried in procession to the Vatican, placed in the Sistine Chapel and robed. They lie in state three days, when they are taken to the Cooper's Chapel, and, having been inclosed in three coffins and sealed, are placed under the great dome of the Basilica.

The ceremonies for the last three days are very imposing. On the third day after death the Cardinals meet, and the ten congregations assemble. The next day the Conclave assembles in the Pauline Chapel, and the electors are locked in under guard. The following day all are sworn to secrecy. Food is supplied daily. A two-thirds vote is needed for an election, and when it is reached the new Pope chooses his name, is robed, takes his seat in the Pontifical chair and receives adoration. Bells ring, cannons are fired, and at the end of the third adoration the Holy Father gives his benediction and is taken to his apartments.

Burn it in the Memory.

[From an interview with Hon. Henry S. Fayne, in the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

"Your idea is to keep the memory of the great fraud continually before the minds and eyes of the people."

"Yes; I would burn it in their memory so that it could never be effacted. I would keep it perpetually before the youth of this country, so that it should never be lost sight of, but live as a continual warning against the repetition of such an outrage."

"In one of your speeches last summer you took the ground, didn't you, that the record of the Senate declaring Hayes to be lawfully elected should be expunged?"

"Yes, that was in my speech at Sandusky City. I alluded to the famous expungement resolutions of Mr. Benton that were passed by the Senate. In 1833, Henry Clay had offered a series of resolutions in the United States Senate charging General Jackson with violating the Constitution in removing the deposits from the United States bank. It was passed by a party vote, the Whigs being in the ascendancy at the time. The ball was set in motion, and the subject was agitated everywhere by the press, by the public speakers, by the State and county conventions all over the country, until four years after the record had been made, the majority in the State had changed to the Democratic side, and the Clerk was ordered to draw heavy black lines around it, and write 'Expunged by order of the people' across its face. Using this incident as an illustration, I expressed the wish, and belief, too, that before the 4th of March, 1881, the two Houses of Congress should order the expunging of the lying record made four years before, that Mr. Hayes had been elected President of the United States, and the Clerk sould be required to write across the face of that record, 'Expunged by order of the American people.' That is what you allude to, and I have faith that it will yet be done."

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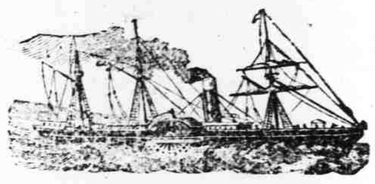

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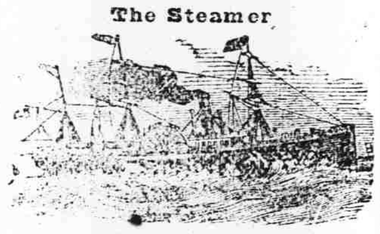

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Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 10, 1877.

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Leave Wilmington	10 44 A M
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Leave Florence	1 20 P M
Arrive at Wilmington	6 40 P M

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Leave Wilmington	7 25 P M
Leave Florence	11 20 P M
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Leave Columbia	12 50 A M
Leave Florence	4 18 A M
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Leave Columbia	12 15 A M
Leave Florence	8 00 A M
Arrive at Wilmington	4 00 P M

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JOHN F. DIVINE, General Supt.
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Leave Wilmington, Front St. Depot at	9 10 A M
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Leave Weldon	11 45 P M
Arrive at Wilmington, Front St. Depot at	7 05 P M

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Double Anchor	13¼ @	13½
Double Anchor "A"	13¾	
Standard Domestic	12½	
BACON—North Carolina,		
Hams, ℔ lb	12½@	13½
Shoulders, ℔ lb	9 @	
Sides, ℔ lb	11¼@	11½
Western Smoked—		
Hams	13½@	15
Sides, ℔ lb	9½@	10
Shoulders	7 @	8
Dry Salted—		
Sides, ℔ lb	8¼@	8½
Shoulders, ℔ lb	7 @	
BEEF—Live weight	2½@	3
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine		
Second Hand, each	1 75	@ 2 00
New York, each, new	2 00	@ 2 50
BEESWAX—℔ lb	30	@ 32½
BRICKS—Wilmington, ℔ M	8 00	@10 00
Northern	00	@14 00
BUTTER—North Carolina lb	20	@ 25
Northern, ℔ lb	35	@
CANDLES—Sperm ℔ lb	25	@ 40
Tallow, ℔ lb	00	@ 00
Adamantine, ℔ set	12½@	13½
CHEESE—		
Northern Factory, ℔ lb	13	@ 13½
Dairy cream, ℔ lb	14½@	15½
State, ℔ lb	00	@ 13
COFFEE—Java, ℔ lb	30	@ 33½
Rio, ℔ lb	19	@ 22
Laguyra, ℔ lb	24	@
CORN MEAL—℔ bushel	80	@ 82½
COTTON TIES—℔ lb	4	@ 6
DOMESTIC—		
Sheeting, 4-4 ℔ yard	7¼@	7½
Yarn, ℔ bunch	95	@
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ bbl	16 00	@20 00
No. 1, ℔ ½ bbl	8 75	@ 9 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ bbl	13 50	@00 00
No. 2, ℔ ½ bbl	7 50	@ 0 00
Mackerel, No. 3 ℔ bbl	00 00	@10 50
Mullets, ℔ bbl	3 75	@ 4 00
N. C. Herring, ℔ bbl	5 00	@ 8 00
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	7¾@	0
FLOUR—Fine, ℔ bbl	0 00	@ 6 50
Super, Northern, ℔ bbl	0 00	@ 7 50
Extra do " ℔ bbl	0 00	@ 8 00
Family " ℔ bbl	9 50	@10 00
City MillEx, Super ℔ bbl	7 00	@ 7 25
" Family ℔ bbl	7 50	@ 7 75
" Ex. Family ℔ bbl	8 00	@ 8 25
FERTILIZERS—		
Peruvian Guano, ℔ 2000 lbs.	58 00	@60 00
Baugh's Phosphate " "	00 00	@00 00
Carolina Fertilizer " "	48 00	@54 00
Ground Bone, " "	00 00	@40 00
Bone Meal " "	00 00	@45 00
" Flour " "	00 00	@47 00
Navassa Guano, " "	50 00	@55 00
Complete Manure " "	00 00	@67 00
Whann's Phosphate " "	00 00	@70 00
Wando Phosphate, " "	00 00	@70 00
Berger&Brutz'sKos. " "	00 00	@00 00
Wilcox, Gibb & Co., manipulated Guano	55 00	@70 00
GLUE—℔ lb	9	@ 15
GRAIN—Corn, store, ℔ 56 lbs	77½@	80
Corn, cargo, ℔ 56 lbs	60	@ 62
Corn, yel., ℔ bushel	None.	
Oats, ℔ bushel	75	@ 77½
Peas, cow, ℔ bushel	95	@ 1 00
HIDES—Green, ℔ lb	4	@ 4½
Dry, ℔ lb	10	@ 12½
HAY—Eastern, ℔ 100 lbs	1 10	@ 1 20
North River, ℔ 100 lbs	95	@ 1 05
HOOP IRON—℔ ton	80 00	@
LARD—Northern ℔ lb	10¾@	11
North Carolina ℔ lb	11	@ 12½
LIME—℔ bbl	1 35	@ 0 00
LUMBER—City steam sa'wd		
Ship stuff, resawed, ℔ M ft	24 00	@27 00
Rough edge plank, ℔ M ft	22 00	@25 00
West India cargo, according to quality, ℔ M ft	15 00	@18 00
Dressed flooring, seasoned	20 00	@35 00
Scantling and boards, common, ℔ M ft	15 00	@23 00
MOLASSES—Cuba, hhd ℔ gl	40	@ 41
Cuba, bbls., ℔ gal	45	@ 47
Sugar house, hhds. ℔ gal.		@ 27
" " bbls. ℔ gal	29	@ 30
Orleans Choice bbls. ℔ gal.	65	@ 68
NAILS—Cut, 4d to 20d, ℔ k'g	2 85	@ 3 00
OILS—Kerosene, ℔ gal	16	@ 17
Lard, ℔ gal	1 10	@ 1 45
Linseed, ℔ gal	1 00	@ 1 10
Rosin, ℔ gal	30	@ 40
PEANUTS—℔ bushel	75	@ 1 10
POTATOES—Sweet, ℔ bus.	65	@ 75
Irish, Northern, ℔ bbl	2 50	@ 2 75
PORK—Northern, city mess	14 50	@15 00
Thin, ℔ bbl	00 00	@00 00
Prime, ℔ bbl (extra)	12 75	@13 00
Rump, ℔ bbl	00 00	@00 00
RICE—Carolina, ℔ lb	6½@	7½
East India, ℔ lb	00 @	00
Rough, ℔ bushel	75 @	85
RAGS—Country, ℔ lb	1½@	2
City, ℔ lb	1½@	2
ROPE—	6 @	22
SALT—Alum, ℔ sack	00 @	00
Liverpool, ℔ sack	82½@	85
American ℔ sack	80 @	00
Marshal's fine, ℔ sack	1 45 @	
Cadiz ℔ sack	75 @	00
SUGAR—Cuba, ℔ lb	9½@	10
Porto Rico, ℔ lb	10½@	00
A—Coffee, ℔ lb	00 @	11
B— " ℔ lb	@	10
C— " ℔ lb	@	9½
Ex C—℔ lb	00 @	10½
Crushed—℔ lb	@	12
SOAP—Northern, ℔ lb	5 @	7½
SHINGLES—Contract, ℔ M	4 00 @	6 00
Common, ℔ M	2 25 @	3 00
Cypress sape ℔ M	5 50 @	0 00
Cypress hearts, ℔ M	6 00 @	10 00
STAVES—W. O. bbl. ℔ M	15 00 @	25 00
R O hhd. ℔ M	00 00 @	00 00
Cypress, ℔ M	10 00 @	18 00
TALLOW—℔ lb	9 @	10
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