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NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.

BY MISS FANNIE B. MARR. One more year has closed its record Every page complete and whole

Not one entry can I alter, Not one longer for your recall; Death deep slumbers, fearful sadness, Brood and settles over all.

Like the slain of some great battle, In one heap together lie, Joy and sorrow, pain and pleasure, Fear and laughter, smile and sigh.

As from the dry seed springeth Forms of beauty, strength and life, So the vanished year ariseth With true wisdom ripe.

Softened ing far away to-morrow, and may never see you again?

Oh, 'tis not so. You are not going away dear, dear Henry. I should be so lonely without you, don't leave me!

'Yes, I must. Will you kiss me?' The little form trembled; but it slowly arose, and looking sadly at the averted face of her exacting cousin,

answered: 'I cannot comply with your request, Henry; but will nothing change your purpose about leaving us so soon?'

How her voice quivered, though she started wretch, how serenely he appeared.

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He did gaze now into the lovely, loving face, and the little maiden saw enough to satisfy the great yearning in her unquiet heart, for with a glad cry she threw her fair arms around his neck, and Harry was saved the tedium of his threatened journey (if the good-for-nothing fellow had ever projected any.)

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There is another class of bonds known as the North Carolina Railroad construction bonds, of which \$2,795,000 were outstanding. These bonds were funded into new six per cent. bonds, the creditors throwing off \$840 of interest on each bond.

Of these \$1,720,000 have been refunded, the annual interest on which \$103,200. To pay a part of this interest, the Treasurer has received from dividends. Provision was made for the payment of all the interest on the bonds and there is now a considerable fund in hand credited to the interest account, because some of the bondholders have not accepted the compromise, thus leaving the interest money applicable to those bonds in the treasury.

resting on Henry's chest, and his strong arm encircling her waist. Then the flood-gates were raised again, and how the rain fell!

'Darling we cousin, what grieves you? Do you regret sending poor George Hunter away with that sad, stricken heart? It is not too late to recall him. Write one line on this slip of paper, and I'llasten with the speed of Mercury, and make all right between you. What! you hate George Hunter and everybody else, and you wish you were dead? Hush, Nellie, it makes me shudder to hear you talk so. Dead! how could I live without Nellie, my own dear love, my darling? And you hate, too, poor Henry, who loves this trembling dove so much?'

'Do you, Henry—do you? Are you in earnest? But of course you love me; I'm—I'm your cousin; and she sighed heavily as the sunny head rested once more on its loving pillow. Henry, I am sorry I was so cross and so ill-tempered. Can you forgive me?'

The blue eyes were raised entreatingly, but he evaded them and kept his hand to his forehead.

'Will you kiss me?'

'Oh, no, Henry, I cannot.'

'At when I tell you that I am going far away to-morrow, and may never see you again?'

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from the Western North Carolina Railroad company, \$620,000 of its mortgage bonds bearing interest at six per cent. per annum from the first day of January, 1881, issued under chapter twenty of the laws of the special session of 1880, and required to be delivered to the Treasurer of State by sections twelve and twenty-four of said chapter, upon which no interest has been received.

There was a balance in the treasury October 1, 1882, of \$286,455, of which \$32,255 belonged to the educational fund and \$254,199 belonged to the general fund.

State Secretary's Report. The Secretary, in opening his report refers to the crowded condition of his office, and asserts that until more room is given proper care cannot be taken of the public records and documents.

Within the last two fiscal years 1,139 grants have been issued, covering 122,915 acres of vacant public land, lying chiefly in the extreme eastern and western counties. There are now on file 3,205 deeds to the State for lands sold for delinquent taxes, covering some 584,338 acres land and representing \$29,264.48 in delinquent taxes. The cost on these deeds amounts to \$10,000; which the State has already paid in the settlements with the sheriffs. It is pointed out, however, that the number of acres given above is not accurate, as the same piece of property has more than once, in some cases, been sold for delinquent taxes.

The Secretary specially requests the General Assembly to provide additional legislation by which offenders against the insurance law may be punished, the present law having been found insufficient by the courts.

Though a department seal has been in use since the war, the Secretary has found, upon investigation, no law authorizing the use of such seal. He thinks there ought to be such a seal for the proper and convenient verification of the many paper writings that issue from the office, and that absolutely need such verification. He asks the Legislature to authorize the department to use the seal heretofore used, and to validate its former use.

Since the last report three numbers of the Supreme Court Reports have been issued, to-wit: The 84th, the 85th and the 86th. Of these numbers 272 volumes of the 84th, 361 of the 85th and 461 of the 86th are on hand. There are also on hand 208 volumes of the 75th Report; 193 of the 77th; 114 of the 78th; 51 of the 79th; 9 of the 81st; 13 of the 82nd and 10 of the 83rd. He suggests the inexpediency of printing small editions of such books and thinks they ought to be stereotyped. He suggests also that the Secretary be allowed to direct the printer to print for sale not over fifty volumes of each journal and public document.

The Secretary is required to copy into an election book all the abstracts or returns of the State canvassing board. The canvassing board make out and sign their abstracts in duplicate. One of these is bound with the county returns, of which it is an abstract, and filed away. The other is of no special use, at least no direction whatever is given for its disposal. It is suggested that these extra abstracts, originals in fact, be bound up together from time to time, and thus form an election book, and for the reason that thus only can an absolutely correct election book be had. An election book is a great convenience for reference and ought to be continued. The mode of making it should be reliable.

The total amount of collections from all sources, made by the department and paid into the treasury during the two fiscal years ending the 30th of September, 1882, is \$1,057,49.

Too Utterly Utter. How charmingly beautiful the Easter cards are this year, are they not? said Richard to Emma just evening as he sat in the parlor making talk.

'Yes indeed they are beautiful; but there are some things that I would prize more than Easter cards.'

'If I should offer—offer to—'

'I don't know what you would say to an offer—blushing beautifully.'

Richard was entrapped. He was just going to offer to escort her to the circus and now he had got to have her lean on him through life. Young men cannot be too guarded in their conversation.

An Awful Accident. A FLAT BOAT SINKS WITH EIGHTEEN CONVICTS IN THE TUCKAHOEE RIVER.

'A few days since we published an account of the trip of Governor Jarvis to the Western North Carolina Railroad, and gave an account of operations at the Comee tunnel near the bank of the Tuckahee river, in Jackson county. On that section of the road are employed about 200 convicts. Yesterday I, Governor James L. Robinson, who came down from his home in Macon county, brought the news of a horrible disaster at the crossing of the Tuckahee River, the news of which he received from Mr. W. B. Boykin, the officer in charge of convicts on the Western North Carolina Railroad.

It appears that the camp of the convicts, that is, the stockade in which they are quartered, is on the bank of the Tuckahee river, opposite the Comee tunnel. The river is at that particular point deep, with a current somewhat sluggish as compared with parts immediately above and below, where it breaks into rapids and dashes with the swiftness peculiar to these mountain torrents. There is a large barge or flat boat, one of containing fifty convicts, a rope stretched across being grasped by the hands and the boat then pulled over. On Saturday, while thirty convicts were being thus transferred, they became alarmed on seeing a log water and ice in the boat, and despite the fact that there was no danger, rushed panic-stricken to one end of the boat, which was at once capsized.

There were not more than twenty yards wide. A white guard on the boat went down with a terrible scene followed. He struggled to get out, each man only after his personal safety of the convicts swam ashore, being washed down a short distance the bank ere they came swift water. Twelve thus saved, but eighteen clasped so closely that they became a glacial mass and were all drowned was taken from the water appearances dead, and it would of great and long efforts that his life was saved.

The gang of convicts, of regular police, or rather a road was in charge of Mr. J. Murray. Yesterday afternoon, E. R. Stamps, chairman of the Penitentiary directors, left scene to make investigation later, which, as he stated, he fairly appalled him. It those convicts which seem avoidable, and due to the which seized the boat, which it is said was in sinking, the water having from the rains. Some of men were found some distance locked together in a last-brace. Many who could hampered by others them.

This has happened of the Comee tunnel was a cross character that it number of convicts and they escaped death. The cautions were used to prevention of the occurrence, "cut" being made and the dirt was replaced, as secure. The tunnel is from the Balsam mountains, four miles from Pike is on what is known branch of the Western Railroad.—News and O

'By the time the St. Bernard to manufacture nitrate, the capitalists will own all of her the Augusta Chronicle, and to which Journal adds, "If the valuable black water timber lands in North Carolina the truth about its barings we would do, of immense lands being sold for If you own any timber to them—they would drain them dry and'

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GENERAL NEWS.

Incedianian prevails in Mobile to an alarming extent. The Pope has given 12,000 francs to the poor. Silver dollars will be retired from circulation. Cincinnati will soon have a new one-cent mailing paper. The New York of \$350,000 this year. Both Russia and military prep. There were 197 the United States. The work at is published.