CURFEW MUST NOT RING

TO-NIGHT.

And the last rays kissed the forehead of man and maiden fair—

with lips all cold and white.

walls dark, damp, and cold,

lips grew strangely white

"Curfew must not ring to-night."

that gloomy, shadowed tower;

Curfew, it must ring to-night."

eyes grew large and bright:

"Curfew must not ring to-night."

within the old church door,

With quick step she bounded forward, sprung

Left the old man treading slowly paths so oft

As she climbed the dusty ladder on which fell

"Curfew must not ring to-night,"

She has reached the topmost ladder; o'er her

Awful is the gloom beneath her, like the path-

Lo, the ponderous tongue is swinging-'tis

And the sight has chilled her bosom, stopped

her breath, and paled her brow. Shall she let it ring? No, never! flash her

Out she swung-far out; the city seemed a

There twixt heaven and earth suspended as

And the sexton at the bell-rope, old and deaf,

Sadly thought, "That twilight Curfew rang

young Basil's funeral knell."

trembling lips so white,

Said to hush her heart's wild throbbing:

Curfew shall not ring to-night,"

maiden stepped once more

It was o'er, the bell ceased swaying, and the

Firmly on the dark old ladder where for hun-

Should be told long ages after, as the rays of

"Curfew did not ring that night."

Lately white with fear and anguish, has no

And her face so sweet and pleading, yet with

"Curfew shall not ring to-night."

the bell swung to and fro,

hangs the great, dark bell;

the hour of Curfew now

eyes with sudden light.

As she springs, and grasps it firmly— "Curfew shall not ring to-night!"

speck of light below,

heard not the bell,

dred years before

deed that she had done

with heads of white, Tell the eager, listening children,

sees him, and her brow,

anxious traces now.

all bruised and torn;

sorrow pale and worn, Touched his heart with sudden pity, lit his

eyes with misty light:

prisoner forth to die-

with love-light sweet;

don at his feet.

"Go! your lover lives," said Cromwell,

the darkening English sky

kissed the face upturned and white,

Rose Hartwick Thorpe.

Whispered, "Darling, you have saved me-

Curfew will not ring to-night!"

GET ON AGAIN.

Sunday Morning, Dec. 5th.

elegant literature addressed to young

men, pointing out to them all the

dangers and perils of life-complete

maps of the voyage, showing all the

rocks, the quicksands, the shoals.

But suppose a man has already

has already gone astray, how is he

to get back? I propose to address

myself this morning to such. There

are those in this audience who, with

every passion of their agonized soul,

are ready to hear such a discussion.

They compare themselves with what

they were ten years ago, and cry out

from the bondage in which they are

incarcerated. Now, if there be any in

that the sermon can hardly be ex-

moment, I give them the right hand,

TRIUMPHANT HOPE

There is glorious and

In an undertone she murmured:-

he'd trod before;

swung to and fro

no ray of light,

eye and cheek aglow

Up and up-her white lips saving:

way down to hell.

and white her thoughtful brow,

As she breathed the husky whisper:-

"Curfew must not ring to-night."

Struggling to keep back the murmur-

hill-tops far away,

sunny floating hair;

of one sad day.

help is nigh;

poisoned dart-

and right, Now I'm old I will not falter-

solemn vow.

out a tear or sigh:

wood must die."

"HERE SHALL THE PRESS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS MAINTAIN, UNAWED BY INFLUENCE AND UNBRIBED BY GAIN"

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Slowly England's sun was Setting o'er the Filling all the land with beauty at the close

He with footsteps slow and weary, she with He with bowed head, sad and thoughtful, she "Sexton," Bessie's white lips faltered, pointing to the prison old,
With its turrets tall and gloomy, with its "I've a lover in that prison, doomed this very night to die, At the ringing of the Curfew, and no earthly Cromwell will not come till sunset," and her heard in the last five or ten years, round more. "Bessie," calmly spoke the sexton,—every word pierced her young heart Like the piercing of an arrow, like a deadly "Long, long years I've rung the Curfew from Every evening, just at sunset, it has told the twilight hour; I have done my duty ever, tried to do it just Wild her eyes and pale her features, stern As within her secret bosom Bessie made She had listened while the judges read withtoward heaven, just so, by the power | right up by the pulpit." Well, the "At the ringing of the Curfew, Basil Underof God's grace, a soul fallen may be prodigal, not yet discouraged, And her breath came fast and faster, and her lifted toward peace, toward pardon, toward heaven. Force of moral gravitation is in every one of us, but

tion. The next thing in the way of your Not one moment paused the maiden, but with Mounted up the gloomy tower, where the bell Here is a man given to intoxication. He knows it is

DISGRACING HIS FAMILY, habit, would be not do so? The fact that he does not give it up proves that it is hard to give it up. It is a very easy thing to sail down stream, the tide carrying you with the boat up stream, is it so easy then hand, which is equal to striking a men to look after these poor swer. Dead! dead! And then you of the revenue policy and his reto row it? As long as we yield to man in the face. the evil inclinations in our hearts, Oh, how few Christian people some from one part of the land, some that was cut from your mother's promoting arbitration in labor disand our bad habits, we are sailing understand how much force and from another, no one asked whether brow just before they buried her, and putes by national action. His refer-

Still the maiden clung more firmly, and with row up stroam. Human foot had not been planted. The brave Because it was such a terrible strug- about this unless you know when for all wounds. Pardon for all his mother's heart! Better if he had setting sun Crimson all the sky with beauty; aged sires, up the use of tobacco. He goes repulsions innumerable. We say of want to get back, to quit all your laid upon the warm bosom of ma-It seems as if the world has turned our crowded cities who live 1,000 O'er the distant hills came Cromwell; Bessie and obliging he is scolding and fret- house of God. The fact is At his feet she tells her story, shows her hands ful. The composure that characterized him has given way to a fretthe heavens? He has tried to stop | with marks of dissipation upon him, Wide they flung the massive portal; led the

All his bright young life before him. 'Neath Bessie comes with flying footsteps, eyes aglow Kneeling on the turf beside him, lays his par-In his brave, strong arms he clasped her, seems to brighten. The world be- especial train of cars, cushioned and lions that destroy a man, nor five of the gospel, as the difficulty with OFF THE, TRACK-HOW. TO color has dashed blue in the sky, at the fallen, I tell you plainly, if with him, halting in front of a grog of politics, the less the newspapers Dr. Talmage's Sermon, Preached

"When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."—Proverbs 23:55. With an insight into human na- our own experience, that habit is cause you are naturally any better, down the strong drink. What chance a larger numbers of secular editors ture such as no other man ever a taskmaster; as long as we obey it but because the mercy of God has is there for such a young man? reached, Solomon, in my text, it does not chastise us, but let us re- protected you. Who are you that, I counsel you also, seek Christian victions.—Charlotte Ballot, the path of rectitude, desires to ship cable, and thrown into the should be so hard on the fallen? return. With a wish for something track of bone breaking juggernauts. better he said: "When shall I During the war of 1812 there was a dered from return by the fact that and I will, by every sympathy of awake? When shall I come out of ship on fire just above Niagara Falls, this horrid nightmare of iniquity?" and then, cut loose from its moor- membership, and too anxious about every toil of my hand, stand beside But seized upon by uneradicated ings, it came on down through the their denomination, and they rush you in the struggle for reformation. liant beyond description. Well, there yet again. I will try it once more."

Our libraries are adorned by an are thousands of men ON FIRE OF EVIL HABIT.

coming down through the rapids and through the awful night of tempta- byterian catechisms, and Episcopal tion toward the eternal plunge. Oh, how hard it is to arrest them. God only can arrest them. Suppose a ing out of the darkness of sin into made shipwreck; suppose he is already off the track; suppose he man, after five or ten or twenty years the glorious light of the gospel. Why, of evil doing, resolves to do right? it reminds me of a Why, all the forces of darkness are allied against him. He cannot sleep nights. He gets down on his knees and a life boat puts out for him, and you are saved. A Spartan general in the midnight and cries, "God help | the man in the boat says to the man | fell at the very moment of victory, me!" He bites his lip. He grinds out of the boat: "Now, if I get you but he dipped his finger in his own long, bitter, exhaustive, hand to hand he joins, if he only joins Christ and most a death struggle, you can dip tinue. Therefore, the best way to which Americans boast has for one purpose, yet feeling they are beyond the pale of Christian sympathy, and the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale of Christian sympathy, and the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale of Christian sympathy and the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale of Christian sympathy and the pale of Christian sympathy are the pale he is entirely free, the old inclina- and a hearty grip for every one that through our Lord Jesus Christ." pected to address them, then, at this and call them brother. Look up.

cles of your return, and then how awake?" but, seized on by their old forsaken may be regained. you are to surmount these obstacles. habits, cry: "I will try it once more; First of all, my brother, throw your heart to God. I know how it The first difficulty in the way of I will seek it yet again!" Years ago | yourself on God. Go to Him frankly | is in the country. The night comes your return is the force of moral grav- there were some Princeton students and earnestly, and tell Him those on. The cattle stand under the itation. Just as there is a natural who were skating, and the ice was habits you have, and ask Him if rack through which burst the trusses law which brings down to the earth very thin, and some one warned the there is any help in all the resources of hav. The horses just having perity-peace at home and with anything you throw into the air, so company back from the air hole, and of omnipotent love, to give it to you. frisked up from the meadow at the there is a corresponding moral gray- finally warned them entirely to leave Do not go with a long rigmarole peo- nightfall, stands knee deep in the itation. In other words, it is easier the place. But one young man with ple call prayer, made up of "ohs" bright straw that invites them to he to go down than it is to go up; it is bravado, after all the rest had stop- and "ahs" and "forever and forever down and rest. The perch of the easier to do wrong than it is to do ped, cried out: "One round more!" amens." Go to God and cry for hovel is tull of fowl, their feet warm right. Call to mind the comrades | He swept around, and went down, | help! help! help! and if you can- under the feathers. In the old farmof your boyhood days—some of and was brought out a corpse. My not cry for help just look and live. house at night no candle is lighted them good, some of them bad. friends, there are thousands and tens I remember in the late war I was at for the flames clap their hands

Some of them are pure and some of I have also to say that if a man He made no answer, but held up his sit there for half an hour, saying them impure. Which the more eas- wants to return from evil practices arm, swollen and splintered. I saw nothing. I wonder what they are ily sticks to your memory? During society repulses him. Desiring to where he was hurt. The simple thinking of. After awhile the father the years of your life you have reform, he says: "Now, I will shake fact is, when a man has a wounded breaks the silence and says: "Well, formed certain courses of conduct - off my old associates, and I will find soul, all he has to do is to hold it up I wonder where our boy is in town tosome of them good, some of them Christian companionship." And he before a sympathetic Lord and get night?" and the mother answers: The annual official communicabad. To which style of habit did appears at the church door some it healed. It does not take any long "In no bad place, I warrant you; we tion of President Cleveland to Conyou the more easily yield? Ah! my Sabbath day, and the usher greets prayer. Just hold up the wound. always could trust him when he was gress, which we print in full, is a great deal of ground has been gone money. The him with a look, as much as to say: Oh! it is no small thing, when a man home, and since he has been away complete and comprehensive State ment of self-inspection to find out "Why, you here? You are the last is nervous, and weak and exhausted, there have been so many prayers paper. It omits nothing important, that there is in all our souls a force man I ever expected to see at church! coming from his evil ways, to feel offered for him, we can trust him touches upon nothing trivial, and is of moral gravitation. But that grav- Come, take this seat right down by that God puts itation may be resisted. Just as you | the door!" instead of saving: "Good may pick up from the earth some- morning; I am glad you are here. thing and hold it in your hand Come, I will give your first-rate seat,

ENTERS A PRAYER MEETING, &

and some Christian man, with more there is a power in God's grace to zeal than common sense, says: "Glad cannot believe it, and looks up in to see you. The dying thief was God's face, God lifts his right hand overcome that force of moral gravitafor you!" The young man, dis- ing: "As I live, saith the Lord God, return is the power of evil habit. I gusted, chilled, throws himself back I have no pleasure in the death of know that there are those who say on his dignity; resolved he never him that dieth." it is very easy for them to give up will enter the house of God again. Blessed be God for such a gospel

gle to get over it. Now, let a man a man tries to return from evil your troubles. be advised by his physicians to give | courses of conduct he runs against around not knowing what to do with some man, he lives a block or two bad associations. One unholy inti- ternal tenderness, he had been cofhimself. He cannot add up a line from the church or half a mile from macy will fill your soul of figures. He cannot sleep nights. the church. There are people in upside down. He feels his business | miles from church. Vast deserts of going to ruin. Where he was kind difference between them and the

ful restlessness, and he has become though thousands and tens of thoa complete fidget. What power is thands perish. Christ sat with pubit that has rolled a wave of woe over licans and sinners. But if there the earth and shaken a portent in came to the house of God a man like this: smoking! After awhile he says: "I | people almost threw up their hands am going to do as I please. The doc- in horror, as much as to say: "Isn't tor doesn't understand my case, I it shocking?" How these dainty, am going back to my old habit." fastidious Christians in all our the letter with the first post. Give And he returns. Everything assumes | churches are going toget into heaven | up your bad companions, or give up | its usual composure. His business I don't know, unless they have an heaven. It is not ten bad compan- makes us so despair of the progress comes an attractive place to live in. upholstered, each one a car to him- bad companions, nor three bad com- which it makes its way into the edi-His children, seeing the difference, self! They cannot go with the panions, but one. What chance is torial sanctums of the secular press hails the return of their father's great herd of publicans and sinners. there for that young man I saw along and strangely enough the more exgenial disposition. What wave of O ye, who curl your lip with scorn | the street, four or five young men | tended their information in the field and greenness into the mountain you had been surrounded by the shop, urging him to go in, he resist- seem to know about religious matfoliage, and the glow of sapphire same influences, instead of sitting ing, violently resisting, until after a ters.—Exchange. into the sunset? What enchantment | to-day amid the cultured, and the | while they forced him to go in? It | This little waif goes directly to has lifted a world of beauty and joy refined, and the Christian, you would was a summer night, and the door point which we have often looked at on his soul? He has gone back to have been a crouching wretch in was left open, and I saw the process. —the non-religious and the irreligstable or ditch, covered with filth They held him fast, and they put lous character of the secular press Oh! the fact is, as we all know in and abomination! It is not be- the cup to his lips, and they forced One of the great needs of the hour is

> he is going to join. O, my friends! Gather up the energies of it is a poor time to talk about Presliturgies, and Methodist love-feasts, and Baptistries, to a man that is com-

MAN DROWNING IN THE SEA, you yet. I sound the trumpet of at full leap. Oh, how suggestive! and hide a multitude of sins.

ready to spread a banquet at your bad ways understand he is not rid- stacles because I want you to under- might send them for a holiday presreturn, and the hierarchs of heaven" ing a docile and well broken steed, stand I know all the difficulties in ent this season a book from one of to fall into line of bannered proces- but he is riding a monster, wild and the way; but I am now to tell you our best publishing houses, or a comsion at the news of your emancipa- bloodthirsty, going at a death leap. how Hannibal may scale the Alps, plete wardrobe from the importer's tion. So far as God may help me, I How many there are who resolve on and how the shackles may be unriv- palace, it would not please them half propose to show what are the obsta- a better life and say: "When shall I eted, and how the paths of virture so much as the news you might send

Which most affected you? Call to of thousands of men losing their Antietam, and I went into the hos- about the great black log, and shake mind the anecdotes that you have souls in that way. It is the one pitals after the battle, and I said to the shadow of the group up and

> TWO OMNIPOTENT ARMS around about him and says: "Yours man, I will stand by you. The mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but I will never fail you." And then, as the soul thinks the news is too good to be true, and saved, and I suppose there is mercy | and takes an oath, an affidavit, sav-

evil habits. I do not believe them. Perhaps not quite fully disgusted as this! "Cut the slices thin," said about reformation, he sides up by the wife to the husband, "or there some highly respectable man he used | will not be enough to go all around to know, going down the street, and | for the children; cut the slices thin." immediately the respectable man Blessed be God there is a full loaf for eternal victor. Oh, despise not padestroying his property, ruining him, has an errand down some other every one that wants it; bread rental anxiety! body, mind and soul. If that man, street. Well, the prodigal, wishing enough and to spare. No thin slices The time will come when you will being an intelligent man, and loving to return, takes some member of a at the Lord's table. I remember have neither father or mother, and his family, could easily give up that | Christian association by the hand, or | when the Master Street hospital in | you will go around the place where tries to. The Christian young man | Philadelphia was opened during the | they used to watch you, and find looks at him, looks at the faded ap- war a telegram came saying: "There them gone from the house, and gone parel and the marks of dissipation, | will be three hundred wounded men | from the field, and gone from the and instead of giving him a warm to-night, be ready to receive them," neighborhood. Cry as loud for forgrip of the hand offers him the tip and from my church there went in giveness as you may over the mound ral interests of the country, both in great force; but suppose you turn end of the long fingers of the left some twenty or thirty men and wo- in the churchyard, they will not andown stream, but the moment we gospel there is in a good, honest this man was from Oregan, or Mas- you will take the cane with which try to turn we put our boat in the handshaking! Sometimes, when sachusetts, or from Minnesota, or your father used to walk, and you rapids just above Niagara, and try to you have felt the need of encourage- from New York. There was a will think and wish that you had ment, and some Christian man has wounded soldier, and the only ques- done just as they wanted you Take a man given to the habit of taken you heartily by the hand, tion was how to take off the rags to, and would give the world if you using tobacco, as most of you do, and have you not felt that thrilling most gently, and put on the bandage, had never thrust a pang through let him resolve to stop, and he finds through every fibre of your body, and administer the cordial. And their dear old hearts. God pity the it very difficult. I would as soon mind and soul, an encouragement when a soul comes to God, He does young man who has brought disdare to put my right hand in the that was just what you needed? not ask where you came from or grace on his father's name! God fire as once to indulge it. Why? You do not know anything at all what your ancestry was. Healing pity the young man who has broken

WITH MORAL DISTEMPER. reformed. Among the 1,400,000,000 out letter paper, stamp and envelope, the hopes of the future you would and then write a letter something | yield your heart to God. May your

"My old companions: I start this day for | God beyour God forever. heaven. Until I am persuaded you will join me in this, farewell.

Then sign your name, and send

sketches the mental operations of sist and we find that we are lashed brought-up in Christian circles, and advice. Every Christian man is one who, having stepped aside from | with scorpion whips and bound with | watched by Christian parentage, you | bound to help you. If you find no other human ear willing to listen to Yes. Only by a Jury of His Peers I think men also are often hin- your story of struggle, come to me, churches are too anxious about their my heart, and every prayer, and habit and forced down hill by his night and tossed over the falls. It out when they see a man about to and as I hope to have my own sins passions he cries out: "I will seek it was said to have been a scene bril- give up his sin and return to God, forgiven and hope to be acquitted at and ask him how he is going to be the judgment seat of Christ, I will plainly says that the sending or ac-

BODY, MIND AND SOUL, it must be a Waterloo. Shrink back of the qualification of its members. now, and you are lost. Push on,and his teeth. He clenches his fist in a ashore, are you going to live in my blood and wrote on a rock near determination to keep his purpose. street?" First get him ashore, and which he was dying: "Sparta has the surplus so long as taxation re-He dare not look at the bottles in the then talk about the non-essentials of conquered." Though your struggle mains the same. The surplus must his usual force and precision. He window of a wine store. It was one religion. Who cares what church to get rid of sin may seem to be al- accumulate so long as the taxes con- holds rightly that the government of

tions pounce upon him like a pack tries to turn from his evil way. Take Oh, what glorious news it would money from the people every year minution for the public needs. This of hounds with their muzzles tearing hold of the same book with him, be for some of these young men to and hoarding it in the treasury, is to object the Republican high tariff away at the flanks of one poor reindeer. In Paris there is a sculptured book, remembering that he that concountry these holidays which are the pockets of the people, where it book, refers to that tariff representation of Bacchus, the god of verteth a sinner from the error of coming. They go to the postoffice will surely circulate, instead of pil- which exacts more of the people's revelry. He is riding on a panther his way shall save a soul from death, every day or two to see whether ing it up in the government vaults substance than is necessary to meet taxes be reduced." The President retention will be a great deal more there are any letters from you. How where it can't spread. Reduce the the just obligations of the govern- says-"Let the taxes be reduced." spel deliverance. The church is Let every one who is speeding on! Now, I have shown you these ob- anxious they are to hear! You tares.

home to-morrow that you had given

a man: "Where are you hurt?" down the wall. Father and mother still." Then at 8 o'clock—for they clear and decisive in its recommen- and is marked throughout by that retire early in the country—they dations. kneel down and commend you to. Moreover, it is Democratic to the acterizes all of his uttorances. If the have dropped out of her life and

> Some one said to a Grecian general: "What was the proudest moment in your life?" He thought a moment, and said: . "The proudest moment in my life was when I sent home word to my parents that I had gained the victory." And the proudest and most brilliant moment in your life will be the moment when you can send word to your parents of administrative policies. that you\have

and in town, on the land and on the

CONQUERED YOUR EVIL HABITS, by the grace of God, and become

wounded fellows. As they came, will take out the white lock of hair | newed reference to the possibility of never been born-better if in the Then also I counsel you, if you first hour of his life, instead of being fined and sepulchered. There is no balm powerful enough to heal the heart of one who has brought pa-In all the ages of the church there | rents to a sorrowful grave, and who has not been an instance where a wanders about through the dismal such as all good people can endorse she tells him to go and play while man kept one evil associate and was cemetery rending the hair and wring- and we are very much gratified with she plods wearily on. Not a boy's ing the hands and crying: "Mother! WE MUST KEEP OUR RESPECTABILITY, of the race not one instance. Go mother!" Oh, that to-day by all the tariff question. home to-day, open your desk, take the memories of the past and by all

Allow Us to Say Amen.

fatner's God and your mother's

[Webster's Weekly.] There is nothing at times that

of decided moral and religious con-You are right.

Can a Man be Convicted

of Any Violation. [Lincolton Press.] Will Mr. Richmond Pearson be allowed to take his seat in the next Legislature? The Constitution very baptized, whether by sprinkling or not betray you. First of all, seek cepting a challenge to fight a duel immersion, and what kind of church | God; then seek | Christian counsel. | disqualifies a citizen from holding office. The fact that the grand jury of Buncombe failed to find a true bill against Mr. Pearson for Cleveland has had his coat off and Probably Drew a Blank in Early and appealing to God for success, de- challenging Gen. Jones to fight a clare this day everlasting war against | duel does not remove the disqualifiall drinking habits, all gaming prac- cation nor does it stop action on the tices, all houses of sin. Half-and- part of the House, which is the half work will amount to nothing; judge, according to the Constitution,

Sound Democratic Doctrine.

[New York Star.] It is no idle talk of disposing of must result from collecting so much | earnings with the least possible di-

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. | ical administration, as "ruthless ex-What They Say About It.

TRULY AND SOUNDLY AMERICAN. [New York Herald.]

The President's message is a clear.

ousiness-like, unpretentious exposithe tariff question. He states in his tion of the affairs of the nation—a truly and soundly American State ernment is now a great deal larger paper. It reports peace and prosthan the expenses attached to running it, and recommends that the oreign nations, and a redundant tariff be reduced. We earnestly hope revenue and overflowing treasury. that the present Congress will do It is a good message—clear, plain, some good work in this direction. not too long, and the facts it sets forth are such as may make every CONTAINS MANY EXCELLENT SUGGES-American justly proud of his country and happy that he belongs to it. f the gentlemen in Congress will agree together to carry out Mr. Cleveland's recommendations and suggestions they will do themselves credit and contains many excellent sugges- net, said he really couldn't think of and will stand better with their con- tions that commend themselves to getting married on the perquisites of stituents and the country than many hearty public approval.

DEMOCRATIC TO THE CORE. [New York Star.]

of them do now.

that God, who watches in country core-a strong party document which the people who elected Mr. Cleveland will read with discernment and contentment.

founded upon the special inquiries and suggestions of the heads of the various departments who compose Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet, showing his lose supervision of the general funcions of an economical and efficient

BUSINESS-LIKE, [New York Times.]

The second annual message of President Cleveland is a very plain presentation to Congress of "information concerning the state of the 'nion" and of recommendations for such legislation as appears "necessary and expedient." The President gives evidence of his special solicitude for the laboring and agricultuence to civil service reform shows that he does not in the least swerve from his earnest faith in the value of the system established. He makes an admirably clear and concise statement of its significance and effect. On the whole the message is one to which hardly any exception can fairly be taken, being unpretentious, patriotic, straightforward and SUCH AS ALL GOOD PEOPLE CAN

[Danville Register.] President Cleveland's message is a well written, business-like paper, and ner. The message is in the main path through the snow. That done,

ments, with such suggestions and pear. recommendations as appear neces- We Like to be Ruined That Way. sary to meet difficulties and remedy defective legislation.

COVERS THE GROUND. [Wilmington Review.]

It appears to cover amply such ground as it was needed to go upon. In view of the present perfectly peaceful aspect of our relations with cratic rule, is going to ruin at a speed almost exclusively upon matters of lightning express train is a mere domestic interest and polity. The tortoise pace. tariff, the surplus in the Treasury, silver coinage, fortifications and pen- booming business is Mr. Blaine's his recommendations of a revision much as being ruined in just that and reduction of the present tariff | way. A MASTERFUL CONCEPTION OF THE TRUE

ISSUES OF THE DAY. [Charlotte Chronicle.]

The more we read the President's message the more are we impressed with its soundness. There is a masterful conception of the true issues of the day manifested in every matter Democrat being elected two years boro North State. discussed. Even in that part devo- hence, than there is for Tom Holt ted to foreign affairs there is evidence that not alone the hand of the Secretary of State, as is usually the case, penned the sharp passages. Inthe twenty odd months that Mr. been at work, he has been at the same time the hardest worker and the closest student of his cabinet, and in his admirably written message we see the results of his close application.

SPEAKS WITH USUAL FORCE AND PRE-CISION

[News & Observer.]

Touching tariff reduction our Democratic executive speaks with ment and the expense of its econom- Now what will Congress do?

tortion and a violation of the funda-

mental principles of free govern-

SOLID ON THE TARIFF.

[Kinston Free Press.]

TIONS.

(Goldsboro Messenger,

STURDY COMMON SENSE.

Shelby New Era.

in statistics. The President's treatise

on the tariff is somewhat exhaustive

one thing more than another, it has

been for the use of clear cut, straight-

CARE.

Editor Tobacco Plant.1

It has evidently been prepared with

There is nothing frivolous in it. It

Let the Boys Help.

about the house, not knowing what

to do with themselves, while their

mother, tired and pale, was trying

to do the work for a large family and

company alone. Not a boy's work

to help about the house? Why not?

Is there anything about washing

dishes that will injure him or which

he cannot learn to do well, or about

[New York Herald.]

Mr. Blaine never fails to make the

Well, if paying off the debt and

Tried to Put the Bull's Nose

in the Dust.

[Greensboro North State.]

to be Governor. The Republi-

& Beauregard's Little Scheme.

[Dan Valley Echo.]

Greensboro Workman.]

the train who adds "City" to the an-

neuncement that Durham is reached,

and the clothes are to be charged to the advertising accounts of the par-

That is the Question.

[Wilmington Star.]

Parties in Durham are to furnish

We trust a law will be passed by

something for the State.

and imprisonment.

It amuses us to see with what a

during the month of November.

speak his sentiments.

We think it is an able document.

forward, unambiguous English.

The President's message has been

The President is certainly solid on

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PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Cluverius has been respited. His execution will take place January

Hon. Abram S. Hewitt will serve as Congressman until January 1st. when he will assume the duties of message that the income of the gov- mayor of New York.

Alfred Sully is the new President of the Richmond & Danville and West Point Terminal railway and warehouse company.

McQuade's trial still drags its slow length along. Day after day the selection of the jury continues, and furnishes fine opportunities for stale

The message of President Cleve- Jokes. land to Congress is an able paper. | Cousin Ben. Folsom, looking as It treats a great variety of topics, natty as a pretty woman's new bon-

his Consulate office. S. M. Bailey, ex-State Treasurer of Pennsylvania.has been sued by that State for \$70,000; money belonging The annual official communica- given to the press and it is upon the to the State that he deposited in a

whole an admirable document, A bank which broke and lost the Mrs. Langtry is taking rank with

the greatest actresses. She is working hard, and is achieving wonderful success. "Freddie" seems to sturdy common sense that has char-President has made a reputation for now she is free from all breath of scandal. The President has appointed Geo.

A. Allen to be United States Attor-The main body of the paper is EVIDENTLY BEEN PREPARED WITH nev for the Western district of Pennsylvania, vice William A. Stone, suspended for offensive partisanship. The President has signed Mr. Allen's

care. No position is lightly taken. Jay Gould denies that there is any truth whatever in the story of his algovernment, and an entire harmony deals he nestly and boldly with im- leged deal with Garrett, of the Baltiportant questions, and shows its more & Ohio railroad, as to the exauthor to be a man not afraid to change of the Wabash railroad tem for the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph system.

Emperor William has requested Why is it that the boys are the artists of Berlin to modify their allowed to sit around the house do- programme for the proposed fetes on ing nothing, while their overworked the ninetieth anniversary of his birth. mother is struggling against nature | There will be no public demonstraand fate to do about half the work. I tion, as it is understood that the Em-Only the other day we saw three peror is desirous that the day be large, able-bodied boys lounging passed quietly.

Representative J. J. Adams, of New York, who is at presentamember of the House Committee on Appropriations, is a candidate for Mr. Hewitt's place upon the Committee on Ways and Means on that gentlenran's resignation. Mr. Adams expects the support of the New York Democratic delegation.

making beds, or sweeping, or setting the table, or washing or ironing, or Col. Wm. Lamb has entered suit against the Richmond Whog in the cooking a plain meal of victuals? sum of \$10,000 for libel, for publish-On the contrary, there is much to benefit him in such work, the most | ing the recent card of Congressman important of which is the idea that | Geo. D. Wise, in which Wise severeit isn't manly to let the "weaker ves- ly denounced Lamb because of alsel" carry all the burdens, when it is | leged offensive personal allusions of the latter in a speech in the late canpossible for strong, young hands to help. Most boys would gladly help vass. The rule is returnable on the in the house if they were asked to do | first Monday in January.

so, and were taught to do the work The bill introduced by Senator properly. Many a smart boy wants | Evarts to bridge the East River, New to help his tired mother, but doesn't | York, declares that a bridge across deals with public questions in a know how beyond bringing in the the East River between New York frank, intelligent and fearless man- wood and water, and shoveling a City and Long Island City, N. Y., constructed in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of New York State incorporathe manner in which he deals with work? For shame! It is a positive ting the Long Island Bridge Comharm to a boy's moral character to pany, shall be a lawful structure and EMINENTLY PLAIN AND BUSINESS-LIKE. allow him to think it right to be highway when completed. It is idle while his mother is staggering provided, however, that the bridge The document seems to us to be under burdens. Let the boys help, shall not impair the navigation of eminently plain and business-like. and those who can't get help "for | East River, and that its construction It is a calm, clear presentation of love or money," as they often write shall be under the supervision of our relations with foreign Govern- to us, will see their troubles disap- the United States Corps of Engineers.

If all the children to be born in the White House at Washington are as good looking as the one who first blinked his red eyes at daylight The public debt has been dethere, then they may be congratucreased a little over three millions lated. Rather curiously, no child was ever born in any presidential family during their residence at Washingpoint that the country, under Demos. ton. Weddings there have been not a few, and some deaths, alas!-very foreign power it necessarily dwells in comparison with which that of a sad ones, too—but no births. President Lincoln's youngest and beloved boy faded out of life there, and his sad browed father mourned him silver coinage, fortifications and pensions are the subjects most specially idea of ruin, the people, like Oliver have died there, and been buried treated. In regard to the former the Twist, will hold out their plates and with the utmost pomp of woe. But President is unmistakably plain in ask for more. We like nothing so of the three events which are of supreme importance alike to all humanity, the mitiatory one seems to and his arguments, are conclusive. An Irishman Laughed Before He have been skipped in the halls of the nation's chief executive. The people are hoping sincerely that the rule will be changed during the present term. If it is, it will be this administration's highest success. Hal self satisfied air the Democratic pa- T. Walker was born in the White pers are preparing to fill Ransom's House in 1845, during the adminisplace. There is no more chance of a tration of President Polk.—Greens-

The evidence of Democratic memcans will have the Legislature, and | bers of Congress confirms the accuwill elect a man who will accomplish racy of Mr. Sullivan's report of District Attorney Benton's speech at Gallatin. There is no reasonable doubt that Mr. Benton is guilty of the vulgar, abusive and disloyal utterances against the Administration under which he received his apthe next Legislature making the pointment. But no harm will be publishing of a lottery advertisement | done by awaiting Mr. Benton's dea misdemeanor punishable by fine nial, if he wishes to make one, or by taking time to secure incontestable evidence that he is guilty as charged. Go From Home to Hear the News | But when the offense is proved it is highly essential to the dignity of Mr. Cleveland's Administration, and to the good of the Federal service, a suit of clothes to the brakeman on that Mr. Benton be at once placed in a position of "greater freedom and less responsibility." The trammels of office and of official decency are irksome to such a nature as his. It will be an awkward thing perhaps for the President to remove Mr. Benton so soon after reinstating him, but we can assure the President, with all respect, that Mr. Benton's awkward than his dismissal.-New York Star.

The people have said-"Let the