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MIDNIGHT BELLS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Ring, but ring softly, sweet bells in your pealing!
Whisper your reverences low,—
Tenderly, kindly, your pity revealing,—
Breathing your peace upon mortals below!

Ring for the old year, fast falling and dying,
Sunbeams have kissed the last gleam of its smile;
Swiftly it moved, fast moments are flying with their beads to Eternity's file;
Hopes that faded, and the morning was shining,
Tossing the future for weal and woe—
Find all their brightnesses enshrouded, declining "not now, but afterward," thus saith the Lord.

Love that was true, and gave promise of blessing,
Making the earth a fair Eden of joy,
Now in the gloaming, with vision distressing, lives but to harass, confuse and annoy.
Friends on whose life and heart-love we were leaning,
Meanwhile have left us to follow alone,
Passing beyond the dark veil intervening—into where, paying our pain, are unknown.

Ring! but ring softly, may, cease! for 'tis ended!
The sorrow-swept passage is over and done;
The present we loved with the bygone is blended, the future we feared has already begun.

Toll for the dead! may Jehovah receive them—
Silently, peacefully, into his trust!
Low in his own Judgment—waiting room leave them: "ashes to ashes and dust unto dust."

Peal out for the New-Born, in glad jubilation!!
And ring back from belfry and minaret high!!
This one—the sanctified hope of the Nations—by grace is immortal, by faith shall not die.

The truth long enshrouded in the dungeons of error—
With promise of unuttered freedom at last;
And right out of Mighty dark enslavement of terror—see liberty rise, disenthralled of the past.

With crowns for the "Henchmen" whom freedom baptizes
To sever the shackles that bind men in sin;
While high—through the mind of the mortal arises, the brightness, that heralds eternity in.

So, Peal out thy prayer! 'tis Jehovah's good pleasure
Thy clime should ring greeting, and call for the day,
When love-like its source shall have limitless measure, and Christ its completion its monarch, for aye.

L. A. MORRISON.

SPEED THE PARTING GUEST.

BY OLIVE ORNET.

AREWELL, farewell, the best of friends must part,
And as a token of how dear thou art,
How fond and dear, Old Year, Old Year,
Here take a gift of gold from out my hair,
A shade of rose from cheek and lip, and there
Sprinkle a touch of snow before you go,
Old Year, before you go.

Good-by, God-speed, all earthly things must end,
One look into your fading eyes, my friend,
So fond and dear, Old Year, Old Year,
There's a mild regret within my heart in place of pain.

As that was sweet in thee shall once again
In memory live and make me glad,
Old Year, then why be sad?

Now that we're parting, I'm impelled to say,
What I've in secret thought for many a day—
Yet still I love you, dear Old Year,
You're always worn a somewhat somber face,
You've never had the winsome sprightly grace
That I remember in your foregone kin,
Old Year, that I have unlearned in.

Your stay was shorter, too, it seems to me,
Than that of former years was wont to be.
Oh, fond and dear Old Year, Old Year,
Mayhap for me all time is near complete,
And toward the end you're hastening with glad feet,
Then speed, no longer stay,
Old Year, go swift thy way!

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Oh, those New Year resolutions that we made with holy awe,
How they melted like the snow banks in a January thaw!

How the man who broke his meerschaum and vowed to smoke no more,
Now smokes an old two-cent pipe behind the cellar door.

NEW YEAR CHEER

"A Happy New Year," you can make it, my dear,
By smiling and doing your best;
Be cheery and true the twelvemonth through,
So shall the New Year be blest.

I am the New Year! I bring good and ill,
I hope the infant's eyes: I make life's pulses
But whatever I bring, of ill or good,
Will prove a blessing, when 'tis understood.

The New Year rises from night's silent tide,
As Venus rose from out the foaming spray
And with her dimpled arms extended wide
Smiles on the glories of Time's new-born day

With blushing pride upon his tinted cheek,
And love light flashing from his sparkling eye,
He feels a rapture which he dare not speak,
Lest this bright vision fade from earth and sky.

WELCOME NINETY-FOUR.

Hail to ninety-four! youngest born of time,
Stealing upon the earth with noiseless tread,
Within thine eyes a prophecy sublime,
The promise of the ages long since fled.

Intrusted to thy hands the task to spread,
The reign of freedom where Oppression now
Uphears its ruthless and defiant lead,
Child of the voiceless centuries, welcome thou!

(One Way to Promote Happiness.)

"I wish you a very happy New Year," said Dr. Pellet to Cawyer.

"Then don't send in your last quarter's bill till the 1st of February, doctor," replied Cawyer. — Judge.

LOCAL NEWS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Howard.
R. B. Shaw. Piano tuning.
R. W. Williamson. Money to loan.
S. R. Street. Auction tomorrow.

Prof Geo. W. Neal will reopen his school next Tuesday.

The Collegiate Institute and the Graduate school which have been closed for the holidays will both be open Tuesday.

The New-Year poem on our third page is one of much depth of thought. It was written in 1847 and furnished us by one of our townsmen.

Work on the bicycle track at the Fairgrounds will commence Tuesday. It has been surveyed and will be graded and put in good condition. A series of races will be arranged for the fair.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pate died at Institute yesterday morning in the 76th year of her age. She was a widow lady and was a sister of Mr. R. R. Hill of New Berne. Two grown sons of Mrs. Pate survive her.

Five store windows, in the business part of the city have at various times, with a considerable interval between each offense had a pane of glass broken out. Mr. Wm. Sultan is the last victim. The thief secured a pair of shoes and a pair of pants. It may be the same thief each time. Perhaps he may yet be caught.

The pupils of Miss Leah Jones' school are requested to meet at the school room Monday morning, Jan. 1st, as Prof. Edward Daves of Baltimore will address them at eleven o'clock and award the prizes offered by himself for the best character sketch on some revolutionary patriot, native of Craven county.

Prof. E. G. Daves lectured Friday night in Wilmington to a very cultured audience and returned to New Berne yesterday. Good subscriptions to the Fort Raleigh purchase were made in Wilmington. Some might be secured in New Berne. About six hundred dollars more remains to be raised.

Mr. R. G. Hayes and wife, and Mr. Geo. B. Boylen, all of Providence are registered at the Fulford House; also Mr. L. M. Travers, of New York, and Miss I. Buell, of New York. Mr. Boyden was in business here during the war and is still remembered by some of our citizens, though it is the first time he has been here in 28 years. He and Mr. Hayes are on their way to Florida and Mexico and stopped in New Berne on their way. They may spend a month here.

The Converted Rabbi's Lecture.

Rabbi John Sergius, Ben Israel, native from East India, will make an address in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. His subject will be "Wild People Live in the Banyan Tree." Hindu Brahmin, Fire Worship and Devil Worship, Mohammedans and their customs, great snakes, tigers, lions and elephants, Black Jews and how they came to be black, history of the lost tribes of Israel.

Masons will be welcome and the lectures will be especially interesting to them. Ladies are also cordially invited to be present. Rabbi Sergius specially invites our Jewish citizens to his lecture and he also promises to use convincing arguments to them that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. The Rabbi in conversation gives us some astonishing and but little known information in regard to the descendants of Abraham. We will not anticipate the lecturer however. They take place at the Baptist church this morning and tonight and in the Hall this afternoon. Each one can hear the Rabbi for himself.

TABERNACLE CHURCH.

The entertainment was enjoyable and successful event.

The entertainment at Tabernacle Church, on Wednesday, was a most successful one. The program was well arranged and the singing was fine. The collection was \$10.00. The church was well attended and the service was most enjoyable.

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Absolutely Pure
A standard baking powder for all purposes. It is a most effective remedy for all colds and coughs. It is a most effective remedy for all colds and coughs.

WHY ARE -- YOU -- WAITING

To Make Your New Year Purchases?

Christmas is Gone but I can still supply all Kinds of

New Year Gifts.

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Is the best time before they have been

Selected Through

My Line is

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Integrity

Complete and

Trustworthiness

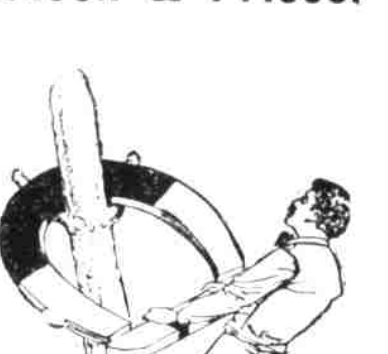
They All Have

CONFIDENCE.

An Attraction!

That is Hard to Withstand.

OUR Stock & Prices.



Full Of Magnetism For All

Economically Inclined.

And Pray Tell us Who isn't these times?

SEE THE TEMPTING PRICES

We are Making This and next week,

AND YOU

Will Find out the Magnet that

Draws The Crowd...

TO OUR STORES.

IN OUR

Integrity

Complete and

Trustworthiness

AUCTION!



TO CLOSE OUT CONSIGNMENT OF HORSES & MULES I will sell on MONDAY, January 1st, at 11 o'clock in front of HAIN'S Stables, a lot of fine HORSES & MULES, without reserve.

S. R. STREET, Auctioneer.

JUST RECEIVED A new lot of DERBY and SOFT

style Hats. Call early and get one before they are all gone.

Initial Handkerchiefs

STILL ON HAND.

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