THE SENTINEL.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Friday Morning.....January 5, 1872.

New Year Reflections.

The opening of a New Year admonishes us in silent yet emphatic language that we are gliding swiftly along the journey of life. In looking back on the road already travelled, we find that our way thus far has not been altogether smooth; it has been thickly set with brambles and thorns, whose points have sorely lacerated us when we would force a passage through them without regard to proper paths. Countless flowers and beauties have also been thickly strown along our path, and we have found mossy banks at the foot of many old oaks, where we have sat down with friends and been happy.

We have learned that true life is in the little acts, the good intentions and the purity of our motives. Death is in the memory we leave behind us for others.

We have found that few of our hopes are ever realized, and that it is in fancy that we revel in love, and find happiness in places here and there. There have been times when storms of passion have swept over the soul, dark shadows driven by fierce blasts and tempestes dragging their slow lengths along to keep pace with us to the grave.

We shall soon rest beneath the sod. In a little while the grass of death will cover those as they have year by year for others, a sudden turn or gentle winding will reveal our home. There we will lie down as others have done before us, and the sights and sounds of those of our surviving friends may close.

The sun will laugh, the birds sing sweet, the zephyrs play among the long grass, the leaves will dance over our graves, the rain patter upon our earthy bed, and in mockery and weeds or flowers spring up side by side, perfume as sweet the air as it rises into the grave. And those who now laugh with us will laugh without us. A few years will be added and the footsteps of those there be dim, dim. The sun, moon and stars will shine as now, the morn the noon, and the night will come.

The birds and flowers will be as now, but the hopes we had in early life will be crushed, we shall see years of experience, we may see the things we desire, but we can not will be as others.

The world is a strange being, a strange, or weird, but it contains all objects which pass within its circle of earth that now known or felt only through our good or evil. It is the home we leave behind us. Toward it we yearn long after we are gone. Toward it we yearn long after our hopes are in the grave.

This is much for the month, all that we can do is to do the very good it will be as well as we can, and hardly can find time, every [illegible] that will make our [illegible] happy, every [illegible] in [illegible] which will sing the music of [illegible] every pure feature [illegible] the holiness of [illegible] and [illegible] we will be a witness [illegible] the time comes that we shall meet [illegible]

An Eventful Year.

The past year will long be remembered as one in which the most important political events [illegible] as well as for strange natural [illegible] Revolutions in the [illegible] were frequent and violent. One of the most powerful empires of Europe has been [illegible] dissolution, and its Monarch driven from his throne, the Pope has been [illegible] his temporal power, and the red, white and green flag of Italian nationality waves over the [illegible] of St. Angelo. In the country the progress has been [illegible] but [illegible] the close of the year [illegible] Alabama [illegible] which has [illegible] passed the sons and daughters of the sunny South [illegible] poverty, prosecution and [illegible] Earthquakes have occurred in [illegible] quarters of the globe; immense fires have raged in the cities and forests of this and other continents, such as have scarcely ever been [illegible] diseases have appeared in different parts of the world; and other events of a startling and startling nature, have rendered the year eighteen hundred and seventy one a remarkable one. Some affect to think that the [illegible] this an indication of the end of the world. The fact is however unfortunately, that many such years filled with a record of bloodshed, misery and crime, Everywhere [illegible] into the abyss of time; though it is questionable whether during the lifetime of the present generation a stranger or more eventful year has been known.

Amusements and Recreation.

While we would not be considered straightlaced and puritanical; while we are not so rigid in our righteousness as to see sin in a smile and crime in a laugh, while we would favor innocent amusement and proper and wholesome recreation, and believe implicitly in the truth of the homely adage that "all work and no play makes Jack,"—or, in fact, any other young gentleman, "whatever his Christian name may be,"—"a dull boy," still we cannot away with the conviction that there are many things called "recreation," "amusement," "innocent sports," etc., which are not only reprehensible in themselves, but damaging and evil in their tendencies and effects.

For instance, it may be contended that there is nothing absolutely wrong or immoral in a social game of cards. But how is it, when young men, and boys even, are attracted to the "saloons" and "rooms," to the neglect of business and studies? How is it, when they, from the force of association, acquire a habit of drinking—for the "bar" is an indispensable adjunct to the gaming-room—and challenge each other to trials of skill for "something to take?" How is it, when the blasphemous oath follows the unsuccessful game, and "the luck" is execrated in terms calculated to shock and disgust? How is it, when one, who has been compelled to part with the last cent in his pocket to discharge his bill at the "gaming table" and "bar," is driven to beg or borrow, to replenish his purse and keep up appearances among his companions? The prosperity of the "recreation" is not quite so apparent in these, by no means unfrequent cases.

The Yosmite Valley is sonwed in. Two of its three hotels are closed and abandoned till Spring, but from fifteen to eighteen persons are spending the winter at the other and in private cabins.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.—This body, on reassembling on Wednesday last, was very fully attended in both houses, but neither effected a permanent organization. In the Senate, Hon. Barnes Compton, and in the House the Hon. Frederick Stone, both of Charles county, were respectively called to preside temporarily, when, without farther business, both Houses adjourned. It was announced that caucuses of the democratic members would be held in the Senate chamber and hall of the House, at 8 o'clock at night, of Wednesday, with a view of selecting permanent officers.

TRIAL OF MRS. WHARTON.—The trial of this lady is still progressing at Annapolis and has reached the twenty-fifth day. The testimony for the defence has been in progress for several days. Professor McCulloughs, an eminent chemist from the South, and Professor Reese, of Philadelphia both testify *against* the theory advanced by Profs. Aiken and Toury, that Gen. Ketchum was poisoned, and state their analysis was defective. Thus, when Doctors differ, how is a jury to decide. It is fair to infer that reasonable doubts will be raised in the minds of the jury, and the prisoner is entitled to the benefit.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.—In pursuance of a provision of the Public School Law of Maryland, the Judges of the Circuit Court for this County have appointed Wm. M. Tarbert 1st District, Wm. T. Jones 3d District, and Sam'l. Jones 4th District, School Commissioners for the term of two years from the 1st of January, instant. Messrs Tarbert and Jones (Samuel) took the oath of office on Tuesday last, and entered upon the duties of the office.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS IN HAGERSTOWN.—The first social assembly of the Woman's Rights Society at Hagerstown, Md., was held last Monday night. Cards of invitation had been issued by a committee of ladies, stating the nature of the social reform, with the assertion of woman's peculiar rights, and tendering homes as resorts to invited guests. The affair was well attended.

ARREST OF BRIGHAM YOUNG.—Brigham Young has been arrested on a charge of murder. Bail was refused. There being no U. S. Jail in Salt Lake City, and no officer of U. S. appointed, he is allowed the privilege of Attorneys in case of his confinement in the city and he is now a prisoner in his own house.

A Man Aged One Hundred Years Claiming a Bottle of Wine.

John Bull, of Indian rock Indiana died [illegible] aged [illegible] years. When at the age of about [illegible] and in the employ of Messrs. [illegible] stock trade he held by verbal [illegible] the office of the [illegible] Book of England a large number of [illegible] covering his loss after [illegible] the mass [illegible] accountant's office, [illegible] Mr. Snow [illegible] hope that he might [illegible] pressure. To his great joy he found [illegible] safe in the account [illegible] the economically inclined [illegible] employer [illegible] clerks should [illegible] of assurance and gratitude [illegible] when Mr. Bull should [illegible] years he wouldn't [illegible] wind in his clock. Some time [illegible] becoming a [illegible] bank on the [illegible] presented Mr. Snow [illegible] bottle of wine [illegible] meet the [illegible] Mr. Snow [illegible] to all those who [illegible] the time comes that we shall meet [illegible]

The Chicot County War.

CINCINNATI O., Jan. 2.—A [illegible] from Little Rock, Ark., to the *Inquirer* contains a statement from Alfred Sorlors [illegible] the men who were shot in the [illegible] Chicot, Ark., corroborating the reports of recent outrages in that place. [illegible] of the three men [illegible] Lodges have occurred in [illegible] of the globe; immense fires have raged in the cities and forests of this and other continents such as have scarcely ever been [illegible] diseases have appeared in different parts of the world; and other events of a startling and startling nature, have rendered the year eighteen hundred and seventy one a remarkable one. Some affect to think that the [illegible] this an indication of the end of the world. The fact is however unfortunately, that many such years filled with a record of bloodshed, misery and crime, Everywhere [illegible] into the abyss of time; though it is questionable whether during the lifetime of the present generation a stranger or more eventful year has been known.

A Puzzle.

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A Veto by Gov. Walker, of Virginia.

RICHMOND VA., Jan. 2.—Governor Walker has vetoed the joint resolution of the legislature suspending the funding of the State debt. This, however, will probably amount to nothing, as in the House the resolution was adopted [illegible] over a three-fourths vote and in the Senate by two-thirds.

Mrs. Hannah Sanderson Merrimack, N. H., writes Oct. 26th to R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N. H., "I cheerfully certify to the wonderful restorative properties of your Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer, having experimented its effects on my own head. When I commenced using it my head was nearly bald, only having a little hair on the side and back of my head. I have worn false hair fifteen years and upward. I have now laid it by. I commenced using it in May, and now my hair is from two to four inches long and thick, where there was none when I commenced using Hall's Hair Renewer. My hair is now growing very fast and does not fall off. I recommend this to all those whose hair is turned gray or thin, and especially to those that are bald."

"I am acquainted with Mrs. Hannah Sanderson, and can certify to the truthfulness of this statement.

"WILLIAM T. PARKER,
"Justice of the Peace.

AYER'S AMERICAN ALMANAC for the new year, has arrived for delivery gratis by all Druggists to all who call for it. This little annual has the largest circulation of any book in the world, made by the fact that it furnishes the best medical advice which is available to the people—enables them to determine what their complaints are and how to cure them. It contains the startling announcement of the *conflagration of a world*, or the combustion of one of the stars in the firmament, with all its attendant planets.

PUZZLES FOR TEACHERS.—At a late Teachers' Institute, the Steamboat Rock News, an Iowa paper, says only three out of sixty-seven teachers were able to spell the following words right: Parallel, marvelous, medicine, millinery, tranquillity, moccasin, meter, massacre, forgeting, benefiting, traveler, shipped, worshipped, cinnamon, surcingle, presbytery, plaid, barclip.

A FATAL LEAP.—Anthony Eragle, an aged citizen of Oakland, Allegany county, Md., got on one of the fast express trains of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Oakland Station, on Monday last, intending to go to Altamont. On being told that the train did not stop at Altamont, Mr. Eragle leaped off and was instantly killed.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

Unity.

DECEMBER 30, 1871.

Mr. Editor,—One more short day and the Old Year will have passed away, never again to return, and with it how many thousands of the human family have passed away into the eternal world! How many thousands who joyfully witnessed its opening, and whose eyes sparkled with the brilliancy of happy youth, and whose cheeks were aglow with the bloom of health, and whose vigorous, stalwart frames seemed to bid defiance to disease and death, are now sleeping beneath the cold sods of the quiet valley! How many eyes that twelve months ago opened upon the New Year's rising sun, and beheld nature in all the glory of her winter scenery; her exquisite paintings and her beautiful carvings, are now forever closed to all the loveliness with which she ever adorns herself!

Also, also! of the many thousands who have passed into the spirit world within the last twelve months, how many have fallen victims to the intoxicating bowl, and resulting therefrom, how many were victims of a broken heart! How many fell victims of the murderer's poniard, actuated by most trivial, or some misunderstanding at the card table, and how many as the victims of the midnight assassin!

As the New Year dawned upon us how many families there were [illegible] that have been [illegible] since! How many hearts [illegible] as we chaunted the Great I Am, who have [illegible] the way of the Cross, entered the Saviour's church and are, to-day, [illegible] the hall, the vestibule of the office! Reflection the Old Year [illegible] nothing, [illegible] Yes Architect, in mind we see [illegible] the foundation, [illegible] what [illegible] the spiritual [illegible] the great [illegible] the general [illegible] the earth, [illegible] the light of the former as he went forth to plant the oil and the corn crops. And when on May 1st the last gazed around me in the charming [illegible] the southern [illegible] and the peach and a [illegible] with [illegible] And when August [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and