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THE WINTER OF LIFE.

BY MRS. BURGOYNE

The snow of winter gently falls, And whitens o'er the ground ; Thus, with the snowy wreaths of time

It never melts, but slowly falls, Silent and scarcely seen, Until the heads of those we love

The brow of age is bound.

Time never heeds the pain or grief Which human nature feels ; No backward movement ever makes-But only rolls its wheels:

Regardless of the bitter wail Of hearts by anguish riven ; The songs of youth, the plaints of age Unheeded, rise to heaven.

Oh, could we find the fabled spring Which would our youth restore Or gaze, like traveler outword bound, On the receeding shore;

But all in vain--the bounding wave Still bares us from the strand The mystic water's power is naught But tale of fairy land.

Better to bear with cheerful heart The change that time may bring And garner treasure for old age, Than sigh for endless spring

Treasures of faith, of hope, and love, Freely to mortals given : Death will restore our youthful bloom-There's no old age in heaven.

Selected Cale.

THE SNOW EXPRESS.

tationed at Blockhouse Point, at the mouth f the Green Snake River, on the north side Lake Huron. This now dilapidated strongold was erected, on a sandy point stretching out into the lake, in the days of the Indian wars, and I could fancy its slender garrison of sharp-shooters watching from their loopholes hey stole along the borders of the forest .fenders who filled the graves around its

ns that ornubled away their days ounded the old blockhouse. Our only ene- However, after a time, they agreed to make ies were bears and foxes which skulked about | the attempt. woods, and the only Indians who sought hission to the post were those from a little er, where a peaceable party of Ojibbeways

In this dot in the wilderness, I and two brocontended, and by no means forgetting the orld by which we seemed very nearly forgot-Not but what letters reach us-somenes-during the summer, by an occasional that we lived in unblissful ignorance. - whelm us. wice, however, during each long, long winter, reat excitement prevailed at Blockhouse oint. It was when Indians, travelling over shore. snow on snowshoes, were expected to ar-

court-martial on a serious charge. He had upon us in every direction. It was impossible erudition. written to me himself, but a mutual friend to go on. formed me that, before another month was parters; the trial would be over, and my the hopeless battle against the whirlwind. end, in all probability, condemned.

line, unless some one was ever at hand to shrank into its shelter—saved for the time. arry the messengers on. Why not I be of

We were a strange looking party. Our obin a beaver coat and fur cap. My kit consistself, and snow-shoes on our feet, we set out. hares which abound in those forests.

In case we succeeded in getting to head-quared to give, whether won or not,) and they unmurmuringly pressed on, nearly the whole

day, on their cumbrous show-shoes, scarcely shouldering their packs, off again. They ensilent woods rang with their merriment .-Chingoos (the ermine), the younger brother, was the most joyous as well as most active of they had not been disturbed; so there was no fall beneath his knife at last." us all; and however wearied he might be thing for it but to start afresh without breakwhen when we stopped for the night, he laugh- fast. ed and jested as he cut with his tomahawk a few flakes of snow, like tiny birds, came the evergreeus which were to form our not uncomfortable shelter, and be strewn beneath They were true harbingers; and within a few with breathless attention. I was lounging the bearskins on which we slept. Shegashie minutes, the clouds began gather and the snow (the cray-fish) was our cook and firemaker; to darken the atmosphere. Warned by the and the rapid way in which he heaped on past day's experience, we remained in our manding of my guide if he had ever seen this scores of dry branches, and raised a blazing pile above the snow, always excited my admi-

When we had accomplished nearly half our journey, we had not overstepped the time we allowed curselves; but the continuous exertion was beginning to effect our limbs, and the perpetual glare of the sun on the snow inflamed our eyes. This we found by far the greater hardship of two. I shall never forget the joy we felt, one morning, when the sun remained hidden beneath the heavy cloud-banks in the east. Almost forgetting our swollen limbs in giving him hot coffee and such other trifling appointment, he began to draw his tomahawk the gladness of being delivered from his daz. zling rays, we travelled merrily on through and fragrant with juniper bushes, until at length we reached the shores of a small frozen

Once more we rejoiced that the day was ways suffered most, being deprived of the netdisappointment burst from the Indians, and, Many years ago, while a subaltern, I was looking up, I saw a few large snow-flakes floating slowly through the air.

"Let us put off our snow-shoes," said Shegashie; "we must halt here." "Why?" "Because the snow will blind our eyes to

the path." The path, however, was an Indian figure the clustering forms of their Indian foes as trodden wilderness, guided from point to point brother, and Shegashie, forgetting the stocial The bullet-holes that riddled its massive walls, and its charred and blackened surface, sugIndian's recollection. They had trevelled this his bosom. When he released it, it fell cold on his bed. My own wounds, though numegested grim conjectures respecting its brave road twice before; and what an Indian once and stiffened upon the snow. At Shegashie's announcement I looked over But now there were no Indians to employ longingly. I could not bear to lose an hour, the leisure of the unfortunate company of regions and provided and the speak for nours, but wept incessantly. The earth was frozen too hard to admit of our digging a grave. We were to admit of our digging a grave. We were sank down beside it to watch my poor Sheithin the humble fortification that now sur- came on. My guides shook their heads. brother could return in the spring to bury him.

lage about seven miles up the Green Snake around us; and, more than once, we congratigets and ringing laughter had echoed among ulated ourselves that their appearance had not r officers lived the lives of anchorites, only down in our faces with a fierce gust that al- of snow-shoes preceded us along the course we most threw us off our feet. Staggered and had to follow. breathless, we stopped. Near as the brothers were. I could see no more than the outlines of hooner coming up along the lakes. It was snow which fell between us; while nothing kes were bound by the universal fetter of tumbling, whirling and rushing down to over-

He at once led the way, his brother and I knowledge. re with the "express." Day after day we following, and with difficulty distinguished him ed walk for miles, hoping to meet our bronze as he shuffled heavily on before us. Already dercuries; and when at length they came in- the weight of snow upon our snow-shors im- tended to me. But, in spite of all their graviwhat tidings "the mail" might contain whirling past us, in wild eddies, almost beating us down. As the storm increased, the wind, man face. He belonged to a party of Indians On one occasion the news I got was sad which had hitherto blown steadily in our faces, living far to the north of Green Snake River,

The last faint lingering shadow of hope passis month's delay had only occurred in conse- but to die. Once or twice I wondered I did of his blanket, caked with filth, made me feel make, shelter to prepare, Shegashie to move, my power to disprove the gravest part of but we determined not to die inactive, and the

That I am alive to write this is a proof of The dreadful thought that he might be sact the unslumbering Providence watching over my own. ficed for the want of may testimony haunted all; for there was no earthly hope for us, De. I could not sleep that night. Many when an unseen hand guided us to saefty.— fire, I had a better opportunity of observing and sent us to sleep till the great day of awa- crawlin' bout on the bottom like a mud turans disturbed my mind. Could I not write How we reach the shore none of us ever knew; our new acquaintance. He was a tall, finely kening. my statement, and send it by an Indian ex- but, at length, still battling against the blind- formed Indian, and more muscular than I had ress? Undoubtedly I could. But, when I ing snow, Shegashie's snow-shoes struck a tree. ever seen any of his race. Moreover, there ame to count, I found it would not arrive in Close behind it a thicket of dwarf firs, and we was an unusual fierceness in his demeanor and acting by turns the parts of horse, forager,

express party? I was young, strong, ac- if inexhaustible; at length, however, it ceased, but he was disappointed that our fire-water though it was scarcely mid-day, I began to re, and accustomed to exertion. Surely, and the setting sun shone out in the western was all expended. However, he did not let look about me for a suitable place to encamp what Indians could do, I could do. There sky, red and angrily. The Indians said that that damp his spirits, but talked on with more for the remainder of the day and night : hopwas not an hour to be lost. At daylight I another snowstorm was at hand. So we set than Indian volubility. Shegashie's stock of ing, after such a rest, to start fresher on the obtained leave from my commanding officer about making the best preparations we could of news, for which he asked, was soon exhaust-following morning. Suddenly, a thin column a mere matter of form—for both he and my for the night. Our friendly thicket was no bad ed. Poor fellow! he had little heart to talk of smoke, ascending from the trees at a short Illior heartily rejoiced at the prospect of Low- shelter, and Chingoos and I set to work with of anything except his beloved brother, to distance, caught my eye; and, turning off ther's acquittal. Two Indians were quickly our tomahawks to cut away the branches, un- whose story the stranger listened with a con- from our route, I made the best of my way obtained, and everything was made ready for til the place somewhat resembled a bower; then shaking the cut branches free from snow, pathy. In his turn, he treated Shegashie to arrived settler. The man gave us a hearty we laid them up in soft piles to sleep upon .--Meantime Shegashie busied himself in making were current in the woods. ject being speed, each carried his own traps, Meantime Shegashie busied himself in making and as few of them as possible. I was clad a fire and collecting fuel. We were short of food ; for, during the last day or two, game being able clearly to comprehend his language. train ; and, in two days more, brought us to ed of a blanket, a bearskin, and a wallet to had been unusually scarce. But we had suffi- But there was one I understood somewhat bet- head-quarters—less, I believe, for the reward hold provisions. The two Indians, who were cient for the night, and hoped to obtain more brothers, were similarly equipped. With rifles on the morrow; Shegashie having set several fierce Indian called Mamiskogahihe (Great ready loaded for a loaded fo

Just as we had tied on our snow shoes, floating between us and the clear blue sky .to darken the atmosphere. Warned by the I was aroused by the stranger abruptly defrom its fury. We had fire, and the snow set- tive. tling on the roof and sides of our bower made it warm; so we felt that we had more cause to his feet. "I am Mamiskogalijhe!" and in

were compelled to fast. Before long, Chingoos's indisposition of the morning returned and as day wore on, he continued to get worse; until, by evening, it was succeeded in disengaging. He aimed a deadly a fever. We did the best we could for him, it, and drew my own. With a yell at his dis-

comforts as our slender stock afforded. leafless forests of gigantic trees; through tracts ful; but it was at once evident that poor Chinarms. His feet gave way, and we both rollof smaller trees, thickly studded with the larch, goos could not travel that day. The fever in-the spruce, and the fir, whose dark foliage creased, and the agus so shook him that it was between us succeeded. The Indian kept makgloomed almost black against the stainless with the greatest difficulty he could take the ing little digs at me with his knife, but he snow; through woods tangled with wild vines, coffee from our hands. The snares were still could not get purchase enough to do more

dim; for, in crosing lakes and rivers, we all hunger-pangs were becoming very fierce. We upper side again. At length I lost patience; were so weak that we could scarcely creep .work of branches which yielded us a shade; About mid-day a hare come leaping by, through I loosened the hand which held my knife .sometimes almost impenetrable. But our exclamation of diately. To this day I think that that was but he was unable to take it-to our surprise,

were able to give all our thoughts and anxie- victorious. ties to Chingoos, whose last hour was evidentof speech. We were traveling through an un- ly drawing near. He held out his hand to his by some rock, or bank, or quaintly formed demeanour of his race which he had tried hard

get across before the violence of the snow-storm | deep in the snow in a shady place, until his

On the following morning we resumed our journey; but it had now become a melan-Accordingly, off we started across the lake, choly pilgrimage. The day seemed long and in the woods, to die in my turn. I now bitthe snow-flakes floating and playing lazily dreary without the joyous youth, whose lively the old trees. Towards evening, for the first deterred us. But, when we had got about time in all our travels, we came on the signs of it; so I set to work, buried my dead enehalf-way across, the snow-storm came dashing of a human being. The broad trail of a pair my in a snow bank, collected wood, shot a

My guide, judging by the tracks, announed the wearer to be an Indian, and not one of

The Indians greeted each other with grave the whole winter without looking on one hu-

a strange fire gleamed from his eye. He took firemaker, cook, builder and nurse. At length For hours the the snow continued to fall, as the tobacco we gave him with great pleasure,

tracted brow; but with few indications of sym- towards it. It rose from the hut of a newly a number of amazing and horrible stories which | welcome, and we slept beneath a roof, for the

ter than the others ; it was concerning a very I promised than from pity for our worn and ready loaded for any game that might present suares around our camp for the small Arctic red-nailed Bear), who came from far beyond the Great Lake (Superior), and who, on his

Soon after dark the snow recommenced; and return home from a hunting expedition, had that it was over. But the severe illness of ters at the time appointed, a gratuity had although we were unusually well sheltered, I found his squaw and children the prey of a the accused had again deferred it. The probeen promised to the Indians (which I resolvent never felt cold so intense as I did that night. band of cannibal Indians. Enraged at the ceedings were only now coming to a close. So night. I have rarely felt more rejoiced than sight, this hero fell upon them single-handed, I did when I saw the early dawn steal over and took the scalps of all except one. That the landscape, and was able to rise from my one had fled; and, ever since, Mamiskogahjhe giving time to cook the game we killed; then, freezing couch and waken my companions, who had prowled through the woods, gnashing his rose looking as uncomfortable as myself : espe- teeth and seeking him everywhere. The misdeavored to beguile the weariness of the way cially Chingoos, who trembled as if he had an sing Indian had shrouded himself in every sort by lively sallies, at which they laughed till the ague fit. But a little hot coffee revived him. of disguise, "But all to no purpose," said the Shegashie went to inspect his snares; and, stranger savagely, "for Mamiskogahjhe slays to his great disappointment, he found that every Indian he meets, so that the villian must

When I had got over the novelty of the stranger's excited manner and gleaming eye, I became somewhat weary of this Indian hyperbole; but Shegashie listened to every word beside the fire, more asleep than awake, when camp. Hour after bour the snow poured redoubtable brave, the great red-nailed bear : down in driving masses; but we were sheltered to which the young Indian replied in the nega-

to be thankful than to complain, though we a moment he stabbed my companion in the

I sprang upon him in an instant, and seized quite evident that he was in the first stage of blow at me with his knife, but I evaded from his belt with the view of hurling it at my The next morning broke bright and beauti- head; but I darted upon him, pinioning his empty, and this day also was passed without than penetrate my clothes and inflict slight wounds upon me. He rolled over with me, On the third morning Chingoos was still hoping to get me undermost; but I always worse. No game had been snared or shot, and rolled farther than he wished, and got on the and, still holding his right arm tightly down, the infliction! More than one-fourth of the sweetest meal I ever tasted. We made a menced another rolling and tearing struggle, part of the hare into soup for our poor patient; more like that of tigers than of men, for my foe assailed me fiercely with his teeth. We for it seemed to us delicious beyond expression.

stabled at each other wildly, and many a irresponsible. So says Hall's Journal of wound I gave and received. At length the Health. From that day we never wanted food, and Indian relaxed his hold, fell back, and I arose

My first thought, now, after a fervent prayer for my deliverance, was for my poor guide. I found that, though desperately wounded and bleeding profusely, he was not dead. I bound rous, were marvellously slight; more cuts than sees remains imprinted in his memory forever. Shegashie did not speak for hours, but wept stabs, and even those my thick clothing had

> from loss of blood that each moment I expected to see him pass away, and leave me alone terly regretted that I had ever entered on this disastrous enterprise. However, there I was, and I had nothing for it but to make the best hare, dressed it, and returned to my sad task of watching my wonn led guide

At the end of ten days, despite every adverse circumstance, Shegashie was a great deal their dark forms through the thick curtain oi the white hunters who are sometimes to be better; yet it was evident to both of us that met in these forests. He was right. The it would be a long time before he could travring the other half of the year, when the wus visible beyond but dazzling snow-flakes wearer of the gaily trimmed hunting-shirt whom el. The poor fellow earnestly entreated me we overtook about two hours after with his not to stay with him, but to leave him to his dirty blanket, rifle, tomahawk, and knife, his fate; and he directed me in the right way to "We must," cried Shegashie, "keep the arms covered with bracelets, and bunches of pursue my journey. I would not have desertwind in our faces, or we shall never reach the ear-rings weighing down the lobes of the ears, ed an enemy thus, much less one with whom fully attested the accuracy of Shegashie's fore- I had faced sorrow, danger, and death. Yet powder and shot were rapidly failing. After much cogitation, I took all the spare snowcourtesy, and the same polite reception was ex- shoes, and, by the aid of a bearskin, succeeded in making a sleigh capable of holding Sheght, with what trembling hearts we returned peded us greatly, and it increased each mo- ty, I fancied I perceived a gleam of joy in the gashie very comfortably, as well as all our bethe post, to await the opening of their sealed ment, until we could scarcely drag them along. wild eyes of the stranger. No wonder, poor longings. I rose proudly the next morning; ellets by the proper authority, in ignorance | The snow blew in our faces, sharp as icicles, fellow! I thought. Perhaps he has passed and, placing my companion in the sleigh, recommenced my journey.

It was weary work to drag that clumsy sleigh, the wasted Indian looking out now and ough. My dearest friend was to be tried began to waver, and to dash the snow down and his dialect was a great trial to my Indian then to direct me on our way. I was often obliged to make long detours to avoid thickets As his path for the next day or two would and places where the trees grew too close to be the same as ours, the stranger proposed to admit my sleigh between them. When day ast, Lowther's fate would be sealed; and ed away, and we felt there was nothing left join us. Though I must confess that the sight was done, I had the fuel to collect, the fire to nence of an imporant witness being required not feel the torpor, which is the precursor of a repugnance to his company, yet I was too his wounds to dress, and then the game to cook om the lower province, I saw at once it was death among the snow, steal over my senses; prudent to object; and afterwards, when we which I had killed during the day. Many a an' old Jenk's, the rich old squire, was to be tion of her finances, is undoubted. The honor stopped for the night, and I found that, leav- time I thought I should be obliged to give up dipped at the same time. Well, the minister and credit of the State must and can be preharge, although Lowther did not know it violence of my exertions heated to such a deling the fire-making to Shegashie, he was con-Yet, before the spring should come and the gree, that more than once I found myself wip- tent to bustle about to collect fuel, and to as sometimes so tired that I could not have re- much, as I thought 'twould be jest as good akes be open to enable me to reach head- ing the moisture from my brow, as I fought sist me in forming our night's shelter, I felt sisted another Mamiskogahjhe, had he come more charity towards him, and was more re- to end the work the first one had begun ; and signed to his raising his pile of branches near when morning reappeared, I recommenced my tugging and dragging with arms so weary, turn, and instead of liftin' me out like he did that fund. This amount will be applied to the As we sat, that evening, round our camp that I did not care if another snow storm came | the squire, he gave me one slosh, and left me

miserable condition.

was compelled to go on from day to day en-I became so exhausted, that one morning, first time for considerably more than a month I lost the gist of many of these through not The next day he put his horse to his wood-

The time appointed for the trial was now

far, they left on the minds of all who witnessed them but one impression-that my poor

my face haggard, my eyes inflamed, my swollen feet hobbling awkwardly on the floor. Order restored, my testimony was received

friend's military career was ended. Suddenly

I entered the court, attired in worn-out rags,

was acquitted with honor.

Poor Shegashie! When the spring came, he left me, and returned by a schooner to Green Snake River, whence, accompanied by The prosperity of the State and the general his relatives, he travelled down to the scene of his only brother's death. They dug a deep grave for Chingoos, and laid him in it on the spot where his life had departed But Shegashie never more returned to his native village. Parting from his relatives at the grave, operate with you. he returned to me, and remained with me-a gentle, unobtrusive, faithful friend-until consumption, the bane of his race, took him from me a few years ago .- Household Words.

IDIOTS .- Idiocy is arrested development .-There is, in all cases, a deficiency of brain, a low physical organization. The humane and accomplished Dr. Wilbur says: that out of a class of twenty papils, only three could count ten. Their almost universal fault was glutto-Their great want is attention. Many cannot talk; it often requires two or three years to enable them to utter a single word distinctly. In almost all cases, home treatment only confirms the malady. In three hundred and fifty nine cases all but four originated in parents, who had brought on some confirmed disease by the violation of the laws of nature. In every instance, the four excepted, either one or both parents were unhealthy, scrofulous, disposed to insanity, indulged in animal excesses, or had married blood relations. Let every reader commit to memory these five causes, for to have an idiot child, how terrible three hundred and fifty nine idiots were the tions; in one such family five children out of eight were idiotic. If, then, health, temperance and chastity are not duties, then we are

AN OLD ADVERTISEMENT ---- FRANKLIN'S BREECHES STOLE-From the Pennsylvania Gazette, of Feb, 22, 1738 .- STOLEN .- On the 15th inst., by one William Loyd, out of the house of Benj. Franklin, an half worn Sagathe coat, liu'd with silk, four home spun shirts, and a fine Holland Shirt, ruflled at the hands and besom, a pair of black broad cloth breeches, new seated and lined with leather, two pair of good worsted stockings, one of a dark color, and the other of a lightish blue, a coarse cambric handkerchief marked with an F. in red k, a new pair of call skin shoes, a boy castor hat, and sundry other things.

N. B. The said Loyd pretends to understand Latin and Greek and has been a schoolmaster; he is an Irishman, about 30 years of age, tall and slim; had on a lightish colored great coat, red jacket, a pair of silk breeches, an old felt hat, too little for him, and sewed on the side of the crown with white thread, and an old dark colored wig : but may perhaps wear some of the clothes above mention

Whoever secures the thief so that he may be brought to justice, shall have thirty shillings reward, and reasonable charges paid by B. FRANKLIN.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22, 1738-9.

How OLD BILLY G. WAS BAPTISED .- Poor people have a hard time in this world of ours. paid, and that falling due in February next, Even in matters of religion there is a vast difference between Lazarus and Dives, as the following speedote will illustrate:

Treasury. By virtue of the provisions of the following speedote will illustrate:

Old Bil'y G-had attended a great revival, and in, common with many others, he was afterwards, one of his neighbor's met him reel- be enabled to pay the interest due in Februaing home from the court ground with a con- ry, in specie or its equivalent. The credit of siderable brick in his hat.

thought you had joined the church ?"

hear about it, Jeems ?" " Never did."

tuck the squire in fust, but I didn't mind that when I cum ; so he led him in, and after dippin' bim, he raised him up mitetu keerful, wiped his face, and, led him out. Then cum my

THACKERAY .- Thackeray likes to dissect an ulcer or an aneurism; he has pleasure in putting his cruel knife or probe into quivering, living flesh. Thackeray would not like all the world to be good; no great satirist would like society to be perfect. Some people have been in the habit of terming him the second writer of the day; it just depends on bimself whether or not these critics shall be justified in their award. He need not be the second. God made him the second to no man. If I were he, I would show myself as I am, not as critics report me; at any rate, I would do my best. Mr. Thackeray is easy, and indolent, and seldom cares to do his best .- Charlotte

The only financial crisis I ever experienced, said a friend, the other day, was when I tried to pay for a sixpenny plate of corned beef with a suspender button. That was in- (\$1,042 857 64) of the public debt. nearly three weeks past, and I did not doubt deed a financial crisis.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

To the Honorable the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the General

Assembly : GENTLEMEN-By the suffrages of your fellow citizens, you have been charged with the duty of representing them, and the interests of the Commonwealth, in the Legislative with the greatest attention; and Lowther branch of the Government. The responsibilities you have assumed and the duties to be performed should ever be regarded as paramount to every selfish partizan consideration. welfare of the people, should receive attention and be the aim and end of your legislative action. To promote these objects, I will cheerfully, in every legal and constitutional manuer, during the continuance of my official term, co-

> The past year, with the exception of recent financial embarrassment, has been one of general prosperity. No foreign wars, no fraternal strife, has disturbed the peaceful quiet of our homes. Unwonted health, with its blessings, has been vouchsafed to us. Seed time and harvest have not failed-the earth hath yielded her increase, and richly rewarded the labor of the husbandman. The Arts and Sciences have been advanced, and the great interests of Education, Morality, and Religion liberally encouraged and sustained. Our Nation in its unity-our free institutions in their integrity, with our rights and priveleges, civil and religions have been preserved. Recognizing in these blessings the goodness of the Almighty God, we should render to Him the homage of grateful hearts and the devotion of our sincere praise; and whilst humbly acknowledging His mercies to us as a people, let us still further express our gratitude to Him, by acts of individual charity and kindness to the poor and helpless in our midst. Sorrow now fills the hearts, and adversity darkens the homes of many of our citizens. Our liberality should be generous; our benefactions munificent : and whilst the wants of the poor and suffering are relieved, the generous giver will find a rich reward in the pleasures that result from communicated good.

> The finances of the Commonwealth are in a very satisfactory condition. During the past year every demand upon the Treasury has been promptly paid, from the revenues derived from the ordinary sources. The operations of this Department will be presented to you, in detail,

in the report of the State Treasury.

For the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1857, the receipts into the Treasury, including bal-ance in the Treasury on the 1st day of December, 1856, of \$1,244,795 42, were \$5,935,383 The aggregate expenditures for the same period were \$5,407,276 79. Balance in the Treasury December 1, 1857, \$528,106 47 .-Excluding the balance in the Treasury on the first day of December, 1856, the receipts from all sources were \$4,690,587 84. The ordinary expenditures for the same per 992,370 29; exhibiting an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$698,217 55. The extraordinary payments for the year were \$1. 414, 906 50, as follows, to wit: To the completion of the Portage Railroad, \$40,061 92: to the North Branch extension \$139,798 85; to relay the South Track of the Columbia railroad, \$91,405 46; to enlarge the Delaware Division, \$46,263 00; for motive power in 1856, \$81,604 24; for repair in 1855 and 1856, \$49,564 78; for the redemption of loans, \$820,097 03; damages on the Public Works, \$46,552 65; old claims on the Main Line adjusted under the several acts of Assembly, \$46,548 57, and for the new State Arsenal and Farmer's High School, \$45,000

The interest on the funded debt, due in February and August last, was then promptly will be paid out of available means now in the "An Act providing for the Resumption of Specie Payments by the Banks and for the converted" and paptised. Not many weeks Relief of Debtors," the State Treasurer will the Commonwealth has been fully and honora-"Hello, Uncle Biliy," said the friend, "I blysustained. The promptness with which every legitimate demand upon the Treasury has been "So I did Jeems, and would would 'a been met, has inspired public confidence in our se-Baptis', if they had had n't treated me so carities; and although recent and existing fieverlastin' mean at the water. Didn't you nancial revulsion may embarrass the operations of the Treasury, and reduce, to some extent the revenue, yet the ability of the State to "Then I'll tell you'bout it. You see, when meet her engagements and maintain her credwe cum to the baptism place, there was me it, under an honest and economical administraserved intact.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, report the sum of \$414,920 29 as now in the Treasury to the credit of that fund. This amount will be applied to the redemption of redemption of Relief Notes yet in circulation, and to the payment of the funded debt of the Commonwealth.

The Commissioners of this fund, on the 7th day of September last, reported to me that the sum of \$1, 042,857 64 of the debt of the Commonwealth, was held by them, as follows.

164.000 00

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Loans of 19th of April, 1853, over due, tem-Loans of 9th of May, 1854, over due temporary... Certificates of stock, loans of April 11, 18-48. 6 per cent. dertificates of stock, loans of various dates, in Treasury, set aside for can-

30,000 00 As required by law, I directed the certificates, and evidence of this indebtedness to be cancelled; and on the 19th of September, 1857, issued my proclamation of declaring the payment, extinguishment and final discharge

of one million forty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-four cents In addition to the amount reported to be in