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"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."--Paul

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POETRY.

From the London Punch, ABRAHAM LINCOLN. FOULLY ASSASSINATED, APRIL 14, 1865.

You lay a wreath on murdered Lincoln's bier, You, who with mucking pencil went to trace, Broad for the self complacent British sneer,

Headle this corpse, that bears for winding sheet The stars and stripes he lived to rear and die, Between the mourners at his head and feet,

The ambulance Indian, and the prowling bear-- Such were the needs that helped his pen to trace, Though culture--but such trace--large fruit may bear,

A dead accent! Strokes have been struck before By the assassin's hand, whose of men doubt of more of horror or disgrace they bore;

Dancing--Dancing is just the music for the feet, the music for young legs, and is well called the poetry of motion.

The white people of Wilmington, North Carolina, and vicinity failed to get up a formidable negro riot on Christmas day, and we are informed that their efforts at an insurrection are subsiding.

COMMUNICATED.

SAND-BANK JOTTINGS. No. VI. MR. EDITOR.--This is holiday week, and is variously observed. I have not been able to look much into people's private and social relations,

The occasion must be characterized by candor that is sickening to all lovers of order and propriety, the day is more honored in the breach than in the observance.

The tax-commissioners are in town, leaning on the lam for the next year. Some of the colored people complain loudly that a few white men should monopolize, as they call it, so many of the plantations.

There is naturally a good deal of anxiety among them to know who are to be the final possessors of these lands. That the lands are to be held by every kind of man of justice and ability will be well known.

Some of the planters on the main land come to the agents of the Bureau to furnish them help, generally on shares or in partnerships. The people, however, distrust them, owing to their lively remembrance of the past.

MR. EDITOR.--It is for the interest of my race, that I beg the use of one of the columns in your most worthy paper.

I also noticed that he claims that the white race only are to be christianized, and we are left in a state of barbarism. I will just here take a view of their christianity: 1st, they have stolen us from our native land and sold us into slavery;

Secession Gleams. Under this head we shall republish weekly, extracts from Southern literary works, produced during the rebellion, that our readers may judge of the helpfulness of Southern prophets, as well as know what fate awaited the poor and laboring classes of the South, had the Confederacy succeeded.

Slave Trade in the Southern Congress. From the abstract of the Constitution for the Provisional Government it appears that the slave trade, except with the slave States of North America, shall be prohibited.

God, in his all-wise goodness, has thought it prudent that our race should not continue any longer as slaves and has, therefore, used the United States as an instrument in his hands to bring about this great change.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES, Waterborough, S. C., Jan. 2, 1866. To the Editor of the South Carolina Leader.

Out of seventy-eight men belonging to our company we have only three sick at this time. Gen. Bercher told the citizens of Waterborough that the aged and infirm who were not able to work would be kindly cared for; but that those who could labor must do so or they would have to suffer the consequences whatever they might be.

DEAR SIR.--I improve this opportunity of sending you a few lines upon our own colored race, persons who were stolen from their fatherland, sold from their parents, and kept in bondage that they might toil for the wealth of their oppressors.

det. and assert its right, not to toleration only, but to extension and to political recognition among the nations of the earth. If, in short, you shall own slavery as the source of your authority, and act for it, and erect, as you are commissioned to erect, not only a Southern, but a Slave Republic, the work will be accomplished.

Opinions, when not by true, move slowly; but when approved acquire quickly. Those, as to the right of slavery have been true merely, so far, but they came rapidly to culmination. I was the single vote of the slave trade in 1853; it is now a question of most momentous import.

THE PRINCIPLE that all men are equal and equally right, would have been destructive of slavery at the South. Each required the element suited to its social nature. The natural expansion of the one became encroachment on the other, and so the contest was inevitable.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30th, 1865. RESPECTED MAMMA.--Please accept this banner, as a feeble token of the high appreciation in which your Association is regarded by one of the humble daughters of Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 3rd, 1866. RESPECTED MAMMA.--The Mechanic Association highly appreciating the motives that prompted you to present them with the beautiful banner that was unfurled to the breeze on Emancipation day, would take this method of tendering to you the thanks, which your beautiful gift so richly deserves.

CHRISTMAS was darkened in Norfolk and vicinity by stories of a projected negro insurrection, but the ghost of John Brown kept quiet and the day passed off pretty smoothly. In Norfolk city, however, a policeman and a negro had a misunderstanding, which resulted in the death of the latter.