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OUR CHRISTMAS.

From the best evidence available Christmas has been very much enjoyed. The little folks whose pleasure is mainly sought found Santa Clause to have been on time and well stocked. Happiness beams in every little countenance and we trust that the germs of kindness and good will, gentleness and meekness have been warmed into new growth. The world, that knows Christmas only as a day of sensuality, has had its share of boisterous carousal, hideous uproar and reckless desecration but that did not stay the current of devotion in the sanctuaries nor interfere with family reunions, social gatherings and kindly bestowal of mementos that form new links of attachments between friend and friend. There is much to deplore in the desecration of a celebration of a sacred event but the devout can not abandon the use of the commemoration to overcome its abuse. Our Christmas is dear to us. What could we do without it?

The year '98, it seems, has been a record breaker in the volume of its business, especially in the closing months.

Col. J.S. Carr, who is always doing some generous act, that great financial prosperity makes possible, gave each of the Durham policemen a box of good cigars as a Christmas gift.

The Lutheran Visitor, published at Newberry, S. C., has taken new form, that of a 16 page booklet. It is much more convenient and a great improvement. The visitor should go into every Lutheran home in the Southern organization of that church.

Lieutenant Hobson sailed from San Francisco Saturday, the 24th. He seems to have grown a little tender under the gossip about his getting to kiss so many of the fair ones and be kissed by them. He says they acted from purely patriotic motives and he from gallantry, but he seems to have grown a little shy and evaded the osculatory demonstration in San Francisco. We don't know that his gallantry should not have been equal to the patriotic enthusiasm.

Some one has said that Christmas should be more to the Christian than to any one else. According to our view it should mean much to the Christian and absolutely nothing to the non-Christian. Why do non-Christians take any note of Christmas? What cares the man for the 2nd of February who cares not to honor George Washington, and why should he observe the 4th of July who does not rejoice at American independence?

The Durham Sun of the 24th tells of a bold robbery in that county recently. L. D. Roberts and his sister are rather aged and delicate and live together. It was known that there was money there. Some one who knew about it and where it was came at night and with an axe beat open the door and cut open the chest where there was \$540. The two inmates heard the robbery from their different rooms but felt unable to defend themselves, therefore did not resist. There are strong suspicions as to the culprit and there is little doubt that resistance would have been followed by murder. What a pity that people will keep money about them to such deadly ends.

Don't suffer a cough or cold is without harm to the sufferer. Lingering colds are dangerous. Hacking cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste.—J.P. Gibson.

Clerkman's Reduced Rate Permit. The limit of all Clergymen's Reduced rate Permits, expiring Dec. 31, 1898, is hereby extended to Jan. 31, 1899.

For the year 1899 the following person's will be entitled to the Clergyman's Permit, granting a reduced rate of two (2) cents per mile over the Southern Railway and Alabama Great Southern Railroad, provided the requirements hereinafter mentioned are complied with:

Regularly ordained licensed ministers of the Gospel engaged exclusively in ministerial work (having no other occupation); Foreign and Home Missionaries engaged exclusively in ministerial work (having no other occupation) upon presentation of proper credentials; Sisters of Charity and members of other properly constituted religious organizations wearing a distinctive garb and performing similar duties to those of Sisters of Charity, actually in service (having no other occupation), upon presentation of proper credentials; State and General Secretaries of Y. M. C. A. (having no other occupation); General Secretaries of Missionary Organizations (having no other occupation), and Officers of the Salvation Army, in uniform (having no other occupation), presenting their commissions.

A new blank application for these permits is being printed, and will soon be in the hands of the agent. The old application blank for 1898 will not be recognized.

The applications must be carefully and fully made out by applicants and certified to by the Agent, as provided by instructions thereon. Agents must not certify to any application not covered by the foregoing list.

The Contribution Highly Appreciated. Mr. Holland Thompson has received a letter from Superintendent Hicks, of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, thanking him for the contribution given by the members of the school. The following is the letter:

"I have your kind favor of the 20th, enclosing check for \$5.79, contribution of Concord High School to our work. I assure you this is highly appreciated. Thank your school heartily for us. Would that others would follow your example and teach the young that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Chief Orr Kills a Negro. Chief of Police Orr, of Charlotte, shot and killed Miles Biggers, a negro man, on Sunday morning while attempting to arrest him on a warrant for assault with deadly weapon on A. J. Cochran, colored.

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Of a Personal Nature. Mr. Pleasant, Dec. 27.—Mr. C. D. Cobb, of near Greensboro, has been spending a few days in our midst. He went to China Grove Monday morning.

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A Terrible Tragedy. At Fauke, Ark., a few days ago two men got into a quarrel and went to using their pistols. The two daughters of the one, McNight, ran out of the house to see what was the matter when stray bullets killed the one and mortally wounded the other. The father then killed his assailant.

THE LUNAR ECLIPSE.

The eclipse on Tuesday night was a success for observation. Only for a short while was it hidden from view. It was to be seen in every stage. The cloud obscured only a part of the totality.

There is a light on the face of the moon during an eclipse that is not altogether easily explained.

It is fairly theoretical at least that the moon reflects enough light from the stars to make it visible, yet it shows a varying tint and a degree of illumination when eclipsed that is not seen when the dark side is chiefly to us or when it eclipses the sun.

We would be glad to have some one who knows to rise and explain the phenomenon.

We noticed that some one after a total eclipse of the sun seemed to find proof satisfactory that the moon is without atmosphere in the fact that every ray of the sun visible at all had its full dazzling brightness which would not have been thus if the moon were surrounded by an atmosphere like the earth, presuming that the rays would be dimmed and tinted as the sun at rising and setting. This theory seems refuted by the eclipse of the moon, for the line of eclipse is fairly well defined and the rays are bright, the annular rays, though, pass through the greatest possible amount of the earth's atmosphere to reach the moon. Knowing that the earth has an atmosphere that does not hinder the rays of the sun from shining in full brightness on the moon, it is proven that the moon may have an atmosphere without dimming the sun's rays as they pass close by it to us.

Extensive observations were doubtless taken and we may learn more of Madam Luna yet.

Some one sent to The Standard recently a production that did not find its way into print from two good reasons. The first was that no name was given as its author. The other was that it was an effort at poetic narration of a tragedy, that it were an outrage to tender sensibilities to attempt to put in verse by any but a master mind with motives far above a vein of vanity. We would like to whisper in the author's ear that he or she will probably never get off a valuable poem, but subjects for practice should not be of that solemn nature that shocking repulsiveness may be added to failure.

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A GRAND DAY.

Flag and Bible presented to the Graded Schools by the U. S. A. of this City—Response of Supt. S. C. Coker.

The stars and stripes now float over the Central Graded School building. On Monday at 2 o'clock the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of this city marched from their hall to the Central Graded School building and there presented to the school a handsome 8x12 flag and a beautiful teacher's Bible.

The flag pole had been placed in position some time before and the exercises were conducted from the vestibule of the school building.

The Rev. J. L. Shiloh of Mooreville made an interesting and appropriate address and presented the Bible, after which Mr. J. N. Maxwell made a short address and presented the flag.

The exercises were interesting and appropriate throughout and much credit is due the Order, and especially to Conncillor C. A. Nash, and to the committee on arrangements, consisting of Jno. W. Phillips, W. M. Kirk, W. F. Hudson and J. H. Welsh.

In the evening a reception was given and an elegant supper was served. The string band of Forest Hill furnished beautiful and appropriate music for the occasion. Supt. Coker, of the graded schools, was present at the presentation and received the flag and Bible and made the following response:

"Gentlemen of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and friends: On the part of the Board of Education, and of the teachers, pupils, and patrons of the Graded Schools of this city, I want to thank you for this beautiful flag and for this handsome Bible which you have so nobly and so fittingly presented to the public schools.

Your Order is worthy of all honor and respect as representing the great and busy industries of this State and of this nation. 'Till swings the ax and for its bow. The flag break out in radiant bloom. Rich harvests smile behind the plow. And cities cluster round the loom. The flag which you present represents this beloved country of ours, its government, its territory, its army, its navy, and all that is dear to the hearts of every American citizen. Its stars represent our States; its blue, the broad expanse of heaven; its white stripes represent purity, and its red stripes represent the battles and the blood that has cost us to establish it to maintain our rights that sound pass through every American's heart when he sees that banner floating on high.

"The Bible which you present represents the word of God as spoken to man, the word of eternal life to all who believe. It is the guide to all that is good and permanent in this world and in it we find hope of the world that is beyond.

"This school building over which this flag is to wave and in which this Bible is to be read represents the educational interests of our city, of our State, and of our country. To education we must look for the future permanence and prosperity of this nation.

"No republic can long endure a republic without the Bible and without education. This school building represents our children to whom this flag and this Bible must soon be entrusted and who are dearer to us than our lives.

"Surely then it is but fitting that I should thank you for your kindness and for your consideration in bringing these great interests in this way to the attention of the public.

"How may we question as to the propriety of raising the Stars and Stripes over the islands of the sea, but there can be no question as to the propriety of raising the flag over every school house in the land. As our youth raise their eyes and see that banner floating there, they will recall the history of the past, realize more fully the responsibilities of the present, and feel a new inspiration to fit themselves for future usefulness.

"These, too, they will learn the great lesson of appreciation, learn to appreciate this land and fertile land in which we live, to appreciate the opportunities they have of getting an education, to appreciate the nobility and the rights of labor as they are represented by the Order to which you belong.

"Long after you and I have passed away this flag and this Bible will remain to teach their lessons to generations yet to be. 'Again I thank you for these

Christmas presents to the schools."

Salisbury sent quite a good delegation also to attend the exercises. It was a great day in the history of this organization here.

AN ACCIDENT.

A Negro Gets Shot in the Foot—Nothing Definitely Fixed About the Accident—Amputation May Prove Necessary.

On Monday morning Dr. Stevenson's driver, a colored boy named John Kooz, several miles out in the country to get his gun. John took a negro Sam Pharr with him. On the road back to town they stopped, so one of them says, at a gathering. While John had gone into the house he heard the crack of the gun, which had been left in Sam's hands. Instantaneously the horse started to town with Sam in the buggy. John says that he tried to catch the horse and was jerked under the buggy.

The horse brought Sam Pharr on to town at a rapid rate amid the cries of the suffering boy. The load had taken effect in his foot just at the instep crushing the bones badly. He was taken home and the wounds dressed. It is yet feared that his foot will have to be amputated, the bones being so badly broken. Sam Pharr has made several different kinds of statements about it that do not coincide with John Kooz's account, but it is almost sure that the shooting was done accidentally and by Pharr's own hand.

Salisbury to Be Sheded.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "An immense transfer shed will shortly be built here by the Southern. All the freight on this division, heretofore transferred at Greensboro, will be handled at this point. The shed will be built on the site of the old shops."

One of the First N. C. Drowned.

A cablegram from Havana to Mr. James Wolf, says a dispatch from Asheville, brought the sad intelligence Monday that his son, a member of Co. F, First N. C. Regiment, was drowned. No particulars were given.

The Confederate Veterans in Memphis, Tenn., in assembly, passed resolutions recently, strongly disapproving of Senator Butler's bill to pension Confederate soldiers.

DEM. EX. COMMITTEE MEET.

Col. Means offers a Resolution. The State Democratic Executive Committee met in Raleigh Tuesday night.

Col. P. B. Means presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the State Democratic Executive and Central Committees of North Carolina, hereby express our thanks to all the voters of this State and especially former Republicans and Populists who voted with us in the last election for white supremacy and good government in North Carolina and to Hon. F. M. Simmons for his superb and successful management of our recent political campaign, on these issues, in accordance with the plans laid down by our State Democratic Convention on the 26th day of May, 1898.

A vote of thanks was also given to Secretary J. W. Thompson. After the ordinary business was transacted the meeting was devoted to counseling together to accomplish the tasks before the Democrats for the betterment of the State.

SENATOR MORRILL DEAD.

More Than 85 Years of Age—Continued Service in Congress for Nearly 44 Years—La Grippe the Cause.

Senator J. S. Morrill, of Vermont, died at 1:25 this (Wednesday) morning. He had passed his 88th year and was the oldest United States Senator. He had served continuously for 31 years, including his service in the lower house he had served in Congress for almost 44 years.

The immediate cause of his death was la grippe, so fatal to the aged.

The Number of Deaths for Them.

Messrs. Bell, Harris & Co., one of our undertaking firms, have made up their report of the number of orders they have filled for coffins this year. The number has reached already 164 for our county by this firm. This will come very near being an order every other day for the interment of the dead.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and Substitutes are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. What is CASTORIA. Castoria is a substitute for Castor Oil, Paragoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Harmless and Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It cures Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea, and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend. GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought. In Use For Over 30 Years.

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