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May your New Year be a Happy One

and that Success may attend you is the cordial wish of

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VASS, NORTH CAROLINA

**CAMERON NEWS**

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The correspondent has been the recipient of many, many presents this Yuletide, from the dainty, the toothsome, the useful and substantial, and pleasantly remembered by so many with tokens of love and affection. What a blessing as one grows older for friends to increase, to be remembered by the young, when one is old is indeed a rare blessing. I have been made very happy, and my heart has been touched by so many tokens of love and affection, so many beautiful gifts and tender remembrances of kind friends. May health, happiness, peace and prosperity be their constant guides all through the remainder of life's journey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Borst and H. A., Jr., of Vass, were Christmas Day guests of the families of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Borst, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker.

Miss Lula McPherson, who is teaching at Mint Hill, near Charlotte, is home for the holidays.

The family of Mr. J. W. Cameron are quite ill with influenza.

Mrs. D. S. Ray enjoyed a family reunion of all her children during the Christmas holidays.

On Friday night, the 22nd, Mrs. Harrington entertained at an informal party for her music pupils and each of their invited guests. A recital was given by the pupils. Programs as follows: Beginning with the beginners; correct answers in the rudiments of music; the scale of C, Cora Oakely; "Christmas Bells," instrumental, Pauline Snipes; variations of Annie Laurie, Cleta Jackson; Silent Night, Holy Night, Louise Womack; Step Lightly Polka, Mary Lee Thomas; Holiday March, Viola Thomas; study in eighths and 8 va., Frances Matthews; Blowing Bubbles, Ruth Wooten; O Sole Mio, Left hand alone, Katharine McDonald; Duette: Beautiful Rainbow Reverie, Ruth Wooten and Katharine McDonald. After the recital games were played. A bushel

of apples served and fortunes told with apples. Several participated in the old Virginia reel and North Carolina Scotch ramble, led by the hostess. All had a merry time. Invited guests: Mrs. J. D. McLean, Misses Bessie Oakely, Ruth Badgett, Hellen Parker, Mary McDonald, Lula Gaddy, Messrs. LaFayette Thomas, Alton Shaw, Jack Phillips, Gorrie Jackson, Enver Thomas, and Haywood Snipes.

I love to look on a scene like this,  
of wild and careless play,  
And persuade myself that I'm not  
old,  
And my locks are not yet gray.

**WILL EMPLOY COUNTY AGENT**

Lee and Hoke counties will employ the services of a County Agent in co-operation with the North Carolina Extension Service, beginning January 1, 1923. These counties have not had an agent for the last few years. The sudden deflation in prices which was brought about soon after the close of the war caused a great many people to feel that if the County Agent, Home Agent, and perhaps other public officials were removed from the pay roll of the county, that the taxes they were having to pay would be reduced. It has been found by experience that the people living counties, and who are enjoying the benefits of these public workers are not paying but little more tax than the people in adjoining counties who are not employing their services.

Another reason why these counties are putting on county agents is because, the people are face to face against boll weevil infestation, which will require some change in our present farm program. The price of cotton from now on is going to be good. There are two outstanding reasons for this: First, I do not believe that with boll weevil infestation covering the entire cotton belt, we will ever be able to grow a surplus of cotton. This means that the demand for cotton by the spinners is going to be strong. Second, because the old system of

marketing in my opinion is gone forever, orderly marketing such as is being practiced by the recently formed Cotton Marketing Association is a sane and sensible business movement, that will bring to the people of the South a reasonable condition of prosperity, if the Association is made sufficiently strong and its members remain loyal, therefore, it is a fine business proposition to secure the services of a man from a boll weevil infested territory who is acquainted with growing cotton under boll weevil conditions to advise the farmers in the use of the best methods known for growing cotton in spite of the weevil.

These counties are to be congratulated because of the action of their commissioners, they have shown good business judgment by co-operating with the North Carolina Extension Service in the employment of a well trained man to have charge of this important work. If the farmers will co-operate as they should with the County Agent, it will mean that the county may increase its income in the production of cotton alone many thousand dollars. If suitable men can be found, the work will be started about the 1st of January, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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**CHRISTMAS BUSINESS**

According to exchanges reaching this office the Christmas shopping season in this state was the best merchants have enjoyed for many years. The volume of business was larger and the buying of serviceable gifts was on a larger scale than at any previous time. Which shows two things—that the people are again getting hold of money, and that they are learning how best to spend it.

Farm prices, while still not what they should be, are partially offset by the fact that there is a ready market for everything. Production in the factories of the nation is on a good basis, and the problem of unemploy-

ment is nothing like as serious as it was at this time last year. The man who can't find work isn't hunting very hard for a job. All over the land newspapers point to an increased advertising business, which accounts for the heavy holiday buying. If Vass merchants didn't get their share of it, maybe their failure to use printer's ink as liberal as they should is the reason. Of course, that is water over the wheel now. But it ought to serve as a lesson. It ought to convince them that people with money to spend spend it with those who advertise.

**MORE FREAK LAWS**

Every man in Vass will admit when a doctor's orders are openly disobeyed the doctor ought not to be held responsible for the patient's failure to get well, if he does fail. But he won't admit that there's any sense in making such drastic laws as J. Madison Taylor, a New York physician, now comes forward to urge. Dr. Taylor wants a law to provide that if a man is bidden to stay in bed and won't stay there, the attending physician can get out an injunction to keep him there. With a deputy marshal sitting at the patient's bedside waving an injunction one can hardly imagine a very rapid improvement in the condition of the sick man. Dr. Taylor also wants a law to prevent impulsive people from changing physicians so often. He says thousands of people endanger their lives by the old custom of "changing horses while crossing a stream." Maybe Dr. Taylor is a good doctor. We have no means of telling. But he doesn't appear to be a very great success at suggesting something sensible in the way of laws.

It isn't so hard to love your neighbor, as the Bible tells you to. Unless he refuses to laugh at your jokes.

It has been our observation that the man who gets by on his looks never gets very far.

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**Sunday School Lesson**

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**LESSON FOR DECEMBER**

**REVIEW**

**GOLDEN TEXT**—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. Luke 4:18.

**DEVOTIONAL READING**—Psalms 139:1-6.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Favored of the Father.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Jesus Went to Nazareth.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—How Jesus Ministered to the Poor.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS TOPIC**—Some Characteristics of Jesus.

Since all the lessons of the year save one are from Luke, and since the central and unifying theme of the year is Christ, a profitable way to review the review, as suggested in the Notes, would be to assign the following topics to the members of the class to make a brief report:

1. Christ's Mission to the World.
2. Christ's Helpers and Disciples.
3. Christ's Divine Power.
4. Christ's Methods of Teaching.
5. Christ's Love in Its Manifestations.
6. Christ's Courage and Faith.
7. Christ's Foes and His Victory Over Them.
8. Christ's Pity for Sinners.
9. Christ's Passing Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.
10. Christ as a Missionary.
11. Christ's Relation to the World.
12. Christ's Preparation for His Climax of His Life.

Another way would be by having each lesson, stating the standing topic and teaching the lesson. The following are offered:

**Lesson 1.** The birth of Jesus, which from the human point was impossible, was due to his father, Zacharias. Faith in the belief he was smitten with the Holy Spirit, God expects of his servants. He lived a life of obedient belief in what He promised.

**Lesson 2.** Jesus was born in Bethlehem just as the prophet had said some 700 years before, and at the age of twelve years he was presented into the services of God. Though conscious of His divinity and mission, He lived a life of obedience.

**Lesson 3.** John the Baptist was a preparation for the coming of Christ. He fearlessly preached repentance and pronounced upon the impenitent. Though a preacher, he humbly declared that Christ was immeasurably greater than himself.

**Lesson 4.** Jesus Christ's baptism was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. The purpose was to test the reality of the incarnation. The result was complete victory—demonstration of His ability to suffer for the uttermost all who trust Him.

**Lesson 5.** Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah in the age upon the earth who will reign.

**Lesson 6.** While Jesus was healing all kinds of diseases and casting out devils. He authenticated His mission and proved His power to give sins by miraculous deeds.

**Lesson 7.** Jesus taught the principles of the kingdom of God, which govern in His kingdom.