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CHRISTMAS.

"A merry Christmas," says every other editor, "to all," and so say we.

The Christian world, in its mutual gratitude and piety, has properly decided that Christmas should be kept as a day of thanksgiving and general joy. It is now ten long years since the people of the south have had a merry Christmas—we mean such a Christmas as God in his mercy vouchsafed for many years to their fathers before the evil days of war, reconstruction and the suspension of the only writ which gives personal security and personal liberty to every man. We might say much upon the uses and abuses of this day. To the Christian it is the angel, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." From the pulpit will come the injunction to put on humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, forbearing with one another, and loving one another. The ministers will encourage their congregations by telling each other he is not so free from faults as his friends suppose, or so full of faults as his enemies say.

Members of the legislature will no doubt enjoy the day at home, and those who voted against the repress will thank the majority for a pleasant day spent with their wives and little ones.

In Germany, this day belongs to Santa Klaus and the children.

Who ever sees the children of the poor children fed at the coming of Christmas and Santa Klaus! Who will not rejoice with the poor in their enjoyment of a Christmas dinner, provided by the charitable thought, to whom good has given abundance? We hope the women who burn the bread tray to keep two families warm, will not be forgotten by the committee of arrangements.

As a people, we can be thankful for much that has happened these last ten years; but as individuals, we may be thankful that we are not the Christians that we were the last. The young men of this city and state may be thankful that they are not spent like Fredrick Jones, of S. C. forty days in York jail, and even Fredrick Jones may be thankful that he is out of jail, to spend Christmas with his wife and child. All the people of all the counties may thank God that they are not in prison, as was Judge Kerr, Dr. Ross, Mr. Bice, Hon. R. P. Hill, and many others of the late session.

The farmers of Wake may be thankful that they no longer have to sleep in their barns to keep off Union League incendiaries. The farmers of all other counties may be thankful that they have not had their houses and barns burned as the farmers in western Wake. Only look about you for a cause of thankfulness and every man can find it. If the man cannot be happy, let them by the exercise of a little humanity and Christian charity make happy the children and the poor. May the just Dispenser of all our joys and sorrows make a merry Christmas for all.

We have neither time nor inclination to reply to the carpet bag editors and hired natives who aside us daily for exposing radical rogues. We can even say "merry Christmas" to the thieves. We can take nothing from them but their abuse. We cannot take their advice.

We are glad to see a marked improvement in the "moderation" papers that have been able to live through their moderation fever. The *Old North State* led of moral "moderation." Immediately upon its death all the moderation papers became extreme, but they might share the fate of the *Old North State*. Mr. Hanco was too late in finding out in politics, as in war, that he is not in danger from the contending parties he was in danger from both sides.

It is a great mistake to suppose that 70,000 negroes, headed by 700 political tricksters are to be treated with the same deference and respect as an intelligent party that had some interest in the state, had conquered the robbers put on your "moderation." We neither give nor ask quarter of them, so long as they show fight.

Black republicanism has and is now doing for us what red republicanism did for France about the close of the last century. The red republicans worked through jeopitoid plots; the black republicans work through Union leagues.

We have moderation in all things except in a hand to hand fight with robbers. We want no suggestions, or advice from the men who stand by in silence or crouch "moderation," while the robbers were in the house. We have not heeded their pitiable appeals for Holden, Kirk and their carpet bag allies, nor will we go for Caldwell Phillips, Billy Henderson & Co. After next August, when the people shall have driven them about, we will talk about "moderation" and mercy for those who showed none to others.

"PEACE ON PARTS AND GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN."—While we were in a peaceful mood, thinking of Christmas and the coming New Year, the *Tarboro's Southern* reached us with a reply of a "member" and a rejoinder by the editor, Mr. Higgin, asking that we copy it. It is too late for the present issue. We will comply with the request of Mr. R. after the Christmas holidays are over. The young member shall have a hearing, if he desires; though we do not approve of such personalities among friends. Let us have peace until we have silenced the enemy.

A FEW HOURS AT POPULAR MOUNT.

No. 12.

Before naming the subject treated in this paper, it may be proper to state that the communications have been withheld until this time, in consequence of the fact that legislative and political matters now fill the columns of the *Sentinel*, and it would be of no use to the public, but by request, I will continue to do so.

The death of General Grant, which will be remembered, occurred at Fayetteville, N. C., on the 21st of the month. It was a sad event, and one which will be long remembered by the people of this State and the Union. The general was a noble and brave soldier, and his death is a great loss to the country.

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THE PASSIVE POLICY.

Monday's *Blair's Reasons for Advancing Against a Democratic Nomination.*

As it has been said in our paper, the passive policy, I will not say the favor of you to submit to your enemies, but the reasons which induce me to advise against democratic nomination in the approaching presidential contest.

It is the plan of action adopted in Missouri last year with great advantage to the state, and was substantially the course of Virginia recently. It involves no sacrifice of principle to choose the least objectionable of two opposing candidates, and if it is probable that the democratic party will be defeated in '72, it is not likely that any other party will be elected.

Our defeat in 1868 was attributed by many good democrats to the unpopularity of the time taken, and the failure to make a more effective campaign to develop its power. Exempt from all self-seeking motives, going into the conflict under the impulse of patriotic duty, the orators and leaders would arise from the earth like Anteus to exert a giant's strength. Very respectfully yours,

MONTGOMERY BEALE,
Washington, December 3, 1871.

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