

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Before THE RECORD again greets its readers another Christmas will have come and gone. We are now approaching the happiest season of the year—the joyous Christmas tide—when is commemorated the anniversary of that greatest event in the world's history, when the Angelic Hosts proclaimed "Peace on earth, good-will to all mankind."

The birth of Christ is not only the era by which the world dates all its events and marks its time, but each anniversary is the greatest day of the year to many millions. What a flood of happy memories come to the old as they recall their past Christmases, and what happy hopes delight the young as they look forward to the future!

The appropriate observance of Christmas is more general now than formerly, when so many professing Christians observed the occasion only as a social holiday and abstained from any religious exercises. It is the day when man's noblest impulses are in the ascendant, and when his better nature asserts itself. It is the day above all other days when is felt not only the fatherhood of God but the brotherhood of man.

The truest and best joy that you can have at Christmas is that experienced in making others happy. If you doubt this, just try it and be convinced. Seek some forlorn child or afflicted person and try to make it the happiest Christmas of his or her life.

Christmas is the greatest occasion of the year for the exchange of gifts, and indeed a most beautiful custom has almost degenerated into a nuisance. While the exchange of gifts is a most appropriate custom for the day when is commemorated God's great gift of his only son for man's redemption, yet this time honored custom is now so greatly abused and diverted from its original purpose that it has lost much of its beauty.

To each and all its readers THE RECORD extends the greetings of this joyous occasion and wishes for them a very merry Christmas!

HON. ASHLEY HORNE has given \$10,000 for the erection on Capitol Square at Raleigh of a monument to the women of the Confederacy. Efforts have been made for several years for the erection of such a monument at the capital of every Southern State. Our House of Representatives in 1909 passed a bill appropriating \$10,000 for such a monument at Raleigh but the Senate defeated it by a small majority. All efforts failed to get the last Legislature to pass such a bill, and now the generous gift of a private citizen will wipe out this disgrace to our State.

Such a gift will be not only a monument to the women of the Confederacy but also to the public spirited and patriotic citizen, who has served his State so well both in war and in peace, and who his many friends hope may be spared for many more years of usefulness.

Those Democrats who voted last week with the Republicans for the Sherwood pension bill cannot be too severely censured. We regret that even one out of our ten Representatives should have voted for it. He so voted because there are many Federal pensioners in his district (the tenth) who had been Union soldiers and bushwhackers during the war, but we hope such a vote will not increase his popularity, as expected.

If the Senate should pass this bill of course Taft will not veto it, as Cleveland would do. A reasonable pension ought to be paid to all deserving soldiers, but under this bill a grievous burden is laid upon the country and among the recipients of its bounty will be such cowards (who never smelt gunpowder) as those Union soldiers who insisted upon their discharge, be-

cause their three-months' enlistment had expired, on the eve of the battle of Bull Run.

We are much pleased to note the victory of our State University last Friday night in the debate with the University of Pennsylvania. This is the fifth annual debate between those two universities, and the fourth victory won by our University. This should be more than full compensation for the defeat in football by the University of Virginia.

Killed in Railroad Wreck.

Odesa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Ten are dead and nearly a score are more or less seriously injured as the result of a silk train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, which was running as section No. 2 of the "Columbian flyer" crashing into the rear sleeper of the flyer at the station here today. The engine of the silk special ploughed for five feet into the sleeper, but the greatest loss of life was in the front end of the sleeper which was telescoped by the dining car just ahead.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Alabama, "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and she soon began to mend and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, la-grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by G. R. Pilkington.

Thirty ex-Confederate soldiers died at the Soldiers' Home in Raleigh during the year drawing to a close and there are now 130 veterans being cared for at this institution.

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The Lenoir News states that Mr. J. F. Coffey, of Watauga county, has taken to market this fall 1,150 bushels of apples and has 500 more to haul. The apples bring \$1 per bushel.

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Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their values.

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Coffins and Caskets

A full stock of Coffins and Caskets always on hand and sold at all prices. All kinds and sizes. B. Nooe, Pittsboro, N. C.

STATEMENT.

Office Bd County Commissioners, November 30, 1911.

In accordance with Section 1-383, of the Revisal, I herewith submit the following statement of the finances of Chatham county for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30th, 1911, together with the names of all persons who received county orders, the amount of each and on what account.

Table showing Assets on General County Funds, including Tax list for the year 1911, Marriage license tax, and other items.

Table showing Debtedness on General County Funds, including Orders outstanding and Expeditures.

Table showing Bonded Debtedness, including Contracted Mch 10, 1905 and other bonds.

Table showing On Account of Court-House, listing various contractors and their amounts.

Table showing On Account of Tax List, listing various taxpayers and their amounts.

Table showing On Account of Outside Poor, listing various individuals and their amounts.

Table showing On Account of Conveying Prisoners to Jail, listing various individuals and their amounts.

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