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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Christmas, merry Christmas, is again at our doors and will be past ere the WEEKLY STANDARD makes another visit to its readers.

There is much in the thought of Christmas. We cannot conceive of a world without a Christmas. Among the innumerable spheres there may be some, possibly all but this earth, without a Christmas. But if so what manner of beings are they? Have they no Savior, or need they none? Would we exchange our Christmas with all it signifies for even angels' wings? For them no Savior was born and none died. For them no songs of redeeming love will ring and echo through the vaults of heaven.

While earth's inhabitants that have passed into the golden gates shout their ecstatic joys at the sequel of our Christmas, what part will they have for whom our Christmas signifies nothing?

Well may it be the Christian's glad day.

But hark, what mean these sounds we hear like those suited to bestow honors to the conquering warrior? What mean the inflamed eye, the obstreperous tongue and the reeling form? Why take note of Christmas if not an inspiration to childlikeness, humility, kindness, gentleness, love? Does he take note of the 22nd of February who does not venerate our Washington? Or mark the return of January 19th, who does not delight in the memories of our Lee? What cares he for the 15th of August who does not admire the peerless tact of Napoleon? Or who thinks of May 1st that admires nothing in the never-defeated Wellington? Who regards the 10th of November that sees no benefits to the world in the reformation through Martin Luther? Who greets January 1st in ecclesiastic memory that is not a devotee to the doctrines of Zwingle? Who sings a note of exultation on the 17th of June that does not thank Heaven for the mission of John Wesley? Who joys over the return of another birthday of a loved one but those whose hearts are knit in mutual tenderness?

But they celebrate Christmas (in a way) who do not bend the knee, humble the heart and offer acceptable adoration to Him whose birth we celebrate at this Christmastide. What mean they? What is Christmas to them more than another day of questionable indulgence? Why ring merry bells and mimic the cannon's roar or revel in bacchanalian feasting and hilarity on the anniversary of the birth of Him at

whose second coming they will call on the rocks and the mountains to fall on and hide them?

To the reconciled who are living in hopeful expectancy of His second coming, Christmas means the sum of all good, all joy and all glory, but to those that love not His coming, instead of a source of joy, it well may be as the earth quaking beneath them, or the resistless approach of an armed foe, or the licking flames of a sweeping conflagration.

What is Christmas to the individual reader?

THE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LITTLE FOLKS.

The entertainment by the little folks of the Graded School Tuesday evening in Canon's hall had all the essential elements of a delightful entertainment. The selections were good and appropriate and were rendered in their sweet little winning ways that must make every parental heart throb with pride.

That group before a well seated audience where proper decorum is observed would be a joy to every heart with a love for innocence, purity, loveliness, but we think the audience had the least chance to get enjoyment out of it, of all like occasions that we ever witnessed.

It would not be amiss for big folks to learn that it is better to be silent even at the cost of not telling every worthless thought that flits through the mind in a public gathering where people assemble to hear. This evil would have been sufficient to mar much of the beauty of this occasion but the climax was capped by rude boys in the rear, who, for awhile, were fairly quiet while performances were going on but who gradually grew more and more obstreperous till they did not even keep still and silent while the children were performing, but thumped, called out in various ways and made it humiliating for their parents and annoying to all who wanted to enjoy the occasion and brace up the little performers. When the curtain would fall there was the hideous stamping, thumping, shrieking, bellowing, whistling, cat calling, etc., that rendered existence there a burden.

It is a shrivelled, puny soul that does not love all children and a hollow head that does not remember that boys are boys, but there's absolutely no extenuation for such conduct in boys, and the parents who fail to restrain their boys or object to their being restrained from such nuisances may look with weeping eyes and broken hearts upon their grown up boys behind prison bars. Be it known that if boys can't be checked and restrained, men can be and will be. The ship that will not be ruled by the rudder will be broken by the rock.

If boys are to make our public entertainments the occasions of hideous boisterousness, then it were better not to have the entertainments.

It remains to be determined whether rude boys shall defeat the noble purposes of our educators or whether boys can be taught to be silent and decorous while refinement claims a chance.

Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache,

Hood's Pills

insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CHRISTMAS is COMING!

SOUND THE TOM-TOM, STRIKE THE Cymbals. MAKE THE WELKIN RING!

Pretty Polly wants a fincracker,
De Billy-Goat 'zires his terbacker,
De Baby's raisin' Cain 'bout a rattle,
Sakes alive! It am wusser dan a battle!

Young lady, if you have a spark now is the time for him to sparkle. Music is in the air. The cat has got out his fiddle, the unicorn his horn and the pheasant his drum. Choose partners for the 1st 'otillon! Band, strike up to the tune.

"Sweet are the little brooks that run;
O'er pebbles glancing in the sun,"

Swing partners Forward, and back! Alas! and alas! and alas! what am I saying! My dear old friend Sobersides, pray forgive me, Christmas has gotten into my bones and I forgot that

"The elephant hath joints, but not for courtesy;
His legs are legs for necessity, but not for prancing."

Forgive me, I say, and please remember that,

"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the wisest men."

One of which you are undoubtedly whom. In all seriousness, I ask the gentle public, for this once, to overlook my little escapade. My pen got off the track and ran away with me and as visions of the good old ante-bellum days rose up before me

"My thoughts were whirled like a potter's wheel."

Now to more serious matters—to business. I wouldn't have Santa Claus see what I have written for anything. I am his sole agent here and he might take away my commission and then I would be in a pretty fix, indeed! My stock this year is the largest and most varied that has ever been brought to this town and must and will be sold. Everything, with the exception of one tea-cup and saucer, one Japanese dressed doll and one harmonica, each worth 5c. and one tumbler at 3c., all of which I need for my own use—is for sale, and at a bargain. Imported China that will not craze or crackle, (our American China no one can warrant.) Musical instruments from a 5c. Harmonica to a \$10.00 Mandolin-Banjo. Dolls from 1c. to \$4.00. Toys of every description. Beautiful Pictures, Vases and everything that heart can desire for a Xmas present, fill my two stores from floor to ceiling. In closing let me say most emphatically,

I WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD!

I will duplicate any offer for the same article made anywhere else and where prices have been cut, will give you a discount of 5 per cent, into the bargain. No house in town can compete with me in the quantity, quality or price of my mammoth, well-selected, stock of Xmas Goods.

J. P. GIBSON.

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Christmas cards 10c to 48c
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5c to 1.25

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Accordians 1 25 up
Harmonicas 5 to 25

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Solid gold rings for ladies and children at 7c. to 6 25. Curb chain Bracelets 1 25 to 2 75. Ladies lone watch chains at 25c. to 2 75. Ladies gold pens 1 25. Fountain pens 98c and 1 25. Pick pins 5c. to 1 50. Breast pins 5c. to 1 25.

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Well assorted from 5c. to 50c. Nice lot of single bottles in fancy boxes at 15 and 25c.

GENTS' NECKWEAR.

Scarfs, bows and ties from 2 1/2 to 68c. Gents' embroidered Satin suspenders at 50c. per pair.

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Juvenile books 1c. to 75c. Standard works, Bibles and Testaments at publisher's prices.

POCKET BOOKS.

Gents' and Ladies' pocket books, purses and card cases 5 to 50c.

Baskets at 2c. to 1.15.

Toys without end.

Candy, Nuts, Meets and Raisins at lowest prices.

SEE US. We will save MONEY on anything you want.

Respectfully,

D. J. Bostian.



We cannot tell you how much more comfortable a collar with a smooth, ivory-like edge will feel, but we do know that you will always want the smooth edge if you once try it. We have had a great many visitors this week to see a machine that POSITIVELY DOES NOT CRACK WING POINT OR TURN DOWN COLLARS. Are you one of our patrons? If not fall in line. We are going to please you, and a trial package will convince you that our work is up to date. We employ none but the most expert help and our patrons' clothes are not torn by unexperienced help handling them. Satisfaction guaranteed to all. Stop our wagon and have driver call for and deliver your clothes every week.

Concord Steam Laundry.

To Rent.
The vacant store rooms, cellars and stables on the Litaker lot.
W G MEANS.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills are guaranteed to stop Headache in 20 minutes. "One cent a dose."

Needs No Explanation.
Madison, N. C., Aug. 4, 1897.
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FOR RENT—Two bed rooms over Fetzer's Drug Store.
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For all kinds of coal—Soft or Hard—call on me. My Lump Coal can not be surpassed in quality. Prices as low as can be had.

J. A. C. Blackwelder
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Dealers in lumber, rough and dressed, mouldings, brackets, mantles, etc. Shops at Cabarrus Roller Mills. Patronage solicited. J1

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