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SPEAKING OF PROSPERITY

"Marriages are a sign of Prosperity". You have heard that Proverb often before, but did you ever see anything like its demonstration on Wednesday?

Mr. Munden has married more couples than he did Wednesday, but they were couples from Virginia generally speaking. Wednesday's marriages were chiefly Pasquotank and Camden County people, you will notice, and there is not any doubt about the prosperity of these two counties this year. - Before the holidays are over very likely Currituck, Tyrrell, Perquimans and Dare will be trying to see if they can't put Pasquotank and Camden in the shade in this respect for prosperity, judging by the number of Advance readers from this big section who are doing their shopping in Elizabeth City this week, is abounding throughout the whole northeastern corner of the best State in the Union.

Of course, some grouch who reads this will at once try to quote the remainder of the proverb to you about marriages also being a sign of coming hard times, but we have noticed that such pessimism has never stopped Cupid or Hymen yet.

Last year at this season we received a gift which bore the inscription "To the Cream of Editors" and its contents were the "real thing", -that is, real cream. And last summer the little editor in chief got similar gifts, always with a word of cheer. This morning we found waiting for us on the desk this gift with the words "Just a sample of the White Christmas".

There is never any name, for the giver is not one who covets publicity. But it doesn't take a detective to find the kind hearts in a community. If you have ever been poor yourself and struggled along you sometime, scarcely know how or why, you've learned like Fra Lippo Lippi, to read faces and lives, and you have learned something more, an overwhelming gratitude for friendship, an earnest desire to pass along to some one else the good things which you have received.

And this is something of the Christmas spirit.

The sincere sympathy of the editor of The Advance goes out to those who have recently been bereaved and to whom, therefore, the holiday season with its festivities is fraught with sorrow.

We know that there are many who will smile and say "Merry Christmas" for the sake of friends and loved ones when their hearts are very heavy with the loss of mother, father, husband, wife or little child. And it is these who know the real meaning of unselfishness perhaps more than any others and to whom Christmas Day, shorn of tinsel and glitter becomes in reality the birthday of the Christ Child.

"THE" GIFT FOR "THAT" MAN

is here---at Weeks & Sawyer's--the gift that he will consider REAL, with its unmistakable air of distinction, correctness and quality.

Let it be a necktie, pair of gloves, pajamas, a house coat, bath robe, lounging robe, handkerchiefs, socks, walking stick, umbrella, a silk shirt--matters not what, if its from Weeks & Sawyer he will be delighted to get it!

W E E K S & S A W Y E R

WHERE THE BEST CLOTHES COME FROM

We received yesterday one dollar to be forwarded to Mr. Clyde Bateman at Sanatorium in time for Christmas Day. Others have said that they wanted to share in this gift, but the editor of the Advance has been unable to leave the office and shop and gather these gifts together.

We should like very much to forward a check of good size to this young man who is fighting his way back to health. Away from his wife and little ones, with the recent death of his father to sadden his heart, Christmas Day will be a lonely one if no word goes to him from his home town.

Any amount, however small, left at this office or mailed to the Advance will be included in this gift with pleasure. The letter will be mailed Saturday night or Sunday at noon, and we hope to have an amount that will be of real help.

The awarding of prizes by the W. C. T. U. for the best essays on the "Growth of temperance in America" seems to us most fitting.

That the young people of this generation should be reminded at this season of the value of temperance work is indeed well. The Christmas punch bowl is no more and the Christmas carol is for the most part, relegated to the past. Instead, we have the happiness of little children and the joy of giving. The contrast is marked, and the blessing is one of the greatest of which we may boast.

The part which the W. C. T. U. has played in this work is too long a story to tell here, but we have no doubt but the story of the growth of temperance will proclaim it in bold letters.

The Advance welcomes home for the holidays the boys and girls who have been away to college. Some of them have already won honors in one or more of the various phases of college activities, and have made the Home Town proud of them. They will come back to make the Home Town a better town, or they will go out into the world to work and to reflect credit upon their Home Town.

We don't believe that there is any danger of saying it too often, and so we repeat again one of our favorite Chautauqua lines,--"Depend on the boys and girls".

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Executrix of the late Margaret Cartwright I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make immediate settlement and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in the bar of their recovery.

Dec. 6, 1916.
 ELLEN CARTWRIGHT
 Executrix of Margaret Cartwright
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No Americans

Washington, Dec. 21.--The British steamer Ursula was torpedoed without warning. Six Americans were aboard but none were killed.

Miss Annie Jones, who has been teaching in South Carolina, passed through the city Thursday enroute to her home at Manteo.



The Christmas Sale

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BEAUTIFUL MODELS in Plush and Cloth Coats are here. Just the thing for your best Christmas Present--

Smart Cloth Coats \$12.50

There is lots of style in these Servicable Coats. This lot includes pretty Mixtures, Plaids, Solid Colors, Navy, Brown and other good shades of the season. Values that are worth much more than price charged--

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This lot includes broadcloth and Velour Coats that are of the best in our stock--Garments that have sold up to \$25.00. The last word in fashion and quality that you will be proud to own--

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Smart Plush Coats with rich fur trimmings and fine linings--they are good \$25.00 values and there is a variety to choose from

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We have been Christmas Present Specialists for Many Years, each season showing bigger and better lines. If you fail to visit us, your Xmas shopping must be somewhat of a failure.

We are busy, thank you, but a force of about forty people, well organized, can take care of your wants

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On Sundays the Old Bay Line has no steamer sailing tickets routed via that line will be honored for passage by the Chesapeake Steamship Company.

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Prices begin as low as \$1.25 and go as high as \$11.00

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Many Minor Matters Merely Mentioned

Mr. Otto Bechtler, who is attending A. & M., is home for the holidays.

Mr. J. H. Linton, Jr., returned home Wednesday for the holidays.

Mr. C. P. Midgett, of Rodanthe, was in the city on business Wednesday.

Mr. J. B. Humphreys and son, Hayward, of Woodville, were in the city Wednesday on business.

Mr. Vance Hooper and Mr. P. L. Hussey, who have been attending the Medical College of Virginia, are home for the holidays.

Mr. Braxton Jones, of A. & M. college, is home for Christmas.

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