



It's a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas. And our optimistic predictions of a Prosperous New Year.

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high mountain so as to be among the first to greet him. Luke declares, "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Mark also declares: "But that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

We do not need to concern ourselves over the time. Our chief concern is that we shall always live so as to be ready when he does come. Readiness for his second coming can be measured by our faithfulness in telling others of his first coming. And, we should remember that we cannot be ready for his coming without adequate preparation. The athlete who has not been thoroughly trained cannot hope to win the race. The Christian who has not given some thought to his preparation cannot hope to merit the reward given for faithful stewardship.

Christ urges us to be ready, to be like servants looking for the return of their lord from a wedding feast. We must, of course, first of all take Jesus into our hearts and lives as Saviour and Lord. If we do this, we will sincerely try to live the kind of life that Jesus wants us to live-useful, serviceable lives. ~ A life of this kind will help us face temptation and overcome it and will be a living testimony to the power and grate of Jesus Christ. Some day all of us will have to

come face to face with God. Are you preparing for that day?





Miss Ruth Batten and Rupert Ainsley, both members of the Perquimans Central Grammar School, faculty, were married at the Hert ford Baptist Church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service was read by the Rev. Clarence E: Hobgood.

Mrs. Ainsley is a native of Thelna, N. C., and a graduate of Thelma High School and Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville.

Mr. Aigsley is a graduate of Cres-well Schools and also of Eastern Carolina Teachers College.

Mr. Ainsley is the principal at Central Grammar School, having taught at the school for the past five years. Mrs. Ainsley has been teaching at the Winfall school for two vears.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will return here to make their home.

DELLA SHAMBURGERS MEET The Della Shamburger Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Towe, Jr. Mrs. C, T. Skinner was in charge of a very interesting program. Nine members were present. After the business session and program, the hostess served a sandwich course.

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