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CHRISTMAS

It is the Christmas time: "A holy and happy time!" What memory it brings to each of us! How the sight of the holly or mistletoe carries us far back into the years: to our childhood; our abiding faith in Santa Claus; our childish wonder when "hopes fulfilled taught us to hope anew" - when our letters so laboriously written in our childish script were sent to Santa Claus by way of the wide chimney which he and his prancing reindeer would so soon marvelously descend! And as the letters burned he read them in the ascending smoke. We knew he did, for we found the very things they had requested hanging in our stockings by that same fireplace. O, the wonder and magic of it: the fearful joy and the mystery of the unknown; the dear surprise of Christmas! Then too there were the happy "darkies" waiting to catch the "white folks" with their cry of "Christmas gif." It was very exciting.

In later years our thoughts went back to that "solemn midnight centuries ago," when God's greatest gift came to the waiting earth. Our hearts thrilled to the joyful strains of the glad music of Jude's plain. Again we traveled with the wise men from their homes afar "in haste to seek the meaning of the star." We watched with the wondering shepherds as the angel's song soothed their troubled hearts with its heavenly chorus of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

That song is still echoing down through centuries! That shining star still stands "over" where the young child lay in the stable "because there was no room for Him" in the inn. On this birthday of the Prince of Peace it is not as peaceful earth. Almost it seems as of old that "there is no room" for Him. And yet - "Where nations are warring life for life, A cry rings out from the fearful strife As a dying people sinks to its doom: 'Room for the Christ-Child, room!'"

CREDIT TO ANDERSON. The Anderson Intelligencer has just closed its first year under new management and the stockholders at their first annual meeting on Monday are said to have been delighted at the showing made. This is very gratifying news. The paper is under the able management of W. W. SMOAK and is a credit to Anderson. -The Spartanburg Journal.

THEY'RE GOING HOME.

Almost every train now is crowded with young men and women on their way home from the colleges to spend the holidays with their parents, and to renew again the friendships and acquaintances with their erstwhile comrades and friends. It is an inspiring sight to note the enthusiasm and eagerness, to say nothing of the fresh youthfulness of these young people who are preparing themselves for the battle of life, and who are thus becoming better equipped to fight its battles.

These young folks will meet changed conditions at home. If it be the first year away from home, they will wonder how they could stay away after the holidays are over, they will so want to be at home with their loved ones. If it be the last year they will wonder how anyone can stand to live in the prosy old place where things are not so up-to-date as at the fashionable cottage, and that their "old folks" do not dress as "swell" as they do at the college town or city.

Then, too, they will find that there is not this year the air of prosperity as was formerly noted on their return from college. The mother and father will wear their old clothes, perhaps, and the lines of care will be a bit deeper on their brows, and while they will make an effort to show that things are as they "used to be" it will be found that they have to economize here and there to keep their boy or their girl at school. Just how great the sacrifice they will never know till they have changed places with their father or their mother, and have children of their own at college.

This fall has been a hard one for parents whose ambition is to give their children the advantages of a college course. Be it to the everlasting credit of these parents that they are making the sacrifices necessary to keep their boys and girls at college, and if these boys and girls are not making good use of their time, be it to their everlasting shame. Perhaps the boy or girl going home to the rural district, whose father is a small farmer, will be most struck with the changes necessary to keep them in college.

To these boys and girls The Intelligencer wishes a most enjoyable Christmas season. May their pleasure at the reunion be unalloyed, and may every one of them be able to return to school after the holidays. But in case they find the sacrifice too great, and they cannot go back, we urge them not to be downcast and sad over it, but to buckle down and help make it possible for them to return the next fall and finish their course. Let there be no "quitters" in this race for an education. Times like these try the mettle of all, even the older boys and girls whose college is that whose curriculum is embraced in the course taught in the University of Hard Knocks. In this school, also, there must be no quitters.

MORE NEW PEOPLE

The Intelligencer is indeed glad it has been the instrumentality for bringing to Anderson the publication of the Southern Christian Advocate for the next four years. Ordinarily one would think that there is not much in this to cause one to feel glad, but it is true that this is the official organ of the second largest denomination in the State, and that the message it will contain will go into perhaps ten thousand homes, every one of these papers being an advertisement of Anderson and her resources. It will be seen what it can mean to the city. Then it will bring to the city as a resident for four years one of the ablest and most progressive ministers in the conference, who will become a part of the life of the city and will aid in the civic and religious life of the community. Besides this it will give employment to several persons who might otherwise belong to the idle class.

The Intelligencer has cause to be proud also of the distinction of winning this contract over some of the most progressive printing establishments in the State. The idea we wish to emphasize in this connection, is that every person should be even on the alert to hunt out and bring to Anderson every legitimate business possible, and to advertise to the rest of the country the superiority of her resources. As little as one may think of it, the establishment of The Intelligencer under the new management has brought to Anderson almost a half-hundred citizens, and has given employment to more than a score of skilled artisans. What other small enterprise has done more for the upbuilding of the city? These reflections are not mentioned as self-praise, but to illustrate the value to the community of such enterprises, whether they be printing concerns or any other kind.

Using Force.

Parson Johnson: "De contribution dis mornin' will be fo' de purpose ob makin' up de deficit in your pastor's salary! De choir will now sing, and will continue to sing until de full amount are collected!" -Puck.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC MORALS

The Intelligencer publishes this morning the report of the Rev. John F. Vines, D. D., of the committee on social service and public morals, which was presented at the recent session of the State Baptist Convention. The report is as follows: "God is in his heaven, but all is not right with his world. The trouble, however, is not caused by any lack of interest or effort on the part of God, but the serpent has crawled into our garden and made himself busy bruising humanity's heel. There is truly much wickedness but the star of hope shines. We are prone, at times like this, to think all is evil, when the trouble is, we simply need a change of glasses, a new perspective. Satan will not win the victory, while he has made trouble, and e bear the scars, yet he also carries the marks of our displeasure on his head. We firmly believe in the final triumph of Jesus Christ. His kingdom will yet come and it will be done and righteousness fill the earth. Your committee could call attention especially to the following topics:

I. The Condition of Our Times.

1. The Cure for Existing Evils. The Condition. Climbing some high peak, from where we see far out over the world, we are compelled to feel, that heathen nations may without embarrassment to themselves, modestly suggest to us, that we might clean up a little at home before preaching so much to them. There are nations, considered by us heathen, making moral progress that should make us sit up and take notice, and seriously consider our own sincerity. Since the Czar of Russia, at a cost of \$500,000,000.00 to his revenues, has ordered prohibition in his realm, I have been wondering if Christ was as much in this Czar of the Russians is in his territory, would we not change many things? Our "Land of the Free" and home of the "Brave" is a place where one may live as selfishly as he desires, cheat, rob, gamble, slander, murder, engage in every pleasure lust may suggest, and all with little fear of punishment. I quote from that informing book "Our World," by Dr. Strong. He says: "For the last ten years in the United States the annual average of murders has been 8,318. The Hon. Andrew D. White, writing in 1912 and referring to the number of homicides during the preceding year as upward of 8,000, says: 'I need hardly remind your readers of any approach to the above figures. Great Britain and the British American dominions upon our borders, which are supposed to live under laws substantially like our own, have relatively only about one tenth of the yearly percentage of murders shown by the statistics of the United States. . . . A similar difference, greatly to our disadvantage, exists between Continental European nations and our own.' The American Prison Association's committee on criminal procedure declares that 10,000 homicides were committed in this country every year more than the aggregate number for any ten civilized nations, exclusive of Russia. A judge in Georgia has said there were more murders committed in that state than in the whole British Empire with a population of 400,000,000, in a report to the Greenville Association said: "Americans are still the most lawless civilized nation in the world." Violations along other lines are on a par with the violations of the law of life. Lynchings in our land, led by our worst men, men pretending to be lovers of morals and home, yet the most dangerous violators of the law they could defend, do in cruelty and barbarism shame heathen Turkey. Dr. Strong's authority for the statement that Judge Amidon said that during the last seventy-five years nowhere in the British Empire had a prisoner been snatched from the custody of the law and sacrificed by a mob. Contrast this with our nation where half a hundred prisoners, during a single year have been taken cowardly from officers, and killed by a mob of murderers.

How about our own state, South Carolina? In the language of a negro preacher over the body of his dead subject: "The least said is the better." But thank God leaders and teachers of anarchy have received merited rebuke. With united voice, it has been said that men who outrage all honor and law shall not hold the highest offices in this State. And now we have hope that we may rebuild our broken walls, begin to reconstruct the land so marred with lawlessness, impurity, ignorance, unchristian race prejudice and oppression. Yes we may now begin to redeem our land and people where we have been so criminally negligent of all that makes a State great and strong.

I heard Dr. Gifford at the General Convention of Baptists at Jamestown, use the following illustration, which I quote: "Some years ago there lived a man in a fine home in a Vermont town. He was rearing a family; trouble came upon the growing children; joints enlarged and weakened, bony structures grew out of shape. The doctor was consulted, medicines prescribed and taken, but the trouble increased, the children were sent to the sea shore and began to be better; search for the trouble followed, and the source of the evil was found in a broken drain under the sitting room. This sitting room was the living room. Here was the family altar, where the scriptures were read, prayers offered and hymns sung, but the vision from above did not cure the trouble below. The cellar was dug up, the broken drain replaced, health followed." The cellar of our South Carolina civilization abounds in broken drains, gases poisonous fill the upper rooms, the growing youth is misshapen and morally weak, manhood dissipated. We must go below and fix these broken drains. While anarchy has reigned, filling the land with sighing, the church has gone on singing and praying and looking pious, as if this was the essence of Christianity. But the church is realizing her work is something more than being sure to the devil's wrecks. There are two sides to successful caring for humanity,

take care of the wrecks and stop the cause. Look after the man by Jerico's dangerous road and clear the forest of robbers. Feed Belgium's starving millions, but stop the heathen from fighting. We are to meet organized evil with organized Godliness. The church must bear her part of the shameful condition that exists, and more than any other denomination, the Baptists because we boast of numbers large. We have sung our hymns, prayed our prayers, looked good and the evil has gone on. The time has come to fight as well as pray, to be felt at a dynamic for right as well as to be in priestly robes of apparent righteousness. There is a cure for our ills, let us apply the remedy.

2. The Remedy. The time is ripe for the application of right principles. The work was begun last summer, when men voted as they prayed. The result is apparent, the demagogue was dethroned. Crime, prejudice and ignorance received a setback. Goliath met the thrust of a smooth stone, flung by the united hands of men whose consciences were stirred with righteous indignation. But we cannot stop now, for to rest is to lose all for "while men sleep the devil sows tares." In the mind of your committee certain things are necessary:

(a) Sane laws, safe and sane legislation can only be had by electing sane men to make laws. A prominent man said to me: "The time was when we sent brains and character to make laws but now we send the biggest fools we can find." The statement savors of too much truth. Electing bad men, we have payed the price of our folly in penitence we voted and now we bear with joyful songs the remains of the defeated to the political cemetery. "Earth, to earth ashes to ashes and dust to dust." Our laws have been so poor that they could be cheated, perjury, steal money, get the best of the law, mob and murder and go free, with perhaps a small fine, or short imprisonment. For example one can violate the dispensary laws and with a small fee, the price of a cheap license, continue his dangerous traffic. We need laws that will make the penalty to some extent commensurate with the crime. We will have suffrage outraged, manhood debauched, and state ruled by the vilest, unless Christian men vote to bring good men with brains and character to represent us and we who legislate, that will lift our State from the disgrace which she has fallen into.

(b) Law Enforcement. Here, to think means to put one's faces in the dust and weep. We have been held in ridicule by our sister States, and justly so. Not only have we failed to enforce law, but we have freed those adjudged guilty, regardless of the nature of their crimes or the public safety. Upon just grounds, we may imagine the few men, remaining in our State prison, are of all men a "friendless" and "penitless" crowd. We have made a mistake in too many instances, of electing men who could not enforce law, because they were not chief law-breakers and hence wrecked by the law. The punishment in our State is neither swift nor sure. We violate law because it is law. It is said that in Germany convictions for crime equal 95 per cent, while in the United States but 1.3. Law enforcement is one of the crying needs of South Carolina. Give us men to lead who will regard their oaths, men of character, and then we shall have officers who will not be in league with the crime loving. Sane and safe laws enforced by good men is the life of civic honor.

(c) A Compulsory School Law. Much of our embarrassment has been caused by bad men appealing to those whose prejudices were easily aroused, because of the lack of knowledge. To enlighten the coming generations this law is necessary. Among its advocates may be found our best and wisest citizens. The men who oppose a law of this kind give us the best appeal for its necessity. A brother said to me: "The right to take implies the right to compel." The State taxes its people to educate its children, then let the State do its work. Public safety calls for intelligent manhood. How often in this state the minister is called upon to marry couples who are to build homes, rear children and neither party able to write! Almost one-fourth of our voters, I am told, cannot write. A magistrate in one of our leading counties arrested twelve young men, six white and six negroes, every negro signed his name and each white boy made his mark and such a mark! I am profoundly sorry for the narrowness and unchristian selfishness of any man who argues that he will not vote for a compulsory school law, because the colored children will get a part of this advantage. Such a person is in need of sympathy and prayer. Negroes not of their own accord came to us, and they are dependent, and God will hold us responsible for their salvation and uplift. But the white child's future is at stake, and this law is valuable in that it will reach the parent who is willing to grind his child's life away in the mills in order to indulge his own laziness. The other day a man jumped into the river to save a drowning boy. The lad was hard to locate because he was held entangled in some old wires at the bottom. There are thousands of "tomorrow's men" held prisoners by unthinking and selfish parents. It is our business to free them. If perchance, some negro will get a better opportunity, let him have it. It is humane, and we never can rise by oppressing and keeping ignorant an inferior race.

Four More Shopping Days. Those of you who have postponed buying those presents you are sure to want for father, brother or friend, will find our service during these busier days to be all that you will want; by "service", we mean qualities, prices and careful assistance in selecting the most appropriate things. Neckwear, Hose, Kerchiefs, Mufflers, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Hats, Canes, Caps, Bags, Suit Cases, Trunks, Bath Robes, Suspenders, Umbrellas, Kerchiefs, Slippers, Gloves. Depend on us to suggest the very articles you'll think well of giving. The Christmas Store for Men and Boys. B.O. Grant Co. The Store with a Conscience.

May we not pray and hope and vote for such a law? (d) State-wide Prohibition. We have played with the whiskey problem long enough. Fourteen of our sister states have this law and it is time for us to join the ranks. Emperor William of Germany is quoted as saying: "I have observed that of the great number of crimes appealed to for decision, nine-tenths were due to alcohol. Nerves are undermined and endangered from youth up. In the time of war, for steady nerves and cool head, victory will lie with the nation that uses the smallest amount of alcohol." In the battle of life victory will be to the man who is sober, and to the State whose citizens believe and practice prohibition. Thousands of children who ought to be in school are at the mills and shops and farms by drinking fathers. Thousands of women who should be at home, are being forced to work to support the family because of debauched husbands. We hear much of the devil's cry about "liberty," but the children and wives and souls of men are at stake and this is the cry of a good man who thinks said: "If Christian people would quit drinking the question would be solved." This is too true, but one thing is certain, if God's people would vote as they pray for once, we would free our land from this blot. It is time for concerted action in killing this demon that breaks homes, ruins lives and sends souls to hell. We cannot serve God and mammon. God pity the town or State that is willing to build streets or educate her people with blood money. Let us demand that the people have the right to vote to free our land from this curse. (e) A Church Standing for the Things of God. Upon the ministry and the church as upon no other power does the responsibility for good morals and social service rest. We cannot build up a civilization that will stand without God. Men co-operating with God is the only sure way to permanent success. So here let me hurriedly mention several things under this subject. We are living too extravagantly. We are just now having a touch of "hard times" and fast living is a wonderful contributor to this condition. We are living too much to eat, dress and spend, and judgment day comes and finds us wanting. We are willing to spend our money and time for things that are "not meat." Cheap moving pictures and vaudeville - these contributing to ruin, yet we support them with hard earned money. There are many ills all calling for the application of the principles of God's word. Your committee believes that it would be conducive to good if our pastors would spend much time in the coming year preaching the ten commandments, for we need the "Thou shalt not." Also preach much on the "Sermon on the Mount" since this is Christ's application of his truth to life. From a season of study on these great fundamentals rivers of law and life will flow. We as Churchmen are too willing to slander a little. Study James. "Thou shalt not steal" will have its modern application. How many are willing to take an oath, and make God a party to it, that we are poorer than we are, because by so doing we may get a little assistance in sending our children to a State school? We will sign notes and make promises to assist God in His work, and it is feared we have little thought - at least we hardly consider this binding. Is this honest? We are able to buy automobiles and land but the Lord must beg in His own world. How about our noble honesty on the tax question? Suppose the State passed a law that any one could buy our property at the price we assess it. Would there not be some repenting? Yes, we need the application of God's law and a respect for its teaching. In the home, school, church, teach that God's book is to be obeyed, loved, and practiced. We must fight for the betterment of our land till evils are driven out. "No surrender in God's war." Some of us are sitting down and waiting for the glory land, and now He is just waiting for the devil to defeat Him so He can get the victory. In Europe they court martial soldiers for this kind of foolishness, but it is hoped by some special providence God will save such fools. God says: "Christ shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied," and I do not believe his heart will be satisfied with less than a complete victory. "Render to Caesar the things that belong to him and to God the things that are His." We have an opportunity now, in this time of depression, to think and act, and follow up the victories already attained. We must do so. "Lock is the cement of society," therefore let us join hands from the mountain to the sea, mountain men, mill men, every man and save our land for God. Salvation to all, Christian education for every child, good laws enforced. God's word loved and lived and we shall win. Respectfully submitted, JNO. T. VINES, For the Committee.

A few items from our stock that may solve your Christmas problem-- SUPERIOR KITCHEN SET Every kitchen should have one. SAFETY CRACKERS Much Noise. No Danger. SERVING TRAYS, CHAFING DISHES, SUGAR BOWLS, CREAM PITCHERS. POP GUNS, Air Rifles, Bows and Arrows. ONEIDA COMMUNITY SILVERWARE GUARANTEED FOR FIFTY YEARS. A SELECTED LINE OF CHOICE DESIGNS. SULLIVAN HARDWARE COMPANY Anderson, S. C. Greenville, S. C. Belton, S. C.