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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

People have come to regard Christmas as a joyous occasion of eat and drink and be merry. So long as boisterousness and dissipation and excesses are omitted, this is not objectionable, but the fact that it is the anniversary of the birth of the Savior should not be overlooked.

spiritual culture has its place in meeting the need of childhood. The greatness of the race is original in all childhood. Moses, Samuel, David, Paul, Gladstone and Woodrow Wilson were once laughing boys.

Christmas is the birthday of the best hopes of man. Nothing else reminds us so persuasively of the greatness of man. Nothing that can be said as to man's capacities and possibilities approaches even distantly to that which is involved in God's having so loved the race that He gave His Son to take our nature upon Him.

Christmas is the birthday of human brotherhood. For ye are all sons of God through faith, in Christ Jesus. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male or female; for ye are all one man in Christ Jesus.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

(By REV. F. V. ROBERTSON.) His name shall be called Prince of Peace. Isaiah, 9:6. Once more we are permitted to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known. For two thousand years, the world had groped its way on in darkness, superstition and sin.

away the tears, no Christ to soothe the sorrows, no Christ to save us from sin and death, then all our preaching, all our service to Him, all our joy making becomes open mockery.

"THE UNSEEN VISITOR."

(By REV. W. S. PATTERSON.) Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.

As we make our plans for Christmas, as we send out our invitations, and cards of greetings, as we prepare our good things to eat, and as we look forward to having a good time, let us not forget the Unseen Visitor at the door of every home and heart.

"GOD'S BEST GIFT TO A WORLD."

(By REV. E. R. MASON.) It often takes a long time for great events to become appreciated and valued at their true worth. A seed may lie for months, or even years, before it wakes under the broth of spring into bloom and fragrance and fruit.

surrounded by attendants and soldiers. A child came out of the crowd and ran toward him. The soldier cried: "Go back, child; go back; he is your emperor."

Have we caught the Christmas spirit? Our Christmas will be a merry, joyous one only as it is a holy one. The Christmas spirit is the spirit of love. As the Bible is God's great love-letter to man, so it seems to me, Christmas is God's great love-day.

drafting constitutions for the states. Instead of selecting the best and most intelligent class of southern men as delegates to these conventions, the records show that there were in the Alabama constitutional convention 83 carpet-baggers and 17 negroes; in Georgia, 133 carpet-baggers and 33 negroes; in Virginia, the home of Washington and Robere E. Lee, 80 carpet-baggers and 25 negroes.

When the legislatures of the southern states were elected and met each state was, without exception, plunged into almost immeasurable debt. Bonds were issued, not for the purposes of supplying the needs of the state and the reopening of its institutions, but for the sole purpose of supplying graft to this army of carpet-baggers who had come into the south to prey upon its misfortunes.

Almost, if not all, of the southern states, had negro congressmen and the state of Mississippi had two United States senators, Bluce and Releis; the state of Louisiana had two and Florida one. All of this was the result of the seed sown by the carpet-bagger and the sealawag to accomplish his own disreputable purposes.

advic... republican... ter the "Ku Klux Klan," and not an irresponsible aggregation of rowdies and cut-throats as some northern and anti-southern newspapers were wont to allege. It was composed of men who were loyal to the south and its traditions; men in sympathy with its ideals and aspirations; men who thought it better to die in defense of a righteous cause than to live in infamy and disgrace brought about by negro and carpet-bagger domination.

Auxiliaries Leaving Cork. CORK, Dec. 16.—All the auxiliaries were leaving Cork tonight. It is understood the city is under martial law and that the military intend to do duty without the assistance of the irregular police.

NEW BIRTHDAY OF THE HUMAN FAMILY.

(By REV. J. S. CORPENING.) Christians celebrate the birthday of the greatest man, the greatest teacher, the greatest benefactor, the world's redeemer. "Immanuel, God with us." In God's own time, in an age of supreme need and religious degeneracy, the Son of Man was born in Bethlehem.

Have you heard the tale of the aloë plant, Away in the sunny clime? By humble growth of a hundred years It reaches its blooming time.

Have you further heard of this aloë plant That grows in the sunny clime? How every one of its thousand flowers Is an infant tree that tastens its roots

THE KU KLUX CLAN NEEDS NO DEFENSE

(Continued From Page One) To further carry out their plans, these carpet-baggers formed an alliance with the deserters and traitors to the south, commonly known as "scalawags" who were the leaders of the republican party in North Carolina, and upon this alliance being formed, began to divide the political offices, apportioning out such as they did not especially care for among the negroes and sealawags, reserving for themselves in most instances, the best paying offices.

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