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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 Sovior should not be overlooked. Custom has made Christmas a time for family reunions, for vacations andfeasting. It is a time for relaxation of business activity and a closer communion with others. This is admirable, for in a mad rush for financial and community power, most of us have become selfish; we have ceased to think of others and hove forgotten that nothing on earth belongs to us; but we keep those things we hold dear in trust only, to use for the benefit of ourselves and mankind, and, in the end, leave for future generations to hold in a similar manner.

be complete-there will be a vacant chair here, there. Many circles have been broken since the last Christmas --father, mother, sister, brother, have been taken away. This is the way of the world, and of life. There would be no joy without sadness, for without it we would soon come to regard joy merely as a matter of course, and it would then cease to be joy.

sive living, but let us all merry with reverence to the nature of the celebration.

Paul, Gladstone and Woodrow Wilson our joy making becomes open mock Christmas is the time of joy for child- the circle of our Christmas associahood.

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. While He was upon Grth we see the meaning of His mission in the irradiate lives of those around Him. Poor fishermen like John and Peter, peasants like Jude and James, taxgatherers like Matthew, are more to us than the soldiers and statesmen who ruled Rome. It was because the touch of the word made flesh had begun to creat in these men the first samples of a new humanity. The pursuance of the word made flesh is the pattern of the new humanity He came to create.

Christmas is the hirthday of hu man 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." In Christ all classspirit is abolished and all neoples become one brotherhood. This is one great fundamental of Christianity that the world now sorely needs.

Christmas has also a message as to our duty. "Let this mind be in you! which was also in Christ Jesus." As He revealed God's love to us we ought also to communicate our love to others in helpful deeds of kindness.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

(By REV. F. V. ROBERTSON.) His name shall be called * * The

Prince of Peace. Isaiah, 9:6. Once more we are permitted to celebrate the greatest event the and appreciation, of praise and grat world has ever known. For two thousand years, the world had groped its way on in darkness, supersti- others. Then chiefest of all let us tion and sin; prophets had foretold the coming redeemer, while for all these years the world had anxiously In many homes, the family will not waited his coming. Now He is come. It was a great event, because, 1st, He came as the great teacher. He shall save His people from their sins. All other plans for the salvation of men have failed. No other can take away the sins of the world, and bear them in his own body to the cross. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people / Israel, to bring light and life. Loosed from the joy. "O, taste and see that God is bonds of superstition and ignorance. men can now follow Him, and now in Him, if you have not tasted of His this glorious day we can work upon The season of cheer is at hand the thousands of Christian schools Let vn not mistake it for a season of and colleges, where, thank God, we see to it, that the great fundamental principles of the Christian religion are taught. We are waking up to education is not the education that Peace will see to it that the holy Bi- Him in the home and heart. ble and the principles of the religion of our Christ are taught in every primary, high school and college in the land. 2nd. Great, because He is the Savior of the world, the dream of sages. fulfilled. Today the long promised may lie for months, or even years, strike forever into oblivion the fact C zitom finally settled on December cause He is Christ. between God and man which existed, Babe who, according to the promise before that dark hour when man first of the angels made to the shepherda If there was no Christ, no Prince of is Christ, the Lord, wou'n lead all As we walk through the art galleries seen it, it is becouse we have never of the past centuries, we see the lifted our eyes above earth to penepainted scenes of bloodshed and sac- liate the beyond. rifice (that peace and liberty micki be bought, and today His blessed a true, thoroughgoing Christmas. peace gladdens'every heart that loves He was God's best gift to a world. the Prince of Peace.

spiritual culture has its place in away the tears, no Christ to sooth meeting the need of childhood. The the sorrows, no Christ to save us greatness of the race is original in all from sin and death, then all our childhood. Moses, Samuel, David, preaching, all our service to Him, all were once laughing boys. This was ery. But yes there is a Christ, and true of Jesus himself, who spent his as a great writer said, as we grow boyhood in the Galilean hills. So older let us be more thankful that hood, specially joy in the recogni- tions and the lessons that they bring. tion of Him who sanctified child- expands. Let us welcome every one of them, and summon them to take their places by the Christmas hearth Welcome all that was ever real to our hearts; welcome all the joy, all gladness, and as we gather around our humble fireside, we welcome the Prince of Peace on this holy Christ-

"THE UNSEEN VISITOR."

mas day.

(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."Rev. 3:20.

Christ, the Christmas guest,

Another Christmas season is draw ing near, and all no doubt, are mak ing some plan for the festal occation. Christmas is indeed a season of joy and happiness, a time of festivity and especially fireside festivity At this season there is no place quite as interesting as home. The scattered members of the family gather around the home table and hearth-side where the spirit of sociability and fellowship flows from heart to heart 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 quietly and patiently standing and knocking that he might enter in and take part in all of our Christmas pleasures, for his presence imparts to us the true spirit of Christmas. To His we are indebted for love, joy peace, happiness, unity, harmony and sociability, without which Christmas would be barren of all that which makes the heart truly glad Christmas does not consist in the 'goodies" which we have to eat but

in the spirit of life, the spirit of love titude. We can never keep Christ mas alone, but must share it with keep it with Christ.

Not only does Christ bring to up the true Christmas spirit, but also his presence purifies and heightens our joy and gladness. Some might think that to let Christ in would cut short their joys and pleasures on this occasion, and it will do so with ref erence to some so-called pleasures of the world, but his presence will puri fy, sweeten, and intensify every real joy in life. Christ is no kill-joy With his presence there is fullness of good." If you have not supped with pure and over-flowing joy, open your hearts' door and take him in as : Christmas guest, and this will truly he the happiest season of your life.

surrounded by attendants and sol- drafting constitutions for diers. A child came out of the states. Instead of selecting crowd and ran toward him. The sol- best and most intelligent class of diers cried: "Go back, child; go southern men as delegates to these back; ne is your emperor." But the conventions, the records show that child replied: "He is your Emperor, there were in the Alabama constibut he is my father." Christ came to tutional convention 83 carpet-baggive us a father.

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Have we caught the Christmas 133 carpet-baggers and 33 negroes; spirit? Our Christmas will be a mer- in Virginia, the home of Washingry, joyous one only as it is a holy ton and Robere E. Lee, 80 carpetone. The Christmas spirit is the baggers and 25 negroes. The other spirit of love. As the Bible is God's southern states great love-letter to man, so it seems cursed. to me. Christmas is God's great love-When the legislatures of the

day. All the love of the eternal God-head was gathered up and let met each state was, without excepdown from heaven on that first tion, plunged into almost immeas-Christmas day in form of that man- urable debt. Bonds vere issued. ger Babe. Do we wonder that an- not for the purposes of supplying gels'sing? Do we wonder that wise the needs of the state and the remen sought. We can catch the opening of its institutions, but for Christmas spirit and show our ap- the sole purpose of supplying graft

preciation of God's great gift to us to this army of garpet-baggers who by opening the soul's door and let- had come into the south to prey upting all the graces of the soul be on its misfortunes. North Carolina bathed in the pure air of heaven, too, had its negro and carpet-bag-Christmas is the time when we gar legislature; its fraudulent should let faith, hope and love have bonds and its officers notoriously just a bit more freedom in the par- out of sympathy with the south. lor of our soul. Give God our best, Young man, you of the present day. for He has not withheld the best imagine, if you can, a legislature in from us. And let us not forget that your capital city of Raleigh composthe gifts are not valued in dollars ed of illiterate negroes and the scam only. Have you an enemy? Give him of Northern society. Could you afford forgiveness. Have you a wife? Give to align yourself with the political her love. Have you a child? Give party which elected them That was him your best example. Have you a the condition which was forced upon friend? Give him your heart. Have the South solely because of the fact you a soul? Give that to Christ. Do that it refused to ratify the 14th this, and the first Christmas carol, amendment to the federal constitusung by the angels that night out- tion. New Jersey, Ohio and Oregon

side of Bethlehem, will re-echo for, after first ratifying the amendment, us throughout the year: Have you heard the tale of the aloe plant.

Away in the super clime? By humble growth of a hundred states, had negro congressmen and years

It reaches its blooming time; And then a wondrous bud at its crown

Burst into a thousand flowers; This floral green, in its beauty sien, is the pride of the tropical bowers: accomplish his own disreputable

But the plant to the flower is a sacri- purposes. fice: For it blooms but once, and bloom- history of the south that the "Ku

Have you further heard of this alog plant

ing dies.

That grows in the sunny clinic? How every one of its thousand flowers has ever learned, and it safe to As they fall in the blooming these Is an infant tree that rastens its whom this organization was started.

roots In the place where they fall to the ed the civilization of the south, evground.

And fast as they fall from the dying methods adopted by the Klan were stem. Grow lively and lovely around? By dying it lives a thousand-fold.

In the young that spring from the sincere motive to protect the socie death of the old.

Have you heard of Him whom the heavens adore.

And before whom the hosts of them fall?

How He left his choirs and anthems above

For earth in its wailings and woes. To suffer the shame and the pain of the cross,

die for the life of His

gers and 17 negroes; in Georgia, were similarly

southern states were elected and

withdrew their ratifiation, but no

such punishment was accorded those

say that no one ever will learn, by

But that it did start and that it say

eryone is bound to recognize. The

at times severe and harsh, but, for

one. I do not believe that it acted at

any time save from an honest and

ty of the south and to convince the

negro that they must not take the

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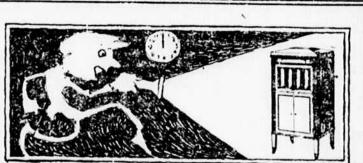
republica ter the erations. short time south had been mighty flame, swept before i racpet-bagger

The best of the souths citizenship was enrolled within the ranks of the "Ku Klux Klan." and not an irresponsible aggregation of rowdies and cut-throats as some porthern 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 disgace brought about and carpet-bagger domina-No man could be eligible to titte membership his Klan who placed his individual liberty and well being above that of the people of the entire southland. Had it not been for the work and activity of the "Ku Klux Klan." in the dark and trying days of Reconstruction when the whole southland lay torn and bleeding; when its fields lay waste; its institutions closed and its civilization imperiled, there would be no prosperous south such as we now have and such as the Confederate soldiers through four long years of warfare battled for. As a further proof of the calibre and moral fibre of the men who composed the "Ku Klux Klan," history does not record one single instance in which a member ever violated the oath taken upon his admission to membership though the whole machinery of the federal courts was used to obtain confessions and information relative to the workings of the Klan and Its membership. To the men and women of the south-the true men and women I mean-the "Ku Klux

Auxillaries Leaving Cork.

Klan" needs no defense.

CORK, Dec. 16 .- All the auxiliaries were leaving Cork tonight. It is understood the city is under mar tial law and that the military in tend to do duty without the assi tance of the irregular police.



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rule champions from its borders to return never again.

Almost, if not all, of the southern the state of Mississippi had two United States senators, Bluce and Relels; 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 scalawag to It was at this acute stage in the Klux Klan" was organized, having for its object the restoration of white supremacy and the removal of the negro and carpet-bagger from the politics of the south. No one

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" "Peace on Earth-Good Will toward Men."

NEW BIRTHDAY OF THE HU-MAN FAMILY.

(By REV. J. S. CORPENING.)

Christians celebrate the birthdaof 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 Betnlehem. The event was ushered in as quietly as the rising of the morning sun, only the angels and a few wise responsive souls under standing the significance of the event.

The events of His birth are suggestive of His mission to meet human need. Though of an historic and royal family He was born in poverty and so spent his life on a level with humanity's greatest need. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." His life of constant toil also suggests this. So His broad sympathies are with the struggling race.

His birth has an infiinite meaning for childhood. "I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host prasing God. and saying, Glory to God in the highest. and on earth peace in whom he is well pleased." Neglect and cruelty to c..ildhood was the custom of the nations when Josus was born. Now through Christ's reign childhood is lifted to its rightful place in life.

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His presence will not only assure the highest joy but also an abiding the fact, that a Christless, Godless joy, a joy for time and eternity. May we'all have and maintain through the this world needs. God speed the day years the Christmas spirit of love. when those who love the Prince of of joy, and happiness by living with

> "GOD'S BEST GIFT TO A WORLD."

(By REV. E. R. MASON.)

It often takes a long time for great the utterances of prophets, and the events to become appreciated and language of the pious are at length valued at their true worth. A seed deliverer is born. "Oh," this is what before it wakes under the broth of we needed. Without His birth we, spring into bloom and fragrance and are helpless and hopeless. If by one fruit. The birth of Christ was not mighty blow the power of sin could, celebrated during first centuries: that a Savior is born, then the world 25, and after the fifth century its s doomed. But thank God He is con- observance became general. Festivmeror. He is born, He lives, He ities graually became absorbed reigns, and today we gather around with the day and joy with the giving our fireside in peace without fear be- of gifts became, its dominant feature. The day spread throughout

3rd. He is great because He is born Christendom and is now practically me Prince of Peace. Oh! how we love universal. The star that led those peace. Jesus is our Prince of Peace; wise men from the east to pour out He has established the old relation their best gifts at the feet of the rose in rebellion against his maker. on the plain, was the Savior, which Peace, then how could we enjoy this to the same source. There is a star the greatest of all festivals in peace in the sky for everyone. God put it with our fellow man and the world? there just for us. If we have never

Christ is the center and source of He gave himself as a remedy for Suppose there was no Christer to every disease. Once a Roman Emperbring peace, no Christ to bind up the or was passing through the streets States, necessitating constitutional Hence the brightest intellectual and broken-hearted, no"Christ to wipe of Rome in a triumphal procession, conventions for the purpose of

O, Prince of the noble! O, Savior divine!

What sorrow or sacrifice equal to thine?

Have you heard of this tale, the best one of all-The tale of the holy and true? He dies! but His life now in untold

souls Springs up in the world anew!

His seed prevails and is filling the earth

As the stars fill the sky above; He taught us to give up the love of life

For the sake of the life of love; His death is our life; His life is our gain-

The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain.

THE KU KLUX CLAN NEEDS NO DEFENSE

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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 diide the political offices, apportioning out such as they did not especially care for among the negroes and scalawags, reserving for themselves in most instances, the best paving offices.

The greatest act of infamy enacted in the great tragedy immediately following the close of the war, was the complete overthrow of the organic law of the Southern

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