

CHRISTMAS.

The approach of Christmas suggests the thought that we have strayed far away in our celebration of the day from the spirit that ought to characterize the anniversary of a festival of such a sacred nature.

That men should make gluttons of themselves in eating and drinking in memory of the birth of Him who came to save the world from sin, is repugnant to the teachings of the Christian religion and a reproach to our civilization. Such a time should be a season for rejoicing. There should be rejoicing and love-abounding—love towards all mankind—in every heart. The day commemorates the date of God's greatest gift to mankind, the dawn of a new era in the world—an era of love and of service, and the prostitution of such a festival by a carousal, by the indulgence of our worst passions, is a reproach upon a nation called Christian.

A day of joy, of remembrance, of love and of service should be utilized as a fitting occasion for the giving of happiness to others. We may not be able to give gifts of commercial value, but a kind word, an uplifting thought or a kindly smile is oftentimes of more value than precious jewels. "Kind words are more than coronets."

To the children especially, should our attitude be one of loving forbearance and of brightness and joy. The sacred memories that cluster around the celebration of Christmas day at the firesides of happy homes often linger in the minds of men when all other impressions have faded far into the past. Let us then see that we take advantage of this time to impress upon the little ones right ideas of a proper observance of Christmas. Let us teach them that the mission of Him whose birth we celebrate was one of service and of sacrifice—that the highest development of character is to be attained only by sacrifice and that the greatest joy can come only from service.

"Peace on earth, good will to men" can come only through loving forbearance and he who fails to teach this, by example as well as precept, has no clear conception of his duty to mankind.

There are many ways in which all of us might add joy and cheer to some lonely, neglected one. They may not need our gifts of money, but a word of greeting from a kindly heart may be highly prized. None of us is so poor that we cannot give such a gift and none of us is so rich as to despise the increase resulting from bestowing such a gift.

DANGERS OF COMMON COLDS.

Ever since the influenza epidemic of 1889-90 we have experienced waves of infectious catarrhal colds which have been spoken of as influenza, or grip, or simply as colds. To these infections the infant seems to be especially susceptible. When one of these colds invades a household, several of its members usually contract it. While some adults may escape, the baby or the child of runabout age is almost invariably affected. These infections spread rapidly and with great certainty through the wards of institutions caring for young children. During recent winters in one institution the sickness from this source has far exceeded that from all other infectious diseases of childhood. One of the most important results is its interference with nutrition. This is of somewhat less importance among children of runabout age, but in any group of bottle-fed infants such infection not only prevents gain but is, as a rule, accompanied by definite loss in weight. We are too prone to look on these colds as local affections when they are, in reality, infectious.

When a group of children in a family become infected, we often see established a house infection with, at intervals, recurrent outbreaks, which may extend over a number of months, until the advent of warm weather or the departure of the family to the country. This experience is so general in New York as to be a matter of common report among parents. Some susceptible children are kept free only by continued residence in the country, but unfortunately suburban colonies and country towns have their own share of infectious epidemics.

The amount of injury done young children each year by such colds can scarcely be estimated. During the prevalence of such colds, the possibilities of infection are excellent if the young child travels by train, rides in public conveyances or is taken to hotels or crowded shops. Only recently, says Dr. Thomas S. Southworth of Boston, in a recent issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association, have we begun

Baptist State Convention Some Impressions

By W. T. WALKER

If I were asked to set forth the varied emotions which were aroused by a constant attendance upon the sessions of the Baptist State Convention, I should find it hard to adequately describe all the feelings that were at times stirred within me by those who so ably presented all the varied, complex and magnificent endeavors in which this great denomination is now engaged.

But it is not hard to convey the idea that was most deeply impressed—the idea which seemed to underlie the work of the convention—by listening to the deliberations of this earnest, able and consecrated body of Christian men.

Service to humanity appeared to be the keystone of the triumphal arch which the Baptists of South Carolina are laboring so assiduously and so effectively to erect upon the firm foundation of Christian character coupled with Christian enlightenment.

Education—education industrial, sociological, political, religious—was the dominant, all-pervading theme—the thread which was woven through the woof and warp of the almost gigantic work which the recent convention undertook and accomplished within so brief a space.

How well the Baptists demonstrated the power of Christian education over the hearts and lives of men could be better felt than imagined when men who proudly proclaimed their descent from humble origin, (telling of their early struggles to acquire knowledge and the aid which the church rendered them in those struggles), electrified the convention with their eloquence, their profound knowledge of the problems which are confronting humanity today and gave utterance to such fervent appeals for a continuance and expansion of the work already so well begun.

I have in mind a particular instance: At the session of Thursday afternoon there appeared before the audience a young preacher from the Dark Corner of Greenville County, on the border line between North and South Carolina. Big of body, big of brain, big of heart, with a voice full of pathos resounding into every nook and corner of the spacious building and with a heart overflowing with tenderness towards the weaknesses of humanity, this son of the mountains held his audience spellbound by the magnetism of his presence, the eloquence of his words and the fervor of his appeal for "A Neglected People."

Just the night before, the work of the Baptists in educating the mountain people had been shown in stereopticon views. Listening to this big-limbed and big-brained mountaineer on the following day one could not resist the thought that the production of even one such man, with all his power for good, more than justified every dollar which had been expended upon that school. Standing before the convention, in all his towering, masterful strength he told of his former occupation as a moonshiner, reciting some of the dreadful consequences which had met his own observation as a result of intemperance, while paying a glowing tribute to the loyalty which characterizes the attachment of the mountain people to any cause they might espouse, ending with a strong appeal to his denomination to enlist under their banner these virile, sympathetic but neglected people. There may be a great future for this young man, and the influence which first awoke him and afterwards recognized and utilized his talents have done a greater work than the taking of many cities.

"Evangelize, baptize, and educate" was the topic of the convention sermon, which laid great stress upon the third command, but, after listening to the convention proceedings, one could hardly find it possible to believe that the great Baptist denomination had been as remiss in obeying the third command of the "great commission" as the sermon would indicate. If the reports submitted to the convention by the institutions under the care of the Baptist convention

were a fair criterion, South Carolina Baptists are doing a noble share of the work of education.

It was gratifying to note the interest which this convention manifested in the cotton mill people—the people who toil and spin that the world may be clothed—interested as brothers who would uplift and exalt an element of our population from the neglect of whom we are now suffering. In this field lies the most fruitful harvest for the evangelical and instructional work of our Christian churches, and upon how well this duty is performed is wrapped up more of the weal or woe of our commonwealth than in any other problem of our time. Tact, and faith, and courage, and perseverance, and religion, and—money will be necessary, but signs are no wanting that South Carolina is becoming aroused on this subject, and once aroused the sinews of war will soon be forthcoming.

How far South Carolina is behind some other States was demonstrated by the opposition encountered by the proposition for the establishment of a sanitarium. To be sure the opposition was at no time very dangerous and any danger which might have existed was eliminated—no, annihilated—by the masterful manner in which Mr. Bristow presented the question to the convention. Facts were behind him, sentiment was with him, and every consideration of humanity and Christian sympathy prompted a response to his earnest appeal. How effectively Mr. Bristow used every weapon at his command was told when the vote of the convention was taken and a splendid majority was recorded in favor of the proposition.

That a layman should have so ably conducted the business of such a body is at once a tribute to the church which develops and utilizes such a layman, and the willingness and adaptability with which the layman met such a responsibility. The rulings of the chair were all characterized by fairness and seemed to give perfect satisfaction, and the business of the convention was transacted with a great deal of dispatch.

At Greenwood the Baptists have a great institution in Connie-Maxwell orphanage. It is doubtful if in all the State, among all denominations, a man so peculiarly fitted for the manifold and arduous duties of heading such an institution could be found than the Rev. A. T. Jameson, who has been in charge of the institution since its foundation. Connie-Maxwell is just now celebrating its twenty-first birthday and the arrival of its majority finds it in better shape than ever to pursue its noble work of administering to the temporal and spiritual welfare of those whom the inscrutable ways of the Divine Providence have bereft of the fostering care of parents.

Furman University, Greenville Female College, Coker, Anderson and Orangeburg colleges came in for their share of praise. All of them are doing a great work and all are receiving the support which is so richly deserved.

No, I am not a Baptist, but I want to say one thing of which this convention has thoroughly convinced me: The Baptist denomination in South Carolina is a militant organization, full of energy, imbued with a purpose of conquest, conscious of its commanding position and determined to make proper use of the men and means at its command for the "evangelism, baptism and education" of the race of men. Admire them if you will, criticize them if you can, but fail not to give them their rightful place when you count up the forces in the world for good. They are by no means all that force, but they are growing in grace, in knowledge and in power, and their ultimate strength is to be measured only in terms of the infinite.

to appreciate the ravages of these subtle forms of infection. With such knowledge, however, goes the moral obligation to throw off our indifference, to face the question fairly, and to do all in our power to lessen the unnecessary sickness and the too frequent pneumonia which follows it.

The esteemed Atlanta Journal displays commendable erudition in a lengthy discussion of "How to Carve Turkey," but to the average man the all-important question is how to get the turkey.

It is to be wondered if the South Carolina newspapers which are giving so much of their space to the sermons of Pastor Russell have taken the trouble to inform themselves as to the teachings embodied in these discourses. We believe not, because we do not like to think that so many of them would knowingly lend their

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Abbeville Savings and Investment Company, a Corporation, Plaintiff against Mose Burt, Nancy Davis, Adeline Erwin, Harry Burt, John Henry Burt, Lewis Burt, Fillmore Burt, Arele Morgans, Robert Burt, Gertrude Morgans and Indiana Burt, and J. L. Perrin, an administrator of the personal estate of George Burt, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

You are hereby Summoned and Required to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Greene & Hill, Plaintiffs Attorneys. November 12, 1912.

TO THE ABSENT DEFENDANTS, John Henry Burt, Lewis Burt, Fillmore Burt, and Robert Burt.

TAKE NOTICE That the Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, at Abbeville, S. C., on November 12th, 1912, and is now on file in said office. Greene & Hill, Plaintiffs Attorneys. November 12, 1912. 11-13-8t.

COMPLAINT TO SELL LAND TO PAY DEBTS

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Abbeville, IN PROBATE COURT

J. W. Vermillion, as Administrator of the personal estate of Luther Vermillion, deceased.—Plaintiff against Mrs. H. M. Vermillion, J. V. Vermillion, R. F. Vermillion, W. E. C. Vermillion, B. K. Vermillion, P. J. Vermillion, R. E. Vermillion, Homer C. E. Hinton, Lizzie Smith, Corrie Robinson, Lizzie Hodges, James Singleton, Amlestead Singleton, Mack Singleton, George Singleton, Jesse Singleton, Eliza Higgins, Annie Agnew, Ellie Singleton, Carlton Singleton, Carlton Vermillion, Cora Vermillion, Calvin Vermillion and Catherine Vermillion, defendants.—Pursuant to an order from the Probate Court, I will sell at Public Outcry at Abbeville Court House, on Saturday in January, 1913, for the payment of debt belonging to the estate of Luther P. Vermillion, deceased, situate in Donalds Township, County and State aforesaid, containing ten acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of estate of James Seawright, W. R. Dunn, Mrs. S. E. Seawright and Southern Railway Company. Also, all that tract or parcel of land, in Donalds Township, County and State aforesaid containing thirty acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Mrs. Nancy Richie on the West, on the North by lands of the estate of James Seawright, Sr., deceased, on the East by Southern Railway, and on the South by the public road. Terms Cash—Purchasers to pay for papers. J. F. MILLER, Judge of Probate.

The State of South Carolina, ABBEVILLE COUNTY, Probate Court.—Citation for Letters of Administration.

By J. F. Miller, Esq., Judge of Probate. Whereas, E. N. McCarter, Thirtieth day of December, 1912, has made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of W. P. McCarter, late of Abbeville County, deceased. These are therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. P. McCarter, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Abbeville C. H., on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1912, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 2nd day of December, 1912, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve and in the 137th year of American Independence. J. F. MILLER, Judge of Probate.

Estate of Monroe Beauford, Deceased.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge. Take notice that on the 31st day of December, 1912, I will render a final account of my accounts and doing as Administrator of the Estate of Monroe Beauford, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Administrator. All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and authenticated or be forever barred. J. A. Beauford, Admr.

Estate of C. P. Groves, Dec'd

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Estate of J. Morgan Daniel, Deceased.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge. Take Notice that on the 19th day of December, 1912, I will render a final account of my accounts and doing as Administrator of the Estate of J. Morgan Daniel, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Administrator. All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and authenticated or be forever barred. H. H. Daniel, Admr. Nov. 20, 1912. 3t

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Estate of G. T. Smith, Dec'd

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