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THE CHRISTMAS BELLS IN THE CITY STREET.
(By Allen Eddy.)

What is the song of the bell
Which sings in the city street?
What is the story it seeks to tell
In resonant notes, yet sweet?
Its song is not of the busy mart,
Yet many hear as they hasten by;
The message goes to the open heart
Which echoes a swift reply.

"All hearts confess the saints elect
Who, twain in faith, in love agree,
And meet not in an acid sect
The Christian pearl of charity."

All day long this Christmas song
Makes brighter the city's mall;
Many there be in the hast'ning throng
To heed the inviting call.
The words it sings as again it rings,
Each soul is to choose as each soul will,
Tho' the joy it brings on golden wings
Bids the troubled heart be still!

"Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope in years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

'Tis Salvation's message true,
Sent to the soldier brave—
With thoughts made pure and a work to do,
Giving all, he yet shall save,
How high above the city's towers
The little bell triumphant sings,
Tells of the new Christmas that is ours,
Gladly now the message rings!

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The lar'ge heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Freezing blast and swirling snow
Repeat this hymn of love;
And women and men, both high and low,
With Christ their kinship prove.
Still joyously the chorus swelling
In rich melody so full and free,
Adding a blessing, chanting, telling
Of Faith, Hope and Charity!

"Still abide the heaven-born three,
Faith and Hope and Charity!"
Faith and Hope must pass away,
Charity endures for aye."

THREE HOMES FOR ONE.

Grand old Abbeville! Birthplace of John C. Calhoun, James L. Petigru, Armistead Burt, Frank McGee, "Buck" Perrin, John Gary Evans, "Charley" Hammond and a host of other bright and shining lights, it has contributed many men of much account to the spiritual life of the State and to the building of this great City it ours upon these hills of light. There ought to be and will be a Society or Club of Abbeville folk who have fastened themselves on Spartanburg and one of them has just done a thing for the town which deserves public acknowledgment and his name is Hammond and he has just converted his own spacious home on South Church Street—by the way, the most attractive street in the City, or thereabouts—into residences for himself and two other very desirable families and with all the comforts and conveniences of modern life.

The man who made two blades of grass grow where one grew before has been trumpeted for generations as a man among men, when everybody knows that grass is one of the most vexatious enemies of the farmers of the land; but the man who has made three homes where one was before is indeed a benefactor of the human race. Grand old Abbeville!—Spartanburg Journal.

ERSKINE STAYS PUT.

Judge William Pontius Greene's proposal that Erskine College move from Due West to Abbeville for the paltry consideration of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars died a-borning. It is rumored that the theological faculty at Erskine will soon issue a bull against him.

The best argument for the present ideal location at Due West was made seventy-five years ago by Governor Benjamin F. Perry of Greenville. In a learned address before the literary societies of Erskine on the fifth anniversary, Sept. 18, 1844, he said:

"The founders and patrons of Erskine College will long receive the gratitude and thanks of the country. Their sagacity and wisdom were shown in the location of this institution. It too frequently happens that, where schools and colleges are found

ed in towns and cities, the temptations and extravagance are so great that it may well be questioned whether the students derive more of benefit or injury from their collegiate course. Here they are removed from all such temptations and their only pride and ambition must be to excel each other in their studies. The foppery and frippery of dress cannot excite their jealousy or rivalry.

"The students of this institution will go hence with their minds imbued with the great principles of science and literature, virtue and religion. These are the foundations on which their future happiness, fame and prosperity must depend. From other similar institutions, surrounded with all the fascinations of vice and extravagance, it too often happens that the student carries with him into the world feelings, principles and habits, there contracted, which prove his ruin and destruction. The fond parent, instead of being proud of him for his virtues and attainments, will have to repent in pain and sorrow the disgrace and misery which their love and kindness have brought upon one of their own offspring."

Could any argument for Due West be more unanswerable? For all ages and circumstances it states the invincible case for "the holy city." With prophetic vision it forewarns against such places as abandoned Abbeville and gay Greenwood. Abbeville is out of the question. Greenwood's entire population indulges in the sinful practice of meeting at the pernicious Sunday trains in order to see who is going thither and coming hither. Moreover, Greenwood is scarce twenty miles from Laurens.

Erskine stays put! In Due West Erskine stands pat!—Greenville Piedmont.

THE HOME PAPER.

Dr. J. W. McGlothlin, president of Furman University, in writing to the Press and Banner recently, requesting that the University be placed on our list or exchanges so that the paper would be accessible to students, had the following to say concerning the home paper:

December 17, 1919.

Editor of The Press and Banner,
Abbeville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

"We have students from most of the counties of the state in Furman University. In some of the counties there are students from many communities, in fact, from almost all parts of the county. I have been wondering whether you would, not like to have an occasional news letter from Furman University with special mention of any items of interest connected with the students from your county. In case you desire such news letters, say once a month, I shall be very glad to furnish them. I believe it would be of interest to your paper in return to send a copy to our Library. It would tend to cultivate the habit of reading the local county paper in all our students, a habit which I regard as one of very great importance. Every young man ought to keep in close touch with the life of his home county, and I know of no better way to do so than to read the county paper. I should be very glad to hear from you in regard to the matter.

With great respect, I am,
Yours sincerely,

W. J. McGlothlin.

The local newspaper should be readily accessible. No young person will grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is the stepping stone of intelligence in all those matters not to be learned in books.

Give your children a foreign paper which contains not one word about any person, place or thing which they ever saw or perhaps ever heard of, and how can you expect them to be interested? Let them have the home paper and read of persons whom they meet and places with which they are familiar, and soon an interest is awakened which increases with the weekly arrival of the local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed, and those children will read the papers all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors, strong in the knowledge of the world as it is today.

Any newspaper is the companion and friend of the family, but the local paper is one identified with the interests of the home. It is conducted by those whom you know. Its columns are filled with what is of special value to you. In its prosperity you can best contribute by giving your support and patronage. Its interests are your interests. It is your friend; it, in preference to all others. No outside or foreign paper can possibly have claims upon you until your duty is discharged to your local paper.

Do the city papers say anything about Abbeville, its climate, healthfulness, schools, churches or any improvements of any kind that have been, or are being made? Do they mention your town and county news and the thousand and one other matters that The Press and Banner publishes without pay? Not much. Do they ever say a word gratis, calculating to draw to or aid in bringing in new people and developing the wealth of this community? Not a line. And yet there are men who take such contracted views of the matter that unless they get as many square inches of reading matter in their own home paper as they do in the city paper they think they are not getting the worth of their money.

This newspaper works for the home town, does all it can to build up the town, advance the interests of its citizens, draw trade here, puts money in the pockets of the business men, and adds to the well-being of all. Such a paper is not only entitled to the liberal subscription patronage of the town and community, but is entitled to the advertising patronage of every business man located here and in adjoining territory.

Providing for HIS Christmas

This is the store for
a man's Christmas

"The very thing I wanted and needed!" When a man says that about the gifts you give him---and says it sincerely---your sense of pleasure and satisfaction will match his, that's certain.



You'll find useful things of that type at this store; gifts that men really appreciate. Our label on any article of men's wear denotes quality and excellence to men of good taste; to give such merchandise is a compliment to your judgment.

Timely Suggestions

A Styleplus or Kuppenheimer Suit will fully satisfy a man's Christmas desires—especially if he needs a new one. They are the peer of Suits—recognized by many men as the "ace" in style, in fabric-quality, in workmanship. We have them here; a fine variety. Other suggestions follow:

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| Neckwear | Bath Robes | Handkerchiefs |
| Mufflers | Pajamas | Monogram Belts |
| Gloves | Motor Gloves | Garters |
| Hosiery | Cuff Links | Sweaters |
| Silk Shirts | Velour Hats | |

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—THE STORE FOR A MAN'S CHRISTMAS—