

THE GAFFNEY

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GAFFNEY, S. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

\$1.50 A YEAR.

FARMERS TO MOVE TO COTTON MILLS.

SOME WHEAT CROPS WERE SHORT THIS YEAR.

Fox and Rabbit Hunting in Lower Cherokee—Breaking Up Whiskey Traffic—Other Notes.

Wilkesville, Dec. 4.—We were struck with an article in last Tuesday's Ledger under the caption "Are You Jealous?" and we venture to say that the Ledger will have an opportunity of keeping those complimentary tickets a long time before they are called for by self-confessed jealous women who want to be cured of that malady. The same would be true if applied to men. Yet at the same time if all such would apply and were admitted, there wouldn't be standing or sitting room left for anybody else. We hope, however, the Ledger will have the satisfaction of placing those complimentary tickets where they will be most appreciated and do the most good.

Mr. V. C. Comer has assumed control of Howell's ferry and is now managing it. As a compliment to Mr. "Tillet" Hartford, we are told that Mr. W. R. Walker said to him (Tillet) that he hoped that he (Walker) could get his meal and hulls ferried over before he (Tillet) quit the ferry. When told of it Mr. Comer said he hoped so too. Vaney is not at all envious when such honors are being distributed.

Mr. J. N. Strain went to Hickory, Grove last Wednesday to take Rev. A. G. Buckner.

The rain Tuesday and Tuesday night put a stop to the play. Tuesday, in company with Rev. Mr. Buckner, your correspondent made a short visit to York side of Broad river and called to see Mrs. Wilson Brown and family and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smarr and Miss "Lyl." This is a home proverbial for its hospitality and the kindness and politeness of its inmates. We number the Smarr family amongst our best and kindest friends. Miss Lyl is a noble young lady. She is a great friend to the Ledger.

Since the rain Tuesday night the weather has been cool and wintry and cotton picking is progressing slowly—only a small remnant of the crop is in the field now.

The pulleys on the flat rigging at Howell's ferry are much worn and are now becoming hard to work. Several of the neighbors and friends went to Wesley's Chapel last Wednesday to see Mr. C. W. Blackwell and Miss Arrie Parr married.

Mr. J. Thomas Millwood's dog that was bitten about the time we killed ours, went mad and he killed it last week.

Mrs. S. F. Estes has our thanks for a mess of snare ribs and back home sent us. She can't enjoy a luxury without substantially remembering her poor neighbors.

Mrs. J. L. S. and Mrs. Sam Strain and children took part in the "Infant" dinner of Mr. Willie Blackwell yesterday.

Mrs. Mamie Strain and Mrs. Florence Kirby went over to "The Bible" yesterday to see the latter's father, Mr. J. Farrow Wright, who is suffering from cancer.

Mr. Tillet Hartford went to Spartanburg Monday night to make arrangements to move there soon. He returned Wednesday afternoon but we haven't seen him yet to get his report. We don't know how this neighborhood is to get along without "Tillet."

The county chainzang is now camped at Mr. Sam A. Lee's. We understand they have a large force and that they have done some excellent work above Gowdeysville.

The fox hunters made another drive yesterday morning down in the fork but we haven't heard what luck they had. On Mr. W. R. Walker's plantation they have found several dens where the foxes have. One adventurer says he crawled into the hole twenty feet and with a pole ten feet long could touch the bottom of it. We understand the foxes have been denning there for the last half century or longer.

The rabbit hunters and dogs will turn loose a little nearer Christmas. For the last few years this kind of game has been rather scarce in this neighborhood. It's thought that high water last August drowned out a large number of the young ones and that accounts for their scarcity now.

Some of our farmer friends who missed a crop this year will move to the cotton mills next year. This we are sorry to hear. It's very discouraging for a man who has been unfortunate in this respect to attempt to make a crop when he has to begin on a credit. But we believe that any man who is a man at all can get a reasonable amount of help and indulgence and we trust that those who feel discouraged (if any there are) will make such a move the very last resort. The cotton mills will get all the help they need and they need skilled labor—the kind that a farm hand can't give.

Robert Howard Russell, in Metropolitan Magazine, gives a very interesting sketch of the battlefield of Waterloo as it appears today after a lapse of ninety-three years since that battle was fought. Many of the buildings that were then there still remain and the scars on them testify as to the fierceness of the conflict though they have been somewhat repaired and made habitable in most

cases. On the day of the battle the greater part of the field was covered with crops of wheat, rye, barley and oats and the same crops are still grown there successfully each year, now.

It's a good tongue that says no ill, but a better heart that thinks none. The nobler a man, the more modest his estimate of himself, and the more respect he pays to his fellow man. Solomon was sobered by his immense responsibilities. He talked modestly about himself and he was no shallow or vulgar prince.

Col. Larry Gantt said when this new county of Cherokee was organized it wouldn't be long until Gaffney would run the county. His prediction has been verified if putting down the liquor traffic is to be taken as an indication. If it wasn't for the vigilant officials in Gaffney taking the matter in hand the wretchedness of the situation would be complete. Sheriff Thomas and his deputies and Mayor W. H. Ross and his forces are doing a great work for which all law-abiding citizens call them "blessed." Let the good work go on, gentlemen.

Mr. Willie J. Garner is the first to give a correct answer to our time problem—the answer is 2 o'clock and 24 minutes. Go up head, Willie. All we have heard express an opinion are agreed as to who was the prettiest young lady at Willie Blackwell's wedding. There is a young man in this community who agrees with them.

Love is a hot affair if we are to judge it from the way some young ladies dress in cool weather. This is general hog-killing day but Capt. J. T. Moorehead says the moon isn't right for it. We are told that one of our neighbors killed a hog and ground it up into sausage meat.

J. L. S.

SHE STOOD HER GROUND.

Used Buggy Whip on Young Man and Threatened Him With a Pistol.

Quite a little excitement was caused here Saturday afternoon by a difficulty between a woman street vender and a young fellow from the country named Jamison. The woman had a buggy on the street and was engaged in selling what she termed Watson fountain pens. Young Jamison purchased one of the pens and later came back and while the woman was making her spiel interrupted her and spoke disparagingly of her wares. The woman informed him that she was paying for the street privilege and warned him to desist. He refused to do so whereupon she seized the buggy whip and struck him a couple of smart raps across the face and neck. Jamison then made a hostile move toward her and she took a pistol from her grip and laid it on the buggy seat within easy reach. Jamison then complained to Chief Lockhart, who arrested the woman and required her to deposit a small amount for her appearance. He said that Jamison then threatened to swear out a warrant for the woman, and she deeming discretion the better part of valor shook the dust of the town off her feet and left for parts unknown.

Some who heard and saw the entire transaction say that the woman did right and should not have been molested, while others say that she was very offensive in her remarks to the bystanders and deserved no sympathy.

Old Folk's Singing.

The old people's song service, devoted mostly to singing of old time spiritual songs, will be held with the Grassy Pond church Sunday, the 27th, day of December. The services will be opened by Bro. B. Ray, who will use some old familiar song known by all. It is expected that the entire day will be given to the singing of praises and the returning of thanks to God for His great blessings bestowed upon us in the closing year.

L. B. Davis,
W. D. Byars,
Robert Taylor,
For Committee.

Dr. Simms in Union.

Dr. Simms leaves tonight for Union to attend the Baptist Convention. Dr. Simms has to make an address before the Pastors' Convention on Tuesday afternoon on "The ministers' attitude toward socialism."

There will be several Gaffney citizens to attend the convention.

LETTER FROM A FORTY-NINER.

Here is a simple, interesting and sincere letter from a rugged pioneer of '49, who braved the dangers and hardships of the overland trail to California. It should appeal to all catarrh victims.

Santa Rosa, Cal., May 5, 1903.
Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
Dear Sirs:—I was afflicted with catarrh, and tried a number of remedies, but received no relief. I used it for a month or so, and thought I was cured, and stopped using it for a year or so. Thought I was getting catarrh again, and started using it again. I use it every morning, and keep myself clear of catarrh. I consider it the best catarrh medicine that is used. I have often recommended it to my friends. I am 81 years old. I came to California in 1849, and of course am not as vigorous as I was 58 years ago. My address is 841 4th Street. Yours truly, W. Mock.

Hyomei (pronounced High-o-mei) is guaranteed by Gaffney Drug Co. not only for catarrh, but for grip, coughs, colds, bronchitis and croup. A complete outfit, including inhaler, costs only \$1.00; extra bottles of Hyomei, if afterwards needed, cost but 50 cents.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

EVENTS IN GAFFNEY AND CHEROKEE.

Recent Happenings in and Around the City and Other Events Gathered by the Local News Editor.

Cotton brought 8:99 on the local market yesterday.

Trade was surprisingly good with the Gaffney merchants last Saturday.

Street Overseer Coyle had a force of hands engaged in cleaning out the city Hall Park fountain reservoir yesterday.

Mr. Carr, our artist, thinks the new graded school building will make a fine souvenir card with that stove pipe sticking out of the front window.

Those who contemplate purchasing Gaffney real estate should read the big advertisement of Mr. J. B. Jeffries in this issue of The Ledger.

Mr. J. S. Roberts, of Atlanta, Ga., will conduct a dancing school here in the city. Mr. Roberts just closed a school in Elberton, Ga., and was very successful.

Prof. R. O. Sams was called to Jonesville on Sunday to attend the burial of one of his grandchildren, the youngest child of Mr. Mortimer Sams.

Mr. W. J. Wilkins was appointed a delegate to the Commercial Congress which convenes in Washington this week by Gov. Ansel. Mr. Wilkins left Sunday afternoon.

Capt. R. M. Gaffney left yesterday for Charleston, where he goes to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge. Capt. Gaffney is one of the best informed as well as most loyal Masons in South Carolina.

The Ledger's voting contest for the most popular mill operatives, male and female, is becoming warmer and warmer as the contest comes to a close. Vote for your favorite early and often.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Mr. T. C. Petty, to be found in this issue. Mr. Petty is in the monument business and would be pleased to exhibit his designs and quote prices to those who desire monuments, tombstones, etc.

We publish in this issue of The Ledger the statement of the Merchants and Planters' Bank. The interesting item in this statement is the fact that the bank has more than \$25,000 of undivided profits, and deposits of more than \$100,000, which is a healthy showing for the institution.

Mr. L. U. Campbell has placed a large force of hands at the Flint Hill mine, and will push the work vigorously from this time on. He has installed an engine and pumping machine, and will soon be taking out ore. Mr. Campbell is confident that the mine will be yielding handsome returns by early spring.

A small but appreciative audience witnessed East Lynne at the Star Theatre Saturday night. Miss Lillian Foster Goodwin, in the leading role, displayed ability and was the recipient of applause a number of times. Mr. Goodwin's Sir Francis Levison was all anyone could desire. It's a shame that such attractions are not better patronized in Gaffney.

The contract for the completion of the power dam at Ninety-Nine Islands, on Broad river in this county has been let and the work will be pushed with all speed. This will mean the expenditure of many thousands of dollars in Cherokee county, and the additional power obtained from this plant will do much toward developing the wonderful resources of the county.

Train 36, from Marion, N. C., to Rock Hill was wrecked at Blacksburg last Friday night in the yard. The engine jumped the rail and went to the right-hand side and struck a box car on the side-track, tearing a hole in the box car, and the car in turn tearing the cab off the engine, leaving Engineer Cliff Lee sitting on his seat unhurt. No one was injured at all, and scarcely any damage was done the engine, further than the loss of the cab.

Deputy Collector John P. Scruggs exploded a bomb shell among the tobacco and cigar merchants of Gaffney last Friday, when he informed them that all who had failed to cancel the stamps on tobacco and cigar boxes would be subjected to a fine of \$50. He found uncancelled empty boxes in about ten stores, and the proprietors are speculating as to the outcome of the collector's action. Collector Scruggs is also requiring all those who have been convicted in the State or municipal courts of selling whisky to take out a license for the time, during which they were engaged in the illegal traffic. It is likely that several will have to "come across" in this county.

—Buy your Christmas presents at Cherokee Drug Company. They will give you the most value for your money.

KINDERGARTEN MUSICAL.

Pupils of Miss Sams Delight a Select Audience.

The music pupils of Miss Eva C. Sams gave a musical Friday afternoon at her residence on Victoria avenue, which was attended by the parents of the pupils and quite a number of invited friends who are interested in Miss Sams's work.

The program was a very interesting one from start to finish, and all the little ladies acquitted themselves handsomely, each number showing in its rendition the training of a careful, efficient and painstaking teacher. At the close of the performance Dr. Simms made a nice little talk, in which he complimented the pupils upon their ability and advancement, and Miss Sams upon the good work she is doing in her chosen profession, laying particular stress upon the fact that Gaffney could ill afford to do without her and her services as a teacher. Miss Sams is peculiarly adapted for her profession, and her young pupils all love her, which is the strongest proof of her excellence as a teacher and as a woman.

Following was the program for the occasion:

March, Op. 29, No. 6.....Dana
Eula Lee Crawley
The Rocking Horse.....Gurlett
Jennie Cleo Dobson
Polka, Op. 29, No. 4.....Dana
Agnes Leila Camp
Grandfather's Dance (C. G.).....Gurlett
Isabelle Marion Porter
Waltz, Op. 29, No. 1.....Dana
Bertie Hayden Spake
Transposition—Melody (C. A. F.)
Sharp, (C. Sharp).....Gurlett
Jenelle Elliott Thompson
The Forest Echo, Op. 40, No. 1.....Lynes
Juliet Lipscomb Nesbitt
Galop, Op. 29, No. 3.....Dana
Helen Katherine Lipscomb
Viennese Waltz.....Gurlett
Jenelle Elliott Thompson
Vacation Waltz.....Marston
Bessie Thackston Crocker
Snow Bells, Op. 30, No. 3.....Dana
Fannie Mae Jones
Priere a La Madone, Op. 23, Moreley
Willie Parks DeCamp
Lullaby—Village Dance.....Marston
Nell DeCamp
Chant Du Paysan.....Rendano
Mattie Lee Phillips
Staff Notation, Rhythm
Kindergarten Class.

Gowdeysville News.

Gowdeysville, Nov. 30.—Prof. J. R. Kirby, the teacher of the Gowdeysville school, spent from Thursday until Sunday at his home at Gaffney. Mr. Kirby is boarding with Mr. Richard Foster and Prof. T. G. Chalk, who is teaching the Holmes school is boarding with Mr. D. Both Hughes. Both of these gentlemen are excellent teachers. The members of Mesopotamia Sunday school are preparing for having a Christmas tree. Every scholar will get a free prize that does not miss attending Sunday school more than two Sundays, so we are informed.

We are sorry to report that Grace, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Moss, is very unwell, also Miss Sunie Mabry.

Mrs. Lillie Hughes and Miss Effie Jones, who have been working in the mill at Jonesville, returned to their homes here last Saturday, to stay.

The Sunday school at Rehoboth is progressing nicely. It is our intention not to go into winter quarters this winter as we have been doing heretofore, but to have a live, ever-green Sunday school and we feel sure that we will be successful in it. There have been some official changes made in our Sunday school. Mr. M. E. Kirby, former secretary, has been elected assistant superintendent to fill the vacant term of Mr. George W. Turner, who was called to his last reward on November 8th, and Mr. Boston Harris has been elected secretary. Rev. L. R. Gaines and Prof. John R. Kirby, each gave us a splendid and instructive talk on the lesson Sunday. The hours for Sunday school have been changed to 2 o'clock instead of 3 in the afternoon—one hour earlier.

Mr. James Ivey has begun moving his corn and roughness to his new home near Mr. J. Blackwood's. Mrs. Sallie Hames and granddaughter, Miss Mae, of Grindall, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. J. A. Hames. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hames are having a new coat of paint put on their house. Rev. L. R. Gaines, of Gaffney, is doing the work.

Messrs. Richard Farr and Mike Trammel, of Kelton, were welcome visitors in our Sunday school Sunday. Mr. Edna Orr caught a fine possum last Wednesday morning near our home which weighed eight pounds.

The chainzang is camped at the T. Derbin Littlejohn, old place and is working the roads through this section this week.

Mrs. Nannie Millwood and your correspondent spent Saturday with Miss Maggie Moss, and had a most enjoyable time.

Rev. Jesse Lawson, of Kelton, will fill the pulpit at Skull Shoals next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Lawson is a fine preacher and a noted singer.

Meeting of Executive Board.

The executive board of the Broad River Association will meet in Gaffney Monday, December the 21st, 1903, at ten o'clock a. m.

The members of the board are viz: J. D. Bailey, S. M. Bagwell, T. C. Brown, Dr. A. M. Simms, J. B. Brown, C. P. Hamrick, C. A. S. Campbell, B. L. Hoke and E. R. Sapoch. Every member is urged to be present.

All applications to the board for help must be presented on or before that day.

J. D. Bailey, Chrm.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM BLACKSBURG.

DOINGS OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Brief News Notes and Personal Paragraphs Gathered by Our "Iron City" Correspondent.

Blacksburg, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Sallie Davis returned home Saturday from Spartanburg, where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Whisnant.

Mr. M. A. Metts spent a day or so in Bostic last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Push Dover, of near Antioch, spent Friday in town with the latter's sister, Mrs. Tom Hughes.

Messrs. T. H. Hughes and John Cline left last Wednesday for Forest City, N. C., where they have work with the C. C. & O. Railway Company near that place.

Miss Nora Gaston, of near Buffalo, spent last Friday night with her cousin, Miss Della Rhyme.

Miss Vic Mintz, of the Buffalo section, spent Friday night with her aunt, Mrs. D. D. Gaston, on Cherokee street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Davis have moved into the cottage recently completed by Mrs. M. E. Deal.

Mrs. Marion Moore and sister, Mrs. W. T. Johns, left Monday night or No. 40 for Charlotte, N. C., and from there they go to Florida to spend the winter with their mother.

Miss Georgia Sapoch, of Mt. Paran, was in town Saturday.

Little Miss Lucile Hoke entertained a number of her little friends Monday afternoon from three to five o'clock, in honor of her sixth birthday. All the guests had a merry time and left wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. J. L. Brown, of Charlotte, N. C., spent last week here with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Anderson.

Dr. W. E. Anderson leaves tonight for Charleston to attend the grand lodge of the Masonic Order.

Mr. J. L. Brown, of Charlotte, N. C., spent Wednesday night here, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson.

Rev. B. L. Hoke left this morning for Union to attend the Baptist State Convention this week.

Mrs. F. M. Sossamon and daughter, Miss Carrie Lee, spent Sunday at Clifton with Mr. Frank Sossamon. They report a good time.

Messrs. R. S. Cooksey and Ed. Sossamon went over to Spartanburg Saturday night to see "The Traitor."

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Leach, of Hickory Grove, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. W. B. Lowry and children, of Patterson Springs, N. C., visited her daughter, Mrs. Mike Roberts, on Shelby street.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Held by Jr. O. U. A. M. at Holly Grove School House.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. of Holly Grove Council No. 67 assisted by the Buffalo Council No. 27 held a Thanksgiving service at Holly Grove school house November 26th. The members of the orders assembled at the hall promptly at 10:30 and marched to the speaker's stand, which had been erected near the hall.

After some music by the string band Rev. B. L. Hoke, of Blacksburg, talked for a short time on the study of the Bible in the public schools. Bro. Hoke earnestly advised that the students be taught the Bible but said that he and the order did not approve of sectarianism being taught, and that no true teacher would do this. The patrons and teachers heartily endorse Bro. Hoke's suggestion. In conclusion he presented the Holly Grove school with a beautiful edition of the Teacher's Bible to be used in the school. Prof. R. E. DeBark, principal of the school, with a few appropriate remarks, accepted it in behalf of the school.

Mr. T. R. Pencar, counselor, then introduced Hon. J. E. Beangardner, who delivered the principal address of the occasion, who showed by the scholarly way in which he mastered his subject that he was familiar with the great principles of virtue, liberty, and patriotism. At the conclusion of this address a flag was raised on the school building.

Next on the programme was a good old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner, and that the ladies of South Carolina understand the culinary arts was proved beyond a doubt by the bounteous repast of which, after thanks were returned by Bro. Hoke, all were cordially invited to partake.

After dinner the band entertained the audience with a number of selections which completed the program. The lodge here deserves great credit for its zeal and enthusiasm in the diffusion of the principles of virtue, liberty and patriotism.

One Present.

First Baptist Church.

There was a good Sunday school and at 11 a. m. and a house full of people. Dr. Simms spoke on the parable of the sower, showing the likeness between things we know and spiritual things. There was one addition by letter. The Lord's memorial followed the service.

At night there was a small gathering, owing to the rain, but the service was conducted according to announcement.

FILBERT NEWS.

Observations and Contemplations of "Ben Hope."

Robert R. F. D. 1, November 30.—"Whoever has traveled life's dull round, wherever his stages may have been, may wish to think he still has found the warmest welcome at an inn." —Shenstone.

In speaking of woman, a certain writer says: "Not she with traitorous kiss her Savior stung, Not she denied Him with unholy tongue; She, while apostles shrank, could dance brave, Last at His cross and earliest at His grave."

Gentle reader, we were all young once; that is, those who are old now were, and while I have not as yet reached a very advanced age, in my journey through life, still I have already begun to realize what it is to leave one's youth all in the dim regions of the past. But however, we may regret it all, we have to content ourselves; for there is no alternative, and the future rapidly becomes the past. But "Ah! happy years! once more, who would not be a boy?" —Byron.

I shall have to forego my regular anecdote this time, as my stock of same has run short. Mrs. Jim Watson has had a severe attack of some sort of an eye disease. She ran over to Charlotte one day recently to consult a specialist, and since then she is very much improved in health.

Mr. Billy Stewart, whose illness I have several times mentioned in these letters, passed away Tuesday night. He is to be buried in the Beersheba cemetery this (Wednesday) afternoon.

It is the day before Thanksgiving when this is being written. It is a fair day, and all nature seems at peace. Oh! that it could be thus always. But it cannot. Everything is bound to change, either for better or worse. But goodness and truth are the same to-day, to-morrow and forever.

Mr. John R. Hogue spent Wednesday night at Filbert, visiting Mr. W. A. Carroll and family.

Ben Hope spent Thanksgiving at Mr. H. S. Love's.

Miss Innes Hogue spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. John Mitchell, near Hickory Grove.

Miss Ellen Mitchell, of Hickory Grove, came up home with Miss Innes Hogue on Thanksgiving eve, and is spending a few days in our section.

Messrs. Sump, Cain and Joe Stephenson, in company with Mr. W. A. Carroll, of Filbert, spent Thanksgiving at Mr. J. R. Hogue's. Mrs. W. A. Carroll also visited the "old folks" that day.

Mr. W. L. Caldwell and family went over to Bowling Green on Thanksgiving day, to be present at a turkey dinner. I suppose that Mr. John and Mrs. E. N. Caldwell also went as the dinner was something in the nature of a wedding feast, their son and brother, Mr. Charlie Caldwell, having married Miss Ella Thompson, of Yorkville, Wednesday. I have known Charlie ever since I can remember, and I wish him all happiness in the state of "double blessedness."

Messrs. Roy Meek Hogue and Brown Love took a "wild-geese chase" to Clary Hill this week (Friday).

I am truly glad to know that so many of our farmers are sowing quite a supply of small grain this autumn. Ah, yes; let the good work go on.

Mr. "J. L. S." I have had the pleasure recently of meeting several of your neighbors.

I have had a cold lately, but am now quite well, although I fear I may have the toothache one of these "fine days, as I have a tooth which seems to be contrary. But I won't "cross the bridge before I come to it."

Come on, ad-men; we need you fellows in our business.

In the death of Carmack the South has lost a very brilliant man.

Mrs. Rachel Burns spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Cobb, of Hickory Grove.

Miss Fanny Burns is visiting at Hickory Grove this week.

Within the next few weeks, we are going to begin just such a department in The Ledger as I have recently suggested. The editor writes me that he has no objection to such a department, and so we shall soon have the first installment thereof ready for publication.

'Tis not long ere Christmas will be here once more. And what are all of our readers going to do on that occasion? I know that you are all thinking about it by this time. I suppose that I shall spend a very quiet Christmas, as I generally do. Yet, I always find some enjoyment in "the Christmas times." It is truly a time when we should "play and make good cheer; for Christmas comes but once a year."

I desire to express my thanks for the editor's Thanksgiving editorial. It is really a fine piece of writing. And right here, I also wish to serve notice on him that I don't intend to write any during Christmas week. But I'll turn up bright and early new year's morning.

Ben Hope.

In an outburst of enthusiasm, a divinity student in a North Carolina college uttered this earnest prayer: "Give us all pure hearts; give us all brave hearts; give us all clean hearts; give us all sweet hearts!" to which the congregation responded: "Amen!"

—A present to suit your purs at Cuesokee Drug Company. Go and get it.