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THE CALL OF CHRISTMAS.

The happiness of the Christmas time is the fruit of love. It is born of the joy of giving. It is the celebration of the gift of a life to the world; an act which was but the spelling out of one letter in the whole alphabet of divine and infinite love. But it was a letter so plain that the lowliest could read it, so simple and clear that men lay aside their opinions and subtleties and yield themselves to its spirit.

Christmas is separated from the rest of the year by something other than lines of the calendar. It is a season by itself in which, with a sense of freedom, we abandon ourselves to a spirit or a law which we do not recognize or obey on other days. We place ourselves under the law of unselfish love and, for a few short days, realize how much better it is to give than to receive.

Even with all the mistakes we may make in our giving, even with the mercenary spirit that may enter in, or with the servile bending to foolish customs, there is still ruling us all for awhile a desire to make others happy, a laying aside of our own wills and ways, a forgetting even of our own griefs and grudges, and an endeavor to make peace and good will, kindly feeling, happiness and helpfulness dominant. We taste the delights of the life and law of love.

Then, the season over, we turn back to the dreary grind of daily strife; we put our necks again into the yoke of competition and gain. The sun seems to have set on a day of beauty and risen on one of grim struggle. Like an oasis in a desert of greed stand the few days of unselfish joy and beneficence.

But why limit these joys to so short a time? Why should not that which makes these days so good be good for all our days? The season of peace on earth and human harmony is a call to make its essential spirit and principle permanently dominant through all our lives. Let these days preach their own sermon; would not this world be a much better place if we might always think of others as we do now?

This does not mean that we must close our places of business permanently, nor that life must consist in the pursuit and exchange of presents.

But it would mean that the spirit of the babe of Bethlehem and the man of Nazareth, who looked upon his life as being for others, and said: "I came not to be served but to serve," would take the place of the spirit of self-seeking, of greed, of mammon.

Is there no other way of living than by the rude law of might? Is it still true that the only safe motive on which to predicate action is self-interest? Is there no higher law than the law of business? We do not need to be monks nor dreamers to believe that man has long outgrown the wolf, and that he lives by higher instincts than the predatory.

All men know the glory, recognize the rightness of the life that gives itself in service.

To place ourselves under this law of the service of mankind would mean the coming of the kingdom of heaven; it would mean becoming more like the Glorious King of men who found his kingdom in the path of service, in obedience to the spirit of love for men and faith in men.

Good will on earth is God's will for man.

The path of happiness always leads by some and one's side.

Giving is always a poor investment when it is an investment only.

The National Democratic convention will be held in Denver, Colo., June 23.

It is generally admitted that Will Bryn has profited most by the withdrawal of Senator Mallory and Candidate Trammell. Though a "dark horse" may be trotted out who will upset all calculations.

"Young Mr. Farris of Jacksonville" is the style of reference most in vogue with the press of the state when speaking of the lately announced candidate for Congressman Frank Clark's shoes. The newspapers are practically unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Farris is "up against it." And the newspapers generally reflect the sentiment of their respective localities.

Mar's Henri Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal says that "patriotic men everywhere are to be congratulated that we are to have no such strain put upon us as a campaign for a third term, which could mean only proposed overthrow of our institutional system for a dictatorship," and adds: "In renouncing his declaration on the night of the last presidential election, Mr. Roosevelt confirms that view. Obviously he thinks as we think, and as all good Americans should think, on that point. So hurrah for Roosevelt! Hurrah for Bryan! and hurrah for the Red, White and Blue! and the Star Spangled Banner, oh, long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

The Pensacola Journal's special Christmas edition, published last Sunday, was the largest, most entertaining newspaper ever published in west Florida. The paper consisted of eight sections of eight pages each—64 pages in all. For 365 days in the year the Journal is Florida's most up-to-date daily newspaper, so it was an easy matter for Editor Mayes to excel in the matter of a Christmas edition.

Hon. Park Trammell has withdrawn from the race for the U. S. Senatorship. He says it would cost too much, and more than his own pocketbook would stand. It is an open secret that Mr. Trammell was sadly disappointed in not receiving those hearty assurances of support from the administration, after his announced candidacy, which his loyalty and efforts in its behalf seemed to entitle him, and which he had abundant reason to expect.

There is a possibility of harmony in the democratic ranks of Volusia county. The remnant of the old insurgent element once led by the late J. Hall Brumsey, P. D. Q., has been seen peeping through the columns of Chris Coddington's paper waving a white flag with one little unimportant condition addressed to Jim Perkins, written across the face—just enough of a condition to allow Chris, and the other decent fellows in the outskirts to come back home and enjoy their veal without feeling humiliated. It is well. We hope Jim will meet 'em half way.

J. H. Reese, associate editor of the Tallahassee Sun, and whose relations with Gov. Broward are perhaps closer than those of any other newspaper man in the state, says that the governor denies the report of a Jacksonville afternoon paper that he would call an extra session of the legislature for January 6th. Mr. Reese says: "It is recognized in the official circle that he will not call the session unless it becomes a necessity. Thus far the state's finances have been so handled that the session could be avoided, but there is no guarantee that this will continue to be the case. Just at this time, the license tax money is being poured into the general revenue fund, and there is no immediate scarcity of money about the treasury, but when the stream is cut off, as it may be at almost any time, there must come some makeshift, and what the form of this will be nobody has ventured to predict."

The announcement was made from Pensacola on Tuesday of the withdrawal of Florida's senior U. S. Senator, Stephen R. Mallory, from the race to succeed himself. Senator Mallory's withdrawal is due solely to the condition of his health, which for a long time has been poorly, and which for the past month has been in serious if not critical condition, and the belief that he could not recover in time to make an active campaign for re-election. It has been generally conceded that Senator Mallory was the favorite in the coming race and his forced retirement on account of ill health will be an occasion for general and sincere sorrow in all parts of the state. Senator Mallory has served two terms as a member of the lower branch of the Florida legislature, two terms as state senator, two terms as a member of congress and with the expiration of his present term will have served two terms as United States senator.

The Gospel Herald of DeLand published last week a special illustrated edition in the interests of John B. Stetson University. This edition is dedicated to the people of Florida, and its one purpose is to acquaint them somewhat with the splendid equipment of this magnificent institution which has been solemnly dedicated to the work of supplying a Christian education to the young men and women of the state. If the News was asked to voice its predominant wish for today it would be that this issue of the Gospel Herald might be laid tonight before every family circle in Florida and that its contents could be read, viewed and discussed from the proposition laid down in its opening article, viz: "Christianity and education are Florida's best friends and at the same time its greatest needs. The churches and Stetson University, together with the public schools and other schools, are working to give Florida a better Christianity and the intelligence that a free people ought to have." And more, we would wish that this same Gospel Herald might become a regular weekly visitor to every Florida home. We know of no way in which the family can invest a dollar with greater promise of results that will prove of real and lasting benefit, as well as wholesome entertainment.

State Teachers Association.

Florida State Teachers Association, 1907-1908 will meet at St. Petersburg, Florida. Tickets will be on sale at all Atlantic Coast Line ticket offices in Florida December 29th and 30th, with return limit up to January 3rd, inclusive.

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What State Editors are Saying

Not Corporation Talk—

Jeff. Browne has been promptly spotted by those opposed to his gubernatorial candidacy as a "corporation man," meaning thereby a representative of corporate encroachments upon the rights of the people. But in Mr. Browne's speech at DeFuniak last Thursday, he used this language:

"I shall recommend the enactment of a law to revoke the license of any foreign corporation doing business in Florida that shall transfer a case from a state to a Federal Court. Litigation in the Federal Courts is very expensive and many a poor man by his inability to carry his case through these tribunals is prevented from obtaining justice. The tendency to transfer cases is a reflection on the integrity of the State Courts, and those foreign corporations that seek to do business in Florida must be made to understand that they cannot treat our courts with contempt, nor will they be permitted to prevent our people from obtaining justice, by entangling upon them expensive litigation in the United States Courts. The right of a state to revoke their licenses for this cause is no longer a mooted question."

No corporation candidate would be likely to recommend such legislation as that, for if the corporations, especially, the railroads, love any one feature of our system of government better than another, that feature is the United States Courts, to which they fly as to the shadow of a great rock in a weary land when things are getting too hot for them in the state courts. No railroad corporation wants a Governor at Tallahassee who will recommend legislation that will deprive it of an instance of the friendly shelter of the Federal Courts. And Mr. Browne said something else in his DeFuniak speech which it is well enough to remember in sizing him up as a candidate. He quoted with approval the following words of a great southern statesman: "The man who would do the railroads wrong in order to get the people wrong whenever he wants something from the railroads, worse than he wants public office."

Illness of Senator Mallory—

While there is much to be glad of in the report that Senator Mallory's condition is better than it was shortly after the inception of his present illness, the people of the whole state will share the regret of this community, where he is best known and best loved, that his illness has been so severe as it has proved.

Mr. Mallory's singular purity in public life has been almost unique, and is the explanation of his strong hold on not only the votes, but the affection of Floridians, preserving, as he has done, the high ideals inherited by his father, the same. His fidelity is even now illustrated by the fact that, though he has not been able to recover sufficiently to go to the opening of congress, his correspondence is attended to in part by his secretary in Washington and in part by Mr. Mallory's dictation of letters here.

A LETTER TO MOTHERS.

Dear Friends:—It would do your hearts good, I am sure, if you could look on me at Chaudron Hall when school is in session, and see the happiness of your children here at the University. Probably they will tell you themselves about the beautiful buildings, the richly furnished parlors, the spacious halls, the excellent rooms, and the other comforts they have. They will probably tell you, too, of their good times.

With your permission, I would like to tell you of their studies and of some things in regard to which we could get you better results, through your kindly co-operation. There is more study done in the girls dormitories this year even than there was last year, and we thought last year that we got less results. We are careful to push the matter of study to the point where the young women would break down nervously. Our first aim is to preserve their health; our second is to bring them into sympathy with right religious and moral views of things and our third is to produce a character and conduct through the ability gained in their studies.

Some of the young women have evidently not learned to study at home, and these receive our constant sympathy. Some of them say they have never been under restraint at home, and it is necessary for us in such cases to teach them self-restraint and also obedience to the rules of the dormitory.

The mothers of our girls could help us greatly if they would write us somewhat fully with regard to their own wishes in respect to their daughters. In so far as we can comply with these wishes in conformity with the rules of the school, we shall be glad to do so. We know how anxious the mothers of our girls are for their welfare. I personally request all these mothers to write me concerning their children, telling me something of their earlier education, their home training, their church relations, their mode of life, something of their health and disposition, their home environment. I earnestly desire the sympathy and co-operation of mothers in enforcing the discipline which the University has adopted for the government of the young women at Chaudron. I feel a personal interest in each one of them. I am grateful for the many courtesies they have shown me and for their willingness to respond to the higher life of the spirit in our work together. Pledge their love and I beg leave to assure their mothers that I shall watch over them carefully and prayerfully day and night while it is my privilege to be their Dean.

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A DESPERATE FIGHTER

Courage and Daring of Colonel James Bowie.

HIS DEATH IN THE ALAMO.

Dramatic End of This Bravo, Generous and Determined Spirit—The Way the Fearless Fighter Once Protected a Preacher in Texas.

One fine summer morning in 1833—the year that Santa Anna seized the presidency of the new republic of Mexico—a small party of horsemen crossed the Sabine river about sixty miles from its mouth and entered Texas territory. Most of them were clad in buckskin and armed with rifle, pistol and knife—a rough, determined looking crowd, with two notable exceptions, one clean shaven, dark skinned, with a bright, restless eye that scanned the woods constantly, as if in search of an enemy, and the other a small, mild mannered man, whose general appearance betokened the preacher. These two were riding in front, talking earnestly of the convention which had just been held at San Felipe de Austin and of the possibility that Texas might one day become an independent state. Suddenly some one in the party behind them started a song with a memorable chorus—

When other states reject us,
This is the one that always takes us.
From that jingling rhyme some derive the name "Texas." Certain it is that this great new land took in and sheltered many a fugitive "who left his country for his country's good." This prince of pirates Lafitte had sailed away from Galveston ten years before, and his thousand freebooters were scattered to the four winds, but crowds of adventurers from all parts of the world were pouring in, with many of the better class, to swell the tide of Texas immigration.

The little band jogged on and finally reached the mouth of San Augustine, then a mere collection of rude log huts, with one or two adobe structures built by Spanish missionaries. Here the preacher posted a notice that the Rev. Henry Stephenson of the Methodist denomination would hold a meeting in the evening. At the hour named the house was crowded to overflowing with rough, desperate men, all armed and ready for any fun or fray that might arise on such a novel occasion. The minister gave out a hymn, and it was sung with spirit. Then came the text, but not another word would the crowd hear. They hooted and yelled, shot off their pistols, crowed and brayed in derision. The tumult was deafening. The quiet little preacher stood his ground bravely, though in his heart wishing he were well out of it. With difficulty his traveling companion forced his way to the front, still carrying his rifle and a huge knife in his belt. The wild cheer that broke from the crowd sounded in the ears of the preacher, now thoroughly alarmed, like the howls of a pack of wolves or the yells of Indians hungry for scalps. But instead of jumping upon him this strange man, with restless eyes flashing and long black hair streaming over his shoulders, jumped on a bench and, throwing his hat to the ground, shouted in a stentorian voice: "Men, this man has come to preach to you! You need preaching to, and I'll be blanked if he shan't preach to you! The next man who disturbs him shall fight me! My name is Jim Bowie!"

The effect was magical. With quiet, respectful attention the rough audience listened to the sermon, joined heartily in the closing hymn, and not a few persons came up to shake hands with the little man and apologize for the rough reception they had given him. A month later at the first camp meeting ever held in Texas some of them became members of the church, and in 1838 the cornerstone of the first Protestant house of worship in the republic was laid in San Augustine.

The man whose timely aid proved so effective was Colonel James Bowie, and the knife in his belt was the noted "bowie knife," given to him by his brother, Rezin P. Bowie. It was made of a large file, strong, of admirable temper and gave its name to a family of terrible weapons not yet extinct. Crockett met Bowie for the first time in the Alamo, and he writes in his journal: "While we were conversing Colonel Bowie had occasion to draw his famous knife, and I wish I may be of the party, and were consequently enough to give a man of a squeamish stomach the colic. He saw I was ad-

mirring it and said he, 'Colonel, you might tickle a fellow's ribs a long time with this before you'd make him laugh.'
Brave, generous, determined and enterprising, James Bowie's sought adventures for his hazards, and he was naturally among the first to take up arms for Texas independence. Three more desperate men were never brought together than Travis, Crockett and Bowie as they took their last stand within the walls of the Alamo. Sick and helpless in bed on that last terrible day, Jim Bowie died fighting. As a Mexican ran forward to kill him he roused himself by a supreme effort, caught his assailant by the hair, plunged the fatal knife into his heart and fell back dead.

When the story of his death was told to his mother in Louisiana, she said, "I am sure Jim never died with a wound in his back," and, with a quiet smile, turned again to her household duties.—Exchange.

Gratitude is a fine virtue, and yet it is wearisome when carried beyond due bounds.—Le Sage.

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Mix some and give it a trial. It certainly comes highly recommended. It is the prescription of an eminent authority, whose entire reputation, it is said, was established by it. A druggist here at home when asked stated that he could either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as harmless.

Dizziness in Clothing Gifts.
In the giving of Christmas gifts there is much difference in the appearance of the outside daintiness and the ordinary wrapper, says the editor of Madame, that I would suggest to my readers that whenever possible clothe your gifts in a fancy covering. Dainty colored tissue paper tied with baby ribbon in contrasting and harmonizing colors, with a spray of holly tucked in the bow, will speak of the sender's interest. Again large envelopes of flowered crepe paper or Japanese napkins tied with tinsel cord and a spray of mistletoe is a novel device for sending gifts. You should do this to the home gifts as well as to those which go to outside friends. It would also be nice to inclose a Christmas card or send with the gift some appropriate and personal quotation. It expresses a special greeting.

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Order For Publication.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Putnam County, Florida.—In Chancery.
Anna DeWitt, by her husband and next friend, Wm. H. DeWitt, vs. Harry A. Heath, alias Henry A. Heath, and Nellie G. Heath, his wife, and Johnson Optical Company, a corporation under the laws of Michigan, the defendants therein named are non-residents of the State of Florida, and the defendant Johnson Optical Company, a corporation under the laws of Michigan, is a resident of Detroit, Michigan, and residence of the defendants Harry A. Heath, alias Henry A. Heath, and Nellie G. Heath, is unknown; that the defendants are over the age of twenty-one years, it is therefore ordered that the defendants be and they are hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before MONDAY, the 6th DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendants.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for eight consecutive weeks in the Palatka News, a newspaper published in said County and State, as to Harry A. Heath, alias Henry A. Heath, and Nellie G. Heath, his wife, and once a week for four consecutive weeks as to the Johnson Optical Company, a corporation, etc. Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of November, 1907.
JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court.

By R. HAYMOND PRICK, Deputy Clerk. E. H. HARKELL, Solicitor for Complainant.

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In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Putnam County, Florida.—In Chancery.
Pearl Chestnut, vs. Noah M. Chestnut, Divorce.
It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Noah M. Chestnut, the defendant therein named is a resident of the State of Florida, and consents himself so that process cannot be served upon him and is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said defendant be and is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before MONDAY, the 6th DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant.

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