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CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

"Time slips through quickly," wrote Elizabeth Fry, and did she not write truly? Here we are on the threshold of another Christmas when it seems that our feet have scarcely left that of the Christmas of 1901.

But some may be asking, as was asked by another: "But is old, old, good old Christmas gone? Nothing but the hair of his good gray old head and beard left?"

THE TEACHER.

What mistaken ideas the scholars entertain of their teachers. The writer remembers when at school, to have been fully impressed with the notion that his teacher had absolute aversion to recess and horror of holidays.

Mother never stops when the baby cries, but O, how delightful the rest when it does come. So with the faithful teacher. Unstinted effort, unselfish devotion until the closing hour and then a sigh of relief.

THE STUART MONUMENT.

Major Venable was justified and more in subscribing \$100 to the Stuart monument fund, and our hope is that a much larger sum will be realized.

We are more than willing that the citizens of Richmond should decide the matter of the proper site for the Lee Monument, but we have been often grieved to note how neglected the present environment looks.

"Don't want the job," says Senator Hanna. Rather be Warwick than wear the robes of highest office. We really believe the old man could beat Mr. Roosevelt if he would set his head that way.

Thos. Nast, the chief of Cartoonists, is dead. His best work was done in the memorable Grant Greeley contest for the presidency. He literally caricatured Horace Greeley to the grave.

Now that the cold has come Greater New York, city of wealth and magnificence, presents a sad sight. Thinly clad men women and children, stand and shiver in long lines only to buy a small bucket of coal.

"The Legislature is to be asked to appropriate \$100,000 to the Jamestown Tercentennial, and also \$50,000 to the St. Louis Exposition. We move that the Board of Supervisors send out of the two turnips exhibited in Smith's store last week, to each of the above expositions, just to let the world know that Charlotte is still on top."

Our very much regret that the Hon. E. C. Folkes does not command the support of his brother legislators. In our opinion he is one of the most useful public servants Virginia now has in her employ.

Some three years ago the farmers of Accomac and Northampton counties formed a trust, if you prefer to put it that way, for mutual protection, and it has acted like a charm.

Senator Foraker would have the Government appropriate \$100,000 to be devoted to the cost of marking the graves of Confederates who are buried North of the Mason and Dixon line.

Mr. Carnegie has deeded his \$2,500,000 New York palace to his little daughter, Margaret, with the proviso that pa and ma will be allowed to occupy it with her ladyship.

Biographers of the late Thos. B. Reed differ widely as to the powers of the man, but all agree that he was personally honest. Could this have been an honest conviction?

Strange but it is true, that the Gulf of Mexico has sent a snow storm up North.—Richmond Times.

Now that Charlotte has voted a subscription to the new railroad we presume the work of building will begin at once.

"The white people of the South have been singularly generous in providing for the education of the negro. They assumed the burden at a time when they were scarcely able to educate their own children, much less those of their former slaves."

And now they tell us that the line of battle will be drawn with Montague and Swanson on one side, and Martin and Willard on the other. Mr. Willard alone denies the new combination.

The members of the Constitutional Convention who voted to proclaim that dissent, have been selected as targets for the John Wise-Hayes arrows of spite.

They tell us that the Democracy of the South will assert itself. Tired of "back seats" there will be a movement to the front. This is well, and who dare say it should not be done?

The negro lawyer, Hayes, has filed his declarations against a community of defendants, and the hat moves around more lively. Barium, if living, would have no doubt added, even Afro-Americans love to be humbugged.

Ex-Governor Tyler's boy says pa will be in the Senatorial race. The Herald has advised the old gentleman to stay out, and his advice is good. Either Montague or Martin, and no chance for Tyler.

We are firmly fixed in the opinion that the primary plan is the best plan and the viva voce system of voting the best system, and that the people should elect Commissioners of the Revenue.

That was an impressive cartoon we saw in the New York World; the empty coal scuttle knocking piteously at the door of Santa Claus.

Mr. Williams Jennings Bryan has moved into his twenty-thousand-dollar and twenty-room house. "May he live long and be happy." And yet with all his prosperity he is still in touch with poor folks, says the Baltimore Sun.

Col. T. F. Goode, of Mecklenburg, has for the ninth time sent a \$1,000 Xmas gift to the old Confederates of his county. "The noblest Roman of them all."

The oyster question is up again. It ought to be settled in the interest of all Virginia, and legislators, no matter what you do in this regard, spare the noblest article of food known to man.

Chicago has already had zero weather, and numbers of persons have died there from the effects of cold. The "strikers" are getting in deadly blows now.

The price of silver continues downward.—Richmond Times.

And yet three silver dollars will buy the Times, one of the leading dailies of the nation, for one whole year.

That immortal man, Gen. R. E. Lee, said: "But year after year my hopes go out, and I must be resigned." Did the exigencies of war ever place upon the great commander heavier burden?

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Congress is still legislating against the sale of liquor in the capitol building, and the members are proceeding to do the "cold-tea" business at the old stand.

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