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A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all The News readers.

THANKS.

WE return thanks to the big Times-Union for the following paragraph from Tuesday's issue and no doubt our neighbor joins in the appreciation :

Fort Pierce is another South Florida city which has grown with great rapidity. The Fort Pierce News, which entered its sixth year with the issue of Dec. 4, says that when it began five years ago there were 300 people in the village, no streets worth mentioning, a few stores and unlimited scope for improvement. "Now with a population of 2,000, a number of up-to-date business houses and modern hotels, a fine system of streets, sidewalks and street lights, the city has grown to be one of the most progressive on the coast." It may be said, too, that during that five years of growth Fort Pierce has had the benefit of an up-to-date weekly in The News and during the past three years of another in the Tribune. Both newspapers are exponents of a gratifying degree of culture in the community.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND CHRISTMAS.

ALL the old troublous questions of the origin and destination the Gallilee carpenter have passed. All the medieval worriment discriminating between human and divine has gone, all the puzzled quiry into the miraculous. No longer is mankind stirred over the essential. Theories of Him fade away, dogmas on His nature lose ir charm. His gentleness has conquered. His influence continues nd widens. Slowly brightening, the gleam that touched him spreads through the world. His spirit moves in the face of civilization and makes it kindlier every generation. The touch of his hand is on the grief-stricken. Nurse, physician and nun are the messengers of his teaching. The vestal fires burned out, but never the fires of His spirit, which answer each other from mountain top to mountain top across the continent. And deep in the heart of the people they make family life sweeter and ease the bitterness of failure and ignorance and all life's incompleteness. That wonder-working personalty was never so potent as today, so insistent and tenderly sure. Under a thousand forms, creeds and names men serve Him. And however far we go in the conquest of nature, identifying the North Pole, climbing the sky, prying open electrical force, mapping out the subliminal, diminishing sin, disease, war, poverty, ignorance, always in advance will be that gracious figure of the Sinless One who showed love as the rule of life. One perfect man, ardent and gentle, the race will never tire of Him.

The holiday spirit inheres in the merriment of children, a religious glow for all participants, a burst of generosity for those less favored and a sense of universal peace. Stated more concretely, the deep concerns of the day are the child, the family, the church and the poor Its active celebration consists of releasing the good will of each heart through unselfish action or gratitude. Its atmotphere derives from the old-time attractive belief that at a certain season of the year there was a Peaoe of God. with a laying down of arms and a cessation of strife. The hope of the day is that there shall be an extension of the area and time limit of that peace till it gathers in the nations and interpenetrates the daily struggle of the individual. A holiday season offers us the chance to step out and look at our work and the spirit and purpose of the work. It is a seventh day affirmation of the worth of the six days of headlong creative activity. Like the Gobelin tapestry weavers, we are mostly on the wrong side of our own pattern. It is profoundly good once a year to see that the outworking is gracious and progressive. The deeper mood of Christmas is quieting to tho perturbed spirit of us. We are permitted to glimpse the eternal order, to know that the near foreground is torn and swaying with blind struggle and muddy turmoil, but that behind it for all the reaches of space, there is the assurance of a great peace.—Collier's Weekly.

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To all Creditors, Legatees, Distributees and all persons having claims or demands against said Estate:

You and each of you are hereby notified and required to present any claims and demands which you or either of you may have against the estate of Ed F. Glutsch, deceased, late of St. Lucie County, Florida, to the undersigned Administratrix of said estate, within two years from the date hereof.

Dated Dec. 16, A. D. 1908.

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