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Christmas Eve

God bless the little stockings
All over the land to-night,
Hung in the choicest corners,
In the glow of crimson light!
The tiny scarlet stocking,
With a hole in heel and toe,
Worn by wonderful journeys
The darlings have to go.

And Heaven pity the children,
Wherever their home may be,
Who wake at the first gray dawning,
An empty stocking to see,
Left, in the faith of childhood,
Hanging against the wall,
Just where the dazzling glory
Of Santa's light will fall.

A Christmas Gift For Jesus.

A Christmas gift for Jesus,
And what shall such gift be?
An offering of knowledge
To send across the sea,

Where many little children
Ne'er heard the Christmas story
Of Jesus' loving kindness,
His suffering and glory;

Where many little children
Ne'er heard of Christmas joys,
Or trees with presents laden
For happy girls and boys;

Nor read the Bible story,
How wise men came by night,
And saw amid the darkness
A wondrous star of light,

Which guided them to Bethlehem,
Across Judea's plain,
Where shepherds watched their flock by
night,
And heard the glad refrain

Of "Peace on earth, good will to men,
Behold, the Christ is born!"
And thus they heard the tidings
That blessed Christmas morn.

Shall we not tell to others
How Jesus from above,
Brought e'en to little children
The blessing of his love?

'Twill be a gift to Jesus,
That we send across the sea;
He saith of all we do for these,
"Ye did it unto Me."

'Twill be a gift for Jesus
If we help the poor and old
To comfort, warmth and shelter
From Winter's piercing cold.

If we cheer the weary-hearted
By kindly word or phrase,
'Twill help to bless and brighten
This glad some day of days.

Oh, not alone for pleasure
Has this glad day been given;
'Tis a mile-stone on life's pathway
To guide us nearer heaven.

'Twill be a gift for Jesus
If we strive to do our part
In building up His Kingdom
With true and thankful heart.

Let us bring a gift to Jesus
The coming Christmas tide,
Of earnest effort for the right,
And in His love abide.

Room for Thousands More.

Send the tidings o'er the mountains,
O'er the valleys and the plains;
Let the people hear the echoes
O'er the country's broad domains;
Bear them from Atlantic's waters
To the far Pacific shore—
In our noble, friendly Order
There is room for thousands more.

Tell the story to the millions
Who should join our noble band,
Let them know what we are doing
For the good of all the land;
Bid them come in friendly numbers
Through the ever open door,
For there in our good old Order
There is room for thousands more.

We have soothed the widow's weeping,
We have dried the orphan's tears,
We have helped the poor and needy,
We have banished grief and fears;
We have cheered the heart in sorrow,
In our charity for man;
We're a noble friendly Order,
Doing all the good we can.

Come and bear your part, my friend,
In the noble strife we wage;
Let our motto be your watchword;
Work—life's sorrows to assuage,
You may do some act fraternal
For a brother tried and true,
Who will not forget the kindness,
But will do good deeds for you.

—Rainbow.

The pain of living without pleasure is
well worth the pleasure of dying with-
out pain.

Canon Scott, of Woolwich, says that
one of the greatest blots on our Christi-
anity is the fact that in England we have
70,000 girls engaged in public-houses and
drinking-bars, there to work for many
hours amidst temptation, foul language
and impure air.

Visiting Among Divisions.

There is an article in one of our
fraternal exchanges entitled "Visiting
among Lodges," with is equally applica-
ble to our Divisions and Division mem-
bers. Our readers will note the points
specially adaptable to themselves. Too
much encouragement cannot be given
the practice of members visiting other
lodges besides their own. It has many
admirable features. In private life
nothing gives greater pleasure than a
sociable, visiting disposition among
neighbors. It begets a spirit of sym-
pathy and helpfulness born of a better
knowledge of one another's peculiarities
and needs. It breeds a disposition for
cleanliness, neatness and preparation, as
the visitor is liable to drop in at any
moment. The communities where social
visiting is carried on most freely are the
happiest, most light-hearted, most chari-
table and generous, most liberal and
forbearing, and have the most knowl-
edge of the current events of the times.
The kind of visiting here spoken of is
the intelligent, friendly and well-mean-
ing kind, not the obtrusive, criticising
fault-seeking, story spreading kind,
which is the bane of any department of
life in which it is found, and which
should find no favor with the housewife
who regards her happiness here or here-
after.

So it is in fraternal life. The lodge
where visitors are expected will be up
and dressed at all times; its officers will
take pride in being fully prepared in the
work of their positions; its derelict
members will make it a point to attend
more regularly, and in a general way
everything will pass off more pleasantly.
If you show us a lodge that can boast of
a goodly number of visitors regularly,
we will show you a lodge prospering in
the highest degree in every sense. Also,
show us a lodge whose room is kept in
good order, whose officers are posted in
their parts, whose members are pleasant
and agreeable to brethren of other
lodges, and we will show you a lodge
whose meetings are always attended by
several progressive members from neigh-
boring lodges, and where every member
temporarily sojourning in the city or
town will manage to spend an evening
when he can. Lodges should take pains
to make it pleasant for visitors. It
should be the duty of some member or
officer to make the acquaintance of visit-
ing members, and at recess to introduce
them to all present, and the acquaintance
thus formed should be kept up in subse-
quent meeting on the streets. Then on
the other hand, visitors should be care-
ful and not criticise unkindly anything
they see, whether in keeping of the lodge
rooms or the manner of conducting the
meetings.

In fact, to sum the whole thing up,
the only thing necessary to make visit-
ing popular, pleasant and profitable is
the exercise of the principles of ordinary
hospitality, politeness and brotherly
feeling, which underlie all society, either
organized or unorganized.

Hypocrites and such Like.

Every now and then we meet with the
same samples referred to by our brother
of the *Temperance Index* in the following:
"It is no doubt a fact that the good in-
fluence of temperance societies is often
very much impaired by the inconsisten-
cies of some members. The man who
will take the solemn obligations of a Son
of Temperance and sneakingly go behind
the door for a drink is too mean to be
recognized as a citizen. The presence of
such creatures in a Division room is a
source of weakness to the order bringing
as they do disgrace upon not only them-
selves but all who are connected with
them. We have no sympathy or patience
with such hypocrites and would deal with
them without mercy but neither do we
have any sympathy with those who plead
the inconsistency of members of temper-
ance societies as an excuse for holding
themselves aloof from such organizations.
Total abstinence societies have a great
work to do, a work which no other agency
can perform, and it is the duty of all
good citizens to help them. If they are
not properly conducted, if the members
are not true to their principles, good
citizens should not hold aloof from them
but should take hold of them all the
more vigorously, drive from their ranks
those who should not be there and fill
their place with the true and the honest."

Temperance News and Notes.

Mr. St. John calculates that there are
800 miles of saloons in the United States.

Out of 40,783 commitments recorded
during the year in Ireland, no fewer than
19,075 were for drunkenness.

The keeper of a bar-room in San Fran-
cisco, while among his casks in the cellar
was killed by the explosion of an empty
cask, one of the staves crushing his skull.
His light ignited the accumulated fumes
in the cask.

King Kama, a South African chief, is
said to be very enlightened and tries to
stop the sale of ardent liquors to his sub-
jects. He besought the English Govern-
ment to prohibit the liquor traffic among
his subjects, but all in vain.

Dr. Albert Day says: "As the jackal
follows the lion and preys upon the slain
so do disease and death await upon the
footsteps of inebriation. The free and
universal use of intoxicating liquors for
a few centuries cannot fail to bring down
our race from the majestic athletic forms
of our fathers to the similitude of a des-
picable and puny race of men. Already
the commencement of the decline is
manifest, and the consummation of it,
should the causes continue, will not
linger."

IT IS interesting to note now that
little by little the federal authorities at
Washington are coming to recognize the
strong hold the Maine prohibition law
has upon the people of that state and to
fall in line in the effort for its enforce-
ment. The National Temperance
advocate recently pointed out that the
announcement was made that in order
that there may be no conflict with the
State law prohibiting the sale of liquor
in Maine, the Treasury Department has
ordered that unclaimed spirits imported
into that State, which under the statute
must be sold, shall be removed to other
States for that purpose. This practical
recognition by the Treasury Department
of the right of a State to prohibit all
sale of liquor is as it should be, and in
this instance is good for Maine, but we
hope for the time at no very distant
period when all "other States" will be-
come like unto Maine.

MORE TEMPERANCE teaching in
the home, more home pledge signing,
more temperance teaching and total
abstinence pledge signing in the Sunday-
school, more and better temperance
teaching in the public schools, more
temperance books and literature in
school and Sunday school libraries,
more mothers' meetings with temperance
readings, more total abstinence
public meetings, gospel temperance
meetings, more temperance in sermons
and prayer meetings, these are some of
the imperative needs of the temperance
work of to-day. In our intense interest
in the law and its enforcement let us not
forget the foundations upon which the
law rests.

The Bishop of Cloyne, Ireland, has
ordered the priests in his diocese not to
say mass, nor attend the funeral, nor
recommend the deceased to the prayers
of the congregation in any case where
intoxicating drink is supplied at the
wake of the deceased person, or at the
funeral.

Sunbury Division, N. B.

The following is the programme of
entertainment held in connection with
Sunbury Division, No. 385, last week. A.
A. Treadwell W. P. in the chair. In-
strumental duet, Miss Barker and
Mamie Harrison; chorus; Dialogue by
Miss Magee, Mable Brown and
Winifred Perley; chorus; Recitation
by Miss Charters; Dialogue by Hattie.
Maggie and Kate Harding, Aswell
Sewell and Ashley Dykeman; Duet by
Miss Barker and Miss Erving; Dialogue
by Mamie Harrison, Bertie Bent, H.
E. Harrison and Charlie Bent, Song by
C. T. Clowes; Dialogue by Kate, Hattie
and Maggie Harding and Ashley
Dykeman; Recitation by Winnie
Perley, Dialogue by Mrs. Edgar, K.
Harding, A. Dykeman O. Sewell; Song
by Ashley Harrison; Recitation by
Mabel Brown; Dialogue by D. A.
McSorley and M. Smith; Song by Chas.
Bent; Recitation by J. Shields; Dialogue
by Miss Magee, Winnie and Fannie
Perley; Song by A. A. Treadwell;
Dialogue by H. E. Harrison and C.
Bent; Song by H. E. Harrison;
Dialogue by F. Clowes, C. Estey and
W. Erving; Closing Ode.

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