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CHRISTMAS

Probably there never has been a subject that has called forth such torrents of words as has Christmas. This theme has occupied the attention of the singers of song, the scribblers of verse, those writers who cast their thoughts into the more prosaic mold of prose and of countless speakers, both in and out of the pulpit, until it would seem that what man could say of it has been said. And where words have failed, the sculptor, the musician, and the painter have loaned their genius to swell the grand total of the proclaiming of the coming of Christmas.

However, it is a subject that will never grow old, so long, at least, as the Christian religion is recognized in the four quarters of this world. It is the one day of the year which commands the attention of Christian peoples; it is the world's birthday; if such a thing may be said. The most common method of treating it, is to proclaim "Peace on earth good will toward men." Of this text there are many interpretations. There is the one that takes the first part of the sentence in its most literal sense, which would believe that the lion and the lamb will lie down together and that discords among mankind will cease.

That is a beautiful ideal, but it is no more and no less than an ideal, and like all ideals, which never can offer more than a goal for strivings, it will never be attained, except it be in the days of that so far distant future that there can be no picturing of the time. For Christmas with all its teaching and all its inspiration, must forever rest on the frailties of human nature. Strife is an axiom of life, it may almost be said. The kind of peace that the Christmas text preaches is not of necessity that kind of peace that is opposed to war; war meaning the clash of arms between nations. It may be possible some day to effect a federation of man, but friction there still will be, of one kind or another.

The very churches that now, from one pole to the other, join in happy commemoration of that world-changing event in Bethlehem so long ago, were born of strife, and strife of the bitterest kind. For hundreds of years the history of the church was the history of actual militancy, of the shock of battle and of blood-spilling combat. But these were the growing pains of the world that Christianity might live. Strife means life and life means accomplishment. Who today would have those struggles of the past wiped from history's pages if the church were to be the price? Man as a unit in nature must sacrifice himself to the grand evolutionary scheme of the ages, and in that evolutionary scheme there are institutions as well as mere physical manifestations of existence.

Would it be wrong to say that the church stands for strife, or was the man who wrote "Onward Christian Soldiers," blinded by the influences of his time? Was there ever a revolutionist of greater zeal than that son of a carpenter whose birthday the world will soon celebrate? Was there ever a man who cared less for the standards of that day than this baby born in a manger? Did ever anyone leave the beaten path with greater joy than he, or dictate to his followers more amazing commands of tradition-defiance than did he? Christ was the prime revolutionist of them all, and from the old he brought forth the new, which will some day be the old. It is a cycle, and the building up must be as slow and incessant as is that of the coral reef.

But, it being recognized that friction there will be, it is the lesson of the season to oil the parts, that the friction may be reduced to the minimum. To-day, this oiling between nations is found in the construction and maintenance of massive armaments. This may not seem to be so, it may be a statement which may almost cause derision in the minds of some, but, after all, can it be denied that it is the truth? Some day the kind of oil may be changed, but to-day war is being fought by the passive instruments of war. And

of the struggles that are on the face of the earth to-day, what are they? In the Near East is it not Christianity struggling against another and baser religion? True, there are other causes, for the days of the holy wars are over, but isn't the deep-seated cause that inevitable friction between the followers of the Christ and those of Mahomet?

And in the industrial world; why all of the contention that troubles whole nations in these days? Is it not the result of an attempt to worship two gods? Is not Mammon enthroned and holding sway, and is not there righteous rebellion against this? Is not the Golden Rule forgotten or blindly ignored? Is it not true that the underlying cause is failure to live in accordance with the plan laid down by the revolutionist of 1913 years ago? What is lacking to-day in the world is justice between man and man, and justice is but the Golden Rule said in a single word.

Therefore, be not disheartened if strife and dissension seem to abound. Remember that Christianity shows itself in other places than under the church spire and that even men who know not what they do, are impelled and driven on by its forces. All peace is relative and the world to-day is as the grave in comparison to what it was a thousand years ago. Progress is slow, but if it strives, it is sure. A truly militant Christianity is the real way to bring about the days of real good will to men.

NEAR PREMIER FLEMMING'S PROPERTY?

(St. John Times)

Among the arrivals in this country a few days ago were two farmers from Kent, England, who, through the efforts of H. T. Hoag, have succeeded in finding a suitable farm in this province and placing their capital of some \$15,000 on 300 acres of land near Woodstock, where they will raise stock.

Mr. Hoag was requested to meet the ship in order to see if some of the passengers could not be persuaded to locate in this province, as no other official from New Brunswick was meeting the boat. He found accommodation for two farmers from Kent, with their families—fourteen persons in all—in this city, and put Messrs. Cowper and Scott, the business-like agriculturists, in touch with A. B. Wilmot, who came down from Fredericton and sent the men up to see Mr. Hay, another member of the provincial immigration department, at Woodstock.

The purchase of the farm, which adjoins Premier Fleming's property was consummated on Saturday, the two families having left St. John for Woodstock on the previous day. Building operations on the farm will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

THANKS FOR BOQUETS.

The St. John Telegraph under the heading "A Live Weekly" says:—The Carleton Sentinel of Dec. 12 is a specially attractive number of sixteen pages. It contains much interesting news, including a full page account, with nine good views of the thriving town of Woodstock. Altogether this number reflects credit on the management of the paper.

The Carleton Sentinel, edited by Mr. Lynott, has just issued a handsome Christmas number. It is a credit to Woodstock, as it is to the office publishing it.—St. Andrews Beacon.

The more advertising a newspaper has the more valuable it is going to be to its readers and to its advertisers alike. "Economy of space," especially at Christmas time, is false economy from the live merchants viewpoint. He knows that for several weeks preceding the big holiday of the year people who may be very hard to interest at other seasons are scanning the columns of the recognized advertising medium, not once or twice a week, in a desultory sort of way, but every night with a definite object in view. And he gives those people what they are looking for—the most interesting and varied information he can about his own stock.

In the call to service at the Fielding banquet in Montreal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier made this noble appeal: "There are higher and better things than fighting for power; that is to fight for the wives, for the children, for the men who upon reduced wages must face the coming cold Canadian winter. And come, let us fight this battle of humanity."

If the proper interest is taken in the Agricultural Society possibly we can keep at home the money that goes to outside exhibitions.

When the Liberals were in power the Conservatives explained away the prosperity of the country by the one word, "Providence." And now that the Conservatives are in power their leaders would explain away the depression that is manifesting itself throughout the country by the same word, "Providence." The times are always out of joint, it seems, with the Tories.—Chronicle.

It is the wise shopper who studies carefully the local Christmas advertising columns before "sending away" for anything. The Woodstock stores carry to a very surprising degree the same variety of goods to be found in the great retail centres.

Hear that old familiar strain, "Turkeys are very high." This is the favorite song as Christmas appears. The only answer to this tune will be "eat chicken."

If you don't hurry up you won't be able to shop early. But you will always be able to shop in Woodstock. Do it now and here.

Looks like a skating rink in the proposed agricultural building. A step in the right direction.

Teachers Who Receive Honorable Mention

In his annual report to the Chief Superintendent of Education, Inspector F. B. Meagher will make honorable mention of the following teachers through whose efforts additions to school apparatus and other improvements have been made:

Lena V. Scott, Laura Orser Dora M. Barker, E. J. Alexander, Wilhelmina Hayward, Mamie K. Corey, E. Fern Page, Frances J. Sinnett, Lena Ritchie, Anna C. Kelly, Margaret Pringle, Edna J. Pearson, Ethel Jewett, Robert Wilson, Edith Weade, Alma B. Havens, Blanche Murray, Beulah C. McAllister, Annie I. Rice, Gaynell E. Long.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Christmas is a good institution, be it examined from any angle. The Christmas spirit is one to foster and encourage. It means unselfishness, charity, peace, liberality, good cheer, all desirable traits in themselves and all tending to make the world a better place.

While the Christmas holiday is a Christian institution in name, no one religion holds a monopoly of the Christmas spirit. It is common to all religions. It means a striving to make others happier, an effort to better conditions for mankind. It means sharing your good fortune, no matter how small the portions may be. It is the essence of the Golden Rule.

While one can do much good to others by the radiation of the Christmas spirit, the greatest good is done to oneself. No man can bestow a gift, either material or spiritual, on another without benefiting himself. He must elevate himself by the exercise of the emotions that Christmas calls forth, and this elevation must be more or less permanent. No man can be much different one day in the year from what he is the other 364 days.

So blessed be the spirit of Christmas! Exercise it during the closing days of December and you can't help but be the better for it, and you can't help but continue its benevolent influences during the months that follow.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Are you lucky? Guess the weight of the turkey in Stevens Drug Store Window. A 25c. purchase enables you to a chance.

Ladies Kozy Slippers in Blue, Red, Brown and Grey for 75 cts., at the Cash Shoe Store, Gibson & Ross.

A six dollar turkey will be presented by Steven Bros. To first customer guessing his correct weight. See him in the window. HE IS A DANDY.

Buy your perfumes at Steven Bros and you may win the big Turkey if you are first to guess his correct weight.

Gibson & Ross sell the Genuine Palmer Shoe packs, men's, \$2.00 per pair. All first quality goods have the trade mark on them.

Stevens Bros have a very large assortment of Chocolates. Every 25c. purchase enables you to a guess on the weight of the big turkey in the window. Do you want him for your Xmas dinner.

W. F. DIBBLE & SON are having a special Holiday Sale of Cooking Stoves and Ranges. From this date until Christmas they will make a special discount of TEN PER CENT from the regular price. If you want an up-to-date Cooking Stove or a Steel Range now is the time to make your purchase. Kindly remember the special sale closes on Xmas Eve. Make your selections early.



THOUGHTS FOR XMAS

Decide that Gift Problem Today

Give "Him" Something to Wear

At this store you will find it a pleasure to do your CHRISTMAS Shopping, because our stock is so big and the assortment so varied that you can find just what you want at the prices you want to pay

Our selection of Boys' and Men's Wear suitable for GIFTS is very extensive and so reasonably priced that you will be GLAD YOU CAME HERE TO BUY

Suits
Overcoats
Reefers
Fancy Vests
Shirts
Underwear
House Coats
Bath Robes
Hats
Caps, Neck Ties,

Gloves
Mitts
Mufflers
Handkerchiefs
Suspenders
Sweater Coats
Garters
Arm Bands
Hosiery
Umbrellas, Etc

Make a mental note of the items in the above list that interest you especially, then come and see how big the values are

The John McLauchlan Co. Ltd

THE GIFT STORE FOR MEN AND BOYS

In their New House—2 doors below Old Stand

OUR
Overshoes
are the Best



OVERSHOES

(Maltese Cross Brand)

Some of Our Overshoe Prices

Men's Storm Overshoes	\$1.25
Men's Heavy 1 buckle	1.50
Men's Jersey 1 buckle	1.75
Men's 2 buckle	2.00
Men's 3 and 4 buckle	2.75



OUR
Prices are
the Lowest

You Can Save Money by Buying at the Cash Shoe Store

GIBSON & ROSS

The Cash Shoe Store

WOODSTOCK, N. B.