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## CHRISTMAS!

A Holy Day or a holiday? A day of feasting and frolic, or a day revered and of worship?

A day of love gifts, God's great gift to a lost world. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Christ's great gift to the church—Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot nor wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.—Eph. 5-25-27.

The great price paid: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood.—Acts 20-28.

The gift or the Giver. We heard an evangelist tell a personal experience. After an absence of several mothhs from his home, his heart overflowed with love for his wife and children, and he purchased many and valuable presents for each member, as an expression of his love. On his arrival at home he anticipated a great reception, but as he entered his home, the children called out, Dad! What have you got for me? He opened his grips, giving his wife, who stood by, her presents, and the children theirs. Each received their gifts and went into another room to examine and enjoy their gifts, and he found himself alone. No fond caresses from his wife nor children. The tears rolled down his face in deep disappointment. The gifts outshone the giver. How about God and his gift? How about Christ and his gift? How about the pastor who has done his best, and poured out his heart's sincere love, and his life? How about father and mother? Is there no gratitude? Is there no debt of love? Are you waiting for father's

boots? and mother's life savings? Is the giver precious to you?

A time of generous giving. The poor remembered. Many people's hearts overflow; and their gifts follow their heart's

leading; but sad to say, it is for one day, 364 days unprovided for in great numbers of homes. God provided in his gift for time and eternity. Christ provided in his gift for royal fitness of the church, for a habitation with God, and himself, and the holy angels, "that it might be holy" and with-

out blemish.

The writer was called a few days ago to visit a sick woman and found one of the saddest conditions he ever looked upon. A woman less than fifty years, sick with an advanced stage of consumption, six children in the shack, and the poor woman utterly unable to care for them; husband working when he can get work, but unable to give his family anything like a living, the poor wife uncared for, and in her condition not a single public institution that we know of in New Brunswick where advanced cases of consumption are provided with a comfortable shelter for the poor, with this dread disease. No place in the hospitals, sanitoriums, municipal homes, only the poorest kind of a shelter in a very out-of-the-way place. There should be a place, as free to such people as the Father's house of many mansions.

This would be a great boon. A Christmas gift with the spirit of Christ in it. All these public institutions are good, a Godsend to multitudes, but this kind of cases gets the answer-No room! An ad. might be put in a paper by such: Wanted-A place to die in.

Gifts to friends, and dear ones? Yes, certainly, express your love by every and all means, but there is a question at times, a love gift, or merely an exchange, let every gift be a real love gift, or an offering or sacrifice to meet a need. This may include the debt on your church or parsonage, or for the home and foreign missionary work. The support of native worker, or to help pay the salaries of the missionaries, or toward building our new missionary church or hospital at our missionary station, or the house now being erected for the tSerritt Sisters, or for the Highway Supplementary Fund. There are plenty of openings for your tithes, offerings, gifts, and sacrifices.

Jacob's covenant—"And of all that thou shalt give me. I will surely give the tenth unto thee."—Gen. 28-22.

This is not a Christmas gift, but that which enters every financial enterprise of life. We do not get rid of this by criticising Jacob's life. That is a matter between God and Jacob.

But this is a system of co-partnership which is pre-eminently successful from which we get ninety per cent. God only ten per cent. Of all that thou givest me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. If you want a most generous deal try it.

"Hate burns the hater more than the hated."

"Truth has nothing to fear from the future."

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Robert Barr writes: I am still sitting here in my chair ever since you were here and cannot notice much change in myself. The Lord is with me and gives me grace and victory in my soul. Many of the saints have come to see me and pray with and for me, and my soul has been wonderfully blessed of God, and some have come that the Lord has made me a blessing to. I will say right here now that it pays to live close to God where he can bless us and make us a blessing. I have not been able to go to the house of God for a long time and I miss it much, but I content myself home in prayer and meditation on the things that are the nearest my heart, and that is holiness unto the Lord. I praise God for my faithful wife who cares for me continually with such pleasure.—Your brother in the Lord, Robert Barr.

### OBITUARY.

Mrs. William J. Savage.

Gertrude Hartnett, widow of the late Wm. J Savage, of Fort Fairfield, died Saturday morning, Dec. 3rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Kimball, where she had made her home for some years. Mrs. Savage had been in rather delicate health for a number of years, troubled with a weakness of the heart and later with weaknesses peculiar to old age.

The funeral took place at the late home at 1.30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Wall, D.D., pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. H. Smith Dow, pastor of the Reformed Bap-

tist Church.

Beautiful solos were rendered by Mrs. E. L. Wall, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "The Last Mile of the Way," with Miss Bessie Cheney at the piano.

The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous indeed. The pall bearers were Silas Jameson, J. G. Cheney, Frank T. Kimball and Joseph Emery. Burial was made in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Savage is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. H. Tucker, of Florida, and Mrs. Minnie Kimball and Mrs. Lizzie Kimball, of Fort Fairfield, Me.

# THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK.

Dear Brother Baker:

Your kind letter reached me yesterday. I praise the Lord for the wonderful way he looks after his people, even when they lose their youth and feel not like they used to. The day your letter came my wife was taken very sick. I had to stand over her and hold on to God in prayer, and after a while she rallied. God heard my prayer, and today she is better; it was heart trouble, and I don't believe she would be alive today if she had not been prayed for. We would have no home without her. We feel these things more keenly as we get older. Today, Dec. 8th is my 72nd birthday. Glad to hear you are well. Hope you may see many years of life yet, but we are not among the young any more.

Your brother in Christ,

T. W. MOSES.