having the Saviour born in his home. There was

no room for him in the Inn. What did the message mean to Mary? She received the blessing that every Jewish woman hoped for, that of being the mother of the Mes-Yours for true holiness. iah. She was honored above women. Yet it says P. J. TRAFTON that she kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

> What did the message mean to the shepherds? An honor was bestowed on it in that they first heard it. The message came to those who were watching. After their fears were allayed a hope was born in their hearts. They said let us go. They put legs under their hope and found it even as the angels had said. Then their assurance was followed by rejoicing.

> What should the message mean to us? If we follow the "Wisemen" we too shall find our Saviour and the finding of him will infuse us with a spirit of giving. God so loved that he gave Jesus, and Jesus so loved that he gave himself. How great is our love today? Is it so great that we too will shun that which would rob us of our Saviour. The Saviour should come first in our lives. If position, fame, or the favor of men comes first then we are no better than Herod. If we are in a business that we cannot take Jesus as a partner then we are better out of it.

> The sacrifice of Jesus means that the veil is rent in twain and we can enter into the Holies of Holy. Atonement has been made for my sins and of the whole world. By the rejection of Christ we are saying 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him.'

Let us not be like the Innkeeper turn Jesus from our hearts and home. May he be born this Christmas in the heart of everyone. Make room for Jesus, enthrone him without a rival.

And finally, as the shepherds may we be found watching and ready to take the message to those who have never heard. May we be possessed with a hope and rejoice with the heavenly host saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

S. G. HILYARD

## THE CHRIST CHILD

What meaneth this stir in Heaven? That home of Eternal rest, Where Peace ever flows as a river, Bringing balm to each waiting breas

Why await, those bright shining angels The signal of opening chord? 'Tis because they'ed proclaimed to all mankind The birth of a Savior and Lord.

For low in Bethlehem's manger, The "Christ Child" to earth has come, Herald far and wide the glad tidings, Redemption for man is begun.

What hope, what joy and what blessing, That small infant form doth enfold, Rejoice, sing aloud, rock and mountain, Make it known, till all nations be told.

Let our song of Praise with the Angels A harmonious symphony blend Hail Prince of Peace! promised Savior, Bringing "Peace and Good Will" toward men. -M. McBrien, Amherst, N. S.

## NOT SUDDENLY—

"No moral collapse comes all of a sudden. Evil thinking precedes evil practising. The sudden outward change proceeds from a gradual inward preparation."

have the message the people need, we have a good message, we have the O-N-I,-Y message" And I feel like saying Amen! Beloved, this is no time to talk defeat. God still honors faith. Men want God as much today as ever. One man walked eighteen miles last Sunday to get to our altar Sunday night and God did not disappoint him. Another man came ten miles last night to get to the prayer service and pray for heart purity. This is a bit of evidence at least to show us that all men are not hopeless. A farmer has the same faith when he is planting the seed and cultivating the same, as when he is reaping the harvest. All of our reaping is the result of some faithful sowing. So whether God would have us labor with the sowers or rejoice with the reapers we should talk faith and keep at it.

Yours in His glad service.

F. A. DUNLOP

Kingston, N. B., Dec. 10, 1934.

Dear Brother Dow:

Please fine enclosed, ten dollars, \$10.00, for Post Office Order, to apply to the Passage Fund. I wish I was able to send more for this is a need that I feel should not be neglected by us who stay in the homeland. Africa is calling for help, our missionaries are well equipped to answer and supply in a great measure that need, and they are ready and willing to go, even desirous to go. (I am speaking now of the Sanders family), and we are the stewards or holders of God's money and means, while many of us are perplexed to our wit's end to finance our own immediate home needs, dare we neglect that urgent call from the helpless, when God has said go, it seems to me that there are few in the homeland that need be in want for the spiritual bread of life with all the means of distribution that we have at hand. If any do not receive much of the gospel it will be because they do not want it. The condition with the heathen is quite different, they have not yet heard the word or had the privilege of hearing. Their cause makes a strong appeal to me. May the Lord help us all to hear and see and do whatsoever He saith unto us.

Wishing you the blessing of peace and good will that this season should renew in all the hearts of God's people. I remain,

Your brother in Christ.

J. W. COSMAN

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway:

We would like to report through your columns progress in connection with the work on this field.

We held revival services at Sandford, N. S., beginning Sunday, Nov. 18th, and continuing to Dec. 6th. Rev. Edward W. Tokley of Toronto, Ont., was our evangelist. He had been recommended to us by Rev. Peter Wiseman, and our boys who attended Amesley College, spoke very highly of him. We felt immediately on meeting him that we had made no mistake in our selection. He knew God, his Bible, and preached the truth of full salvation in the demonstration of the spiritual power, he was a preacher of the Word. The Lord owned messages to the good of many souls, both at Sandford and Port Maitland. A number were reclaimed and sanctified. Some were sanctified who had been seeking for years, but they were happy finders during this meeting. The church was greatly helped and we are looking forward to enlargement in the future. Brother Tokley was one of the clearest preachers on the second work of grace we have been privileged to listen to, he emphasized it in almost every discourse, under the unction of the Holy Spirit. He was a grand altar worker and carried

a burden for the work. He was kindly entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landers. We hope to have him back at some future date. We praise God and take courage.

FOR SINNING PREACHERS

A certain preacher closed his sermon with the declaration that "no man can live without sin." "No one," said he, "can keep the commandments. I break them all myself, every day and hour." He called upon a staunch old saint to close with prayer. The brother prayed about as follows: "O Lord, have mercy on us! Thou hast said: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' and 'Thou shalt not bear false witness;' and here is a preacher who says he breaks them all every day and hour Thou hast said, 'Thou shalt not steal,' 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' and 'Thou shalt not kill,' and here is a preacher who says he breaks every commandment every day and every hour. Lord have mercy on us, and send us a better preacher. Amen!"--Pentecostal Herald.

Temperance is reason's girdle and passion's bridle; the strength of the soul, and the foundation of virtue.—Jeremy Taylor.

Lowliness of heart is good soil for the seed of faith.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In a few more days we shall enter into the Christmas season. A season that is celebrated by the giving of gifts and feasting. Yet so many seem to forget the Great Gift, Jesus, and that if Christ was taken from Christmas we would have little left.

In Luke we read that the angels came with the first Christmas message to the shepherds as they watched their flocks. The message was 'For unto you is born this day a Saviour'. 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.' Did that message mean anything to the people of that day?

What did this message mean to the Wisemen? Up until now these men had been interested in all the stars, but now they are concerned about One. 'We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.' By forsaking the lesser to follow the greater they were brought to the Saviour. They received the spirit of giving; for they brought presents for the young Child. The message meant enough to the wisemen that they shunned that which would rob them of Jesus. They went home another way,

What did the message mean to the king? Jesus was born king of the Jews. Herod was troubled; for he thought he might lose his position. Immediately he sought by deceit to get rid of Jesus. He was willing to bring trouble to others in order that he might secure himself. His throne came first to him.

What did the message mean to the High Priest? It meant the end sacrifices and a life of case and fraud. Heb. 10:12 says, 'But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.' It meant that the corruption of the priesthood would be revealed. They were not content until they obtained his crucifixion.

What did the message mean to the Inn keeper? In turning away Mary he turned from his door the Lord of Glory. He lost the honor of