

## THE WISEMAN SAYS:

We make a great deal of peace with heaven; Christ made much of peace on earth.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best wishes to all our young people everywhere. Special greetings to all those who serve in the armed forces

## EDITORIAL

## CHRISTMAS WITHOUT CHRIST

A short item in a recent paper tells of an American airman who was shot down in territory inhabited by savage tribes. Instead of ill treatment, however, the airman was won to Jesus Christ by friendly native Christians.

What a paradox! And what a commentary on our so-called civilized nations. This December 25th, as did four preceding Christmases, finds the world in the grip of its most bitter, vengeful, murderous, bloodthirsty war; and who are the principals engaged in this mutual slaughter? With two or three exceptions, nations which go by the name of Christian!

Doubtless the war was thrust upon us, and we must see it through to the end; but the circumstances and conditions which gave birth to this horrible struggle were largely due to the nations who claim to be the "defenders of the faith," and into whose hands was committed the Christian heritage left us by the early Church. God will not bless a nation that forgets Christ, no matter what the country's name! The picture today is of a world trying to get along without the Son of God. In "Christian" England only ten per cent of the people are seriously interested in spiritual things. In Canada and United States, the percentage may be a little higher, but how far short of the implications of the term by which we refer to ourselves—CHRISTIAN!

For the most part this will be a Christmas without Christ. The birthday of the One who came to bring peace will be spent in acts of war; instead of good will there will be bitterness and distrust; instead of love, hate; instead of a spirit of forgiveness and kindness, we are already admonished not to forget the "vengeance we swore" against our enemies. Christian nations indeed! Savage tribes may yet teach us love!

Amidst all this hate, and misery, how great is the responsibility on God's people to radiate love, kindness, and generosity, not only at this season of the year, but all the year. May we all unite together in earnest prayer that before another Christmas passes, the world may celebrate in actual peace and good will, the birthday of Jesus Christ.

## "CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE"

"Everywhere, everywhere,  
Christmas tonight!

Ah, no! there are some,  
Yea, millions and millions,  
And they ever come

Who know not that God has lived among  
men,

Has suffered and died and liveth again  
To lead them from darkness to light.

"Everywhere, everywhere,  
Christmas tonight!

Would God it were true  
That the millions and millions  
The Son of God knew!

Would God that they could all know  
freedom from sin

Could all know the joy of the Christ child  
within,

Then—everywhere—Christmas and light."

—Selected

## PEACE

Peace in our time, O Lord,  
To all the peoples—Peace!  
Peace surely based upon Thy Will  
And built in righteousness.  
Thy power alone can break  
The fetters that enchain  
And sorely-stricken soul of lift,  
And make it live again.

Oh, shall we never learn  
The truth all time has taught—  
That without God as architect  
Our building comes to naught?

Lord, help us, and inspire  
Our hearts and lives that we  
May build, with all Thy wondrous  
gifts,  
A kingdom meet for Thee!

Peace in our time, O Lord,  
To all the peoples—Peace!  
Peace that shall build a glad new world  
And make for life's increase.

O living Christ, who still  
Dost all our burdens share,  
Come now and dwell within the  
hearts  
Of all men everywhere!

—John Oxenham

## FOR ALL HIS GRACIOUS LIFE

By John Oxenham

For that supremest token of Thy love,  
Thyself made manifest in human flesh;  
For that pure life beneath the Syrian sky—  
The humble toil, the sweat, the beach, the saw,  
The nails well driven, and the work well done;  
For all its vast expansions; for the stress  
Of those three mighty years;  
For all He bore of our humanity!  
His hunger, thirst, His homelessness and  
want,  
His weariness that longed for well-earned  
rest;  
For labor's high ennoblement through Him,  
Who labored with His hands for daily bread;  
For Lazarus, Mary, Martha, Magdalene;  
For Nazareth and Bethany—not least  
For that dark hour in lone Gethsemane;  
For that high cross upraised on Calvary;  
The broken seals, the rolled-back stone, the  
Way,

Forever opened through His life in death;  
For that brief glimpse vouchsafed within the  
veil;

For all His gracious life; and for His death,  
With low-bowed heads and hearts impassion-  
ate

We thank Thee, Lord!

## THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

"It isn't far to Bethlehem town!  
It's anywhere that Christ comes down  
And finds in people's friendly face  
A welcome and abiding place.  
The road to Bethlehem runs right through  
The homes of folks like me and you."

—Selected

The most sublime act is to set another  
before you.—W. Blake.

## SELF-DENIAL FUND

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Dear Young People:

As the Christmas season draws near, our hearts warm as we think of sending the Season's Greetings to our friends. Each Christmas becomes to us more sacred than the last, and as never before we appreciate the wonderful fact that, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, 'the Gift of Gifts,' that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Most wonderful of all, this Gift is mine today for I've been saved from perishing and possess eternal life within.

Having much to praise the Lord for, I am rejoicing in Him. It is an answer to prayer that the privilege of attending Bible school is mine, since this has been my desire for some time. David said: "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart; commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

Life here is a busy one, but the Lord gives new strength in times of weariness for He promised: "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

I appreciate the privilege of studying under the instruction of Christian teachers who have a vision of God and the need of Him in the world. Also it is a pleasure to fellowship with so many students who are Christians. My room-mate is one of the finest of Christian characters. I have accepted her kind invitation to spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Kingston.

Last week Brother George Rogers was among others who called at the college. It was good to see someone I knew, he being my former pastor.

I shall take this opportunity to wish all Highway friends a Happy Christmas and pray that to each one it will be a "holy day" more than a "holiday," and hallowed by God's presence.

In closing I pray that God will richly bless our young people everywhere, and may we all enjoy the best He has for us by giving Him our best in His service. Let us pray one for another.

Yours in Christian love,

THELMA ROSE

## HELPFUL CONJUGATIONS

A man of high character and ordinary education was addressing a roomful of school children. He said to them: "All of you know the verb which says, 'I am, thou art, he is.' And all of you know that verbs, in English, French, German, Latin, run in the same manner. But do you know that is a very poor way for a verb to run? The old Hebrews arranged