

EDITORIAL

WHO HAVE I REMEMBERED?

Last year at this season I wrote an article entitled "Who have I Forgotten." Perhaps the title chosen for this year is a little more on the positive side.

A little thought and consideration as to the "Meaning of Christmas", would undoubtedly be in order before we pursue the subject matter.

It has historical meaning. When I speak of Christmas, I acknowledge the fact that I believe in the historical birth of Jesus Christ. His name is associated with the event CHRIST-MAS. The meaning of MAS is service. Christ was born into the world. Born of a virgin. Accounts of the birth recorded by faithful and honest men. Born in a stable. Visited by wise men, and shepherds. An actual birth. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Thank God for the Historical Christ. "Jesus came down to be born of a virgin dwelt among men my example is He."

It has Habitual meaning. Christmas has become a habit. All nations have become Christmas conscious. Dec. 25, comes every year and finds the people's of the earth ready to celebrate it. Anticipation of the event is seen and heard everywhere one looks or goes. We look forward to it out of sheer habit. The stories of "Santa" have become so real, that the children have almost begun to convince their parents that there is such a character.

It has Hilarious meaning. Laughter and fun characterizes the season. Not many faces will be seen without a smile. Even the gloomiest and grumpiest of people manage to crack a Christmas smile. Children will be pleased with the toys, young men and women with their new clothes, older folk with their odd gifts. All will be glad to celebrate another Christmas.

Yet, "Who have I Remembered?" This is a time of remembrance. Let us not get too far away from the basic fact of Christmas. To remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Also in our remembrance of Him we should remember others. Those in need. Those who are on beds of sickness. Those who are in danger. Those who are away from home. Those who have no home. Those who have no friends. The orphans. So we could go on and on.

When I remember Christ, I ought to remember all those who need help. He came to a world in need—that world is still in need.

May I suggest this year we make Christmas what it ought to be? A special gift to Jesus Christ, and whatever we can do for those who we as Christians ought to remember.

A very happy Christmas to you all.

—EDITOR.

Quietness in God's presence is essential. There is more danger that we shall not hear His voice than that He will not hear ours.—Sel.

GOD'S GIFT

God's gift is a GENEROUS gift. "Not as the world giveth give I unto you." No, thank God! He does not give as the world gives. His giving is not stinted, not tainted with selfishness; but is generous and unselfish: free for all and free to all.

God's gift is a MERITORIOUS gift. The merit arises out of the Person, the God-man. In His Deity, all the claims of deity are met. In His humanity all the claims of humanity are met. In the God-man God and man meet. He is the only mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

PETER WISEMAN.

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes!
The Savior promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoner to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasure of His grace,
To enrich the humble poor.

CHRISTMAS DAY—FOR WHOM?

A Christmas Day in Africa, in China and Japan;

A Christmas Day in India, and far Afghanistan;

A Christmas Day in all the world, the islands of the sea,

A Christmas Day for everyone that's how it ought to be!

But there can be no Christmas joy for those who never heard

This story—there can be for them no meaning in the word.

A Christmas Day in Heaven! Oh, yes, I think the angels know

When Jesus' birthday comes, and sing as they did long ago.

Do you suppose they wonder why we are so slow to tell

The tidings of great joy they sang that night, and love so well?

Sometimes I think they long to speed on eager wings away

To tell the story of the King who came to earth one day.

But not to angels was His last commission given: "Go!

Tell all the world"—it was to us; and we've failed Him so!

Shall we not give ourselves to Him and then go forth to share

Our Christmas Day—our Christ—with needy ones "everywhere"?

—Selected.

THOUGHTS ON HOLINESS

(Continued)

Text: Math. 5:48.

To Whom are the Words Spoken?

They are meant for all. The answer is very plainly given—"And seeing the multitude, He went up into a mountain; and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him, and He opened His mouth and taught them saying . . . Be ye therefore perfect." These are words for His disciples, and for them only.

This is by no means the doctrine with which Christ meets all hearers. In the strong and almost terrible words of this sermon on the Mount, He warns us against casting pearls before swine, or giving that which is holy to the dogs. We are forbidden to take our treasures to those whom they cannot enrich, or our holy things to those who cannot be blest by them. When the great Teacher stood in Jerusalem, the stronghold of the Scribes and Pharisees, He did not bid them be perfect. It was exactly what they thought they were—perfect in their prayers, and their alms-giving, and their robes and their phylacteries. To them He pours forth the terrible denunciation. "Woe unto you, hypocrites! Woe, unto you blind guides! Ye serpents! Ye generation of vipers! How shall ye escape the damnation of Hell?"

At another time the publicans and sinners came to hear Him. He did not bid them be perfect. Jesus meets them with the gracious and beautiful stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Piece of Money, the Prodigal Son.

"His disciples came unto Him." They knew Him. They loved and trusted Him. They sat at His feet and looked into His face? and listened wondering at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And to them He said, "Be ye perfect." These words, like the whole Sermon on the Mount, require that we come in the disciple-spirit. Not as theorists only; not as curious critics; but as simple, earnest, loving followers of the Lord Jesus.

Here is Christ's Idea of His Holy Religion.

This is what it is to do for us: **It is to make us like God.** This is the aim and purpose of it all.

What is our idea of religion? Very much, one might almost say everything, depends upon the answer.

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FROM BETHANY

Dear Young People,

We have organized a young people's society at Bethany Bible College. Our president, Milton Bagley, has made arrangements for a year of inspiring services which are held on Sunday evenings from 6:30—7:30 in our college chapel. The desire of each student is that these services may be a channel of blessing to other young people in Yarmouth.

PATSY DUNLOP,

Reporter.

"Thanks Be Unto God For His Unspeakable Gift"