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EDITORIALS

THE CREED OF CHRISTMAS

The Bethlehem birth was the miracle of the ages. Though the wondrous event was unknown and unnoticed by the general populous, supernatural signs and visitations proclaimed the manger babe as none other than Christ, the Lord.

Christmas is a time to reaffirm our faith in the divine nature of our Saviour and the miraculous incidents which attended His birth. At Bethlehem the creed of the saving Gospel is discovered.

Some churches which bear the name Christian tolerate a theological and preaching emphasis which deny certain vital truths related to the birth of Christ.

The United Church "Observer", official organ of the United Church of Canada, published an article by one of its University professors, entitled "The Virgin Birth", in which the writer boldly asserts: "belief in the virgin birth is not an essential of the Christian position!" The writer further states: "The virgin birth cannot be separated from such historical improbabilities as the angel choir, the visit of the Magi, the guiding star, Herod's slaughter of the innocents, and the flight into Egypt." The writer describes these views and others as "the new way of looking upon the Person of Jesus Christ".

Well, we prefer the old. This "new way" is obviously not a way of faith. It does not lead us to a Saviour. If the New Testament account of Christ's birth is a fabrication, so is the whole Gospel story. If we cannot believe this section of the Word of God, how can we accept any other? Acceptance of the professor's "modern theologians" view on the Christmas story in the Gospels, will, lead the reader or hearer (as it has many of the theological students who sit under this kind of teaching) into a spiritual wilderness. There they wander as blind leaders of the blind, having no accurate sense of direction themselves and unable to guide others who seek the way of life.

We choose the ancient history of the Bible in preference to the modern theology of some of the present-day Colleges and Universities. We accept the records given by St. Matthew and St. Luke and reject the spurious

speculations of teachers who seem to think that question marks are signs of advanced intellectualism.

We believe that Christ was born of a Virgin...
We believe that there was angelic announcement and singing by a heavenly choir...

We believe that there was a guiding light in the sky which led the Magi to Bethlehem and the Christ-child...

We believe that on that first Christmas Morn the Word was made flesh, and that as a consequence "God with man is now residing!..

We believe that the Christmas message was (and is) "Unto you is born in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"...

The Christmas Creed is a precious heritage of the Christian Church.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The original Christmas was an occasion of light, singing, joy, and gladness. The darkness of the Syrian night was dispelled by the radiance of heavenly splendour; the fear which seized the shepherds' hearts was displaced by peace born of the promise "unto you is born a Saviour"; the longing and looking of those who had waited patiently for the Redeemer's appearing were dispersed by the thrilling joy of discovery by those who went "even unto Bethlehem".

The Christmas spirit stills brings cheer to the hearts of men. It seems to pervade the atmosphere of the world. Joy and gladness, peace and goodwill, everywhere abound. Gloom and grudging are at a minimum.

But the true Christmas spirit is not merely seasonal. It does not fade or disappear like the display of decorations of the holiday celebration. It is an abiding spirit, as thrilling and comforting in July as in December; as meaningful and precious when we walk among the shadows as it is when all is light and bright.

To many this year's Christmas season will be a time of loneliness. The absence of loved ones with whom the joys of former years were shared, will mar the celebrations. Infirmary and illness will make a difference with others.

But whatever our circumstances, we may know the inspiration of Christmas cheer. The glory of heaven's light; the sweetness of heaven's music; the presence of heaven's Saviour; these will bring peace and joy to the soul whatever our circumstances.

May your life and your home be brightened this season through the radiant and comforting influence of the Christ of Christmas.

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Let us adore Him for His love, that love which has a height, and depth, and length, and breadth, beyond the grasp of our poor conceptions a love that moved Him to empty Himself, to take on Him the form of a servant, and to be obedient until death, even the death of the Cross.

—John Newton.

"Jesus my Saviour to Bethlehem came,
Born in a manger to sorrow and shame;
Oh, it was wonderful! Blest be His name—
Seeking for me, for me!"

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Christian Christmas we must put Christ back into Christmas, and exalt His name above every other name, including the name of Santa Claus.

—Gospel Trumpet....

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