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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

The spirit of the Christmas season, if ever present in the minds and hearts of men and women would soon create conditions approaching the millennium.

"Peace on earth, good will towards men," the loving message of nearly two thousand years ago, has made the world brighter and happier and better, it has been the gospel of reconciliation, of kind remembrance and charitable deeds, and its leaven has softened men's hearts, ameliorated distress, and in a thousand ways added to the sum total of human happiness.

What a pity it is not the watchword of the people throughout the whole year.

How deplorable that passions and prejudices which give way before the gentle, forgiving, loving Christmas spirit which compels generous impulses, kind words and acts, are ever visible in human dealings.

What a happy world this would be if the Christ-life were lived by all the people, and if His message were ever present with those who have been made in His Father's image.

Yet the world is progressing in that as in other respects.

The kindly charity, the thoughtful deeds of generosity are prompted by that spirit, although often the motives are not credited to the proper source.

The Christmas spirit is really a part of our religion instituted at our mother's knee, and cultivated through the years—a plant of certain growth and mostly bearing rich fruitage.

The Christmas season is festive, and well it may be, for it recalls the advent of Him who blessed the world by His presence, who brought sun shine and hope and trust into men's hearts, and it can be celebrated with festivity, with great joy and gladness without intruding on the sacredness of the great event which it commemorates.

The glad meetings in the family circle, the greeting of friends, the kindly wishes, the gifts and the general spirit of good fellowship are all the fruits of the Christmas spirit, and who would care to have the festival abolished or its joys curtailed.

Let us then approach the present yuletide season with gladness in our hearts, with charity, long suffering, with obedience, love and honor to the Great Head of the Universe, and learn meekly the lessons and practice the precept of the long ago—"Peace on earth, good will towards men."

May it ring throughout the ages directing men's steps, filling their hearts with gratitude for the glorious message, and the more glorious advent of Him who has brought great joy to the world, and has redeemed its people from the bondage of sin.

The Herald wishes all its readers, patrons and friends a Merry, Joyous Christmas, without any accompaniment to mar the pleasure of the season.

A LABOR LEADER.

The Labor party in Great Britain has made great progress during the past few decades in forcing itself to the front as a powerful political organization, and in compelling legislation for the benefit of the laboring classes.

Not only is the party largely represented on the floors of the Imperial parliament, but its leader occupies a prominent position in the British ministry.

Hon. John Burns, who has that distinguished honor is one of the striking figures of the present House. To look down from one of the galleries of the Commons on Mr. Burns, writes a recent visitor to that body, is to see apparently an old man. The hair is almost snow white; the forehead pale, spreading, and deeply lined; his movements as he adjusts his eye-glasses and reads over his official papers are leisurely and might even seem fatigued. But wait a moment. Wait till he rises to address the House, electrical alertness speaking from every gesture, from the very poise of the body, power and passion in his voice, his whole bearing eager, defiant, welcoming the combat. Or see him again on the Terrace outside—a thick, square man, in a blue reefer suit, his head thrown massively back, tramping up and down with free and swinging stride. You would not then think him old. Still less would you think so if you walked with him through the streets or parks, among his own people, giving and exchanging salutations, patting a youngster on the head, helping to fish out a ball that has fallen into the Serpentine, showing a boy how to handle a cricket bat, skipping over the ropes with the girls, congratulating the mothers, jesting with the policemen, the very picture of a staid, healthy and jolly. The workmen know him and love him. They recognize in him the biggest man that their class in England has yet produced. And John Burns knows them, and uses both his knowledge and his affection to rebuke, chastise them, and make them elevate themselves. Himself a non-smoker and a total abstainer, he never shirks from rubbing in his conviction that there is little the government can do for the working man compared with what the working man can do for himself. No man has spoken but more strongly against drink and betting. No man has insisted more trenchantly that social and industrial reform must begin with the individual.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Now let old Santa Claus finish his work.

Bread for the poor, clothes for the needy, and good cheer for everybody—these are some of the things that would make for a bright Christmas.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has come home to St. John to spend Christmas among his constituents, and many hearty greetings are extended to the popular Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Powell seemed astonished at Mr. Coy's bill for services and expenses in connection with the Central railway, but wait till you see Mr. Powell's account for professional work in the same connection.

Toronto Telegram (Can.): Borden Opposition is just about tired getting the seat of defeat in the eyes that look up the chimney of Hope in the expectation of seeing the Santa Claus of victory come down.

Milwaukee Journal: "A pair of sheets for the river's bed would make an excellent Christmas gift," says a wag in the Chicago News. How about a cushion for the seat of war or a blanket for the cradle of the deep?

Laurier hung up his Christmas stocking away back in October, and he had been such a good boy that Santa Claus filled it up to the top, sticking out of which was a card bearing the pleasant greeting "Liberal majority 50."

What a Christmas for those poor Italians in Andover jail, facing a charge of murder. Somewhere in Sunny Italy no doubt, they have homes and mothers, whose hearts are breaking. Oh the sorrow that greed for gain brings to many human beings.

Many friends will regret the decision of Dr. Geo. J. McNally to remove from this city to Nova Scotia for the practice of his profession. Dr. McNally, when in the Mayor's chair, rendered good service to the city, especially in his efforts to forward the sewerage and water filtration schemes, and he and his amiable wife will be very kindly remembered by our citizens, who will wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Mr. Powell was not anxious to have Hon. Dr. Pugsley testify before the Central Railway commission, because Mr. Hazen's counsel knew perfectly well that the Minister of Public Works would disprove many Tory insinuations and charges—practically knock the bottom out of the whole Tory case, but Dr. Pugsley did testify and the local government's program of persecution was more fully revealed. It is said that Mr. Powell, in the presence of the Minister of Public works, whether facing Dr. Pugsley in a court of law, or in any other form of personal conflict, is always affected with chivers—"cold feet" one eminent Tory politician would call it, and this probably accounts for Mr. Powell's reluctance when Dr. Pugsley proposed to offer his testimony in the Central enquiry.

RHEUMATISM.

A very bad case that was cured by persevering with an old time remedy.

"Were it not that I had great patience and perseverance," writes Mr. Fritz Kelfer, well known in London, "I would still be racked by chronic rheumatism, which was my unhappy lot for three years."

"I didn't have acute rheumatic fever as so many have—with me the pain and stiffness came on gradually. When I kept quiet, as on Sunday, I was free from pain—but being a working man I had to move about and the pain was simply awful, though after an hour's resting it would subside."

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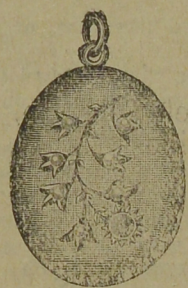
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