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CHRISTMAS, 1928.

Christmas, day of rejoicing, is with us once again. Other holidays are scattered over the summer and winter months, but Christmas Day stands by itself as the greatest of all holidays. It is the day of the children, the day of the home, the day of family reunions, of charity and benevolence. Christmas is a time for forward looking, for hoping, not remembering. The past is an unchangeable history; the future a panorama of infinite possibilities. Let us go forward, greeting the unknown with a cheer.

The Christmas season opens hearts which the everyday cares of life have kept self-centred. The benevolence of the season "falls like the gentle rain from heaven; it is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes." Let us encourage the Christmas spirit. The lovely legends of the day; the stories and the songs and the half-fairy lore that gather around it; the ancient traditions of dusky woods and mystic rites; the magnificence or simplicity of Christian observance—they are all the natural signs and symbols, the flower and fruit, of Christmas. For Christmas is the day of days which declares the universal human consciousness that peace on earth comes only from good will to men.

"Some say that ever against that season comes wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated. The bird of dawn singeth all night long. And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad; The nights are wholesome then; No planets strike. No fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm. So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."

To all our readers, old and young, we extend hearty wishes for a happy Christmas.

THE GREATEST OF THESE

In the Christian world there is no subject that is more commonly spoken of or written about than Charity. It is the virtue that shall cover a multitude of sins. "How white are the fair robes of charity, as she walketh amid the lowly habitation of the poor!" It is true there are unworthy recipients of charity, but who are we to judge when the suppliant hand is held out to us? Better that we should be taken in a hundred times than miss one opportunity of relieving distress. "If the man deserves not, thou hast given it to humanity." Let us not weigh in grudging scales his merits or demerits. "Shut not thy purse-strings always against pained distress. Act a charity sometimes. When a poor creature (outwardly and visibly such) comes before thee, do not stay to inquire whether the seven small children, in whose name he implores thy assistance, have a veritable existence. Rake not into the bowels of unwelcome truth to save a half-penny. It is good to believe him. It is fruition, and not possession, that renders us happy. We are rich only through what we give, and poor only through what we refuse. This is beautifully illustrated by Bunyan in his immortal Pilgrim's Progress:

The shepherd led the pilgrims to Mount Charity, where he showed them a man that had a bundle of cloth lying before him, out of which he cut coats and garments for the poor that stood about him; yet his bundle or roll of cloth was never the less. Then said they, "What should this be?" "This," said the shepherd, "to show you that he who has a heart to give of his labor to the poor shall never want whereof."

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OUR DAIRY HERDS.

In former issues of The Guardian attention was directed to the fact that many cattle, particularly dairy cows, have recently been sold from the herds of this Province. This is an indication of the trend of the times. Our neighbors in the United States are preparing to monopolize the dairy business and are buying up dairy cattle wherever they can procure them. The disease free areas in Canada are an attraction in this respect, and our Province is included in these. High prices have been offered and many of our farmers have yielded to the temptation. As a result our herds have been greatly depleted. Last week we published a letter from Mr. W. R. Shaw, of the Live Stock Department, warning our farmers against this sale of cattle and especially of well-bred calves. He pointed out that these animals were worth much more than the actual price received for them, and he advises the farmers that if they must sell, to demand a much higher price than is being offered to them by buyers from the United States and from other parts of Canada. He states that calves have been sold for \$4.00 and \$6.00 which should have brought four or five times the price. This, of course, refers to well-bred stock. A farmer in a subsequent issue of The Guardian pointed out that if Mr. Shaw's statement was correct the farmers had not been sufficiently informed by the Department. It is possible that the Department of Agriculture has not kept the farming public as well informed on these matters as it might have done. The farmers in outlying districts particularly are liable to become the prey of interested buyers, and in this way sell at much lower prices than the actual market value of the animal.

The Live Stock Department has done much excellent work in advocating better dairy stock, and its advice has been very generally acted upon. Yet there has evidently been less information disseminated throughout the Province with regard to the prices of animals than there ought to have been, and this accounts, no doubt, for the indiscriminate sale of good animals that has been in progress for some time. While the Department may not always be in a position to reach all the farmers in the Province, prudent farmers will make it a point to keep in touch with the Department and get all the information necessary with regard to prices of live stock. Co-operation in this connection, as in many others, in our agriculture, is the key-note of progress, both farmers and Department working together, seeking mutual information and profiting thereby.

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Notes by the Way The Wonder Of Its Joy

(By the REV. DYSON HAGUE of Toronto)

When you stop to think of it the Christmas happiness is everlastingly wonderful. It's so spontaneous. It's so widespread. What tongue could ever tell the number of good wishes exchanged. What machine could ever compute the shoutings of merry children, the greetings of happy people. What magic discovery of modern science could ever catch the gleam upon the million faces made radiant by the Christmas joy. We talk about the angels' songs, but could we really grasp the wonder of it? Do we really realize into how many hands that are dark, and homes that are sad, and lives that are joyless, and faces without hope the Christmas gleam has come, and how like a sea of glory spreads from pole to pole? "We did have such a lovely time at Christmas," said one of our Canadian missionaries in India. "We had such a lovely time. The boys and girls learn new Christmas songs every year. It is delightful to hear the children's voices ring out the glad tidings up and down the hillside. The lighted procession of Christmas Eve is simply charming, for the children all gather in the compound and light their lanterns and candles and then march up the hill to the Church, singing about the joys of Christ's coming to earth. And they tell us that even the little Moslem and Hindu children catch the Christmas spirit of joy, and their eyes gleam with new-found gladness as they too are given gifts, because nearly two thousand years ago a little Baby Boy was born in far-off Bethlehem. There is happiness everywhere. It's the same in the ice-bound North. "Christmas! Christmas!" said one of noble Grenfell's workers in Labrador. "It rings through the icy night air presaging the impending hurricane of joyous shouts! How it fills our souls with joy! Talk about heaven! Why we've had heaven here for a solid week! And away far down in Africa the come to the Chancel with gifts in their hands for the Christ Child, when they have presented unto Him gifts all stand and sing, SING, SING the dear old Christmas carols. And so the children of the torrid and the frigid zones, in the East and West and the North and South blend their voices in the seraphic song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" And everywhere, everywhere, there will be singing and shouting; there will be friendship, the clapping of hands, the merry shrieks of children, gifts and games, caresses and forgiveness; moistened eyes and good cheer. Oh, the wonder of it! But let us never forget that nothing but the most stupendous of all mysteries could ever explain it all; the Incarnation, the Incarnation; the Virgin Mother, and the Babe Divine! Well, indeed, may Christians pray in this good Canada of ours: "From a Christmas festival. Let the pealing chimes ring out Adeste Fideles, O come all ye faithful, O come let us adore Him. Let the children's songs resound, Hark the herald angels sing, Away in a manger no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head. Let love burst forth, in every home and from every parson, in every heart, and pour itself without stint upon the children near and far. Let Charity, with thoughtful eye, consider the poor; and Benevolence with open hand supply the cravings of the needy. Let sweet memories of the past submerge the heart aches of the present, and all families rejoice in merry reunions. But—lest we forget—let us lift up our hearts and give Himself, and gave us all. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!"

The moving picture owners of the Province of Quebec put up a stiff fight against the new law which forbids the attendance of children under 16 years of age from the picture theatres. They have however surrendered and have notified Premier Taschereau that they will obey the law. Considering the sort of pictures that American producers are continually forcing upon the Canadian market the Quebec Government is quite right in making this restriction. Children are delighted with the movies but it is not desirable that young Canadians should be fed up with the anti-British and halfhearted glorification of everything American that is dumped into Canada from across the border. Some of it gets through despite the censors, even in the Maritimes.

The King's continued progress toward recovery, although it is but slow, has greatly relieved the tense anxiety which had existed among all classes during his long and critical illness. Had the alarming bulletins of a few weeks ago been issued down to the present they would have cast a deep shadow over the land during the Christmas season where now there is a sense of relief, hope and gratitude.

We live in a land of peace and plenty shared at least by the large majority of our people. To those less favored the helping hand should be cheerfully extended. To those who feast whether sparingly or sumptuously "may good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both."

Queen Victoria more than once expressed the hope that she might live till Jesus came that she might take the crown from her own head and place it at the feet of Him Who is the King of Kings. Not less reverent and devout is our present sovereign King George V. Happy is the nation that is blessed with such beneficent Christian rulers.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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GOD SAVES TO THE UTMOST—Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.—Isa. 59:1.

Prayer—Lord save us, else we perish.

December 26, 1928

A GLORIOUS VISITATION—And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.—Isa. 60:1.

PRAYER—"O come to my heart Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee."

PEACE AND GOODWILL

The time draws near the birth of Christ. The moon is hid; the night is still. The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound; Each voice four changes on the wind That now dilate and now decrease Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

next ten years the dairy industry will show marked progress through the Canadian West.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND WEIGHT

You have applied for some insurance and as you have had no difficulty in passing the doctor's examination on previous occasions you are surprised and hurt to learn that although the company will accept you, that as you are twenty five pounds overweight for your age and build, they will have to rate you up as being five years older than your actual age.

Or perhaps you are one of the thin type and the doctor informs you that as you are ten pounds underweight, the company will have to rate you up as five years older than your actual age.

Now as these insurance companies have statistical departments, and life and health is the material on which they work, there is therefore no getting around the fact that folks who are too thin or those who are overweight are not as good risks as those who are the proper weight for their age, sex and height.

Now there is no question but that as there are different types of individuals physically that there must be differences in weight even for same height. There is what is called the greyhound type such as Dempsey, and the bulldog type such as John L. Sullivan; both fine specimens physically. Yet where that of equal height, the bull dog type would necessarily be perhaps 20 pounds heavier.

Daily Lessons in English

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "I was never in Montreal." Say, "I have never been in Montreal."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: alternately. Pronounce first as in "at" and accent second syllable, not the first.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: rout (to put to flight), route (course).

SYNONYMS: declare, announce, proclaim, avow, asseverate, herald, promulgate.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ASSUMPTION; act of taking for granted; supposition. "Your opinion is based on mere assumption."

Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

Wrinkles

A good remedy for wrinkles is to melt and mix one ounce of white wax, two ounces of strained honey, and two ounces of Juice of Lily bulbs. Apply once or twice a day.

Gift Frames

Gift frames can be cleaned by rubbing lightly with a cloth dipped in an unbeaten egg, into which a small lump of washing soda has been dissolved. Then polish with a dry cloth. Never use water.

Asparagus

A good luncheon dish can be made by combining scrambled eggs with a border of warm asparagus.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

What is Static, Apart From Being Terrible?

(By J. V. McAree)

The other day an item appeared in the papers to the effect that a convict had discovered a device which would abolish static, and that it could be attached to any radio set for the price of a dollar. But B. F. Dashiell, of the United States Weather Bureau, says that it may never be possible completely to eliminate static, and he believes that inventors have made very small progress in this direction since the development of radio. He explains that it is not only eternal but natural. People who find their pleasure in a radio concert marred by static are inclined to be as indignant as though some rude interrupters in a concert hall were shuffling their feet, whereas the interruption is as natural as rain, and one should be no more indignant at static than he is at the weather. There is no use being indignant when nothing can be done about it, and despite the announcement concerning the ingenious convict we fear that nothing can be done about static, and that fans must reconcile themselves to the fact that under certain conditions it will always be present.

What Is Static?

An understanding of what static is may put them in a more philosophical mood. The most important feature of it is that it is always present. Sometimes it is so slight as to be hardly noticed. At other times it will drown out the most powerful local broadcasting stations. But it is always there. To say that static is an electrical disturbance does not explain it very much, but when we say that it is the result of natural electric actions which are quite similar to some waves propagated by broadcasting stations we perceive the difficulty of not the impossibility of tuning it out. The man who can separate static from radio messages will be performing some feat as the man who mixes a quart of milk with a quart of water and then succeeds in getting the water filtered out of the milk. It is in this manner that static in calling static nature's radio. The device that enables us to receive messages is precisely the device adapted to receiving the incomprehensible noises that nature is making at the same time.

Why Reception Is Best at Night

Mr. Dashiell explains that the atmosphere is a gas composed of atoms and molecules of certain elements carried in mixture and suspension. Air that is quiet and free from molecules of water has little electrical effect, but as soon as it begins to move about because of other influences, many of the atoms become ionized under the stresses of impact and friction among molecules, atoms and free electrons. Most of the time, therefore, the atmosphere is ionized but there is no way of telling what kind of ions are present as they are mixed up in the homogeneous mass we call the air. Because of the season of sunlight the lower atmosphere regions in which we live are uniformly ionized during the day, and this accounts for the fact, long ago noted, that radio waves do not carry so far by day. It is when local or sporadic ionization of the air takes place that the radio picks up static impulses, and another bad night is at hand. In the hours of darkness radio reception is always at its best. It is then that broadcasting from distant stations has greater volume, and stations which are mute in the day come in loudly. But favorable radio nights free from static and other natural imperfections come at rare intervals. They are the answer to the poet's question "What so rare as a day in June?"

Thunderstorms Breed Static

The thunderstorm is the greatest source of static. In a warm summer day when we have warm and moist air ascending, the chances are that there will be a thunderstorm. Long before the first drop falls or the first rumble of thunder is heard the air is filled with incessant static discharges as it becomes more and more ionized.

On Christmas Day

The gifts of love and fond remembrance are exchanged. Peace and happiness expand the heart. Kindness reaches out to those who are in need. We catch a glimpse of the burden of the poor and lift for once a little of the load.

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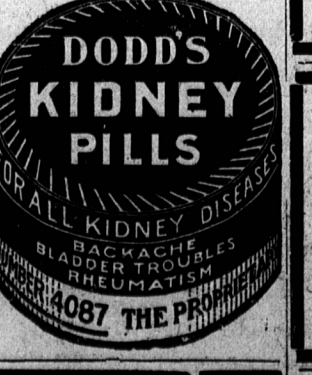
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