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## CHRISTMAS MONTH.

December is the Christmas month and already the spirit of Christmas is beginning to manifest itself, a generous, Christian, instinctive spirit, nurtured through successive generations and, we hope, growing stronger as the years of Christian teaching and Christian influences roll by.

This year Christmas will be different in many ways from any known to the present generation, different even in its kindness and its charity. Sorrow has cast its shadow over many a home during the year and the fear of the shadow hangs over others, but out of the sorrow and because of it a kindlier feeling has grown, a deeper sympathy, a broader conception of mutual helpfulness. The war with its hopes and its tears touches every thought and every endeavour and because of it everything will be different. The poor will receive kindlier thought this Christmas than ever before, the friendless will find friends, and former friendships will be rekindled.

It is a pleasing commentary on the healthy Christmas spirit that this year one of the big features in connection with the Christmas gifts to the boys and the men in England and at the front was the care taken that those who had no homes or whose homes were not in a position to send gifts, should be remembered. The friendless were made the especial care of those sending gifts and we are informed by those in a position to know that not one of the boys who have left our province for the war, whether in England or in France will go without his little remembrance from home friends. This is as it should be and it helps to make up one of the differences between this and former Christmases. In the piping days of peace we, for the most part, exchanged Christmas gifts with friends, often sending gifts because they were expected, often receiving them because those who sent them knew we would be expecting them. It was absolute waste for the most part and extremely foolish and contrary to the true spirit of Christmas. Remembrances from friends are pleasant and especially appropriate during the Christmas season but when they deteriorate into a "swapping gifts" it is senseless.

Christmas is especially the season for charity, for remembering the poor, remembering those whose homes have been saddened by bereavement. There will be more of this, this year than ever before and there cannot be too much of it. Like mercy, it will be "twice blessed, blessing him who gives and him who takes." In preparing our gifts this season then let us, while remembering our friends with kindly greetings, remember the poor and the friendless more generously than ever with something more tangible than good wishes.

## COUNTERFEIT LIBERALISM

One of the most pathetic and discouraging features of Canadian political life is the spectacle of professional partisans and sectional politicians masquerading under the title of "Liberalism." In a letter to the Toronto Globe Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, a strong Reformer of the school of Mackenzie and Blake, and a former member of the Ontario Legislature, utters a strong protest against the spurious Liberalism which has come to be the outstanding characteristic in recent years of the party led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Pettypiece's letter is such a complete exposure of the "Liberal" tendencies of the present Opposition that we publish it in full:

"To the editor of the Globe."

"The meeting of the General Reform Association for Ontario, held in Toronto on Friday, is described in the Liberal papers as one of the best in the history of the association. The notice sent out on the 10th instant calling the meeting said that the morning session would be devoted to general business, including 'resolutions,' and 'the entire afternoon session will be at the full disposal of the delegates, from whom we invite expressions of their views and their advice upon the consideration of further steps in the line of

Liberal policy," etc. The East Lambton Liberal Executive sent three delegates to the meeting, viz: D. J. McEachern, Dr. P. McG. Brown and H. J. Pettypiece. These delegates were instructed to submit to the meeting resolutions on the questions of equal taxation and the disposal of automobile license fees. Before the morning session opened Mr. Young, president of the association, and Mr. Bowman, Liberal Whip, were informed that these delegates were in attendance and desired to submit their resolutions. The morning session passed without the opportunity being given. Before the afternoon session opened Mr. Young was again appealed to, but it was not until the closing moments of the meeting, when two-thirds of the delegates had left the hall and others were leaving, that the East Lambton delegates were given a chance to read their resolutions—no time for discussion. During the afternoon one of the leading Liberal present informed me that I should not expect to be heard, as the 'whole programme had been arranged the night before.' When the Association invites its friends to a meeting and then refuses them a fair hearing it is exercising Star Chamber methods, which are contrary to the principles of Liberalism, and which will eventually injure the cause of Liberalism. At this critical time the affairs of government cannot be trusted to such methods. The maintenance of the principles of democracy was never more needed than it is to-day."

November 25. "H. P. PETTYPIECE."

Mr. Pettypiece is only one among thousands of honest Liberals who have become restless in the shackles of Laurierism. Not long ago this same man was refused permission to move a resolution before the Federation of Ontario Young Liberals in London, calling for reduction of the tariff on agricultural implements, because that would not harmonize with the pussyfooting sectionalism of his party leaders. Mr. Pettypiece and thousands of others are beginning to realize that Laurierism and Liberalism have nothing in common; that the so-called Liberalism paraded by the professional politicians who are at present in control of the Opposition, is little better than a mockery and a sham.

There was a time before '96 when the Liberal party inspired a generous hope and enthusiasm. Except for its heresy of Free Trade there was much in its policies that might have been usefully applied to the national growth. But once in office it betrayed its own principles, sank gradually into inertia, into opportunism, into corruption, and lost its appeal to Canadians in search of honest reform. For years past it has been wandering in the wilderness and worshipping false gods. To-day its high-sounding "calls to Liberalism" merely reveal that the old pre-1911 bosses are still in control, that the various sectional camps in the party are united only for the loaves and fishes of office. What saviour or what agency can real Liberals find in this sham Liberalism under the same old reactionary chiefs? To-day the country perceives that the Conservative party is the force of progress with a clear and definite programme of positive legislation, of British tendency and purpose. It is the party of the future, with an honorable and fruitful past. On the other hand the Liberal party is betrayed by its leaders and relegated to a negative policy of blind opposition and obstruction, hungry and thirsty for office. What is there in it to allure the earnest workers for reform? They see the fine administrative record of Sir Robert Borden and the Conservative party. They see a leader whose leadership is sane and effective. They see Conservative leaders carry this country with high credit and capacity through the greatest war in history, at the same time putting memorable acts on the statute book. They see that despite the ravages of war business is sound and the country prosperous. How, in view of these things, could they possibly be anxious for the return of the Bourbons, for the triumph of the Lauriers, Grahams, Pugsleys, Fishers, and Lemieuxs?

## NOTES

The obvious short cut in Greece is to intern or depose King Constantine and his German wife.

We shall never sheathe the sword until Belgium recovers in full measure all, and more than all, that she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against the menace of aggression, until the rights of the smaller nationalities of Europe are placed upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed.

**DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS**

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**SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.**

(This article was written in the trenches in June by an officer of a Welsh regiment three days before he was wounded.)

You tell me, birds, that you are happy. Well, it is well. But thereby do you not comfort me, for you have no sympathy. You are but beautiful animated beings of color and shape, but not of mind or soul. You are as flowers and trees.

You hear the guns, you must see the monstrous instruments; but to you they mean nothing, for they do not touch you. Therefore are you of the same fabric as the flowers and trees: you breathe, you feel, but you have no soul.

The roses are blooming now. Never before have I so noticed the beauty of a rose, its fragrance, its valley its delicacy, its fragrance; and withal its independence, and air of holding a secret. Yet, you, too, you roses, you cannot satisfy us this summer. For a moment you give us joy, and that is no mean thing. But you, too, fall us, when we ask for sympathy in a word of pain.

Oh, God, this numbness of spirit! Yet it is a blessing, for it is an anodyne. We stand, night and day, under the canopy of death. Imagination sees the pendant sword, sees it hung over all the wide world, over mothers' aching hearts, and girls who may be doomed any moment to widowhood, or robbed for all time of marriage and motherhood. Imagination sees all this, apart from its own longing for life, and casts out its heart chafing at its own powerlessness.

So nature, or God, or what you will, dulls our imagination, and helps us to forget what is actually close to us. And to a certain extent we succeed; we forget for a time.

But to some men such a forgetting does not often come. Blessed, or

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