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NOTICE

Wednesday being Christmas Day and a public holiday the Morning Guardian will not be published on the following day. The Evening Guardian will be published on Thursday but not on Wednesday.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We wish all our readers a happy, if not a "merry" Christmas. The events of the past four and a half years, the clouds that overhung the last four Christmas Days and the glorious halo of peace that ushers in this day are too profound, too stupendous, too full of unutterable thoughts for merriment and, for many, too full of sadness for happiness except in the sense that the sacrifices made were not in vain.

The year just closing has been the most eventful one in the history of the world. We saw civilization in death grips with savagery, saw the fabric reared by two thousand years of Christianity trembling in the storm of war; and we saw civilization win out, saw the storm clear away, saw the world once more redeemed by the blood of sacrifice.

Having seen this and these this day will mean more to us than any Christmas Day we have yet seen; the principles for which millions have died will hold a deeper meaning and become more firmly interwoven into our lives than ever before.

fore, we realize as never before that the ideals of Christianity are not only worth living for but worth dying for and that "greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friend." Over fifty thousand Canadians, nearly five hundred of our own sons in this province, have laid down their lives that the ideals of Christianity which had survived two thousand years of sowing and growing might not perish from the earth. These ideals remain, purified and ennobled and strengthened by sacrifice, much of the dross burned out, the faith of the world renewed that righteousness shall not perish from the earth. We have passed through years of noble deeds, of heroism and of sacrifice; have seen the best that men and women could do and it is ours to profit by it, to profit intellectually, morally, spiritually.

Let this day be a hallowed one, marking the beginning of the new Christian era, the striving for higher ideals, for a more sincere and practical Christianity for less selfishness and more thought for others.

WHAT IS THE RAILROAD DOING?

When a shipper asks for a car to ship a consignment of potatoes to some outside market and is told he must wait a day or two, as sometimes happens, he is inclined to ask petulantly "What is the railroad doing?" The question is a simple one but the answer to it is an astounding one.

There was some movement of potatoes during the first half of October. The real business of shipping began on October 15. From that date to 30th November, 1063 Island cars of potatoes were moved by the Car Ferry to the Mainland, representing 425,000 bushels.

From December 1, when it became necessary to ship in lined and heated cars, to December 21, last Saturday, 139 cars, or about 55,000 bushels were sent across the strait. This means that, including the early October shipments, approximately half a million bushels of potatoes were shipped in a little over two months.

This was by no means all that the railroad was doing during this time. In addition to the half million bushels of potatoes 30 cars of starch and a considerable quantity of oats were shipped besides other commodities and besides this the handling of the local freight, necessitating the use of fifty cars a day, was attended to.

When we remember that the whole freight equipment of the Prince Edward Island railway consists of 330 cars, ten per cent of which are always undergoing repairs, some idea may be had of the amount of "checkerplaying" done by the management to accomplish what they did. At present 60 Island cars a day on an average cross the strait inward and outward by the Car Ferry. The bulk of the potatoes is shipped although considerable quantities are still moving. Shipment of oats is now beginning and the remainder of the year will be fully as busy as the last two months have been.

The amount of produce moved this season, with our equipment only half completed will give some idea of what will be possible when the road is standardized and the tedious transshipment at Borden done away with. The Car Ferry has already demonstrated to a remarkable degree the possibilities of the new transportation system and the foresight and vision and courage of Sir Robert Borden in inaugurating it, while the manner in which this enormous quantity of produce was handled is a distinct credit to Superintendent Grady and his staff of officials.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The Entente belligerents are discussing the proposed League of Nations, each largely from its own viewpoint. No definite statement has yet been made as to the terms and conditions upon which such a league should be based. All however, profess to believe that a friendly league of all the nations would solve many of the international problems which under present conditions can be settled only by the arbitrament of the sword.

Count D'Estournelles de Constant has submitted to Premier Clemenceau his idea of how such a league should be established. These, summarized, are about as follows:
"1. Compulsory arbitration without limitation or exception. This leaves out the old exception of questions involving national honor and dignity.
"2. Limitation of armaments.
"3. The establishment of a council of administration of the nations for formulation of a new international administration and international law procedure.
"4. The application of 'sanctions' for making effective the decisions of the society of nations. 'Sanctions' is a diplomatic expression meaning the various steps for enforcing compliance. They are four fold:
"First—Diplomatic sanction: The society of nations shall break diplomatic relations with any recalcitrant nation and give his passport to the ambassador or minister representing that nation.
"Second—Judicial sanction whereby the courts of all countries will be closed to a recalcitrant nation. It will thus practically be quarantined and placed outside the pale of civilized states.
"Third—Economic sanction whereby the economic means of all nations shall be directed against any recalcitrant state. This economic weapon of the United Nations will be a great power in isolating any offending nation, cutting off its foodstuffs and raw materials, when it acts in defiance of the society of nations.
"Fourth—Military sanction: This is the last sanction by which the joint nations would undertake to enforce observance of the decisions of the society of nations. This military sanction is the most difficult and delicate of all delicate questions involved in creating the society of nations.
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Your Problems Solved

BY REV. T.S. LINSKOTT, D.D. (All rights reserved.)

Dr. Linscott, in this column will help you solve your heart problems: religious, natural, social, financial, and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

CONSISTENCY: "I saw a man the other day offering whiskey to another man although he does not drink himself and is supposed to be a temperance man; what do you think of such a man?" asks "A Temperance Advocate." The only way we can characterize such a man is to say that he is a hypocrite. I have known such men personally. To do such a thing is most detestable and when done, it is generally prompted by self interest in one way or another. It is a very fortunate thing that in some States at the present time treating is an illegal act.

DEVOUT ROMAN CATHOLICS: Mrs. M. asks, "Is a devout Roman Catholic as well pleasing to God as a devout Protestant?" I am sorry that you thought it necessary to ask this question, because it seems to me there is only one answer. The Roman Catholic Church has produced more saints, whose lives are well known, than the Protestant Church. A large part of devotional literature consists of the lives of Roman Catholic saints. A man who truly worships God, and is obedient to his voice in his soul, is well pleasing to the Heavenly Father, no matter by what name he may be known.

REVEREND AND HOLY: J.G.K. asks three questions: 1st. Why do preachers and pastors assume ONE of the attributes of God by having "Reverend" prefixed to their names? 2nd. Have they not an equal right to that of holy? "HOLY and REVEREND" is his name. Ps. 111.9. 3rd. When was the title "Reverend" first given to man? 1st. Present day preachers take the prefix "Reverend" because it is the universal usage of all Christian churches. They take what comes to them without question just as "J. G. K." takes the prefix of "Miss" or "Mrs." or "Mr." The title thus received is neither right nor wrong because it is one of the attributes of God. God made man in his own image and it is not only our right but our duty to be like God; to have the same qualities in an infinite degree as God has in an infinite degree. A son of God always resembles his father. "God is love," so is every true Christian.

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CHRISTMAS VISITS AND LETTERS

Have you gone over in thought the names of the friends who may feel a little forlorn and desolate when Christmas brings its merriment and good cheer to happy homes and crowded firesides? Are there not among your acquaintances those who are toiling on struggling to keep the wolf from the door or sitting down by themselves strangers where once the table was surrounded by kith and kin? A boarding house or a hotel does not seem to be quite the most pleasant place in which to spend the Christmas. Often to a young man or woman away from home and unable to go there by reason of distance or expense, no Christmas gift could value an invitation to become one of a family group at a family dinner. Among your old friends there are perhaps those who think that you neglect them, or that you have forgotten their very existence. Write a letter to those dear friends and to let them see how mistaken they have been. The Christmas gladness should overflow from the lives that are full of cheer upon the lives that are meager and stunted in their daily joy. —Margaret E. Sangster.

A Happy Christmas, a bright new Year. Is the wish I send today, God's help to strengthen, His light to cheer, And His love to guide your ways. A thankful heart for the days gone by, More faith for the days to be, To face the strife, though you know not why, To trust, though you cannot see; A life to be spent for lives around, A love which is strong and true, Through the Christmas joy which you have found, And the love which come to you.

God is called in scripture "The Living God"; we use the same qualifying word when we speak of "a living soul." Any title which we use for God, may rightly be used for a man if it is true, appropriate, and in good taste. I do not affirm nor deny that the prefix "Reverend" for any man is in good taste. 2nd. Yes I think they have if they are "Holy," but I doubt the wisdom of the church giving such a title although some churches do. 3rd. I do not know and have no time to look it up; I shall be thankful if any church historian can give the necessary information for publication in this column.

A CHILD THAT MIGHT BE FORGOT

Bart Howard, in the St. Louis Republic

The call of the season's sounding The day of the flowing heart, And with spirits high and bounding, We swing through the glowing mart. The claims of those that are nearest Make happy, indeed, our lot; But a thought for the sake of our dearest, Of a child that might be forgot.

The creed of the hour is singing The song of the broadest love, Its notes it is nobly flinging To the fair white throne above; But a magic morn of December Will grave a holier spot, If we in our joy remember A child that might be forgot.

Greener the green of our holly, Brighter our spangled tree, If only a simple dolly Sits on a little one's knee. And whoever has charge of the audit To our credit will enter a jot And will pause long enough to applaud it That the child just wasn't forgot.

A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

The New York Sun's Famous Answer To the Query "Is There a Santa Claus?"

(From the New York Sun of September 21st, 1897.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. "Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlan. "115 West Ninety-fifth Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did

you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can pass aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else equal and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

THE OFFICE CUT UP.

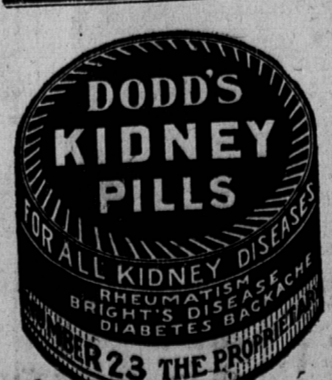
One day a coal wagon stopped in front of an office building. The driver jumped down, removed the cover from a manhole, drew out the scoop, and proceeded to dump his load. An old negro shuffled over, and watched him. Suddenly he leaned over; then he began to laugh. The driver walked up to him and said, "Do you always laugh when you see coal going down into a cellar?" "No," said the negro "but I jes' bust when I sees coal going down a sewer."

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