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CHRISTMAS 1920

"A Merry Christmas!" The salutation will be echoed and re-echoed today around the world, heartily and hopefully, and alas also, with a "lump in the throat," for there are those who will look back to other Christmases while they "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled."

"Christmas, Day of Rejoicing!" And there is in this goodly land of ours much to rejoice over, much to look forward to with hope. We have been blessed with a prosperous year. We have, among us an abundance of good things, sufficient for ourselves and for those who are less fortunate than we. This is the blessedness of Christmas, that it awakens that Christian charity which sees beyond the happiness of self, beyond the sadness and the sorrow of self, to those other ones who are sitting in the shadow of poverty or of bereavement.

The message of Christmas, ringing down through the ages, ringing in the darkness of poverty and sorrow, through centuries of strife, through prosperity and adversity, to "bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, . . . to give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." This is the message of Christmas, heard faintly in the gloom of troubled ages, in personal and national sorrow but never silent and today it rings out clearer and stronger and more Christlike than in any other age since the angels sang the glad song of triumph over the plains of Bethlehem. Charity, the very soul of Christianity, is more alive today than ever before; it is reaching out into the dark places near and afar. It is binding up the broken-hearted, giving joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Let us unitedly encourage the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of charity. There is work for it to do in this favored province of ours, in this city of ours and our Christmas will be all the brighter and all the happier because we have helped to smoothe the way for some little one, because we have helped to bind up some broken heart.

To all our readers we wish a Christmas made joyous and happy through having contributed to the joy and happiness of others.

PUBLIC OPINION

Sir Robert Peel, one of Britain's greatest statesmen, in the course of one of his greatest speeches, said "England is governed by public opinion." This is as true of Canada, as true of Prince Edward Island as of England.

Public opinion is either the salvation or the damnation of any country. It became the damnation of Germany; it may in the not distant future, if she has learned her mistake, become her salvation. Whether she shall settle down to a peaceful, industrial life or revive her old dream of world domination will depend upon public opinion. For forty years her public opinion was being artfully moulded by a group of militarists who had themselves been led into "an exceeding high mountain" from which they were shown "the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them," and which they were made to believe they could possess. Instead of resisting the temptation they accepted the conditions, prepared for the possession and eventually discovered they had been duped. If their people have discovered it also they will henceforth live in peace; if not they will again go to their ruin.

Next to our homes, the schools are the cradle and nursery of public opinion. It is here that foundations are laid; here that a healthy, wholesome outlook upon life, or the reverse of it, is obtained; here that the difference between right and wrong is indelibly impressed upon the young mind; here that the right or the wrong of the coming man or woman is determined. "A great life," said a French writer, "is a thought of youth carried out in mature years." The reverse of this is also true, a small, narrow misguided life is a thought of youth carried out in mature years. Life is largely what it is made in early years. The injunction "train up a child in the way he should go and when he grows old he will not depart from it," has divine wisdom behind it, also a divine command.

The public opinion that shall very soon govern this province and this dominion, is now being formed in our homes and in our schools. Intelligently trained, trained in honesty, in truthfulness, in unselfishness and in legitimate ambition and patriotism, the children of today will make such citizens as will ensure future government and a prosperous, happy and contented country, a country worthy of those who died for it and which shall be worthy of dying for should the necessity again arise. Our hope is in the young and the hope of the young is in the home and the school.

CURRENT COMMENT

What is that bright light shining separately and alone in the great firmament, and outshining in brilliancy all the other golden gems of the starry heavens? It was the question asked by the students of astrology in the far east when they saw it amongst the great constellations a stranger in the western skies. The wise men of their number had been expecting and understood. The new star was travelling not rapidly but surely towards the west, and gathering up their wealth of presents and equipment for an important mission they commenced their journey following in the direction pointed out to them by this light in the heavens. Over Bethlehem of Judea it ceased its flight, where the caravan came to a halt at the happy end of its journey.

And over the humble way-side inn, "When they saw the star" rest in its course, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy; and when they "saw the young child with Mary his mother" they "fell down, and worshipped him." Then they laid at his feet their "gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh." In swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, the purest and greatest that the world had ever seen. As the great men bowed at his feet in worship it was the tribute of the greatest of earthly wisdom to the greatest gift from God, the submission of the strongest of human intelligence to the supremacy of heavenly Kingship, and to Eternal Royalty.

Thus surrounded by that great light that surprised the shepherds of the field as they watched their flocks by night, the air filled with the richest of heavenly music as sweet voiced angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest" proclaimed the Kingdom of Christ, was ushered in the first JOYFUL HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY, with its promise of "Peace on earth, good-will towards men." For two thousand years since it has been celebrated by the civilized of every nation and tongue as the gala day of all the year, the day when the grudge and the grouse are cast aside, when enemies are suspended or forgotten and the subjects of His Kingdom vie with each other in dispelling the sourness from life, and clasping hands in the renewed friendships of charity and love.

This is the day in which the Masters precept, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my children ye have done it unto Me" is richest in fulfillment. The "cup of water has not been withheld, the "sick and in prison" have been visited, the poor and needy have been fed, and the votaries of love and charity have learned as never before the comforts of that assurance that "it is more pleasant to give than to receive." And even though—

We may have no gifts to scatter, and no wealth to give away. Yet may make some sad one happy, on this glorious Christmas day.

If we only will remember the sweet message from above That the choicest gifts from Heaven

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A WISH TO GUARDIAN READERS

What blessing can I wish you, Oh my friend, Save that the joyful calm of Christmas tide Should wrap your heart so close that never jar Of the world's grief or care can enter in But only Love to keep you pitiful, And Faith and Hope to keep you strong and true. A Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year. I wish you, and may God's exceeding love Enfold you until His tender hand shall lead you Safely home to Love's own land.

Are you willing to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough, to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand the people who live in the same struggle with you? Then you can keep Christmas.—Henry van Dyke.

I wish that the spirit of Christmas could become the spirit of every day. For there is no truer blessing to one than to tell his friends how deeply he is interested in their welfare and how great he wishes their happiness.—William D. Nesbit.

Happenings of The Week

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

On this happiest of all happy days, when every hospitable roof throws wide its doors, with hearts dilate with the glow and warmth of the blazing hearth, and when the warm grasp of friendship welcomes us all with that rare charm of Christmas spirit, who of us is able to resist this joyful call to happiness?

Let us forget all selfishness now and give something of ourselves to those less fortunate. In doing this we will find happiness by the road of right understanding. To replace the lavish giving and extravagant celebration, we shall make service our gift to humanity. Service is more and more becoming an expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

This week has been all asparkle with Christmas and shopping, novelties, opera, farewells and welcomes, as quite a number of people were going away for Christmas and all the young people were coming home, so that all was thrill and excitement today.

ven, are the fruits of Christian love:

And in deeds of love and kindness, let all our actions blend, With the message of the Angels, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

It was to the Christ child that the first great day was dedicated and ever since it is over and above all the children's day in millions of homes. "The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there," and the never-forgotten visitor of this midnight hour has not failed them, as evidenced by the noise of hule and drum and juvenile shouting and laughter that at earliest morn arouses the household from slumber. In this hour the tots are searching down to the toe that nothing may be lost from amongst the surprises of this horn of plenty. In thousands of these there will be the gifts rare and costly, and in such abundance that tables, chairs and floors will be taxed for sustaining space. In many other millions of homes the gifts will be more few and of modest cost, but to these the single painted toy and the more limited bag of sugar plums will bring the greater pleasure, because they have been less familiar with the good things of life.

To the generous it will bring its golden opportunities. To the sick longing for the sympathetic hand and the cheerful message of friendship, and perchance sometimes in want, we can carry the messages of good cheer and the supply that satisfies need. There are hundreds of souls, all a part of the human brotherhood, in private homes, in Falconwood, the Infirmary, the Orphanages and Hospitals, and a few "in prison," for whom the Christ day was designed as well as for the outer world. These have been forgotten in the past, but as they are remembered in the present let it be with a more bountiful hand, that their joy may be full and this Xmas the happiest they ever knew. Amongst them all the number is insufficient to provide a chosen brother or sister to each score outside, yet there will be sufficient for all who desire to merit the pleasure and reward of charity.

Kris Kringle is the delightful name to the boys and girls of the German states. St. Nicholas will be a happy dream to the Russian homes, while to the English speaking world the good old Santa Claus will be the guest of honor enthroned in the hearts of the children of these lands. On the old continent the Yule Log in the

His Royal Highness, Prince George celebrated his 18th birthday last Monday.

The Y. W. C. A. which was so successfully conducted during its first year as a public institution in this city under the capable management of Mrs. Windsor is sustaining its reputation and is now making itself felt as an influence for good among the young girls of this city. Miss Mills, in her winning and capable way, is helping the girls in her numerous classes to make their efforts tell for good in whatever sphere of activity they may be placed, and in return she is loved by them all. The new house-mother, Mrs. Muford, has taken up her duties and is already the friend of all and the "Y" is indeed a real home for its fortunate guests.

Mrs. J. H. Malcom gave a pretty afternoon tea for the Misses Mathieson on Tuesday afternoon and a number of the younger social set, which was most enjoyable.

Miss Grace Messervey is being welcomed home from Toronto.

Notwithstanding the rush of the week the Young-Adams Company are drawing appreciative audiences each evening, as they are popular with all Charlottetown Theatre goers.

While offering heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. W. Hyndman on his appointment as Assistant Supervisor of the Royal Bank for the Maritime Provinces, sincere regret is expressed in business and social circles at the necessary removal from this city of Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman and their interesting family as it is understood their new home will be in Halifax.

In the Methodist Church last Sunday evening the Christmas Cantata by the choir was exceptionally good and enjoyed by a large audience.

Miss Ilene Longworth is home from Haverhill, Toronto, for the Christmas season.

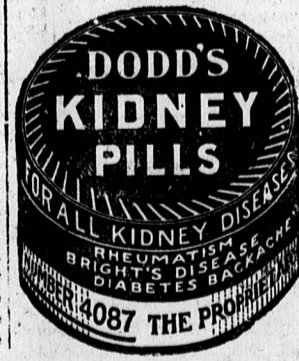
The serious illness of Mr. (Dr.) McMillan is very deeply regretted by her wide circle of friends and relatives.

People have been so absorbed in Christmas this week that entertaining has been comparatively obscured except among the younger people who never seem to tire of the exciting round of the holiday season.

Judge and Mrs. Stewart have gone over to Moncton to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

With the young people home from the colleges on the mainland, Montreal and Toronto, the next few weeks promises to be very gay indeed, in fact almost every night next week is booked for private dances at the Country Club and Woman's Club and not a few public dances are also being eagerly anticipated.

Miss Helen and Miss Dora Mathieson, daughters of Chief Justice and Mrs. Mathieson are home from St. Ad's for the holiday season.



The Popular Verdict

It is sometimes advisable to "follow the crowd"—to accept the popular verdict. In respect to Life Insurance, for example, it is clear that very strong reasons must have influenced the numerous persons whose applications for protection have, for thirteen successive years, given the Great-West Life the largest Canadian Business of all the Canadian Companies. Low rates—high profits—liberal policy conditions—have been the reasons. Ask for information, and for pamphlet showing Profits the Great-West Life policy holders are receiving.

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Among the distinguished Islanders home for the week were Mr Arthur McPhail and Colonel McPhail who arrived from Ottawa a few days ago.

Many friends will regret to learn that Dr. Fullerton is indisposed suffering from a severe cold.

Miss Billington, the only woman delegate to the Imperial Press

Conference, gave an informal talk on the chances of women in Canada. Of her talk an Upper Canadian visiting London who was present, said afterwards, "That was a most sensible address. It's amazing that in so short a time she should have got such a grasp of Canadian affairs and the Canadian point of view." Miss Billington amused her audience and caused two Canadians to exchange glances when she observed that it was fatal

for an Englishman or woman to go to Canada prepared to tell the Canadians how to run their own work and their own country. Let them said she, go as learners, recognizing that Canadian ways suit Canadians and that it is not the place of the newcomer to suggest improvements and reforms. Miss Billington was much struck with the practical qualities of the Canadian women."

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- 1 Seal Coat, Sable-collar and cuffs was \$256.00 now \$231.00. 1 Seal Coat, Grey Opposum collar and cuffs was \$445.00 now \$321.00. 1 Seal Coat, Sable collar and cuffs was \$257.00 now \$232.00. 1 Seal Coat, plain was \$222.75 now \$178.70. 1 Seal Coat Sable collar and cuffs was \$330.00 now \$264.00. 1 Seal Coat, plain was \$313.50 now \$250.80. 2 Rat Coats self collar and cuffs was \$313.50 now \$250.80. 2 Rat Coats self collar and cuffs was \$313.50 now \$200.00.

Muffs Muffs Muffs

- Sable Muff \$91.25 now \$73.00. Racoon Muff \$64.50 now \$51.60. Brown Lynx Muff \$44.50 now \$35.60. Sable Muff \$93.00 now \$74.40. Racoon Muff \$64.50 now \$51.60. Manchurian Wolf Muff \$12.00 now \$9.60. Black Fox Muff \$59.75 now \$47.80. Red Fox Muff \$87.50 now \$70.00. Black Seal Muff \$40.00 now \$20.00. Red Fox Muff \$29.75 now \$23.80. Racoon Muff \$31.50 now \$25.20. Sable Muff \$93.00 now \$37.40.

Neck Pieces and Throws

- Sable Neck Piece \$110.25 only 2 pieces left now \$88.20. Beaver Neck Piece \$67.25 now \$53.80. Racoon Neck Piece \$30.00 now \$24.00. Brown Wolf Neck Piece \$66.00 now \$52.00. Beaver Cape \$100.00 now \$80.00. Tauple Wolf Neck Piece \$25.00 now \$20.00. Grey Manchurian Wolf \$24.35 now \$19.50. Natural Wolf Muff \$24.00 now \$19.20. Rat Muff \$46.20 now \$36.96. Natural Wolf Muff \$25.00 now \$20.00. Sable Muff \$85.00 now \$68.00. Racoon Muff \$42.50 now \$34.00. Racoon Muff \$31.50 now \$24.00. Black Wolf \$59.00 now \$47.20. Manturian Black Wolf Muff \$19.75 now \$15.80. Manturian Black Wolf Muff \$12.75 now \$10.20. Red Fox Muff \$72.50 now \$58.00. Sable Muff \$85.00 now \$68.00. Beaver Muff \$72.50 now \$58.00. Red Fox Muff \$74.25 now \$59.40. Australian Red Fox Neck Piece \$40.50 now \$32.40. Manchurian Wolf Neck Piece \$21.00 now \$16.80. Mole Skin Neck Piece \$60.00, large size, now \$48.00. Manchurian Dog Neck Piece \$14.50 now \$11.60. Manchurian Wolf Neck Piece \$24.00 now \$19.20. Manchurian Dog Neck Piece \$10.25 now \$8.20. Manchurian Dog Neck Piece \$18.50 now \$14.80. Mink Neck Piece \$15.75 now \$12.60. Black Manturian Wolf Neck Piece .18.75, 2 pieces, \$15.00.

- Beaver Throw \$132.00 now \$105.00. 1 Rat Coat self collar and cuffs, was \$330.00, now \$264.00. 2 Australian Beaver Coats was \$306.75 now \$245.00. 1 Pony Coat self collar and cuffs, was \$206.25, now \$165.00. 1 Pony Coat, Beaver collar and cuffs, was \$288.75 now \$231.00. 1 Pony Coat Racoon collar and cuffs was \$330.00 now \$264.00. 1 Pony Coat, Grey Opposum collar and cuffs, was \$280.50 now \$224.40. 1 Marmot Coat, self collar and cuffs, was \$272.25 now \$217.80. 1 Marmot Coat, Beaver collar and cuffs, was \$330.00 now \$280.00.

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