

## THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

What Christmas really means is this: that on Christmas Day the boundaries of Earth and Heaven intermingle, and that the love of God and the love of Man are two sides of the same blessing. And these truths belong to the same creeds.

For Christmas Day really brings us, year by year, an assurance that God loves the world, and cares for each of us, and visits us, and having himself entered into the experience of our human life from the beginning, knows us, understands us, and is blessedly able to make sympathetic allowance for us. Having its dawn and brightness in the face of a little Child, it consecrates our natural love for children and sends us here and there on pleasant errands whose intention is to make the children happy. That is the key-note of the day; that it is the Birthday of a Child,—a child festival.

And since Christmas is a child festival, plainly it should be observed with such rites as will make children happy.

It is well that the house should be hung with green festoons and wreaths in the windows, so that it shall shine like Christmas and look like Christmas and shout a "Merry Christmas" to all the passers-by.

It is right that there should be a tree, its top pointing to Heaven, the source of all our blessings, with its branches stretched in all the directions of the compass,—a symbol of the fraternity and hospitality of this holy season.

It is right that stockings shall hang, a bulging row, beside the fireplace or outside the bedroom doors. For the tree and the stockings belong to the Christmas tradition, and have come down through many centuries, a heritage of delight which we, in turn, go to cherish and transmit. They are mystic observances which connect us with the friendly saints, with knights and minstrels, with immemorial songs and stories, and which, apart from all antiquity, are good for their own sake.

It is well, and right, too, that there should be gifts for the children, just as the wise men traveled over the long roads from the mysterious East and brought gifts to the Christ-child. But let the gifts be few; for the plain effect of a great lot of gifts is only to confuse the children. Their arms are filled with twenty different toys and games, and their minds are filled with a proportionate perplexity which presently makes its way to their nerves. The result is that nothing is fairly appreciated; half of the gifts are broken before sundown, and the children go to bed with frowns and tears. A great quantity of gifts at one time is like a great quantity of food,—it hurts the children.

A smaller number of gifts, and more love and care in their selection, would aid also in keeping the children, and us elders as well, in truer accord with the real Christmas spirit. For the heart of Christmas happiness is kindness, and consideration, and concern for others. It is the mind whose note is set in the sentence: "God so loved the world," and this is very hard to keep in the midst of the holiday confusion. Accordingly, the thoughtful purchaser who buys few gifts but buys them with love and care, lifts a bit of the heavy burden which falls at this time on the shoulders of shop-girls. If we would only simplify our Christmas, introducing a little more reason and restraint into our buying, would we not of necessity have a little more time to remember those who in pain, poverty and loneliness will not have a very happy Christmas unless we help them. It is cruelly hard to be in physical pain on Christmas day; its loneliness is lonelier than the loneliness of any other day. The first Christmas after a sorrow is particularly keen and cold. It is hard for those of us who are richly blessed to think of Christmas in any other way than as a season of gladness and merriment; but there are thousands of hearts filled with a peculiarly heavy sadness that day.

A simpler Christmas would give us more time to think of others, who may need us; and what greater blessings would thus come to us.

Let us be glad on Christmas Day: the day was so intended. Angels singing above the fields of Bethlehem; the sky shining; the Babe lying low in the manger; the shepherds filled with joy; the wise men on camels on their long journey to the little stable, all these beautiful wonders and symbols should make us glad of The Day, but glad in the true spirit of the life that was given to the world on that day,—a life of simplicity in itself, and of love and consideration for others.

That is what Christmas really means.  
May such a Christmas be yours.

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In giving to the head of the family, don't give a pocketbook. There is no sarcasm more grim than a pocketbook on Christmas morning.

Suggestion to young man in love: Get married before Christmas. It is cheaper to buy for a wife than to buy for a sweetheart.

Be good to your friends; if they impersonate Santa Claus by dressing in cotton and light the candles on the tree, this may be their last Christmas on earth.

It is a very pretty idea to have the children pray for what they want: they learn a lesson in the efficacy of prayer if their parents overhear them.

If a child believes in a Santa Claus don't tell him there is no such person, unless you want his mother to dislike you worse than she dislikes her husband's kin.

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Christmas Sunday will be appropriately celebrated by Church and Sunday School. Class meeting at 9:30; Bible School at noon; Jr. League at 3:00; League at 6:45, led by W. R. Tilton. Pastor's morning topic, "The prophetic advent." The Sunday School will render a very pretty exercise, entitled "Yule-tide Greetings," at 7:30. You are all invited to these services. The entire offering at the Christmas exercises will be used to provide a Christmas dinner for the needy poor. Let your contribution be large and free.

### THE LITTLE CHRIST.

The stable roof was slant and moon,  
The rushes on the floor spread thin;  
There was no fire to warm him by  
When the little Christ came in.  
There was no fire to warm him by,  
They laid him in the prickly straw;  
The humble wifery cast saw  
How helpless he did lie.

He holped and the staff so dim,  
And yet so near the darkness given  
Of an archangel chiming thin,  
With cherubim and seraphim:  
"Glory to God in Heaven!"

His tiny whinper broke above  
The patient sound of Mary's sigh,  
Till drowsy cattle stirred to hear  
The little Christ's low cry.  
The silent cattle heard him weep,  
And watch, and find gentle hearer  
Careless, near by, on dreamful beds,  
The inn-folk were asleep.

While, to their rocking camels bent,  
Three drowsy camels from afar,  
One clear light in their dreamland,  
One cry among them as they went:  
"The star! The star! The star!"  
—Youth's Companion.

A service appropriate for the Christmas tide will be held in the Universalist Church to-morrow, at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at the noon hour. At 7:30, a service of story and song, entitled "His Birthday," will be rendered. On Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, will be the Christmas tree and a short programme by members of the Sunday School.





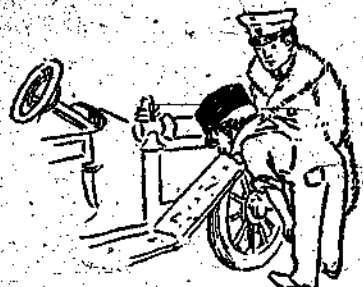












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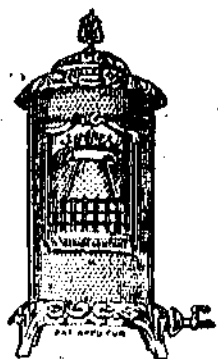
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#### PERSONALS AND OTHERWISE.

Mrs. M. A. Goff is visiting her relatives and friends in Philada.

We know of three bicycles stolen during the past two weeks,—two from the shoe factory, and one from the rack in front of this office; and no trace has been discovered of any of them. We read that in early days of the west men were compelled to form "vigilance committees" to apprehend and punish horse and cattle thieves. Of course, that course cannot be followed in this age, but we bespeak the heaviest punishment provided by law, in case the thieves are caught. With five wheels known to have been stolen in as many weeks, the matter is becoming serious.

Baptist Church. Pastor H. P. Hoskins' morning topic, "The holding; the adoration; the Gift of Love." Bible School, 11.45; Junior C. E. at 3.00 o'clock; C. E. at 6.30. Evening topic, "Heart's ease for heartache." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening, 7.45, continuing studies from the Beatitudes. "Blessed are they that mourn." The Church that makes you welcome.

Services to-morrow at St. Mark's Church at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. Choral Evensong and sermon, 7.30 p.m. Sunday School, 11.45. On Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 6.00, 7.30, and 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at 8.15 a.m.

Mrs. Alfa White has a photo of her nephew, Roy Pay, a former Hammonton boy. He is seated in a fine automobile of his own design, and the other occupants include President Taft and members of his cabinet.

There has been a band of English gypsies below the Park for a couple of weeks, and many people are visiting them, especially on Sundays. They appear to be of the better class, and well behaved. This is their third visit here.

With cards and wine, a party of Italians were making merry last Sunday night, in a house on Liberty Street. As often happens, a dispute arose during the game, and angry passions, inflamed by wine, led to a fight, during which one of the men was knocked down and pounded and stamped upon until surgical aid was badly needed. The victor, known as "Blackie," was taken before Justice Strouse, charged with atrocious assault and battery, and held in five hundred dollars bail for court.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newcomb reached home on Monday, from California, where they enjoyed a visit with their brother, Frank, and other relatives. They had green peas, tomatoes, string beans, and the finest of berries.

As a reminder, we republish the Christmas calendar of our Sunday Schools: Sunday evening, Methodist and Presbyterian; on Tuesday evening, St. Mark's; Wednesday evening, Baptist and Universalist.

Subject to the approval of the Law and Order Committee, a pushmobile race will be held on New Year's Day, at three o'clock. The course will be laid out, covering several blocks in town, to be traveled twice; also straight-away time trials for quarter-mile. Entries will be received until Saturday, 30th; fee, 25 cts. None of the entrance money will be used for prizes,—only for expenses. Two classes will be allowed to enter: A—aged 14 to 18 years; and B—up to 14. A team must enter in class of the oldest member. Further details next week. Committee, James W. Cottrell.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church gave a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erwin on Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Werner, Maple St. We understand that husbands of the lady managers were admitted.

We tender sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for kindness and sympathy in our time of sudden affliction. B. WARRINGTON.  
EDITH WARRINGTON.

Officer Adams has received from headquarters copies of "Motorist's Manual for New Jersey," which contains the laws and regulations concerning motor vehicles, beside other valuable information.

#### Un-Claimed Letters.

List of un-called-for letters in the Hammonton Post Office on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1911:

Mr. Antonio DiAgostino Mr. E. Strake  
Mr. A. Barnaga Miss Letoria C. Herinato  
Miss Tonahle Hill Signor Pasqua Agostino  
Signora Carmela Mongontella

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that it has been advertised.  
THOS. O. ELVINS, P.M.

If you have candles on your tree, watch out for fire.

Mrs. Wm. Vernier returned home from several weeks' visit in Phila.

The P. O. S. of A. certainly had a good time last Monday evening, at the District meeting. A fine class of eleven candidates were initiated, and two old soldiers admitted as honorary members. Altogether, there were ninety present,—a room full; and it was a happy crowd. For some reason, this seems to be a very popular order, and its membership grows rapidly. Refreshments were served at the close of business.

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During the summer open windows and out door air life insure sufficient fresh air. That is possibly the reason why cold, catarrhs, grip, tonsillitis and pneumonia, all diseases of the air passages, are more prevalent in cold weather.

Sleep only in rooms that are well ventilated. Have your windows open at top and bottom, but avoid a draught. If this is uncomfortable because of the cold, use more bed clothing. Make it a rule to spend an hour or more each day out of doors, walking and practicing deep breathing. Avoid hot, stuffy, over-crowded rooms. If you are susceptible to colds these precautions will increase your resistance; if you feel that you are perfectly healthy, it will safeguard your health. A body invigorated by this practice is less likely to contract infectious diseases such as typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption, and when such a person becomes ill, the chances of recovery are much greater than in an individual who has lived and slept in close rooms and avoided out door exercise because of cold weather.

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