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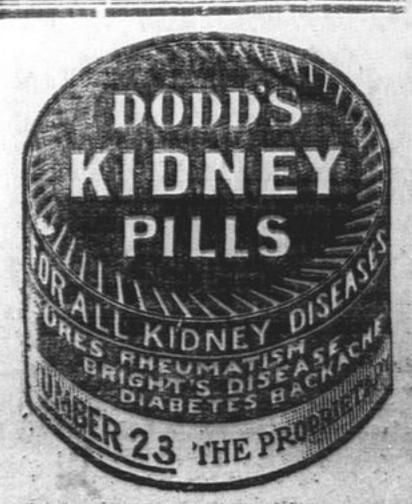
wedding took place here Christmas Dec. 29th. afternoon at the home of the bride's Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Larissa Ed- seeking your injury and your torment. While the Saviour was the Christmatrimeny. Rev. A. J. Mann tied bits suspended on a pole. the nuptial knot and the happy couple left on the evening train for To- wa, is enjoying the yule tide season ronto. Your correspondent joins with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mrs. Hugh McKinnon (nee Lizzie Gilchrist) of the Soo, is visiting her father and sister, Mr. Y. C. Gilchrist and Miss Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruan and son Christmas. spent Christmas with friends in Sun-

Campbellford, spent end Mrs. W. McLean.

Vistors home for Christmas : Mrs. Anna Campbell and family, of Toron- and Master Ross Gibson, of Toronto, at the home of Mr. D. Campbell; to, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiss Anna McLachlan at Mr. D. Me- Asabh Edwards: Lachlan's; Miss Toot and Warren Stoddard, of Port Hope; Mr. T. Manilla visitor. Bingham, of Bowmanville | Miss Helen Campbell, of Bala; Mr. A. Kirk-DOUBLE TRACEDY. land, Toronto; Miss Agness Grant Toronto: Miss Mary McCallum, Pet



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erboro; Mr. Mr. Russell McKay, Toonto; Misses Johnson, Picton; Miss Agnes Jackson, Toronto; Mr. Allie McMillan, Orangeville; Miss Bessie McMillan, Midland; Mr. Hec and Miss l'ena Ferguson, Toronto; Miss Hanuah McArthur, Toronto; Mr. Jack Heppenstal, Toronto; Mr. C. Smith, Poronto; Mr. Will Rick, Toronto. Mr. David Anderson arrived in Woodville last Tuesday from Saskatchewan. He will remain for a few weeks. His many friends were pleasd to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson spent Christmas in Cannington, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McLeod. Mr. Preston, manager of the Stanlard Bank, spent Christmas in To-

ronto. The Christmas cantata in the Methodist church last Wednesday was a great success. The preceeds amounted to \$18.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Newman is spendng the holidays in Kingston. The skating rink was opened ('hristmas eve, which was very much appreciated by all the skaters.

MANILLA. Manilla, Dec. 27 .- Mr. and Berkley and four daughters, of milton, were guests of Mr. G. Watts, of Manitoba, John

spending the holiday season friends in this burg. Miss Mabel Stooke, of Peterboro,

s visiting friends in town. Miss Bert Smith is enjoying hristmas vacation in Hamilton, the guest of her friend Miss Ruby Cham-

largest dealer, I pay Thursday to spend the winter highest prices. Your Hamilton with Mr and Mrs shipments solicited. Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. A large family gathering of over

> at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Miss Cockburn, of Toronto, is the

ruest of her mother. Miss Margaret Jewell, of Toronto, is a guest at the parental home.

Miss E. Short, of Mount Dennis, is enjoying the festive season with her Mr. and Mrs. W. Horton Robin-

son, and the Misses Margaret, Louise, Elsie and Mary and Masters George and Alvin Robinson, of Uxbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter and Mr. R. B. Carter, of town, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hodg- Apostle refers to as "the unspeakable son on Christmas Day.

Toronto last week to spend Christ- breadth and height and depth, mas with some of his family. The two-year-old daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Simon Love narrowly

caped being burned to death recently. It appears the little girl was standing in front of the stove when a spark flew out, starting her clothes All makes of guns and rifles repair- on fire. She went in an adjoining bed-room and very soon she was which she was standing. Her mother hearing her screams ran to her assistance and with the aid of water quickly extinguished the fire. After her clothing was removed it was found that her arm and about her body was seriously burned, but the time of writing the little sufferer is progressing favorably.

The wedding is announced of Mr. Ralph DeLury, B.A., of the Royal Observatory, Ottawa, son of Mr. and first words of the messenger were, us that our Lord, "for the joy that Mrs. D. DeLury, of Manilla, to Miss "Fear not." So in approaching man- was set before him, endured the cross, McBride, daughter of the late school kind in general with God's message despising the shame"-and now, in inspector, Mr. McBride, of Prince Al- to sinners it is appropriate that we consequence, is set down on the right Woodville, Dec. 27 .- A very quiet bert, to take place on Wednesday, begin by saying, Fear not! The God hand of the Father on high (Hebrews

father, when Miss Annie Gilchrist, wards, are going to reside with Mr. He is a God of Wisdom and Justice youngest daughter of Mr. J. C. Gil- and Mrs. John Kerr for the winter. and Love with all Power to earry to word, yet the gift was more from christ and Mr. Murray Wilson, teach- Two of our local sports were seen successful conclusion his Wise, Just another standpoint—although it was ing. er of the continuation class of Can- lately returning home from a days' mington, were united in the bonds of hunt, carrying ten snowy white rab- race, "which he purposed in himself Mr. Ralph DeLury, B.A., of Otta-

> with his parents. Dr. and Mrs. McPhail and Maste Frank McPhail are being entertained during the festive season in Hamilton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon, sr., and Mr. Andy Dixon, were the guests of those vicious misrepresentations of Mr. Nelson and Miss Hunter on

Mr. Sinclair McLean, of the Stand- Mr. and Mrs. James Foster. Mr. and Mrs. George Coone Christmas here with his parents, Mr. Miss Mildred are spending their holi- our eyes of understanding opened to on the spirit plane, far above the

days in Oshawa. Mr. L. A. Edwards and Miss Irene

Mr. John Moore, of Cobalt, is

patch from Red Deer, Alberta, says a farmer named Johnson, who lived near Penhold, while driving, was run into by a team furiously driven by two drunken men, and so badly injured that he died soon after. One of the other men, an ex-mounted policeway to be married when he met his

Mrs. George H. Moore, of Port Stanley, died suddenly while visiting at a son's house.

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The Joys of Christmas

Pastor Russell Preaches on Seasonable Topic

Text, "The Angel Said Unto Then Fear Net; For, Behold I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy, Which Shall Be to All People; For Unto You Is Born This Day, In the City of David, a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord" (Luke ii, 10, 11).

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.-Paston Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here to-day to a large and attentive audience from the following text: "The angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this ing. Their death would have been day, in the city of David, a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord" (Luke ii, 10,11). He said: There is an appropriateness in the

general joy of the Christmas season, even though some of it is not wisely expressed. The happy custom of giving tokens of love and friendship prevails everywhere the story of Jesus has gone. Even the alms-houses and prisons make special provision that the day which celebrates the Saviour's birth may, so far as possible, be a Furs? I am Canada's | Mrs. Archie McFadyen left here last | happy one, a joyous one, to all manby receiving bounties, but few, if any, have ever been other than blessed in the giving of them. Herein we see corroborated the Saviour's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is godlike to give.

Our text tells us of God's great Gift; and although it is evident that our Lord Jesus was born about October 1st, instead of December 25th, this makes no material difference, for it Creation of God" (Revelation iii, 14) is the great fact that we commemorate, and not the particular day of its occurrence. Let us consider to-day, the great gift of God's love which the gift" (II. Corinthians ix, 15). As we Mr. Allan McLean returned from discern something of its length and amazement is the more, our joy increases, and we have the more desire to be likewise generous with all with whom we have to do, especially with all who are less fortunately situated than ourselves, either in temporal or spiritual matters. All men realize, to some extent at

least, their imperfection-that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Men's thoughts toward God seem to run along the lines of fear; unworthy of Divine favor, they fear Divine wrath. So it was with the shepherds as related in our context. When the angel of the Lord denunciation or to foretell some catas- and every name that is named. St we preach unto you is not a demon xii, 2). and Loving Program respecting our

world" (Ephesians i, 9, 4). Satan has used this human ten- by his consecration to death, he laid dency of fear as a lash wherewith to down the life he was privileged to drive man away from God, and from have. Nor did he ever take it back. the Bible, his Revelation. We are He arose from the dead on the third not, therefore, to accredit to our fore- day, perfected as a New Creaturefathers the viciousness of character as a spirit-being (II. Corinthians iii, which seems to be implied in the creeds of the "dark ages" handed down to us; rather we are to credit our Heavenly Father to the great the flesh, he was not flesh. He had "Father of Lies." He it is who in the Mr. and Mrs. Plater and children, dark of the past planted the seeds of of Downeyville, are the visitors of what the Apostle terms "doctrines of devils" (I. Timothy iv, 1). We thank and the Lord that gradually we are getting recognize the true character of God angels. His appearances during the and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, forty days were very brief and few and who is his express image.

the prophet Isaiah. Foreseeing our They were for the purpose of tells us in so many words, Their fear also that he was no longer limited to toward me is not of me, but is taught by the precepts of men-as inspired He was "put to death in the flesh Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28 .- A des: by our adversary, the devil (Isaiah | but quickened in spirit" (I. Peter iii.

XXIX, 13): Intending from the first not to abandon his fallen human creatures to utter destruction, the Father purposed in himself, in advance, great Plan of Balvation now progress. From before the foundation of the world he purposed that Jesus man named Wilson, who belonged to should be the Lamb of God to take Red Deer, when he saw what had hap- away the sin of the world and evenpened, blaw his brains out. His com- tually to bring all the willing and panion named Milligan escaped, obedient back to harmony with him-Johnson was a widower and leaves self, so that only the wilfully wicked six children. It is said he was on the would experience the wages of sin. death-"Second Death." But God has great Plan. Four thousand years sped send the Only Begotten Son into the of time God sent forth his Son born of plied it for his Church and the entire Port Sydney, Muskoka, was burned. a woman" (Galatians iv. 4). "In due household of faith. Unbelievers are not covered by that application of Rev. Mr. Hewitt lost all his furni-

'after sin had entered (Romans v, 6) At first we are amazed at such a delay. Nor can the matter be satisfactorily understood until we learn two

things (1) That man's experience with sin and death is a part of the great lesson which God designs all to have-learning the exceeding sinfulness of sin Later when the second great lesson shall be given to mankind-the desirableness and profitableness righteousness-the schooling as whole, will be the more effective.

(2) We must also learn that our dear friends and neighbors who go down into death are as if only asleep and have no consciousness in either joy or sorrow, waiting for the Millen niel morning-the Resurrection morn-

absolute, as in the case of the brute beast, had not God with his great love provided for their redemption resurrection (Ecclesiastes v, 9; John xi, 11; iii, 13; Acts ii, 34). In view of this provision the whole world is said to sleep in Jesus-in the sense that their hope rests in the great work which Jesus accomplished when he gave himself a "ransom for all to be testified in due time" (I. Timothy ii 6). There is a difference, therefore between the world sleeping in Jesus and the Church who fell asleep in kind. The poorer of our citizens and | Christ. The Church is composed of the unfortunate of slender means are | those begotten of the holy Spirit duroften kindly remembered by their ing this Gospel Age, who maintain more highly favored relatives and their relationship to Christ, the Head neighbors. Surely this is as it ought as "members" in his Body, and whom to be. Some may have been injured | God has promised, that as they share with Christ in his sacrificial death, they shall also share with him in his glorious resurrection to honor and immortality (Philippians ii, 8-11).

The Scriptures make very plain the fact that while Jesus was born of a woman, this was not the beginning of his existence, for "He was with the Father before the world was. He was the very "beginning of the As St. John declares, "In the begin ning was the Word (Logos) and the Logos was with The God and the Logos was a God. . . By him were all things made that were made and without him was not one thing made." He was "made flesh and dwelt amongst us," "he came unto his own and his own received him not, but to as many as received him, to them gave he privilege to become sons of God" (John i, 1-14).

The Scriptures make clear to us that the Father did not compel the Son to be our Redeemer-on the contrary, he invited him to do so, and set before him the great reward: (1) The privilege of proving his lov-

alty to the Father (Hebrews x, 7 Psalm xl, 8). (2) The privilege of serving the fall en race, as their Redeemer and Re-

storer (Matthew xx, 28). (3) The honor of high exaltation to appeared to them to announce Mes- even greater dignities than he had siah's birth, they feared. For what before he left the Father-to honor, purpose would an angel or messenger glory and immortality, far above come to them, except to render some angels and principalities and powers trophe? It was, therefore, that the Paul, in referring to the matter, tells

mas gift to us in one sense of the all contained in that primary gift Our Lord first, by obedience to the Divine Law, demonstrated his right to eternal life; and, at the same time, 17). He did indeed appear to the apostles during the subsequent forty days, but not as before. Although, after his resurrection, he appeared in taken the body of flesh "for the suffering of death," eternally. When he had finished sacrificing it, the flesh had served his purpose. His high exaltation is after the manner in which angels Hark to the Lord's message through | had previously appeared in the flesh tonger dead, and to convince them

> Notice how God's gift expands, carying blessings with each change. The glorified Jesus, when he ascended up on high, had to his credit, so to speak, the human, earthly rights through one man, all could be justified, atoned for, by the sacrifice of one perfect man-"the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all" (I. Timothy ii, 5, 6).

> But the ascended Saviour, although he came into the world to be the Samerit of his sacrifice for the world,

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Christ's merit. In order to get under the merit of Christ new they must believe, renounce sin and make a consecration of themselves to walk in the Redeemer's footsteps as living sacrifices. Under this provision the Gospel call has been going forth for now eighteen centuries. The object of this, the Scriptures tell us, is to select primarily the Church of Christ, a "little flock," "the Bride, the Lamb's wife" and joint-heir with him in his Millennial Kingdom, which is to bless the world,

Throughout this Gospel Age a faithful "little flock" has gradually been gathered. Their test is their willing ness to lay down their lives in th Lord's service-in the service of the Truth and in the service of the breth. ren. In doing this they are sacrificing with Jesus; as the Apostle suggests, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren. by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice. holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii, 1). This sacrifice of Christ's "members" is counted in as part and parcel of the sacrifice of Christ. When this sacrificing shall be finished it wil mean that the merit of Christ's sacri fice at Calvary appropriated to the Church will have been laid down again-returned to the credit of the Redeemer. Then, at the conclusion of this Age, when the last "member of the Body" has suffered with him and been glorified, the great High Priest will apply the blood afreshnot again for his members and the household of faith, however, but for the world, as the type clearly shows Glance backward now, and see t unfoldings of the Divine Plan: The

Babe of Bethlehem; the Man of S

rows; the Risen Lord; the Ascende

High Priest and Advocate; the

propriation of his merit to Church; the joy of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God experienced by all believers; their instruction in the School of Christ; their testing and proving by trials and difficulties; and finally, their glorification with their Lord in the Millenial Kingdom. In turn, the glorious Prophet, Priest, Mediator, King, Head and "members" complete, will institute the Millennial Kingdom reign of righteousness for the blessing of the world. Applying his merit for the world and using it also to seal the New Covenant, he opens up the way whereby all then living may become reconciled to God-may be blessed with restitution to full perfection of mind and morals and physique-and have back again the Para dise, lost by sin but redeemed at Calvary.

The Saviour purposes, in harmon; with the Divine Program, that not merely the members of the race living at the time of his Second Coming and the establishment of hi Kingdom shall be blessed by God great Christmas Gift, but additional ly, every member of Adam's race Hence the arrangement is, as the Master tells us, "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and come forth." The "overcomers" of this time of

evil, having passed their trial, will come forth perfected in life - the \$8 Church on the Spirit plane, being the "first fruits." The remainder of man kind, unapproved of God, shall comforth unto a resurrection of crisistrial, judgment, testing. They will come forth that it may be testified to them-in that, their due time - that Christ died for their sins and that redemption through his blood has been provided for them and for all of Adam's race. During that thousand years of trial they must either accent God's grace and co-operate in the advance to perfection or be destro ed in the Second Death as unworth of any further Divine favor and bloss

Truly, dear friends, we are bogin ning to understand the message Rant us through the angel when our Sayiour was born. The message is no Fear greatly; I bring you bad tiring of eternal torment and misery for al people. It is the very roverse of this namely. "Fear not; I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people." The joy has no been to all people as yet. Even the knowledge of the Lard has reached only about one in ten of earth' population thus far. And what di reach them was generally a very unsatisfactory, unreasonable message of damnation and great misery. As w have just seen, however, the great Plan of the Ages is rolling onward towards completion, and it progress at every stage makes for fresh blessing and fresh revelations of the glorions things which God purposed in him self from before the foundation of the world. Truly the Scriptures en As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher the than man's thoughts (Isainh iv. ?). Thankful and faithful we should be

for the further knowledge of God great Plan, which now is streaming forth from his Word for the blessing of all whose eyes of understanding and ears of faith are open. We'are truly thankful that our friends and ture, but, on the contrary, waiting for tution (Act. iii, 18-21). We are thank ful, too, that in God's providence we have been called to be "members" o the Body of Christ, to share in his and work of the future. It is possible of Christmas Day to be a thousand-

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