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**Holiday Visitors at Woodville**  
Woodville, Dec. 27.—A very quiet wedding took place here Christmas afternoon at the home of the bride's father, when Miss Annie Gilchrist, youngest daughter of Mr. J. C. Gilchrist and Mrs. Murray Wilson, teacher of the continuation class of Cannington, were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. A. J. Mann tied the nuptial knot and the happy couple left on the evening train for Toronto. 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 spent Christmas with friends in Sunderland.  
Mr. Sinclair McLean, of the Standard Bank, Campbellford, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean.  
Visitors home for Christmas: Mrs. Anna Campbell and family, of Toronto, at the home of Mr. D. Campbell; Miss Anna McLachlan at Mr. D. McLachlan's; Miss Foot and Warren Stoddard, of Port Hope; Mr. T. Eingham, of Bowmanville; Miss Helen Campbell, of Hala; Mr. A. Kirkland, Toronto; Miss Agnes Grant, Toronto; Miss Mary McCallum, Peterboro.

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Mr. David Anderson arrived in Woodville last Tuesday from Saskatchewan. He will remain for a few weeks. His many friends were pleased 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 Standard Bank, spent Christmas in Toronto.  
The Christmas cantata in the Methodist church last Wednesday was a great success. The proceeds amounted to \$18.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Newman is spending the holidays in Kingston.  
The skating rink was opened on Christmas eve, which was very much appreciated by all the skaters.

**MANILLA.**  
Manilla, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley and four daughters, of Hamilton, were guests of Mr. G. M. Pearce.  
John Watts, of Manitoba, is spending the holiday season with friends in this burg.  
Miss Mabel Stooke, of Peterboro, is visiting friends in town.  
Miss Bert Smith is enjoying her Christmas vacation in Hamilton, the guest of her friend Miss Ruby Champion.  
Mrs. Archie McFadyen left here last Thursday to spend the winter in Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelley.  
A large family gathering of over forty guests enjoyed Christmas Day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barry.  
Miss Cockburn, of Toronto, is the guest 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 parents.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Horton Robinson, 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. Hodgson on Christmas Day.  
Mr. Allan McLean returned from Toronto last week to spend Christmas with some of his family.  
The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Love narrowly escaped 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 on fire. She went in an adjoining bedroom and very soon she was enveloped in flames, also the bed by 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 at 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 Mrs. D. DeLury, of Manilla, to Miss McBride, daughter of the late school inspector, Mr. McBride, of Prince Albert, to take place on Wednesday, Dec. 29th.  
Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Larissa Edwards, are going to reside with Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr for the winter.  
Two of our local sports were seen lately returning home from a day's hunt, carrying ten snowy white rabbits suspended on a pole.  
Mr. Ralph DeLury, B.A., of Ottawa, is enjoying the yule tide season with his parents.  
Dr. and Mrs. McPhail and Master Frank McPhail are being entertained during the festive season in Hamilton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelley.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon, sr., and Mr. Andy Dixon, were the guests of Mr. Nelson and Miss Hunter on Christmas.  
Mr. and Mrs. Plater and children, of Downeyville, are the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Foster.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Coone and Miss Mildred are spending their holidays in Oshawa.  
Mr. L. A. Edwards and Miss Irene and Mrs. Ross Gibson, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Asaph Edwards.  
Mr. John Moore, of Cobalt, is a Manilla visitor.

**DOUBLE TRAGEDY.**  
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—A dispatch 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 policeman named Wilson, who belonged to Red Deer, when he saw what had happened, blew his brains out. His companion named Milligan escaped. Johnson was a widower and leaves six children. It is said he was on the way to be married when he met his death.

Mr. George H. Moore, of Port Stanley, died suddenly while visiting at a son's house.  
The English church parsonage at Port Sydney, Muskoka, was burned. Rev. Mr. Hewitt lost all his furniture.

**The Joys of Christmas**  
Pastor Russell Preaches on Seasonable Topic

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 Day, in the City of David, a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord" (Luke ii, 10, 11).  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—Pastor 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 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 happy one, a joyous one, to all mankind. The poorer of our citizens and the unfortunate of slender means are often kindly remembered by their more highly favored relatives and neighbors. Surely this is as it ought to be. Some many have been injured by 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 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 Apostle refers to as "the unspeakable gift" (II. Corinthians ix, 15). As we discern something of its length and breadth and height and depth, our 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 appeared to them to announce Messiah's birth, they feared. For what purpose would an angel or messenger come to them, except to render some denunciation or to foretell some catastrophe? It was, therefore, that the first words of the messenger were, "Fear not." So in approaching men, kind in general with God's message to sinners it is appropriate that we begin by saying, "Fear not! The God we preach unto you is not a demon seeking your injury and your torment. He is God of Wisdom and Justice and Love with all Power to carry to successful conclusion his Wise, Just and Loving Program respecting our race, "which he purposed in himself from before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians i, 9, 4).  
Satan has used this human tendency of fear as a lash wherewith to drive man away from God, and from the Bible, his Revelation. We are not, therefore, to accredit to our forefathers the viciousness of character which seems to be implied in the creeds of the "dark ages" handed down to us; rather we are to credit those vicious misrepresentations of our Heavenly Father to the great "Father of Lies." He it is who in the dark of the past planted the seeds of error, the pestilence terms "doctrines of devils" (I. Timothy iv, 1). We thank the Lord that gradually we are getting our eyes of understanding opened to recognize the true character of God and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, and who is his express image.  
Hark to the Lord's message through the prophet Isaiah. Foreseeing our estrangement from himself and our enslavement by the Adversary, he tells us in so many words, "Their fear toward me is not of me, but is taught by the precepts of men—as inspired by our adversary, the devil" (Isaiah xxxix, 18).  
Intending from the first not to abandon his fallen human creatures to utter destruction, the Father purposed in himself in advance the great Plan of Salvation now in progress. From before the foundation of the world he purposed that Jesus should be the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world and eventually to bring all the willing and obedient back to harmony with himself, so that only the wilfully wicked would experience the wages of sin, death—"Second Death." But God has a due time for every feature of his great Plan. Four thousand years sped by before it became "due time" to send the Only Begotten Son into the world to redeem it. "In the fulness of time God sent forth his Son born of a woman" (Galatians iv, 4). "In due time Christ died for the ungodly"—forty-one hundred and sixty years

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