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## UNTO YOU PEACE AND PROSPERITY



Our Christmas thought is one of appreciation for your Good Will and Friendship, and our Christmas Message to each and all is to wish for every one of you the greatest happiness, the greatest blessing that has ever been bestowed on man: PEACE.

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#### The Charm of Christmas

There is a charm about Christmas that no other day possesses. It goes down until it strikes something very deep in our lives. There are holy days like Easter which strike a note of victory that goes higher than does our Christmas music but it is our Christmas music that moves the heart most deeply.

Christmas is the children's day.  
"They all were looking for a king  
To slay their foes and set them high.  
He came, a little baby thing,  
That made a woman cry."

And the telling of that old Christmas story in art and literature and song and sermon through 1900 years has done more than we can fully know to ameliorate the conditions of child life. No other conceivable way by which God could have come into our human life could have so glorified childhood. Jesus the man and the teacher was true to this basic element of the divine method when, to proclaim the spirit of His kingdom and the way of entrance into it, He took a child and set him in the midst.

Christmas is the mother's day. It would have no such charm and glory if it were not for the beautiful face of Mary, the girl-mother. Conceivably God could have sent His Son by a totally different way. Angels could have borne Him to the earth, and placed Him in regal cradle. As it is, it is all simple, a part of the common experience. All of us have looked up out of baby eyes into some woman's face. And the mother of the Holy Family is a humble mother, wife of a working man. The charm of Christmas lies in its simplicity, its universal appeal, its touch of nature that makes the whole world kin, its exaltation of motherhood, its identification of the life of God with the most elemental experiences of man.

Womanhood owes scarcely less than childhood to Christmas. There is no movement or force in the world that makes for the freedom and nobility of womanhood, the sacredness of motherhood, the beauty of home life, that has not taken great inspiration from the picture, which Christmas Day paints anew for us every year, of the Holy Family with its infinitely appealing figure of womanhood at its best.

Christmas is humanity's day. This is the profounder, though less obvious source of its perennial joy. Christmas tells man that he is God's son. The Incarnation may be a difficult question of philosophy and theology as the scholars expound it, but it is a thing of life and hope and life and glory as the soul apprehends it. Stripped of theological terms and philosophical abstractions, leaving on one side all the questions which Christmas men debate so strenuously, the religious charm of Christmas can be expressed in a few plain sentences that the ordinary man can understand. God and man are alike. There is no great impassable gulf fixed between Deity and humanity; they are not, like light and darkness, mutually exclusive, but, like father and son, basically one. Love and thought and purpose in God are of the same order as love and thought and purpose in man, only higher, grander, vaster. The Incarnation of God in Christ is the pledge and proof and assurance of this glorious and vital unity.

And Christmas is not only man's great day, it is God's great day, the day of God's supreme adventure. Through the long ages, He had been preparing the world for life. Through other ages, He had been bringing life to the point where a living thing made in the image of his Creator could look up to heaven and say "God!" and now, in the fulness of time, God has broken into life in a new and glorious way. The first-born of a great family of sons has appeared. God has stooped down to the human to lift man up to the divine, and in this unbelievably wonderful and eternal unity of Deity and humanity in the God-man, every man may find hope. This is the supreme charm of Christmas. This is the Gospel and glad tidings of great joy!—Selected.

#### The Bible Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He, that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.

When he arose he took the young child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.

#### Walters Falls

School closed with a session on Saturday when the pupils had a Christmas tree and an exchange of gifts.

The various young people attending high school in town are holidaying at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eagles and babe of Flint, U.S., are visiting at the latter's parental home, Mr. and Mrs. D. Patterson.

Miss Myrtle Acheson of Toronto is visiting at her home.

Mr. Fred Free of Owen Sound is spending a week at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olmstead left last Friday to spend some time with their daughters at Burford.

The Christmas concert put on in the hall on Saturday evening by the A.Y.P.A. was quite an enjoyable affair and the gifts from the tree very pleasing to the Sunday School pupils.

The December meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. I. Seabrook last Wednesday afternoon with an attendance of about thirty. As this was the girls' meeting, Miss H. Hanna occupied the chair as president and opened the meeting in the usual manner followed by the reading and adoption of minutes of last meeting. A report of the bale packing was given and a large variety of goods had been donated, some new cloth and a bale which weighed twenty-seven pounds had been forwarded to a northern address. A letter was read re the short course to be put on in Meaford in January. Some accounts were passed. Mrs. Ward read a very full report of the recent Toronto convention. She must have kept her eyes open while there to see and remember so much. "Jingle Bells" was the chorus for the day. A contest of names was the next item and the prize was won by Mrs. J. Speck. Miss Mary Acheson played a piano solo. Miss Irene Saunders gave a very appropriate reading on Christmas ideas. The roll call was answered by a Christmas idea. After singing the National Anthem lunch was served by Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Quinton assisted by Mrs. W. I. and C. W. Seabrook and Mrs. Juniper. The January meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Long.

#### Temple Hill

Wishing the Standard, its staff and readers a merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Miss Jennie Stuart and friend, accompanied by the former's mother, of Durham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eskine.

Miss Lena Hoyt spent a few days this week with friends near Hamilton.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment held in the church here Wednesday evening was a decided success. Santa Claus was there with his reindeer and pack.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Menary and daughter, Lois spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ham of St. Vincent.

Mr. G. Davidson of Toronto was a caller in our burg recently.

Mrs. Herb. Patton of Harkaway spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Wm. Wright here.

Miss Jean Boyd of Markdale and friends of Durham spent the weekend at the former's home here.

Our teacher, Miss Rice, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home near Chatsworth.

Miss Rice spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor of Rocklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich of Dundalk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patton.

#### Wodehouse

We wish the editor of the Standard and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

The weather so far this winter is all that could be desired for a Merry Christmas.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cherry on Sunday last were Mr. and Mrs. Reg Londry of Epping and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Risk and children.

T. I. and Mrs. Fawcett were visitors at the home of their son Harold near Kimberley on Sunday.

Mr. Gordon Wilcox and lady friend were in Meaford on Saturday last for the Santa Claus celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick and children and Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick and daughter were visitors on Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sewall of the Townline A.E.E.

Miss Florence Gordon of Temple Hill was a visitor on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilcox and attended church at New England.

More advertising means more business.

#### THOMPSON'S STORE FOR MEN

### Season's Greetings

WITH all sincerity we wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and good health and prosperity during the days to come.

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and wishing you a very  
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and a  
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for a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
to everyone

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The same to all those near;  
May each have a Bright, Happy  
Christmas  
With many a Glad New Year.

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