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**"As We See It"**

By J. A. Strang

CONSIDERING THE interest that is now taken in diets, reducing, calories and in vitamins, it is interesting to know that Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, and never as people do now. Did he note the amount of the calorie count. He ate it because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed as at dinner he devoured his turkey and pie. To think it was lacking in granular fat, or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed each morsel of food. Unmindful of troubles and fears. Lest his health might be hurt. By some frozen dessert. And he lived over nine hundred years. So if you didn't get that expected turkey and all that goes with it at Christmas time it may not make so much difference. By the way the poem isn't ours, although we understand that the author is unknown.

IT IS reported that for this past Christmas season Canada found a market for six million Christmas trees. Of this number five million went to the United States, the other million being sold here in our own country. Judging by the number of trees being offered for sale in Toronto we thought that city alone would be using that many. St. Clair Avenue looked like an evergreen swamp along each side of it. We doubt if our forests can stand that size of an annual slaughter for very many years. Even the tiniest of these evergreens look several years to attain its size and it cannot be replaced overnight. But it wouldn't be Christmas without the tree, so the youngsters think anyway. A tree is an unusual and bright ornament in the corner of the living room and with a little thought can be trimmed up quite nicely. Apparently no substitute has been found for the tree as yet and no doubt it will continue to be put on the market for a long time. They were higher in price this year and \$1.50 didn't buy too large a one at all.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD have had the following poem which was written by Arthur L. Lippman, in last week's Herald. It is of course a parody of the poem "Twas":

I do not think I'll ever be,  
 Much help around a Christmas tree,  
 A smiling tree, that gaily gleams,  
 Whose friendly branches kiss the beams,  
 Whose festooned top is with spangles,  
 I usher in domestic wrangles,  
 I yearn to show, where things should go,  
 But I'm alas, Malapropos.  
 I'm like a Rinzling Brothers clown,  
 What others hang up, I knock down.  
 Poems are made by fools like me,  
 But my verses can trim a tree.

THIS PAST Christmas wasn't so very much different after all. We had made up our minds to discontinue the sending of the usual Christmas cards, intending to write a letter to each of our friends instead, but as usual the cards continued to arrive and again as usual they didn't include any news at all, but were merely signed "from Bill and Jean." What could one do about it? If we sent them a letter and didn't include a card they might decide that we were being "Scottish" even though the letter might be more welcome than a card would be. So we changed our minds and sent off some more cards. It is one of those habits or customs that could easily be improved upon.

**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO OUR WORLD**

By Christina Dickenson

Many centuries ago, a baby was born in a manger; His name was Jesus Palestine was under Roman rule, and His parents had come up to their own city to be taxed.

The night Jesus was born, angels appeared to the shepherds. They were guarding their flocks, cut on the hills. The angels sang the message, which still rings on down through the ages: "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

His people were just plain folk. His earthly father was a carpenter. His birth heralded in a new era, and so loved the world that He gave His own begotten Son. After Christ's death, his disciples went out into the world, to preach the gospel to all people as he had commanded them. This small band endured great hardship and even death, but they went forward to the end.

This was the beginning of the Christian era. People throughout the centuries have even up all for Christ's service, heeding His call. They have gone forth as missionaries, doctors, nurses, teachers, to all parts of the world. People who cannot give their aid in various ways at home.

There were no hospitals, Red Cross or other organizations to help people in difficulty or distress, before Jesus came. Christmas means to us a time when we see that people, not so well off as ourselves, get a little more happiness, especially the children.

The bells which have rung so joyously at Christmas time in many countries have been silent for the past two years. Britain is at war. Poland and other countries are in alien hands. "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," the message Jesus came to bring, is not heard so clearly amidst the tumult of war. We in Canada enjoy a great many privileges of which the people of occupied countries are deprived. The spirit of night has taken the place of the spirit of love or light. Their homes have been broken up, children scattered all over the world, away from their parents.

The Church and all people pray for the time when a just peace shall come to the earth once more, and all nations shall be as good neighbours. Then the bells of England, Poland and occupied countries will once more

ring out the glad message of Christmas, which shall be to all people. The message heard by the shepherds the first Christmas night at Bethlehem was "Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth, Goodwill toward men."

**Christmas Messages from the Clergy**

Two more messages from district clergymen, received too late to include in our issue last week are reproduced below:

**KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

By Rev. Fr. V. J. Moran, Holy Cross R.C. Church, Georgetown, and St. Joseph's Church, Acton

It seems anomalous to suggest that Christmas should be anything but a Christian Feast, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Still there exists a strong, active spirit of paganism that would make Christmas simply another riotous holiday—a time of excitement, of arousing and of unrestrained joviality—without a thought for the Christ Who is the reason for the joy at Christmas time.

The pagan may justify the omission of Christ by his ignorance or his indifference. The Christian has no excuse. Christmas is the birthday of the Saviour of Mankind, the God-Man Jesus Christ.

Those who profess their belief in Jesus Christ must, if they would merit the name of Christian, give Him the place that is rightfully His on the day of His birth. Therefore, the Christian's greeting cards and messages should not eliminate the mention of His Birth in Bethlehem, but should in some way have reference to it.

The joy of Christmas for Christians has ever been for Christians the first of all the days of the year. It has been surrounded with a splendid tradition that is given to no other day of the year. It appeals to the Christian heart and imagination, for it marks the birth of the Redeemer, the Expected of Nations, the Light of the Kingdom on earth.

The great festival, which in the beginning was only religious, has, during the course of centuries, become clothed with many customs expressive of the abundance of joy. It is a time of family reunion. It is imperishably engrained in the heart by the sweet and tender memories of childhood. It is above all a children's day, for the gift of the Divine Child to the world imparts to all a sense of kindness and liberality towards the children.

Who became an infant that man might be saved. The religious character must be predominant, and is celebrated with thanksgiving and joy by the church, yet the human heart has its way of seeing the natural joy which this great Christian festival never fails to produce.

The church has always discouraged excesses in connection with the Christmas celebration, and has at times put a stop to some features of the Christmas merriment which were unbecoming, yet she is never rigid and allows a wide but sinless scope to the expression of the joy of the Christmas season.

Cold must be the heart that has no response to this great Christian sentiment, barren indeed the home into which no recognition of the Christ Child enters, no thought of that inestimable gift that has made all mankind brethren. To the poorest and humblest of us this Christmas message speaks.

In a few days the great excitement will have faded and we shall be going about our business with all the stern realities of the new year before us. But we shall carry something with us from this great holiday that will not fade if we help to make the world by being men of goodwill, brighter and better because of Christmas Day.

**THE CHILD IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD**

By Rev. J. O. Tilton, Ashgrove and Hornby United Churches

Christmas is glorious because it is the creation of a child. Man is not the architect of it. It was built in the first place by a baby; and the glimmer of it was simply the reflection of the light of a baby's eyes.

The kings of the earth have often gathered together, but they have never conceived anything so beautiful as Christmas. For a marvel so stupendous God fell back upon a child. There was nothing in the world like Christmas till Jesus came. On the day of His birth God called the nations to their feet and set a child in their midst. From the beginning of time a full-grown man had stood in the centre, but the circle that had gathered around him had never been joyous. Sometimes the central man had been a warrior, and sometimes a king. Occasionally he had been a scholar, and frequently a saint. But the matter who he was, the circle was not enchanted, and the heart refused to sing. But as soon as a child was placed at the centre humanity began to organize itself in unprecedented ways, and to move forward along original lines. It began to sing a new song. The world for ages had been despondent and hopeless, and no potentate or miracle-worker, however mighty, had been able to lift it out of its darkness. But when God took a child and set him in the midst, then was the world's mouth filled with laughter, and all things became new. This is the difference between the ancient world and the modern; the first had an adult at the centre, the later has a child.

Out of the child-heart — and the child heart is the Christ-heart — are coming the forces for the re-building of the world. The problem of existence is the task of keeping the child in the adult. We shall never do anything greater than that. There is a sense in which Christ remains forever the Holy Child. His Spirit never lost the freshness of life's morning hour. To the close of His day on earth He was a fragrant dew rose. He never lost His childlike trust in God. Not

one golden line faded out of His early ideals. He carried the child-spirit with Him to the cross. He carried it with Him to the throne of glory. It is by the child-spirit He rules in the heavenly world. The child-spirit is the spirit that wonders, trusts, and loves. May we all be child-like, that we may be Christ-like.

"Just a little baby,  
 Jesus was His name,  
 Bringing joy and gladness  
 When from heaven He came.  
 Angels brought the message  
 Of the baby's birth,  
 Said He was the Saviour,  
 Sent to all the earth."

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