

CHILD VOYAGERS

When we were children, many years ago, And knew no other country save our own...

THE GIFT CUSTOM

Some observers of the popular habits of the holiday season have declared that the custom of offering Christmas gifts to relatives and friends is in many cases overdone.

Against such an idea, there is the fact that the gift custom does create an enormous amount of happiness.

Then there is the joy in making gifts to the children, in satisfying their little longings, and contributing the materials of pleasure and recreation as well as more substantial gifts.

It is a very fine satisfaction to receive these presents from members of our families and relatives and our friends.

There is something in the custom that is in true accord with the spirit of Christmas. That holiday celebrates the gift which Jesus made to humanity in offering his life for the world.

The children should be taught that they should give as well as receive on this holiday, and those who are old enough to earn money themselves should be taught to make gifts out of the money they have worked to get.

THIS UNION LEVIES TRIBUTE

An outstanding victory of perilous implications to democracy has been scored by Jabes Caesar Petrillo, dominating and cocky head of the American Federation of Musicians.

Despite formal restraining action by two U.S. Government agencies and a personal plea from President Roosevelt, Petrillo finally beat down all opposition and forced the recording companies to capitulate.

Up to the present, in most democratic countries, it has been recognized that only the government exercise the right to exact taxes and all but the highwaymen has been in agreement.

"Are labor unions to be left in a position to tax employers for the right to hire workers and freedom to stay in Business? Must employees, and eventually the public, pay union treasuries as well as the national treasury to maintain social security services?"

Twenty Years Ago

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Mr. Crawford of Toronto was relieving manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia while Mr. Clements was relieved from duty on account of the death of his mother.

The short course in swine at the Union Stock Yards ended last Friday with an examination in bacon hogs.

Mr. McIntyre, Reeve of Georgetown, said in a candidate for the Wardenship for 1925. It is about Georgetown's turn to get it.

MARRIED COCHRANE-BROCK—At Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, on Wednesday December 17th, by Rev. Cannon Naftel, Mrs. Elva J. Brock, of Toronto, to Mr. F. S. Cochrane, of Milton.

DIED NAYLOR—In Milton, on Wednesday, December 17th, 1924, Eula Naylor youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Naylor, in her 9th year.

Factories Can't Employ Everybody

In discussing the question of providing "full employment" after the war we are apt to think in terms of employment in factories.

But is that possible or even desirable? In an article appearing in Harper's Magazine, entitled "Factories Can't Employ Everybody," C. Hartley Grattan reminds us that it will be impossible for factories to employ these millions of people in the production of peace-time goods, and he says there is no cause for despair in this.

The war-time restrictions on the manufacture of peace-time goods have had the effect of diverting hundreds of thousands of people from service industries. This has been necessary for the concentration of materials and labor upon our industrial war effort.

When one comes to think of it, the populations of our cities, towns and villages are made up largely of distributors and those engaged in services and professions which have no immediate connection with productive industries.

Socialists talk of the "industrial workers" as though their interests alone were to be considered in planning for the future.

RIO DE JANEIRO (CP)—Unconfirmed reports circulating here have it that the United States and Brazil are soon to sign a new rubber accord whereby Brazil increases its shipments of crude to the United States in exchange for a like amount of synthetic from American war plants.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1944

CHRISTIAN LIVING AT ITS BEST Golden Text—If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. Gal. 5:25.

Lesson Text.—Gal. 5: 22-6: 10. Time.—A. D. 57. Place.—Macedonia. Exposition.—I. The Fruit of the Spirit, 5: 22-26.

The context of these verses teaches that there is in us all a constant struggle between the flesh and the Spirit (v. 17). The works of the flesh seek to hinder us in all spiritual aims, and, likewise, the Holy Spirit opposes the attitudes and operations of the flesh.

ant factor in a Christian's life (1 Cor. 12: 3-5; Phil. 2: 15; 3-18, 20, 21; 1 Thes. 1: 5, 6).

II. How to Deal with an Erring Brother, 6: 1-5.

If a man be caught in the very act of transgression, so there can be absolutely no doubt of his guilt, those who are spiritual, i.e., guided and governed by the Spirit (ch. 5: 16-25), should prove that they are really "spiritual" not by tramping him down or casting him off, but by restoring him.

It is self conceit or spiritual pride which most stands in the way of godfearingance in dealing with offenders (v. 3). Most of our glorying is not over something that we have

actually done, but over something our neighbour has failed to do (v. 4). This lies at the root of our criticism of one another: there is nothing we ourselves have really done to glory in, so we dwell on the faults of others.

III. What to Sow and What to Reap, 6-10.

While each is to bear his own burden, the one who is taught should help the teacher to bear his burden by contributing unto his need "in all good things" (v. 6; Rom. 15: 27; 1 Cor. 9: 11, 14). Paul warns those who are not willing to thus contribute to the support of their teachers against being deceived into thinking that they will gain anything by their selfishness.

We shall reap love. The principle is as true of nations as of individuals: the nations that grossly wrong another will be grossly wronged. Every act is a sowing, and therefore every act necessitates a reaping.

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