

Christmas Greeting to Liberal Readers From Unionville District

Greetings to The Liberal readers the pen of I. R. McKibbin expresses from Unionville.

It is a far cry back to the first Christmas. A long lapse of centuries intervenes. A mighty panorama of history and change greets the eye. But, one thing has not changed. The hand of the child of Bethlehem still rests powerfully on the world. The birth of the little child in a little corner of the earth, obscure and humble to the last degree. A story that has lost none of its charm and sweetness through our familiarity, and yet, how far reaching. How often God chooses the weak things of the world to those that are strong. All the events of the centuries are not equal to one Bethlehem. The glad-song of the angels still rings as true for us as it did on that first Christmas when the shepherds heard the theme, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men." And, so let us likewise carry the inspiration of Christmas throughout the coming year, always seeking joy in the service of Him, Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Go ye even now, even unto Bethlehem.

A Prayer For Christmas Morning
The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us to rightly remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake, Amen.

Dear Readers:

Christmas Greetings to you all. May the season remind us that the greatest gifts of all are love, joy and peace. These are priceless and redemptive in their work. They cost more than money, more than position or power, but they are sure ways of making a more Christian world than our present one. May we pay the price and make our days richer and better. Rev. A. E. Owen.

Christmas and goodwill seem to be synonymous terms. Without the message contained in the Angel choir's song over the fields of Bethlehem the Christmas season would be barren, indeed "Peace on Earth to man Goodwill." This Goodwill or God's will becomes more contagious every year, ay—in spite of the world's continued effort to make Peace by force and conquest. For a little while every year all the bitterness, disappointment and disillusionment of life are swallowed up and disappear in this spirit of Goodwill. For this there must be a willingness to give and not to count the cost. To remember only the joy of service, the satisfaction of giving.

When you are willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate—stronger than evil—stronger than death—and that the blessed life that began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love. Then, you can keep Christmas and if you keep it for a day, why not always? "For somehow not only at Christmas, But all the long year through, The joy that you give to others, Is the joy that comes back to you" —Rev. J. J. Robbins.

Dear readers, accept our greetings for a very very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And we feel certain our wish will come true where Christ dwells within the heart, and Peace and Goodwill reigns supreme. "For unto us a child is born" and "He shall save His people from their sins."

In ministering to others in the name of the Lord, we are credited with ministering to Him and how happy that should make us. We may also make direct gifts to our new born King. He would like us to visit Him in spirit, to worship Him in the sanctuaries dedicated to His praise, and to commune with Him through the Word He has given.

May this Happy Christmas Season, then, bring you that Joy and Peace so dear to every Canadian heart. —Rev. E. Huenergarde.

When I see this milling and rushing and hurrying to buy I wonder, do we forget the Great Gift of which this festive season is commemorative, the Great, the Wonderful Gift, I look within to see if I find appreciation and love and thankfulness and find oh so much lacking. The verse from

Lord not alone on Christmas Day, When every heart is glad and gay, But every day throughout the year Grant to my heart so much of cheer, It generally shall overflow; And scatter joy where'er I go." —Mrs. W. Milliken Smith.

When you stop to reflect about Christmas, for what it stands and what it does, you cannot help but feel a glow of Thankfulness as you realize the millions of kind thoughts and deeds that go to make perfect this Christian Day.

Village Trustees, A. K. Harrington, T. Croft, Chas. Maynard.

Merry Christmas. This is a joyous occasion. Let none allow the mistakes of yesterday to weigh against the gladness of the Day; nor yesterday's failure rise up to mar the glory of the Christmastide. —W. Hawkins.

Greetings with sincerest wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthful New Year. Manager and Staff of The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"I wish I might give you a garden of flowers and singing birds, where the roses and lilies might perfume the Christmas hours, and the sweet voices of children singing; for what is greater than Children, Birds and Flowers?" —Edwin Dixon.

Have you noticed at Christmas time, how friendly people are? It marks the pause in the struggle of life, When a friendly nod and a cheerful smile, Really makes living worth while." —A. K. Harrington.

The Cheeriest word in the language and the friendliest wish in the world. "Merry Christmas." —Harold Parkinson.

A Christmas Wish. May this day and all the days to come be filled with the music of happiness. —O. Anderson.

Oh, the gladness of Christmas, The pleasure it brings, The presents and parties, And extra good things, That gay and delightful old Old Season is here, And may you enjoy it immensely Immensely this year. —Carol Trunk & Irma Court.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town, It's anywhere that Christ comes down, And finds in people's friendly face A welcome and a hiding place. The road to Bethlehem runs right through The homes of folks like me and you. —F. J. Polard.

A wish for Peace and Cheer at Christmas and throughout the coming year. —Geo. Court. May the old smiles be a trifle brighter, the old spirits a trifle lighter and the old handshakes a trifle tighter. "Merry Christmas." —Findlay Bros.

Just on a hunch that you still like the old wish best. Here it is! "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." —J. W. Perkin.

Canadian Friends: Time slips by quickly—here we are on the threshold of another Christmas and looking forward with confidence to a New Year with improved conditions.

We have natural resources, room and ability for development, with Faith in ourselves, Trust in our friends and Peace on our border.

If we have as much backbone as wishbone, we can look forward to a New Year full of Happiness and Prosperity. And in keeping with the season—May this Christmas be full of Merriment for all. —H. H. Powers.

Just an expression of sincere appreciation for pleasant and friendly contacts during 1935. It has been a year of consolation. We believe signs are in evidence of a brighter year ahead.

Seasons Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and may 1936 deal kindly with all. —Brown Bros.

"The feet of the humblest may walk in the field That the feet of the holiest have trod, This, this is the message by Christmas revealed, That Mankind are the children of God." —Mrs. C. R. Dyke.

Just a wish for a happy Christmas Day and may that Joy continue throughout a prosperous New Year. —Latimer Bros.

May Christmas be kept in our hearts by remembering our kinship with all men, by well wishing and kindly doing and friendly speaking; by cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight; by welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men) and by keeping the angel's song in our house. —A. E. Connell.

We do well to celebrate the Christmas Season. To take Christmas out of life would be to take perfume out of flowers, the colour from the rainbow, the stars from the sky. It is the happiest festival of the year and leads to worship, affection and service. —G. Martin.

Christmas is a season of fireside Good Cheer, Mirth and Happiness with lasting memories the whole year through. —F. Minton.

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year. —N. M. Davison. "The Post Office."

Another year has passed and we come once more to the Festive Christmas Season. At this time of year we are always grateful that we live in the Unionville District. We wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you increased Happiness, Health and Prosperity. —Stiver Bros.

Christmas Gift Suggestions taken from "The Christian Observer."

GIVE EAR to those who cry for crumbs—and heap their homely larders high, for Lo the Joyous Season's here—and Christmas comes.

GIVE HANDS to those who need a guide, nor cast a thought of race or creed, since Brotherhood is all worth while at Christmas Tide.

GIVE STEPS to those who cannot plod on their own errands to and fro above the crisp December sod as others go.

GIVE THOUGHT to what you best can do to cheer the heart and soothe the mind and make the world seem good and kind to those less fortunate than you.

GIVE SMILES to all whose weary load brings gloom and pain and gray despair and bends them low o'er life's steep road; for smiles with them are rare.

GIVE KNOWLEDGE to the dull, untaught, for some there are that do not know with what our Christmastide is fraught; and speak of him the manger born. Beneath the Eastern Star's pale glow.

GIVE COURAGE to the fearing hand that needs the clasp of friendly hand and cheering smile and all good will; give courage then to such as them this day.

GIVE HEED to others and their need. They know, they feel they have desire; nor is it what you think is best, but rather what they most require, that you should give and do and sav on Christmas Day.

GIVE LAUGHTER—not the scornful sort, but laughter that abounds with happy welcome merry sound and so infectious as to bring a like retort.

GIVE HEART—the heart that beats for all upon this day; the heart that greets the lowly and the high; the heart that glows with sympathy and knows but love for those who pass you by.

GIVE JOY TO ALL—it may be bread for one, or just a smile, or yet a simple toy, or words of praise or even gold—but give them all and you will give but Joy.

ODD CHRISTMAS BELIEFS

Indians say that the best time to catch a deer is on Christmas night at 12 o'clock, when they believe the deer kneels.

Some of the Germans believe that those born on Christmas day have the power of seeing spirits and even commanding them.

A popular saying in Spain for Christmas day is, "The bird of dawn singeth all night long to frighten away all evil things."

In Roumania it is the custom to bless the Danube at Christmas, and a procession consisting of priests and people dressed to represent Biblical characters moves through the streets singing chants, and so to the banks of the river. The ice is broken and a small wooden cross thrown into the water. Any one who can recover the cross is regarded as extremely fortunate and sure of good luck for the remainder of the year.

"What shall I do?" wailed the sweet young thing. "I'm engaged to a man who just cannot bear children."

"Well," remarked the kindly old lady, "you mustn't expect too much of a husband."

Europe teaches us the sad lesson that the under-dog is still a dog when you help him to get on top.

Social and Personal

Mr. Norman Deans of Toronto is spending Christmas with Mrs. Frederick Mason and family at Aspley.

The annual Christmas Tree and concert of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Sunday School was held Monday evening and was a most enjoyable event. Following a supper a varied program was carried out, a feature of which was the presentation of prizes. Attendance prizes were won by Misses Elva and Edna Young and Murray Cunningham and George Pollard. The trophy for the banner class was awarded to Miss Francis Drury's class. Send The Liberal a list of your Christmas visitors.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

A trip through Old London illustrated with coloured slides given by Rev. C. W. Follett, under auspices of the United Sunbeams, to be held in Richmond Hill Sunday School room, Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1936, at 8 p.m. Admission, adults 15c., children 10c.

SCHOOL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ratepayers of S. S. No. 3 Markham, will be held in the school on Thursday, Dec. 26th, at 10 a.m.

CARD OF THANKS

Miss Adeline Horner wishes to thank all her kind friends and neighbours for their kind thoughtfulness in the recent loss of the barn on the property of Miss Adeline and Mrs. Chris. Horner on the Third Line of Markham Township.

POULTRY EUCHRE

A progressive euchre will be held in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, Monday evening, Dec. 30th, under the auspices of the local L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. Poultry will be given for prizes. The big draw for the fowl for which tickets have been on sale will also be made that night.

UNITED CHURCH W.M.S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church will be held in the Sunday School room on Thursday, Jan. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Mrs. W. W. Trench will review the Study Book. All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE

An old-fashioned Watch-Night Service will be held in the United Church School room on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 31st, at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D. The public invited.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A dance will be held in Community Hall, Victoria Square, New Year's Eve, under the auspices of the Trustees of Community Hall. Olde Tyme and Modern Dancing. Good music. Lunch served. Admission, gents 35c., ladies 35c.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D., Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 29th
11 a.m.—"Lamps gone out."
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—"As a Tale That is Told."
Old Year Services morning and evening with special music by the choir.
Pleasant Sunday evening in school room at close of evening service. Old time singing and Christian fellowship. A hearty welcome to all.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Cunningham
Sunday, Dec. 29th
11 a.m.—The Minister.
Theme—"The Past, Present, Future."
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—A night with the Choir.
Thanks to all who sent in goods.
Hats off to the past; coats off to the future.

As a Special Christmas Offer

We are continuing our INTRODUCTION SALE of

'RHEUMATA'

the REMEDY against RHEUMATISM NEURALGIA NEURITIS and ARTHRITIS and used EFFECTIVELY in all other cases of RHEUMATIC PAINS

Buy a bottle for the reg. price of \$1.25 and GET a second bottle for . . . 25c. The final date for this sale is DECEMBER 24th, 1935 Sold only by Fr. Zimmerman, Mfr's. Oak Ridges, P.O., Ont.

Greetings to the Citizens of Richmond Hill

CHRISTMAS again furnishes the occasion to wish each other well, also arouses within us the spirit of kindness, unselfishness and love for others that puts our petty thoughts and our hearts are opened wide, with the wish to help one another in the best way that we can, for—

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year. He is almost what he should be when the Christmas Season's here;

Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought for months before,

And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for;

He is less a selfish creature than at any other time; When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

Many of our less fortunate citizens, who lack the comforts of life, give us individually and collectively, through our Churches and other organizations, the opportunity to spread the True Christmas Spirit of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men.

It is my sincere wish that all Citizens will have a Very Merry Christmas and will enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity during the coming year.

J. A. GREENE, Reeve

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS. MAY HAPPINESS AND JOY BE YOURS ALONG LIFE'S WAY.

JOHN JARVIS

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Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Merry Christmas To All.

Kerr Bros.

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Two Shows Daily — 7.30 & 9.30 — Sat. Matinee 2.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DEC. 25-26
RICHARD DIX — "Transatlantic Tunnel"
MADGE EVANS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC. 27-28
— TWO FEATURES —
JANE WITHERS—JOHN McGUIRE—SALLY BLANE in

THIS IS THE LIFE and
GARY GRANT —
GERTRUDE MICHAEL Last Outpost

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DEC. 30-31
WALLACE BEERY —
JACKIE COOPER in Oshaughnessy's Boy
BIG NEW YEARS EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW
TUESDAY, DEC. 31, AT 12.05

WHEELER AND WOOLSEY in NIT WITTS
and an excellent array of short subjects — Music —
Comedy — Screen Vaudeville.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JAN. 1-2
MATINEE NEW YEARS DAY AT 2 P.M.
CHARLIE CHAN'S SECRET with WARNER OLAN
OUR GANG COMEDY FOLLIES OF 1936