

For The Quiet Hour

WHEN CHRIST CAME

He is the likeness of the unseen God, born first before all the creation,—for it was by him that all things were created, both in heaven and on earth, both the seen and the unseen, including thrones, angelic lords, celestial powers and rulers; all things have been created by him and for him; he is prior to all, and all coheres in him. Colossians 1. 15-17 (Moffat).

Never deeper darkness mantled
All the earth than when CHRIST came,
But the wonder of his coming
Set the souls of men aflame:

Touched the builder, and he builded
Noblest fanes beneath the skies;
Touched the artist, and he painted
With the hues of Paradise;

Thrilling through the soul of music
Cords that angels might enthral;
And the great thought of the ages—
Witness!—he inspired them all!

Clad in peasant's seamless vesture,
Crownless,—sceptreless,—unknown,—
Earth and air and sea obey him,
Life and death his mastery own!

CHRIST,—the lowly,—the majestic!
Christ,—incarnate deity!
In him grace and beauty flaming
Into visibility! —Edwin Botham.

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON REVEAL TO US AFRESH the Christ of Christmas! May it serve also to tell us anew of our kinship with him, and cause us to aspire to become like him! If over your fair life ideal cruels (disfigurements) have come, then be induced to set about at once to restore the original. It can be done. Carefully remove the scales with which your worldliness has encrusted it! Freshen up the spots which time has defaced! Catch as much as you can of the lost hidden beauty while you work, and it will come out clean and clear, and shine forth upon your soul anew! God will give you new grace as you give him new consecration, and as you aspire to catch the vision again it will break upon you, and thrill you through and through.—Dr. G. B. F. Hallock.

GOD HAS BROKEN SILENCE, GOD HAS GONE OUT TO make himself known, God has unbared his heart and will. . . . This revelation would have been an imperfect revelation had there not been a perfect personality in which it could be perfectly expressed.—Rev. R. C. Gillie.

ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT, SAYS T. DEWITT Talmadge, God honored motherhood, and made the maternal relation one of the tenderest of all relations and "mother" one of the sweetest of words. Christmas is a festival of motherhood, for that first Christmas consecrated and hallowed motherhood.

A TOURIST WRITES: "WE WERE CROSSING THE DESERT. The night came suddenly upon us, and it was so dark, but we determined to push on. Soon we lost our way, and spent the night in fear and trembling. It seemed as if morning would never come! Then suddenly the sun sprang up, bringing daylight and showing the way to safety. Our joy was boundless. None of us will ever forget that sun-rising." The world was lost in darkness and sin, when through the tender mercy of God the Dayspring from on high came to light our way to safety. No one ever turned his face to that light without being lightened. This fact is the supreme joy to millions at Christmas. Is it yours?

JUST AS THE MUSICIAN BY HIS TUNING FORK BRINGS the strings of his orchestra up to concert pitch, so does Christmas tune up and tune up our lives for the coming year by reminding us that great events have small beginnings; that as of old, to-day wise men pay homage to Jesus; that we too may become saviors of the world; that love divine, all love exelling, was incarnate in this babe; and that there are millions to-day who know nought of his love.

ONCE MR. MOODY, WALKING FROM THE PLACE WHERE he had been preaching on Christ as a deliverer, said: "I didn't finish the subject." Some one who heard him, answered: "You didn't expect to finish, did you? It will take all eternity to finish telling what Christ has done for man!"

Oh for a song, a glad new song,
A song of joy and praise,
To sing the name all names above,
The name that tells of saving love,
The blessed name of Jesus!

Oh for a crown, a radiant crown,
A crown that ne'er can fade,
To crown the brow of him who died,
The tempted One, the crucified,
The thorn-crowned brow of Jesus!

Oh for a heart, a clean, pure heart,
A heart by grace renewed,
A fitting sacrifice to bring
To thee, O Master, Saviour, King,—
Thou blessed, loving Jesus!

—R. M. Offord.

THIS IS TOLD OF AN IGNORANT SAILOR, POOR, RECK- less, rude, low-born, untaught. He plunged overboard in a terrible storm to save a comrade from the deep. "Were you prepared to die, that you risked your life so fearlessly?" some one said to him. "Should I have been better prepared to die," he nobly answered, "if I had not tried to save him?" Christ's coming brought to this world the instinct of pity. Neither heathenism nor selfishness promotes it.

I WOULD NOT DO AWAY, SAYS ONE, WITH CHRISTMAS gifts, but I would try to teach both the adult and the child that swapping and trading are not giving and that the only gift is that which comes from the heart of the giver who expects no material return. Thank God that the Bethlehem kind of giving expects no material return and can be kept up all the year round and all the world around!

"I HAVEN'T MONEY TO BUY GIFTS FOR ALL MY FRIENDS so I began the first of December to write them each a good long folksy letter,—knitting ravelled friendships up," I call it. Queer but they actually seem to appreciate it more than all my own gimcracks," said a city missionary to her roommate, who sighed and replied:

"I wonder if folks really will read out of these centrepieces and pillow-covers half the love I am working into them, or if she's struck it, and I had better write it out in so many words instead!" Letter writing! How it can maintain the friendly spirit all the year around!

Not to the rich he came, nor to the ruling,
Men full of meat, whom wholly he abhors;
Not to the fools, grown insolent in fooling,
Most when the lost are dying at the doors;

Nay, but to her who with a sweet thanksgiving
Took in tranquility what God might bring,
Blessed him, and waited, and within her living
Felt the arousal of a holy Thing!

—F. H. W. Myers.

I know not what the days may bring,
To-morrow waits unknown;
But this I know,—the changeless Christ,
My Lord, is on the throne! —D. Anderson.

WE MUST HAVE CONVERSION, OR WE PERISH, BECAUSE the world has no use for us apart from conversion. Revival is the only antidote of death.—Preacher's Magazine.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of December 24, 1908.

We are glad to see Mr. George Kress is around again after his severe illness. Though not fully recovered he is gaining strength every day.

The schools closed Tuesday noon and the teachers left to holiday at their respective homes. Miss Forfar goes to Toronto, Mr. Sheppard to Paisley, and Mr. McIntosh to Port Elgin.

On Friday the school children surprised Mr. Sheppard, who acted as assistant principal during the Model school term. There was a short program and an address and presentation to Mr. Sheppard.

C. Smith & Sons are advertising for an apprentice to learn the molding business.

Dr. Hutton has moved to the new brick residence at the foot of Garafraxa street hill.

Inspector Campbell is in Owen Sound this week in connection with Model school examination work.

At the Liberal convention last week Mr. H. H. Miller was chosen as standard bearer to contest the riding of South Grey at the next election for the House of Commons. In the ballot he won out from Dr. Mearns, the other candidate, whose name went before the convention.

The Varney correspondent tells us the recent snowstorm was the heaviest ever experienced at this time of year. The roof of R. Pelly's stable, and the roof of R. Bryans' barn went down under the weight of snow.

Mrs. Mary Toms passed away in Bentinck on Thursday of last week at the age of 91 years, 4 months. She was born in Germany and after her husband's death came to Canada about 31 years ago.

GLENELG COUNCIL

Council met at the Township Hall on Saturday, December 15, as per statute. Members all present. The Reeve, Mr. A. MacCuaig, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. By-laws 647 re nominations, polling places and D.R.O.'s and Poll Clerks, and 648 appointing School Attendance Officers for 1924 were introduced and read a first time.

The following accounts were passed and orders issued on the Treasurer in payment of same:

To the several school Trustee Boards of the Township for general and trustees' levy, \$12,340.48; Lorne Livingstone, 2 sheep killed, \$18.00; Mrs. S. Baines, 1 sheep, \$9.00; Albert Livingstone, 1 sheep, \$11.00; R. E. English, 1 sheep, \$9.00; C. McArthur, 3 inspections, \$4.50; M. Quillinan, bonus for 80 rods wire fence, \$20.00; Wm. Henderson, 127 rods, \$31.75; John Ellison, 40 rods, \$10.00; Thomas Laughlin, 66 rods, \$16.50; Geo. Paterson, 84 rods, \$21.00; John Braun, refund of dog tax, \$2.00; Geo. Braun, refund dog tax, \$2.00; Mrs. Catharine Davis, refund dog tax, \$2.00; Dan. Callaghan, refund dog tax, \$2.00; W. Paylor, gravel, \$4.20, road to pit, \$2.; R. J. McGillivray, gravel, 46 yards, \$4.60; D. P. Watson, 8 yards, \$8.; T. Laughlin, 80 yards, \$8.00; Bert Coffey, 15 yards, \$1.50; Connor Bros., 30 yards, \$3.00; R. E. English, 25 yds, \$2.50; Murd. McMillan, 3 days' statute labor, \$4.50; R. E. English, refund statute labor, \$3.75, refund school taxes, 1921, error, \$1.58; Harper McGirr, refund of 1922 taxes, error, \$6.84; Markdale Standard, printing account, 1922-23, \$10.50; Durham Review, printing account, 1922, \$6.25; Alf. O'Neil, caretaker Twp. Hall 1923, \$25.00, supplies for hall, \$2.00; W.N. Whitmore, salary, School Attendance Officer, 1923, \$10.00; James Leedingham, salary, School Attendance Officer, \$10.00; Thos. J. Brodie, maintenance fees, Glenelg Municipal Telephone, \$240.00; Angus Hooper, logging chain and plow repair, \$5.00; J. C. Ross, refund statute labor, \$6.; J. C. Ross, cedar bridge covering and labor, \$33.00; James Hastie, repairing grader and snowplow, \$5.15; Alex. Stonehouse, winter work in 1923, \$2.80; A. MacCuaig, special road jobs, Town Lines and Bridges, \$49.44; A.A. Aljoe, special jobs, Ward 1, \$61.60; J. Black, special jobs, Ward 2, \$91.00; J. Black, appropriation, Ward 2, \$63.25; M. Black, special jobs, Ward 3, \$49.84; T. J. Brodie, special jobs, Ward 4, \$165.40; A. A. Aljoe, com. on expenditure,—Ward 1, \$5.00; J. J. Black, com. on expenditure, Ward 2, \$12.30; T. J. Brodie, com. on expenditure, Ward 4, \$13.20; W. J. Ritchie, balance salary at Treasurer, 1923, \$100.00; W. J. Ritchie, postage acct., 1923, \$16.75; Thos. Ritchie, postage as Collector, Ward 1, \$4.18; H. H. McDonald, balance salary as Clerk, 1923 \$50.00; H. H. McDonald, writing minutes to local papers, \$10.00; H. H. McDonald, postage account, \$8.00.

Aljoe—M. Black—That Collectors of the four wards be paid \$35.00 each when they return their rolls.—Car.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That By-laws 647 and 648 be now read a second time.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That By-laws 647 and 648 be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed in By-

law Book.—Carried.

Brodie—M. Black—That the time for payment of taxes be extended for thirty days free of the 5 per cent.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That \$2.00 dog tax, error in roll in A. B. McArthur's taxes, be struck off.—Carried.

Brodie—M. Black—That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law for \$250.00, debenture for 10 years at 6 per cent. per annum for admission of Messrs. Thos. Watson and M. Quillinan to the Glenelg Municipal Telephone System.—Carried.

The Reeve was granted leave to refund to the Treasurer, per Williamson adjustment of expenditure on Town Line, refund from Artemesia, \$7.40 and for remnants of bridge covering, Lot 16, Con. 5, \$5.00.

Aljoe—M. Black—That the Reeve and T. J. Brodie be a committee to receive tenders for sale of timber east of Lot 11 to the old survey on Con. 14.—Carried.

Council adjourned sine die.

—H. H. McDonald, Clerk.

The Reeve having vacated the chair, same was taken by Councillor M. Black, who read the following address:

To the Reeve of the Twp. Glenelg:

We, the members of the Council, at this the closing meeting of the year desire to express our gratefulness for many kindnesses shown to us during the year. We congratulate you on the able, efficient and impartial manner in which you have occupied the position as head of this Council. We would also express our appreciation to our worthy and capable Treasurer and Clerk on the way they have performed the duties of their respective offices, and in conclusion we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Signed by members of Council—T. J. Brodie, A. A. Aljoe, J. J. Black, M. Black.

Short replies were made by the Reeve and members of the Council in appreciation of the harmony prevailing at the Board throughout the year.

CANADA GROWS GOOD SEED

(Experimental Farms Note.)

Canadian seed growers have again demonstrated their ability to produce wheat of outstanding merit by the many winnings made at the recent Hay and Grain Show at the 24th annual International Live Stock Exposition recently held at Chicago.

In the class of hard red spring wheat, open to all of North America, Canada succeeded, from a field of 91 exhibits, in winning 15 out of 25 prizes, including the grand championship which went to Major Strange of Fenn, Alberta, with Marquis variety. Major Strange, a prominent and successful member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, also won first prize in white field peas. Second prize for hard wheat went to a Montana grower who had obtained his seed from Indian Head, Sask. Third to twelfth prizes inclusive were awarded to Canadian seed growers with the exception only of the sixth and eighth, which Montana claimed. All but two of the prize-winning samples, including the first and second, were of the Marquis variety; the exceptions were Ruby and Kitchener. At least the first three prize winning samples at the International Hay and Grain Show, since, and including its inception in 1919, have been of the Marquis variety.

Repeating his victory of 1922, Mr. Biglands of Lacombe, Alberta, won the championship for white oats against all North America. In the regional contest 28 out of the 35 prizes offered for that section comprising Canada and the oat growing states west of Chicago were won by Canadian seed growers located chiefly in Alberta.

Among the various winnings for barley exhibits was that of George Avery of Kelso, Sask., who captured first in the two-rowed class. In the six-rowed class Mr. Avery took a second prize. In the Trebi, which included the large kernelled barleys grown under irrigation, Canadian growers took third, fifth and tenth prizes.

Only three exhibits from Canada competed in the white field pea division and they stood first, third and fourth.

Among other winnings were first and eighth places for red clover seed; second, sixth and tenth for Alsike seed; second, fourth and fifth for sweet clover seed; fourth and sixth for Alsike; eighth and twelfth for Timothy; second place for rye; first, eighth and eleventh and thirteenth prizes for Flint corn, all grown in south-western Ontario.

Much attention was attracted by the exhibit put on by the Provincial Department of Agriculture of Alberta, which consisted of a collection of very creditable ears of perfectly matured corn. It was a decided revelation to the many Americans who have long been under the impression that Western Canada was well beyond the northern limit of the corn belt.

TWO INNOCENT MEN

(Ripley Express.)
Officers Blood and White, who were searching the County of Bruce for one Dan McKay, who passed a forged cheque at the Sterling Bank, Duncannon, for \$140, were elated when visiting Huron to learn that there were two Dan McKays residing in this township. They visited Dan McKay, 6th Concession, Huron, and asked him to accompany them to Walkerton. Dan put up a big battle and had two neighbors to corroborate his statement that he had not left his home on the day the cheque was cashed at the Duncannon Bank, but the constable displayed his badge and he was forced to go with the officers. The constables then proceeded to the home of Mr. Dan McKay, on the 9th Concession of Huron Township, who had a gang of men engaged in chopping. He also made a protest, but what he said or his neighbors said had no effect on the officers. The two Dan McKays were taken to Walkerton, and on being presented to the lawyer and banker they were told that neither one of them was the Dan McKay who had fooled the lawyer and banker, and cashed the cheque for \$350. The two Dan McKays were immediately released and had to pay for their suppers. Both farmers were very much displeased.

LUCKNOW COURT CLERK MAY HAVE SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Citizen Wrongly Searched for Theft May Take Legal Action.
Mr. William Little, division court clerk of Lucknow, is likely to have to defend a suit for \$10,000 damages. A farmer came into his store and paid him \$8.00, which he deposited in a drawer. Mr. Little had occasion to go out for a while, leaving

the farmer in the office. After the farmer left, Mr. Little searched for the \$8.00 and being unable to find it, had the farmer searched, but without result. Later on he found the money in the drawer and went to tender his apologies to the man he had suspected and searched, but they were not accepted and an action for damages has been instituted.

A SOLEMN SONNET

This is the grave of Johnny Skinner, Who was neither Saint nor sinner; But died from too much Christmas dinner.

IF HE SMOKES, WHY NOT

Give Him a Pipe for Christmas

We have the largest and best assortment of Pipes in town. You will have no trouble in making a selection from our exclusive stock.

Pipes of All Shapes and Sizes with or without cases from 35c to \$3.50

We also have a full stock of Cigars, Cigarettes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, and Smokers' Supplies of All Kinds.

A. S. HASTIE
Veteran Billiard Parlor

Christmas Specials SATURDAY and MONDAY

We are offering our lines of McPherson's Lightning Hitch Hockey Shoes at Reduced Prices. Now is the time to get a present for the Boys and Girls.

Men's black box kip hockey, regular \$5.50 for \$4.50
Men's brown chrome kip hockey, reg. \$5.50 for \$4.50
Women's high-cut box kip hockey, reg. \$6.00 for \$4.50

We have a full line of COZY SLIPPERS for Men and Women at Reasonable Prices. Give us a call.

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GET READY IN TIME Get Your Skates Sharpened at the Durham Machine Shop

I have for sale new skates of different models, Used Skates and Boots, Hockey Sticks of different grades.

Gas Engines, Grain Grinders, Hand-Power Milking Machines at right prices.

All kinds Cream Separators repaired. Tools and Horse Clippers Sharpened, Saws gummed and General Repairing done.

F. W. MOON, (nearly opposite P.O.) Machinist Etc.

Last Minute SPECIALS

Any of which will make a Suitable Gift THESE PRICES ARE GOOD TILL CHRISTMAS EVE

We Have Something for Everybody

- Ladies' Black Silk Hose (self clocked)..... 49c. pr.
- White Bath Towels..... 69c. pr.
- Colored Bath Towels..... 59c. pr.
- Shopping Bags..... 89c. ea.
- Silk Boudier Caps..... 75c. ea.
- Plain White Cups and Saucers, 1/2 doz..... 29c.
- Clover Leaf Cups and Saucers, 1/2 doz..... 90c.
- Ladies Handkerchiefs, reg. 25c., for..... 15c.
- Guaranteed Fountain Pens..... 1.50
- Doll and Carriage, complete..... 1.49
- Boxed Writing Paper, reg. 35c., for..... 25c.
- Boxed Writing Paper, reg. 50c., for..... 39c.
- Assorted Chocolates, good quality..... 33c. lb
- Fancy China, Bonbon Dishes, etc., reg. 65c., for..... 39c.
- Good Handsleighs..... 69c.

We have a complete stock of DOLLS and TOYS. Call and see them.

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Farmers' Sales Notes

BRANCHES of this Bank in rural sections render valuable services to farmers by acting as custodian for their sales notes, or by discounting them and making collections when due.

Standard Service makes the farmer's financing easy.

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