

Student's Department

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CHRISTMAS

DELIVERED AT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHRISTMAS EVE BY R. C. WARRINER.

Kind friends, we are assembled to celebrate Christmas—a festival which originated in the Catholic Church, and which derives its name from Christ-mass, from the fact that high mass was held at midnight on the day Jesus was supposed to have been born.

We find nothing in the Bible from which we can learn that this was the natal day of Jesus, and many circumstances render it uncertain and almost impossible for Him to have been born in the winter at all.

Protestants attach no religious importance whatever to the day, but from long established custom, celebrate it with mirth, feasting and merriment, as a day of reunion, when friends meet to say caroling carols, and give loose rein to social and convivial mirth.

Decorative lights and its crutches, the stern brow is relaxed, and that free and easy intercourse adopted which gives full scope to youth and beauty join the merry throng, while mirth, wit and humor pour forth their chalice of pleasure to gladden the very soul. The "merry Christmas gift" is ushered in with the day—a demand is made immediately for the kind of currency in which it is to be paid, and when informed that nothing but a kiss passes at par, it is promptly paid, and if a blush mantles the cheek of the fair one, it is crowned with a smile so sweet that the giver is tempted to repeat the gift in order to witness the smile and blush.

There is a modern innovation against which I do protest with all the indignation of an injured heart. It is the foolish habit of putting kisses upon paper packages, to be taken as you would pennyroyal, without savor. I always did hate counterfeits and substitutes, the genuine article is much the best, and as a sensible young lady once said, a "kiss is not dangerous; it will do no one, because it has no bones in it." It takes all the marrow and fatness out of the delightful ecstasy, and makes one almost wish candy had never been invented. I move we repudiate this new Yankee invention, and fall back on the good old fashion of our grandmothers, when Christmas the happy season of courtship, and a holy kiss the pledge of love.

It is among the children more especially that the day has a charm and fascination that is lost in after age, to be found again only among the treasures of memory. The story of Kris Kingle or Santa Claus sets their little hearts to dancing, and their eyes to bugging out till a Mexican could lass them with a grape-vine lariat. The mother tells them of the little Nephew, drawn by six beautiful reindeer, and gives them their names—Dancer, Prancer, Comic, Cupid, Dunder and Blitzen. (I don't know that these are the classical names, but they will do.) She tells them of the little old wizard, Santa Claus, with his fur cap and mittens; how he descends the stumpy chimney with his sack of candy and nuts; how he gives some to all good little boys and girls, but never anything to the bad ones get. As they listen to their mother, they almost imagine they hear the clatter of the reindeer's hoofs on the roof of the house, and are in haste to arrange their stockings in the chimney-corner and go to bed, so that the little old peddler can come with his sweetmeats and toys.

What sweet dreams come to the sleep of the innocent ones, whose imaginations have been aroused by bright visions of pleasure! The morning dawns and the children come forth, each eager to see what the stocking contains. The mother in the meantime has been careful to arrange and distribute the presents according to the taste and age of each child. Nelly had a doll, Tommy a top, Jimmy has candy and is smothered from mouth to ear, Henry has a drum which he is rattling through the hall, and all are merry as merry can be, when a rap is heard at the door. Miss Sally blushes; Nelly opens the door, and Mr. Jinkups, Sallie's beau, enters. "Merry Christmas, Miss Sally." "You have caught me this time, Mr. Jinkup." Then Mr. Jinkups spins Tommy's top, kisses Nelly's doll, tastes Jimmy's candy and beats Henry's drum, but always with an eye single to Sallie.

But this innocent childish gleam is not the only amusement sought for during holidays. The youth who refuses to sell his liberty by joining the Good Templars, makes a slave of himself by imbibing too much. An egg-nog in the morning and a hot stew at noon prepares him for whisky straight in the afternoon, and by night he is feeling upward for the ground and swearing everybody is drunk.

Character is the essence of destiny and habits soon form and fix character. Street cars, moved by compressed air, are running in Chicago.

PROGRESS OF REFORMATION.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., Dec. 29.

EDITOR MESSENGER:

Dear Brother—I have just returned home from a tour of ten days. Notwithstanding the cold weather, we had a very pleasant meeting. I commenced a meeting on Hogeys on Friday evening before 4th Lord's day, and continued until Tuesday evening following. The result was that ten took a stand with us and the Bible alone—four immersed. Owing to my helpless condition, I am not able any more to administer baptism, but Elder J. P. Hastings was with me; he is a good Baptist. In some parts of the world this would not be considered a very great success, but in this valley it will be thought so. I feel certain that there is a bright future for all of these upper valleys, but I am near by broke down, owing to my great size and paralysis.

Brother, is there no chance to induce some good brother to go to Grand Ronde and preach for the brethren? There are seventy-five or eighty good brethren there, and no preacher. I have made five trips to Grand Ronde, but I am failing so fast that I cannot go there, and do justice to the cause in Walla Walla. Won't you use your influence to have some one go and sow the good seed in Grand Ronde? I know the brethren in Willamette Valley are not willing to release any of their preachers, but are calling for more help, but let them think of that band of brethren and no one to teach them.

I now think I shall, "if the Lord will," be at your next annual meeting. If I do, I shall talk plain to them, if they don't send a good preacher to Grand Ronde. We can get along in this valley after a sort; but there is room for fifteen or twenty more preachers in this valley, but I don't believe they realize much in dollars and cents for their labors.

You will be pleased to hear that there is an effort being made to build a house of worship for our brethren in this city. Quote John Sheets is working with untiring zeal, though he does not belong to any religious body. I believe, if you would agree to come up and preach for us when the house is finished, he would, if possible, do more. His untiring zeal and popularity with the people will ultimately get us a house.

More anon. D. W. ELLEGER.

Never be sorry for any generous thing that you ever did, even if it was betrayed. Never be sorry that you were magnanimous, if the man was mean afterward. Never be sorry that you gave. It was right for you to give, even if you were imposed upon. You cannot afford to keep on the safe side by being mean.

With God time has no oppression; that which is past is not as if it were gone, and that which is future is not to come.

Philosophers have noticed with pride the change in the modes of thinking made necessary in the discoveries of Copernicus.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for his abundant matchless love! Just now in visions of joy we praise God.

The press is brain alone. It is not conscience. And of itself it can no more originate a conscience than the brain can secrete thought.

Difficuity excites the mind to the dignity which sustains and finally conquers misfortunes, and the ordeal refines while it chastens.

"Tommy, you're a pig," said a father to his little boy, "Now do you know what a pig is, Tommy?" "Yes, pa; pig's a hog's little-boy."

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