

Christmas

by Mary Graham Bonner

THREE words meaning more to more people than almost any other greeting or salutation or phrase. Three words fraught with significance.

There are the happy people. Families where affection, cheer, joy in one another, unselfishness toward one another, love and sympathetic understanding flourish.

They know the full meaning of A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

There are the almost-happy people. People who sometimes bicker and quarrel, make speeches only half-meant which sound twice as harsh. Christmas comes and they rouse themselves. After all, there is happiness for them. The wives with loving slyness make little sacrifices and buy the husbands gifts they know will be acceptable. The husbands rush at the last minute into gaily decorated shops, purchasing those gifts they know will be acceptable. They have paid more attention of late. They have noticed what was missing, what was wanted. Arriving home a little late the very sound of their steps has a new crispness, their voices joviality and affection.

They jog themselves up. They have A Merry Christmas.

There are the poor families, buying what toys they can for their children who have the same eyes as all children. Eyes which see doll's carriages, trains of cars, dolls, mechanical toys, books. Eyes which look deeply into the windows of shops. Perhaps those more financially fortunate will lead them into shops and let them realize some of their dreams.

There are the charity children, children who receive dinners given by charitable organizations, being photographed so that those who are independent may feel undisturbed by all that they possess. Children whose pictures reveal at times a little shame, a little shyness that they must be photographed when eating a regular meal. And yet they know the meaning of Christmas, too. This, for them, is good luck. Perhaps it can be made better.

A Merry Christmas.

Three words—but synonymous with those three words are many others—children, children's gay, excited, happy voices, parents with home-coming sons and daughters, gifts and generosity. Christmas trees, appealingly empty stockings left by the trusting on Christmas Eve, cordiality, true humanity.

A Merry Christmas.
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Halsey and Vicinity Brevities

There will be Christmas program given at the Methodist church next week by the Sunday school.

W. M. Burbank of Halsey underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday at the Albany General hospital. The appendix was ruptured but his condition today was considered favorable.

Don't forget to have your Christmas cards printed at the Enterprise

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