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### THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Another year of continued loyalty on the part of the Outlook subscribers has helped to make their favorite home paper better than it was a year ago, when we extended to them our Christmas greeting.

There have been some changes, new people have come among us, and some have gone; but with each departing one there has been another to take his place in the Outlook circle; so to all who have helped us to improve our paper, to make life more worth living, and to help us in our chosen work we again extend the Merry Christmas greetings and the wishes of a prosperous coming New Year.

### OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The Outlook again offers to its staff of valued correspondents all the best wishes of the holiday season, and again wishes to express the sense of appreciation its editor feels toward them for their assistance in making their paper the success it has been during the past year.

We acknowledge freely that without their help the interest of the public would wane, and that each community center within the Outlook's reach would have lost something without their co-operation and loyalty in helping to bring them and the outside world together.

To each of them we again extend the cordial greetings of the season and wish them all a Merry Christmas.

### LOYAL ADVERTISERS.

This issue of the Outlook is in one respect the most remarkable newspaper ever published in Gresham. That result is due entirely to the advertisers whose announcements appear in these pages—totaling something more than 600 inches.

What is more remarkable than anything else is the fact that nearly every advertisement is that of a Gresham business house. None others were asked to advertise in this issue and only such as were sent in from outside places were given space.

Another fact which speaks volumes was the evident anxiety of each advertiser to be represented in as large a space as he could demand, consistent with his business. Only half a dozen who seldom or never advertise—barber shops, blacksmiths, etc., are not represented in these pages, and we feel that Gresham has for once combined for a campaign of publicity that will place it in the ranks of the other progressive towns of Oregon.

### RELIEF FOR THE NEEDY.

Christmas, when every soul should feel some touch of tenderness, comes next week and the charitable societies are putting forward their annual pleas for all spare nickels, dimes and dollars with which to provide a happy, if not Merry Christmas, for the unhappy—for those who know the pangs of poverty.

Down on the streets of Portland are stationed the women of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America. They are on every business corner seeking the elusive contribution for the giving of a Christmas dinner and other relief to the needy families of the metropolises, and they are succeeding. More than 2000 wretched homes will have a Christmas dinner and Christmas cheer for these heart agents of old Santa Claus are insistent and persuasive, though quiet, and they are succeeding.

There is small need for help in any country town or on the farms, but the poor of the city are to be remembered in the time of your own prosperity—and there are many who need it, not only at Christmas but in the long weeks following, before conditions are more favorable and the needy can more readily help themselves.

Next Sunday morning the papers will have full accounts of the Wilson-Galt wedding, with all the details thereof. Next to a prize fight or a football match the story will be one of absorbing interest and you should order your Sunday morning paper in advance.

## The Advent Season

Preparation, Readiness and Warning of Judgment.

With the Advent comes the thoughts of life, the future state and the necessity of being prepared and in readiness for the day of judgment. It is not enough for one's existence, either here or hereafter, to pass lightly over the lessons of the nativity, but rather, there should be the readiness to take a serious view, for in the lack of readiness or preparedness is due much of the tragedy of life.

There is little danger in these days that people will take too serious a view of life—the danger is rather the other way. Much of our religion ever has taken on a professionally cheerful tone. People shrink from the hardness of life, and the thought of discipline and sacrifice, and demand frivolity even in the worship they term religion, but the greatest preacher the world has ever known, the one whose nativity we are celebrating, has said: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

The man who is not faithful in few and unimportant things cannot hope to be prepared to deal with many things, and important ones. There can be no better preparation for any future that we can conceive of than the honest and conscientious performance of the duties of daily life. So the call is, not to the abandonment of the world for religious meditation, but for a more wholehearted devotion to the work that is set before us.

Therefore there is the necessity of a greater preparation—a preparation that shall enable a man to appropriate and enter into the blessing, and to endure and profit by the beneficence of the advent season. Such a course involves a right relation, not only to the events of life, but to life itself. And as the gift of Christmas is, as Christians believe, the gift of life, the question is as to the relationship of men to that life. The purity of it can have little charm for the person who does not admire and reverence purity, and desire it for himself. There can, in other words, be no relation between purity and the soul of such a man.

This preparation must consist in the cultivation of this virtue in his own life. And so of everything else. But there can be no preparation of any sort unless there is a feeling of need for it. If people do not realize that there is anything wrong with them, or any obstacle in the way of their receiving the blessing, it will never occur to them that there is any necessity for preparation. So there must be warning—and that is peculiarly the Christmas message. The call is to repentance, and it is a practical call. The doctrine is of conduct and the motive of inspiring it. Men are to "cast off the works of darkness." Eph. 5:11, and "put on the armor of light."—Rom. 13:12. They are to love one another, their neighbors as themselves and to make no "provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."—Rom., 13:14. There is a warning in these admonitions against a Christmas season of levity and frivolity, and they show how far the world had departed from the precepts set forth in the above questions.

No man of the present day can think of the standard of life here set before him without realizing how far he falls below it. If there is any seriousness in his soul it must be manifest in a desire for improvement and a determined effort to approximate in some slight degree to the ideal. That ideal, of course, is not so much a reformation as transformation. What is aimed at is a new life, one that shall be different from the old in its impulses, ambitions, and even in its inner nature. Only as men have it or desire it and strive for it, can they understand anything of what Christmas means to the world.

A deep analysis of what the Christmas season means to man would imply and confirm the thought that our celebration of the day is not in accordance with the precept to "owe no man anything, but to love one another." After two thousand years Christ's birthday is still celebrated, and the Christian church looks to Him as the author of life and salvation. It is He who is "to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace." Knowing this we are sailing far from the true course when we fail to

remember that the coming of Jesus Christ into the world was both a blessing and a judgment, which latter is based on the quality of the life lived and the service rendered.

As the world has agreed to celebrate the day, it ought to prepare to do it in the right way and in accordance with its own spirit. It is not implied here that we should be solemn-faced and utterly woe-begone, for we are celebrating a birth, not mourning for a death. But there is too much frivolity connected with the observance of the occasion that is not appropriate to it. We, too many of us, act and feel that this greatest of all holidays is intended as one of utter abandonment to sensuous pleasures, revelry and indifference to the King of Heaven, and we treat Him as a stranger when we should be able to command a little time for rest and quiet meditation and praise. Indeed we must do so if Christmas is to mean anything more than a mere exchange of gifts or a day of revelry.

But Advent, of course, points directly to the great festival. And the question which John the Baptist asked has been from his day to ours continually on the lips of serious humanity—"Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" The question is one which each man must answer for himself. But there can be no doubt of the appeal of Christmas to the heart of humanity—and to its intelligence as well.

"Something pretty in silk stockings" would be an appropriate Christmas gift for either a young beauty or a young man. It all depends on the meaning you give to the words.

Men have the experience of only about 6000 years to judge by, but in our opinion nothing has occurred in that time to encourage a man to hope that his wife will ever be able to pick out his favorite brand of cigars for a Christmas present.

Teach the glory of "Old Glory" on the Fourth of July, but remember that this is the time of year to teach "peace on earth."

There is no harm in a man being in advance of his age provided he has the money and inclination to buy all his critics a Christmas present.

Beware of too much plum pudding on Christmas. It has been known to disarrange things in the seat of the stomach.

You don't have to be kindhearted to wish everyone a merry Christmas, but you will be hard hearted if you don't.

The man who lives for himself alone at this season of good cheer might just as well crawl off and die.

There are too many ways to spend Christmas and not enough to last, even for a long life.

Do your Christmas financing early. The shopping you can leave to your wife.

Holiday bargain sales have parted many a woman and her husband's money.

About the finest words we hear are those spoken on Christmas morning.

### CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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Three high schools—exclusive of those of Portland. Two of these are union high schools, the other is a district high school. Union High School No. 1 is located at Corbett, Union High School No. 2 is located at Gresham, the district high school referred to is located at Park Rose, in District 3, near Portland. All are housed in new buildings, each has been standardized by the state department of education, and in each a grade of work is done that is a credit to any community, county or state.

Splendid as the schools of Multnomah county are at this time, they will be better still next year. This is possible if those who are interested in their welfare will make a long pull, a strong pull, an all-together pull. Lend a helping hand, give a word of encouragement, to the end that educational growth and improvement may go on and on and on.

### Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Multnomah County, State of Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Otto C. Hemmers, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers to the Administrator at his home at Pleasant Home, Multnomah County, Oregon, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published December 9, 1915.  
HENRY B. HEMMERS,  
Executor.  
C. M. BROWN, Attorney.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Miss Maud Manary spent Sunday with her parents.

Harvey Schneider, who has been ill at his home for the past week, has returned to school in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Manary, of Gillis, were visitors at Cottrell Sunday.

Mrs. George Blackburn visited relatives in Portland last week.

**Orient School Notes.**

School is progressing nicely and good interest is shown throughout. Quite a number of pupils have been absent from school due to severe colds, of an epidemic character. The majority of them are now back on duty.

An interesting meeting of the Patron-Teachers' association was held Friday afternoon with a good attendance. Many matters of interest were discussed and among them that of standardizing the school. It was decided to hold standardization exercises Friday, January 7, in the afternoon. All patrons should come out to this exercise and participate. President Brown, Chairman Nasshahn and Principal Quicksall were appointed as a committee to arrange for the exercises.

Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Johanson and Miss Gladys Michel were appointed as the entertainment committee of the association meetings during the year.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Orient school journeyed to Boring Friday night and inflicted a severe defeat upon the boys and girls of that school. In fact the scores were so mammoth that one of the autos used in conveying them home was broken down, however, not of a very serious nature. Good playing was done by both schools, considering that this was the first game for all who participated. Hale, of Orient, was the star player of the evening. Return games will be played on the Orient floor in the near future. Following are the results: Girl's game, Orient 12, Boring 5. Boys' game, Orient 40, Boring 11. Officials—Principal Quicksall of Orient, referee; Walter Metzger of Gresham, umpire of boys' game; Miss Atchison of Boring, umpire girl's game.

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