

# PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS RIGHT NOW

WHAT A JOY TO GIVE PRESENTS! AND HE THAT GIVETH SHALL RECEIVE. NOW IS THE TIME: OUR STORE IS THE PLACE TO BUY THINGS TO GIVE ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THE RUSH WILL SOON BE ON. SO COME THIS VERY WEEK AND BUY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS NEEDS WHILE YOU CAN TAKE PLENTY OF TIME TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT. OUR STORE IS THE STORE WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES FAR.



## Gift Suggestions

### FOR FATHER

Suit Cases, \$1.50 to \$10  
House Coat, \$3.50 to \$7  
Shirts, \$1 to \$3  
Mackinaws, all prices or

Traveling Bags, \$5 to \$10  
Bath Robes, \$3.50 to \$7.50  
Sweater Coats, all prices  
Merchandise Order.

### FOR BROTHER

Kid Gloves, \$1.50  
Umbrellas, \$1 to \$5  
Hat, \$1.50 to \$3 or

Linen Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2¢ to 25¢  
Pair of Shoes, \$3.50 to \$5  
Merchandise Order.

### FOR FRIENDS

Ladies' and Men's Fine Umbrellas. Lounging Robes. Hats. Neckwear. Garters. Box of Hose. Collars. Suspenders. Shirts. Belts. Gloves. House Slippers. Woolen Blankets. Silkline Quilts. Caps. Auto Poles, or a Merchandise Order.

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

REV. A. C. BRACKENBURY.

How fast time flies. Christmas is here again. Again we are about to celebrate the birth of Christ to this world. Its universal observance brings gladness and good cheer. The heart of humanity reechoes the notes of Antioch, "Joy to the World, the Lord is come." And each Christmas brings to us the glad message, old yet ever new, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." And, truly, Christ is the gift of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The magnitude and value of this gift to the world is too great for human expression. Paul speaks of it as the unspeakable gift of God's love. What a beautiful thing God did when he came to this earth as a little child. He became flesh and dwelt among us. It was the shrewdest plan of approach to a fallen race that could have been devised.

From God to childhood; from childhood to God. We know not where in space the center of the universe is, but humanity has found its moral center. It is in a manger, and a child's face is the radiant sun which marks it. Civilization faces toward it; the swinging centuries circle around it; the hands of a child are clasping the earth, and they are the hands of God. It is to human life that God is to reveal himself. It must be through touching human life at every point. To come suddenly from the eternal void a full man would be to lose half the purpose of his coming. It is by childhood that our first revelation of God dawns upon our hearts. This is the way by which infinite love becomes real to us. And what more could God do in his great plan of redemption than by slipping himself into the arms of humanity as a lovely child? If God cannot win the world in this way, how else can he succeed? If men have sunk below the power of childhood to touch them, if a baby's fingers cannot lift them out of their lost condition what do you suppose can? If there is not charm enough in the son of God in the form of a child to arrest their downward steps and save them, are they capable of being saved? That God should draw near to man through a birth called miraculous is not an incredible marvel. There never was a human birth without a miracle. And if there should be something more miraculous about the birth of Jesus than

about yours or mine—need we stumble at that?

From his birth to his ascension his whole life was a wonderful life. If the life of Jesus was seen to be more miraculous than any other life, why might we not expect his birth to be more miraculous? If God can come at all into human personality the preternatural circumstances of his coming need not puzzle us. When we remember his wonderful life why should faith stumble at his miraculous birth?

The first notes of that heavenly message, "I bring you glad tidings of great joy," fell on a sad world. But he came to give light to those that sat in darkness and to guide their feet in a plain path. It was good news for woman. Woman occupied a very low place when Jesus came to this earth. On that night when Jesus was born the best friend of woman entered the world. Jesus entered into sympathy with woman in her low condition. And there is no wonder that women should weep at his cross and be first at his empty sepulchere.

The angel's message was good news for children. There was little joy in the hearts of children before Jesus came, but Jesus laid his hands on them and blessed them and put a new song into their mouths. He came to be their protector, their teacher, their deliverer, and now millions of children sit at his feet and learn the way of life, and today millions are singing his praises. When Jesus came and laid his hands on the heads of the little ones and blessed them he lifted childhood to a higher plain, and the importance of childhood is beginning to find its rightful place in the thoughts of men.

The good news is for all people. From the oldest to the youngest we may all rejoice. And it is the work of the church for which Jesus gave his life to hold up before the world the Christ of the manger, the cross, the sepulchere and the throne. Hence we plead for sincere self-sacrificing effort on the part of all God's people to do their very best, prayerfully and financially, to help carry on the glorious work of saving this lost world, and laying it at the feet of the Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace. It was Jesus who said, "I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." May God help us to live for others as did our Master. If any whose eyes may fall upon these lines would really celebrate his birth and rise to glory and honor and immortal renown, then give him your heart, follow his footsteps and live to his glory. "Let his

mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant." Humility comes before honor. Self-sacrifice before glory. Humility makes us like Christ.

May this Christmas be to you a happy one. And may this message carry to all of you the assurance of my personal regard and gratitude, and also be the expression of my prayer that the coming days may be rich in blessings to all. May your homes be under divine protection. May your children, who are dear to you, be kept from falling by the way. May their feet be ever found in the ways of life. If any of them have wandered, may God bring them back to the fold. And may he who "went about doing good," say to each of us when our work is done, "Well done good and faithful servant."

### CORBETT

The bazaar held by the Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church, was quite enjoyable, and also successful from a financial standpoint. The ladies made \$86 in all from the supper, candy and fancy work sales. The program was enjoyed by all, special features being: music by Vancil Evans and Mrs. Emily; by a high school quartet composed of F. Murray Smith and Cecil Pounder. Esther Kincaid, Frances Johnson.

The Christmas program will be given at the church on Wednesday evening, December 23d.

The basket social given at the Springdale school last Tuesday evening was quite successful, the baskets bringing \$25.

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the Mountain school on Thursday evening, December 24th.

### Union High School No. 1.

The Misses Vera Colt, Marie Wood and Louise Gifford, of Lincoln high school, were visitors on last Wednesday. These young ladies are in the seventh term of the teachers' course and were here to observe the methods of the teachers. They visited also the schools at Latourell and Bridal Veil.

The piping of the water into the building has been completed, and the system is now in fine working order.

Clara Lasley was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Claude Woodie on Sunday.

Frances Johnson and Alma Thompson were guests of Esther Kincaid last Thursday.

### All Night Dance, Regner's Hall.

An all night dance will be given in Regner's Opera House, Friday night, December 24. Guiss' orchestra. Door prizes, 1st \$5, 2d \$3, 3d \$2. Fine Christmas eve dance, everybody come.—Adv.

Read the Want Ads.

### SAVES HIS CHICKENS AND FINDS MONEY

E. A. Kent, living near Rockwood, heard a commotion in his chicken house the other night and rushed out just in time to scare away a chicken thief and save his chickens.

In looking around he picked up the thief's purse, containing ten dollars, and is willing to have the owner call for it.

### POWELL VALLEY

Philip Nelson, a missionary from China, will speak in the Mission church in the evening, Sunday, December 19.

Christmas services in the Mission church will be held as follows: morning service (Julotta) 6 o'clock a. m., Xmas day, Sunday school, Xmas entertainment, 7:30 p. m.

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- Manicure Sets
- Flash Lights
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