

A Dream of Christmas

I WATCH the glowing embers as the moments fly away. For Christmas will be with us in the morning cold and gray.

Who would not for a moment wander to the Long Ago To see the little stockings hanging in a row?

Who plucks not from the vanished past some Christmas like to this? Who feels not still upon his brow some holy Christmas kiss?

But in the chimneys to-night I hear a music not of earth— The star-born chorus that proclaimed the humble Christ-child's birth.

And a sweet, immortal vision comes from Judah far away. Where dawned in grandeur and in love the world's first Christmas Day.

Metaphors I hear a tapping at my window framed in white. 'Tis not the bells which on the hills ring out this winter night.

Not, surely, 'tis a tapping, rising soft above the din. And, dreaming, I the casement seek to let the Christ-child in.

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The Prince of Peace

At His Name Every Knee Shall Bow and Every Tongue Confess

EVERY country of earth offers an apotheosis in the person of some great man who distinguished himself in some great crisis in its affairs.

The scimiter of Mohammed and not his Koran conquered Arabia, Armenia and the Balkans. Moses was a law-giver, but he also was a mighty warrior and led his followers on from one victory to another.

Christmas day offers an anomaly, however, in the history of men who have lived and wrought wonders. The Christ was a man of peace, deploring war. What is yet more strange, He is glorified through His words and not through His deeds.

The Christ-birth and the Christ-life stand forth the opposite of all other great lives that have filled pages in earth's history. Born of humble parentage in a stable, amid the lowing of kine and the raucous complaining of discontented cattle, reared in the far-away bleak hills of Galilee, engaged daily in sawing logs into boards, or planing the latter into smoothness, He steps forth suddenly, at the age of 28, as a teacher of righteousness.

Not among strangers, but in the midst of His own people, He appeared, and they were astounded at the profundity of His knowledge. As though to persuade themselves that they were not mistaken as to His identity, they asked of one another: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

His life work was brief, but four short years! Compare this with the years spent by other illuminati of earth in perpetuating their fame. Without use of money, or influence, or numbers, and without courting favor of the rich and powerful, He went about from town to town preaching His gospel of peace and love. Those who gathered to Him were poor men—fishermen, publicans, small farmers or herdsmen, rather.

Rome of His death, so little impression did it make upon the mind of Pilate.

True it is that He healed sick men, cleansed lepers, raised the dead and cast out devils. But these were subordinate and incidental only to His life-work, which was that of proclaiming a new gospel—that men should love one another. He made no parade of miracle-working. It was only when the suffering were brought into His presence that He made exercise of His divine power in healing.

He died the most shameful, disgraceful death known to His generation. In his extremity He was deserted even by His most devoted followers. He trod the wine-press of agony alone.

Yet this Man of Sorrows has conquered the world. Other illustrious men lived out their little day and all that remains of them is the memory of their deeds. They sought to build up material kingdoms; Christ's realm is in the hearts of men. His teachings have survived the overthrow of a thousand kingdoms of earth. His words to-day are as potent to sway men as when they came burning from His lips. All the higher civilization of earth yields Him reverence and homage.

Age but serves to strengthen the might of His power and to confirm the promise of the prophecy: "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

HIS CHRISTMAS HOPE.



"Whatcher goin' to git for Christmas?" "Par promised me a hickin', but I've prayed Santa Claus ter make him fer git it."

LIKED HIS LONG STOCKINGS.



"Do you want mamma to put you in long trousers, Tommy?" "Not till after Christmas, sis."

DUN'S CHEERFUL OUTLOOK.

Trade in Many Lines Has Recently Taken Turn for Better.

R. G. Dunn & Co's. weekly review of trade for last week says: Business is decidedly better than at any recent date, and the improvement is not confined to activity in holiday goods, although the best reports concern those lines.

Confidence is increasing in the iron and steel industry and the feeling is becoming more general that prices will not be materially lower, except possibly in some departments that have not yet participated in the readjustment. It is encouraging to find some improvement in demand for pig iron, although no extensive tonnage is expected to be taken until 1904.

At last it is possible to chronicle a substantial advance in quotations for cotton goods, although the market is still far below a parity with current prices for the raw material. Purchases are still restricted to immediate requirements.

A Badge for Firemen.

At the last session of the State Firemen's association, held at Allentown, an official badge to be worn by the members of the association was adopted.

The badge is of solid gold about the size of a quarter of a dollar. Surmounting the upper rim is a miniature fireman's hat. On a semi-circle of purple enamel is the word "Member," while in the center of a white enamel keystone are the letters "F. A. S. P.," meaning Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania, the title under which the association is chartered.

Some Foolish People.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose.

The Bad Ones.

An exchange says: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the editor, then the advertiser, which was all good. The next day it snowed and He created the man who does not believe in advertising and another who does not take the home paper. And then the devil got into the moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it.

More Suits for Coal Lands.

The bringing of suits against coal companies to recover lands has grown to the proportions of a craze says the Hazleton Sentinel. No sooner is one case thrown out of court than another is sprung. The latest is the case of the heirs of Valentine Brobst, Sr., against the L. V. Coal Co. Suits in Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lycoming, Carbon, Lehigh, Bucks, Columbia and Dauphin will be brought against coal companies involving title to land worth one hundred millions.

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WOMEN WHO WEAR WELL.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life will make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliant vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden.

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"Time may be money," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "but it doesn't pay to waste a dollar's worth of time trying to save a penny."

Never Worry.

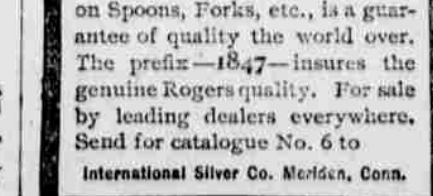
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FEBRUARY JURYMEN.

Men Who Will Sit on Cases at the Next Regular Court of Quarter Session.

The two jury commissioners, Shultz and Hagenbuch, assisted by Sheriff Knorr, were busy on Monday, drawing from the wheel the jurymen for the February term of court. The list is full as follows:

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