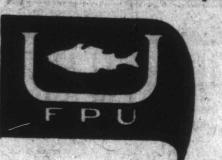
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OUR MOTTO: "Suum Cuique."



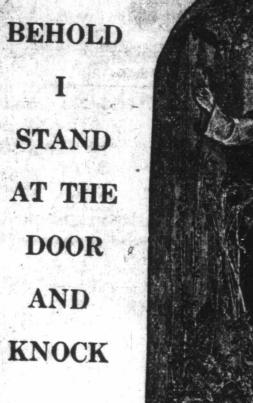
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IF YE LOVE ME KEEP MY COM-MAND-**MENTS**

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

NOOD Friend of Mine For thee I pray All goodly things This Christmas Day. All goodly things Thy life to Bless In these two words Just Happiness.

A ND right at the first, let us say how we dislike the corrupted form the salvation of the world. this word takes often, namely Xmas. We know the X signifies the Cross, but we think the word spelt in that way is rather too much in silent adoration and gladness mill that was worked by water Open our hands and stir the fires

a concession to modern hurry and new spelling. There before the cradle wherein reposes power. CHRISTMAS is no time of the year to us just like Christmas. The the Infant who great enough to ALEXANDER I., Emperor of And back to love and kindness children look forward with joyful eagerness to the fill all the universe to overflowing Russia, born 1777. He played to hanging up of the stockings, and the emptying of the same in the first is yet held within the confines of prominent part in the Napoieonic

dawning of Christmas Day. And it is right that they should so enjoy an humble little manger in a wars in 1805 and 1812 and often this season. We should like every home to have its Christmas Tree, cradle at Bethlehem, where Mary, taking active part in the military however poor the trimmings on it may be, and however few the toys His mother brought Him forth movements. and presents. The older ones can scarcely spend an unalloyed Christ- because there was no room for SAMUEL SMILES born 1812. mas, with loved ones far away and some, alas, never to come back, but Him at the inns. No room for The author of "Self-Help," a re- Stocks (Nfld.) let everyone keep up heart for the sake of the children and not dampen the mighty king at whose word production of short lectures which Consumption their enjoyment. Make the atmosphere as bright as possible, for made all that is made, and at mourning ill becomes a child.

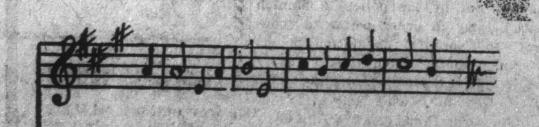
Heaven lies about us in our infancy. Like trailing clouds of glory do we come From God, who is our Home.

And who, having the privilege of living with a child, can deny it any- in this column to-day. On me dething? As Bishop Jones has put it: "God looks down and smiles at volves the duty of filling this His image in the happy face of a child." And so the first consideration | column with the thought children at Christmas is the Child, and not only your own, but the Child of that crowd around me as they your neighbour and especially the Child of the poor. It is not the march in the great procession of expensive present of one wealthy man to another that typifies the the universe. Only a little eddy Christmas spirit. The right spirit is to do good to others, and to those of the current strikes upon the from whom you can expect nothing in return.

THE principle of Peace and Goodwill is not in question at this time, the shore to salute them as they although the world is at war. As a working theory in the conduct of life, it has always been found to bring good results. But the mischief is that the nations have not PEACE AND GOODWILL been trained in the moral principles of time to those who wish them, if

their religion. Had we been wisely they are but humble flowers they taught, for instance, that human beings, whatever their class or are at least the best I have to nation, are inter-related to all others; that one class or nation has no offer. true interest apart from the welfare of all, this war had not been. It is true, however, that a study of historic and diplomatic data must upon you, commonplaces and simassign the chief guilt to Germany, who seemed oblivious of the fact pering platitudes till you are fairthat strength and power are given to individuals and nations that ly smothered in the petals, but they may be used to help others not so advanced. Perhaps other this would be no good to you and nations are not altogether guiltless, for whilst there is nothing blame- afford me no satisfaction. There worthy in honest pride of family, sex or nation, yet that sentiment are flowers that bloom within the must always be subordinate to the essential one-ness and mutual dependence of the race. And progress must be sought along the path of service and of self-improvement rather than of strife.

A ND now we take this opportunity to wish all our readers a right said before, present you with this Happy Christmas indeed, and we venture the hope that next column blank. Christmas will find us enjoying, if not a world-wide peace, a condition in which the British Empire at least will be at Peace. OUR WISH When that glad day comes, we shall unite more joyfully than ever in the Christmas Hymn:



Oh come, all ye faithful, jeyful and triumphant, Oh! come ye, oh come ye, to Bethlehem!

REVEILLE BY CALCAR

dwelling on political or economic the very fiends of hell. Proud man men of the Victorian era.

ficult to gather a number suffici- burdened with anguish untold. The Newcomes. ent to make a presentable floral Who that thinks of his transitory difficulty presents itself to him its spirit is being worked out in ments. who would be content to spoil a Europe, and is even working in printer's hour in the setting up of our own spirits here far away inane stuff, in the matter of filling from the bloody fields? a short newspaper column.

Enough hypocritical gush and not to mundane but to spiritual superficial commonplace might be considerations. Every christian summoned in an hour to keep may rejoice on this glorious anboth my hands busy driving this niversary of the coming to earth pen to keep up with the flow, but of Him who lead captivity captive I consider it would be better to and took from death/its sting, and present this column "white and opened the way to heaven for all unsullied still" with never a print- who will follow faithfully the ed word to mar its purity than to rules of life by Him laid down. fill it with words that do not come from the innermost recesses of THIS DATE my heart, at such a time as this.

This is a sacred hour, too sacred for words indeed; an hour for holy contemplation rather than garrulity. Such a thing as levity Days past-356. of thought should be most remote from our minds as the sacred hour approaches when man commem-

Let us in all humility bow down he established the first spinningwhose word all things would crumble into nothingness.

What a stupendous example of humility. Is there any wonder that I shrink from speaking at all very restricted littoral of my mind, but I am always standing on go by, or to gather the thoughts which they fling to me. Only the best of these do I give at any

I could heap blooms of a sort desolation of the polar regions, pretty to look at, but odorless. What if I load a heap of these upon you. No, I would rather, as I

Odorless blooms from the garden of thought no doubt serve their purpose, they serve to redeem the desert waste from utter barrenness, but there is a time and place for everything. All that is trite should be kept in the background, and particular guard kept about them at this hallowed season. It is with the utmost reserve that I approach this task today. It is too great a time and suggests too exalted a theme for my humble genius.

he delivered in 1859 to a class of young men.

> **DECEMBER 24** Christmas Eve New Moon-24.

Days Past-357. To Come-7. MATTHEW ARNOLD born IT IS not easy for one whose; As my mind travels back to the 1822. Son of Dr. Thomas Arnold thoughts have been so long stable at Bethlehem and I hear and achieved a high reputation as running to a contemplation of his the angels sing "Peace on Earth" poet and critic. As the procountry's woes to turn easily to I turn my eyes to the scene that pounder of the principles of reflections on the glorious festival Europe presents to-day and am "sweetness and light" as well as on which we are now entering. filled with disgust at the scene by his graceful verse, he secured The mind long accustomed to there presented; a scene to shame a high place amongst the literary

matters is like the garden o'er run creeping like a worm upon the W. M. THACKERAY died 1863 with exoteric rankness. The flora bosom of earth is using such lit- aged 52. The well known novelist. may be useful, even to some ex- tle gifts as he possesses to invent His first ambition was to be an tent beautiful, but the roses over- means whereby he may murder artist and at one time he was run and neglected hang pensively other poor worms and bring tri- seriously considering the illustraonly in hidden and isolated umph to himself stained with the tions of Dickens' works. His blood of others, soaked in the great succecces were won in Van-From amidst the briars it is dif- tears of widows and orphans and ity Fair, Pendennis, Esmond and

GEORGE CRABBE born 1754 offering on an occasion like this stage at all and the eternal futur- A poet of rural life and scenes, Where I to regard this as an oc lity could glory in such a thought? noted for his faithful pictures casion for just space filling the Who can rejoice at this holy and characterization no less than problem were an easy one. No season while the very negation of for the soundness of his senti-

> DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

Days Past-358. To Come-6. But we can be happy if we turn SIR ISAAC NEWTON born 1642. The great mathematician and philosopher whose scientific discoveries were of the utmost importance, including the law of gravitation which he deduced from the falling of the apple. He invented the modern sextant

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Come to us, Christmas, good old IN HISTORY

Soften us, cheer us, say your say To hearts which thrift, too eager, To Come-8. In bonds, while fellow-feasting SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT

born 1732. Becoming interested Good Christmas, whom our childin mechanical problems he sucorates the birth of Him who is ceeded in inventing an improved We love you, too! Lift us above cotton-spinning machine. In 1771 Our cares, our fears, our small

-Edward Sanford Martin.

MATER CONSOLATRIX

I IP to the Gates came the cries of a Mother Asking relief, Trying her utmost, her utmost, to smother Wild sounds of grief: "Comfort! What comfort, oh, Christ! canst Thou give me, Whose Life is done?

Thou hast not 'suffered in all things.' (Forgive me!) Thou hadst no son!"

Christ at the Gates leaned Him, sweet in compassion; Sighed with her sigh: Stretched out His hands, too, in pitiful fashion,

Hearing her cry. Then, as the words of her moan reached the Gateway, Rose to His ears. Started-did Christ-drew back sudden and straightway

Shrank from her tears! Mary the Mother came softly behind Him.

"Hist!" she said. "Go! This is my place!"—she seemed scarcely to mind Him-"You do not know!" Stretched out her arms full of love to the other;

Tenderly smiled: "I lost a Child!"

-ETHEL TABOT.

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