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Christmas is neraly upon us. To many it is the most delightful season of the year—to all it is fraught with memori:s tender and loving.

The TELEPHONE will "speak" our Holiday Greeting: Sisters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Friends, everywhere, we wish you

A Merry Xmas

AND A

Happy New Year.

It is singular that in Christian History, the precise date of Messiah's birth is unknown. Tradition varies widely in regard to both the month and date, when the angel's sang their Christmas Anthem of "Peace on earth." No clue is there to guide the enquirer either in revelation, or in the early records of the Church.

But the christian world is now agreed in observing the Twenty-fifth day of December as the Anniversary of the greatest event in the world's history. It is of far less importance to know the day, than to understand the fact, in relation to divine government, and to the destiny of man. By Christ's advent, the love of the Father is proclaimed to the guilty and lost, and a fallen race may rise to become partakers of the Divine Nature.

The prevalling custom of exchanging presents at this festive season, should be a

joyful reminder of the Father's love in the Gift of His "Well-beloved Son." Nothing in costliness can compare with this; nothing can show such thoughtful, sacrificing love. Ought it not to receive sincere and grateful acknowledgement? Let none then forget the claim of the Master, this Christmas-tide. He expects some return for His tender and self-denying love, and he *only* asks for a loving heart, which none of us are too poor to give, and none ought to be ungrateful enough to deny.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has taken steps towards securing a concert of prayer for the cause of temperance, in all the world. Thursday afternoon is the time set apart in each week, for these meetings. "Thus," says the *Union Signal* "concerted prayer by women in all nations, for the overthrow of the poison habits of all races, is rendered possible, and we urge attention to this as the very best kind of a beginning."

Those opposed to the Scott Act may sneeringly call it a campaign of "women and parsons," it is nevertheless marked by triumph in nearly every county where it has been tried.

There have been 55 contests, 47 of these have come out victorious. Our own Provinces hold 26 Counties and Cities.

St. John will shortly vote on the Act.

"Enquirer" is all astray. Our remarks in last issue was not intended to convey the idea that we are discouraged "financially," Tho' our list of subscribers is not half large enough and lacks a good many names yet to make the *other side balance*, we have too much "policy" to complain. We want *interest,—real live interest*, on the part of our sisters, and we are hopeful for the same. We endorse "Sister Ruth's" letter,—hope it will prove an "inspiration."