

The Xmas Tree.

A flash of light, a merry hum,
And peals of rippling laughter sweet,
The patter of his feet.

CARDINAL MANNING ON CHRISTMAS JOYS.

At High Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, Kensington, on Sunday, Cardinal Manning made an appeal before his sermon for funds for the support of the mission.

That they could never come to poverty, but before next Christmas Day they might find themselves among those who were filled with the cares and the anxieties and the poverty of this life.

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exhaustively what the Incarnation is, and the reasons which might be supposed to have moved the mercy and wisdom of Almighty God in ordaining it.

There is an impossibility—what is it? It is this: when we are born first into this world we are born spiritually dead; and if we are spiritually dead we cannot see God.

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by the skill and the strength of man, but they may be houses of sorrow and misery, and those who live in them may be homeless. For what is a home?

but where the love of God reigns over parents and children all who are within the gates of that house—even to the humblest servant—are happy; it is full of peace and joy like the holy house at Nazareth, or like Bethlehem with the poor stable and the manger, for God is there.

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mas trees, though we know that the real little Christ child can never be wandering, cold and homeless, again in our world, inasmuch as he is safe in Heaven by His Father's side; yet we may gather from this story the same truth which the Bible plainly tells us—that any one who helps a Christian child in distress, it will be counted unto him as if he had indeed done it unto Christ Himself.

A BOY'S CHRISTMAS STORY.

I wonder if there will come a Christmas that we boys won't laugh when we think of what Aunt Judith got in her stocking!

Why, if we left our shoes in the middle of the floor she'd fill 'em full of sand, and she'd sweep them up when we went to bed, and sweep our stockings away, and make 'lasses candy when we weren't at home, and we didn't have any peace of mind under our own father's roof, and she held up to us like a kind of saint, "Your dear Aunt Judith!"

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