

Christmas Quotations.

The time draws near the birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Christ died for all; and on the hearts of all
Who gladly decorate their cheerful homes
At Christmastide, this blessed truth should fall,
That they may mix some honey with the gall
Of those to whom a Christmas never comes.
—*New York Sun.*

And now December's snows are here,
The light flakes flutter down,
And hoar frost glitters, white and fair,
Upon the branches brown.

I will honour Christmas in my heart. I will live in the
past, the present, and the future. The spirits of all three
shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons
which they teach.—*Dickens.*

Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire and Christmas treat.
—*Old Rhyme.*

'Tis the time of year for the open hand
And the tender heart and true,
When a rift of heaven has cleft the skies,
And the saints are looking through.
—*Margaret Sangster.*

For they who think of others most,
Are the happiest folk that live.
—*Phoebe Cary.*

Christmas Tide.

Christmas tide is a time of cold,
Of weathers bleak and of winds a blow;
Never a flower—fold on fold
Of grace and beauty—tops the snow
Or breaks the black and bitter mold.

And yet 'tis warm—for the chill and gloom
Glow with love and with childhood's glee;
And yet 'tis sweet—with the rich perfume
Of sacrifice and of charity.
Where are flowers more rare to see?

Christmas tide, it is warm and sweet:
A whole world's heart at a baby's feet!
—*Richard Burton.*

An English writer condemns the system of
giving medals for perfect school attendance. He
quotes the case of a boy, who refuses to attend his
father's funeral for fear of missing his medal.

Do not write Xmas. Take two and a half
seconds longer and write it Christmas.

The Leisure Hour.

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Did Shakespeare have anything to do with
writing Psalm XLVI? In answer count the forty-
sixth word from the first of the chapter and the
forty-sixth word from the end (omitting "Selah.")

Which is the most dangerous season of the year
to walk in the woods, and why? In the Spring,
because the trees shoot, the flowers have pistils,
and the bulrush is (bull rushes) out.

If the alphabet were invited out to supper, which
of the letters would get there late? All those letters
which come after "t."

A word of five syllables: The first two syllables
are what Gladstone delighted in. The last two are
what he detested. All the syllables said slowly are
what he would like to do. These said quickly are
where his enemies would like to send him. Answer
—Reformatory.

What is the first mention of a horse in the New
Testament? When Herodias got a head of John
the Baptist on a charger.

Who was the greater, Napoleon or Queen
Elizabeth? Queen Elizabeth, certainly. Napoleon
was a wonder, but she was a Tudor.

What is the difference between the Prince of
Wales, an orphan, a baldheaded man and the
gorilla? The first is an heir apparent; the second
has ne'er a parent; the third has no hair apparent;
the fourth has a hairy parent.

A fly and a flea in a flue wondering what they
should do, "Let us fly," said the flea, "Let us flee,"
said the fly; so they flew through a flaw in the flue.

A class was being questioned on the prodigal
son's return. The teacher: "Who was sorry when
the prodigal son returned?" Little boy (after con-
siderable thought): "The fatted calf, sir."

Here are two excuses for absence from school:
Both are English "Pleas sur, Johnnie was kep
home today. I have had twins. It shant occur
again. Yours truly, Mrs. Smith." The other is,
"Please excuse Mary being late as she as been out
on a herring."

A schoolboy's idea of gravitation: Gravitation is
that which if there were none we should all fly
away.

A bit of Christmas arithmetic: Times were very
hard and as the poor man contemplated buying an
expensive automobile he thought he would buy
some jewelry for his wife and make a thousand
dollars go as far as possible. Of course he couldn't
get very much jewelry for that paltry sum but he
determined to make as good bargains as he could.

He paid \$100 each for diamonds, \$30 each for
sapphires and \$5 each for turquoises. He bought
one hundred gems for his thousand dollars, but can
you tell how many he purchased of each.—*Woman's
Home Companion.*