

O Christmas! welcome to thy hallowed reign,
And all the social virtues in thy train;
Compassion listening to the tale of grief,
Who seeks the child of sorrow with relief;
And every muse with animating glee,
Congenial mirth and cordial sympathy.

—Mrs. Hemans.

Calm was the hallowed night;
Valley and mountain height
Slumbered in shade.
Roofed by heaven's azure fair,
Making their flocks their care;
Shepherds, in open air
Tranquilly stayed.

—C. Elliott.

The happy Christmas comes once more,
The Heavenly Guest is at the door,
The blessed words the shepherds thrill,
The joyous tidings—Peace, good-will.
The helpries of all Christendom
Now roll a—g
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

—Longfellow.

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the
morn;
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;
With glad jublations
Bring hope to the nations,
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one.

—Whittier.

It is the calm and solemn night,
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and suite
The darkness—charmed and holy now
The night that rest no shame had worn,
To it a happy name is given;
For in that stable lay, new born
The peaceful Prince of earth and heaven;
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago.

—Donnett.

Question Answer.

What is Comptism?

Who was the first postman?

What was Transcendentalism?

What is the "Sinews of War"?

Who is called the "Attic Bee"?

Where is the "Land o' Cakes"?

How far is a Sabbath's day journey?

Who were the Encyclopaedists of France?

What was the difference between a
Romancer and Romanticist?

When was Christmas day first kept on
the 25th of December?

By whose authority was it decided to
keep the 25th of Dec. as Christmas Day?

Who first used the phrase "Almighty
Dollar"?

What city in the United States is called
"The Modern Athens"?

To whom is the name of "Kilkenny Cats"
applied?

Who was called "the laughing philoso-
pher"?

What country was called "the nation of
shop-keepers"?

What does the expression "giving a
Roland for an Oliver" mean?

Who or what is the "Old Lady of Thread-
needle Street"?

Who divided the day into two portions
of twelve hours each?

Who was the Laughing Philosopher and
who the Weeping?

What causes the twinkling of the Stars?
Why do not the Plants twinkle?

What art is most closely connected and
coeval with poetry?

Why are the earliest poets of all nations
anonymous?

Why is not total darkness produced
when a dense cloud passes between us and
the sun?

We respectfully invite the readers of the
"Portfolio" to contribute to this column.

Answers to Questions of Last Number.

The "Humanites" were the branches of
polite or elegant literature, as language,
grammar, rhetoric, poetry, and the study of
the ancient classics.

SILKS, SATINS and VELVETS, LARGEST STOCK—McILWRAITH & TREGENZA