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"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"—

"BONNE ANNEE!"

The Christmas season is upon us with  
its various joys and friendly greetings. In  
all the year there is no other time in which  
the milk of human kindness so overflows,  
in which all the petty differences or grave  
disputes are so hidden by the general  
Christmas cheer. Our surroundings,  
reflections on the meaning of this holy  
season, memories of the past, all tend to  
make each one sink his individuality and  
busy himself about the general joy. No-  
where is this so true as in College. In the

world various passions rule the human  
breast on this as on every other occasion.  
For some it is a season of exclusive  
animal pleasure, visions of roast turkey and  
plum pudding arise before their famished  
eyes. The body is feasted; the better  
part forgotten. Others, too, do not forget  
their less favored neighbors, though they  
oftener *bestow* than *give*. Another class  
fulfills the golden precept by a simple  
"Merry Christmas to you"; nothing  
more. Perhaps the greater part, and of  
the number College students from no  
unimportant share, come nearer to the true  
Christian ideal. "Glory to God in the  
highest and peace on earth to men of  
good will"—this is the Christian's Christ-  
mas text addressed to all the world  
"Glory to God," the first, most fitting,  
and most necessary 'act; the act of the  
higher, nobler part of man to his Creator.  
Then "peace to men of good will"—the  
satisfaction arising from charitable actions.  
from bringing others joy begets the purest  
joy for us. And last of all in truth, though  
we can scarce convince ourselves of it, the  
animal wants are satisfied more generously,  
more lavishly than usual. In this truly  
Christian spirit may the students of the  
College, the readers of the OWL, spend  
this holy festive season. To each and all  
of them the bird more gently than is its  
custom, whispers—"Merry Christmas"—  
"Bonne Année."

## IS IT INDIFFERENCE?

The question has often been asked and  
with considerable reason: "Why is it  
that in France and Italy, countries so  
intensely Catholic, governments hostile to  
the Church are allowed to remain in  
power." With regard to France there is  
little doubt but that the cause is the  
natural, though none the less culpable,  
indifference of the French peasant, and  
his aversion to anything that would dis-