

CHRISTMAS CHEER

"Forget your devils and keep your pink lamps lighted," says Francis Hodgson Burnett. "A pink lamp always makes everything look lovely." The counsel is never more imperative than during the holiday season when we not only want to be happy ourselves, but to make others happy. Christmas cheer should be a contagion unchecked and unfettered. The universal brotherhood taught by the One whose nativity is commemorated in the holiday season makes the element of cheer second to that of love.

All Christmas Associations are warmed by it. The great fireplace through which the patron saint gains entrance, is ever the embodiment of cheer. The face of the old gentleman ever reflects cheerfulness, if we may trust the portraits. And the little folks who have an interest in the stockings hung by the chimney but echo the sentiment. Cheer is in the Christmas air, as is the Robin's spring note.

But there are always some corners where gloom rests, some shadows amid the sunlight. There are some clouds which none of us can remove, but these are the fleecy clouds which just obscure the light of love from some lives. A little gust of wind, a touch of the human breath and they are dispelled, or at least shifted, and the sun shines over the shadowed spot.

Says Robert Louis Stevenson: "A happy man or woman is a better thing to find than a five pound note. He or she is radiating the focus of good will, and his or her entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted." The Christmas tree should have many candles. Every little heart should be made to beat more radiantly and it takes very little of this world's goodness or of human kindness to render even the child of the street radiantly happy. A bit of cheer leaveneth the lump of human misery. The wreaths of holly become a mockery unless we strive to add to the brightness of some neglected life.

SOME CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

A barber shop that hasn't got a sign on it. "Remember the Porter."

A husband and father who is agreeably surprised with what he finds in his sock.

A piece of gilt fancy work that isn't a dust catcher.

A woman who doesn't want to know what the other woman received.

A person who doesn't suddenly realize that he overlooked someone who was expecting to be remembered.

An office boy who hasn't his "mitt out."

A miss who studiously side-steps the mistletoe.

A minister who doesn't get at least one pair of slippers.

A cigar dealer who doesn't pat himself on the back because women will buy their husbands cigars.

A boy of six who doesn't break one of his new toys before the day is over.

A grown person who doesn't protest that he never used to get half what his children do.

A boy who doesn't wish it wouldn't snow.

A young man who doesn't receive a silk muffler.

A man with children who doesn't have to get up four hours sooner than he wants to on Christmas morning.

A pocketbook that has anything left in it.

E. E. S. EXECUTIVE MEETING

The East Elgin Sunday School Convention has been withdrawn for this year, but the executive held a business meeting in the Aylmer Methodist church on Thursday, Dec. 12th. Mr. W. G. Charlton, vice-president of the association, acted as chairman. The secretary's report was given showing the standing of the work. East Elgin is a "Banner" county having obtained 75 per cent. of the standard set for County Associations. We are aiming at "Front Line" or 100 per cent for the coming year.

The treasurer's report showed receipts for the past year \$140.22 and disbursements \$133.16, leaving a balance on hand of \$7.06.

For the appointment the township gave as follows: Yarmouth, \$30.00; Sudb. Dorchester, \$10.20; Malahide, \$50.00 and Bayham, \$30.00.

It was an established rule formed by the executive that the "Leader" be sent to the County Executive from the treasury.

It was recommended that a provincial worker make a tour of visits at the township conventions this coming summer.

Association Day was chosen as the last Sunday in February or first Sunday in March and the Appointment decided between the our townships according to their Sunday School enrollment.

To lighten the work of the County secretary, visitors were chosen to attend the various township conventions, and report to Secretary, viz: Yarmouth, Mr. E. A. Richardson; Dorchester, Mr. C. Dance; Bayham, Mr. T. E. Chalk; Malahide, Mrs. Bowen.

It was found necessary to appoint two new department superintendents, and Miss J. Truman was chosen for Home Department superintendence and Rev. J. E. Cook for Assistant Temperance Superintendent. After discussing different phases of the work the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. T. E. Chalk.

WHAT CAN I DO ON THE FARM FOR CHRISTMAS

Does your matrimonial partnership seem to be a one-sided affair? Do you get discouraged when you reflect that the heaviest end of the work falls on you, you have all the year round the longest hours and no slack season for rest?

Labor as you will, the profits all go into farm machinery and to pay field help, and little or no money comes into your hands. Isn't that true? You squeeze now and then a dollar out of the egg and butter money to spend on the house, but it can't be much, for you to have to buy your own and the children's clothes out of that fund.

You see, that, while your fields are being planted and harvested with up-to-date equipment and paid helpers, your kitchen where no help is hired and you do all the work of the farm family, is just as it was in your grandmother's time.

Meanwhile your growing daughter restless under the farm woman's drudging days, are saying that if they stay on the farm they will never get more than board and clothes, while in the city they can, with less labor earn a good living and have something left over for culture and recreation too. So they are taking business courses in preparation for leaving you.

All this comes home to you with peculiar force just at this time of the year when Christmas is coming and you haven't money enough in hand to buy even your husband a gift. You perhaps remember with peculiar bitterness that all through the

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Last year his favorite joke has been that he had to pay the bill for the last Christmas present you gave him.

What are you going to do about it? Let me advise you. Your husband—good man that he is—is in a state of heathen darkness, and the best present you can give him is to send him a missionary bearing light and that missionary had better be yourself. You couldn't plan a better celebration for him and the family and the farm.

To begin with, make up your mind what the house needs to make it cleaner, more sanitary and easier to do the work in. In laying the matter before him stick to those essentials and insist on the necessity for them, but don't ask for luxuries. Show your husband plainly how it can work out to his actual business interest to lighten your indoor labor, and then to share the profits fairly with you as a business partner. Urge upon him that every hour saved in the kitchen, dairy or laundry work releases your time for activities more profitable to the farm industry. Show him that to make you travel more than two thousand miles a year on useless trips to the inconvenient cellar and shed, to compel you to carry all the clean water into the house and empty it all out when dirty (in short to do all the work of an iron pipe), to leave you with all the churning, sewing and washing to do by hand, is as poor economic judgment as it would be for him to plow and plant his acres, entirely unassisted, with the hand sowing, scythe and cradle harvest ing, and flail threshing, that satisfied his grandfather.

Every labor-saving device he has installed has given muscles, brains, time and strength for further activity and so he has been able to increase his acreage and the productivity of the land. The same thing would happen if he would save your strength—even as carefully as he does that of his horses. Labor-saving devices in the house would give you more time to enter into more profit-producing activities on the farm.

The farm women who have achieved something of the cooperation with their husbands have already done wonders in the poultry business, in sending high grade fresh butter by parcel post, in the canning industry and in the home-crate system with their market gardens, and in other lines. They have, in short, found work that pays—and that pays them.

You may have to labor with your husband night and day to bring his farm house as well as his farm up to modern standards, but keep at it. Show him that to give you gradually, as he adds to the farm machinery, every labor-saving device that can be found, beginning with the water piped in, and an ample hot water tank, bathroom, cool room, the handiest kitchen possible, oil, fireless cooker, washing and dish-washing machines, motor churn—every contrivance that you can hear of that has been successfully tried—is real economy in the end. But above all use your powers of reasoning to show him that the only business method of running a household is by making to the house-keeper a monthly allowance. You can buy better with the cash in your hand, and if you have any thrift you will save a little each month, if only penny by penny.

Finally you must state the case quite plainly and take a stand. Yours too long has been the unpaid labor on the place, and the laborer is from

GOOD NEWS FOR SPRING-FIELD PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Black, of Springfield, received a cable Monday morning from Lieut. Stewart M. Black, R.F.A., stating that he had arrived in England and expected to receive leave in order to be home for Christmas. His many friends will rejoice with his parents that he has been released, having been taken a prisoner on July 31 of this year.

Mr. Black also received a prison camp card Monday morning, dated Sept. 30, in which Lieut. Black stated that he had been over nearly the whole of Germany in different prisoner camps and while in Holzminden, met Lieut. Ian Cameron, son of W. K. Cameron, of St. Thomas and also Lieut. Beattie, of Westminster.

Lieut. Black's brother, Gunner Kenneth Black, is at present in the Folkestone hospital, England, suffering from a wounded arm, and his youngest brother, Sergt. Grant Black, is on the Medical staff at Leaside Hospital, Toronto.

The three boys will undoubtedly be home for Christmas, where a joyful welcome will meet them after nearly three years of service for King and Country.

Warning to Our Merchants

A crook representing himself as Henry Anderson, traveller for a firm which he calls the "Golden Gate Silk Mills," San Francisco, Cal. carries a line of very fine silk hose, and is putting over on the unsuspecting retail dealers a story to the effect that his firm has a shipment of hosiery on hand at Kenora (or perhaps some other point) C. O. D. \$360.00 which has been refused by the original consignee. This shipment he endeavors to sell on the understanding that he will have the shipment reforwarded to the new purchaser C. O. D. for the amount, but before leaving he usually prevails upon the purchaser to advance him \$20.00 or more, giving as his reason that his expense money is running low, on the understanding that the amount advanced is to be deducted from the purchase price of the goods. But there are no goods, and the dealer is out his money.

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CALTON

At the home of Miss Nora Van-Velzer, on Saturday afternoon a kitchen shower was tendered Miss Ettie Timpany prior to her wedding, on December 18. Many useful presents were received.

Miss Alice Cartwright has gone to Detroit for a week's vacation with relatives.

Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Cartwright, who has spent the past two months in Detroit with their daughter, have returned home.

Mrs. Frank Heffer is not improving as fast as her friends would like to see.

Mrs. A. Dell and daughter, Eileen, are holidaying in Detroit with Mrs. Dell's sister, Mrs. Shaffer, for a couple of weeks.

Miss Ida Cartwright, who has been visiting relatives at Glencoln and Springfield has returned home.

GLENCOLN

Ernest Dell is moving his drive barn up to the home place, Ellison McKenney has the job of moving it.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly are taking in the winter fair at Guelph this time.

immemorial "worthy of his hire." If you can't have kitchen help you ought to have at least the wages of such a helper for your own use. A decent regard for your own dignity demands as much. With a small amount of your own to expend you can tuck in some conveniences here and there, if he proves obdurate. But he won't. The average man is a good husband, but he often needs to be shown a few things.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

week.
Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Whaley and daughter spent last Sunday at Mr. R. E. Houghton's.

The choir at Trinity are re-organizing and met at A. Sinclair's on Wednesday evening to practice for the re-opening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayward spent last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. A. B. Disbrow.

George Flagg is home with the "flu." His friends hope soon to see him out again.

Services were held in the Kilmer school-house Sunday owing to the repairing of the church.

The Christmas entertainment will be held at Trinity church on Friday December 20th.

LUTON

Misses E. A. Richardson and W. W. Harrett, are in Toronto attending the annual convention of the United Farmers, held in the Labor Temple this week.

Mrs. R. Locker, is still very ill. Mrs. Coyne is the guest of Mrs. Kirely, at the parsonage.

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. Haggan. There was a large attendance and it was decided to direct the patriotic efforts along lines off Belgian and French Relief. Mrs. A. Harrett kindly donated the funds for the purchase of a bolt of flannel to be used in making garments for the destitute women and children of these countries and a committee was named to purchase patterns, etc. for same. The programme consisted of a solo by Mrs. J. C. Haggan and papers on the work of the women in English speaking countries, Russia, France and Italy along the line of winning the war. Mrs. J. C. Haggan, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. W. J. Dunn and Mrs. Abell gave excellent accounts of these and Mrs. Kiteley who was assigned the part of the Belgian women's war work was unable to be present. The social evening in January will be held in the church and a debate will be held, the subject and debates to be chosen by a committee. Particulars later.

Mrs. Willard VanPatter visited her brother in Aylmer or several days last week.

CORINTH

Mrs. J. Amoss and Mrs. C. Turnbull spent Saturday in Tillsonburg.

Mrs. Percy Connor, of Aylmer is visiting at Isaac Connor's.

Mrs. McRoberts is spending a few days at Scotland.

Mrs. C. Hall is slowly improving after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of Brownsville, spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Ed. Summers.

C. Brown spent Monday in Aylmer.

Mrs. W. Moore, of Springfield, spent one day last week with her mother, Mrs. John Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Robertson spent one day in Springfield last week.

Miss Lulu Moore, spent the week-end at her home here.

The ladies' aid held their business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Brown on Wednesday Afternoon.

The W. M. S. are giving an entertainment in the church on the 27th.

Rev. McKenzie, of Japan, giving a talk on his work there. Music given by Miss Eric Amoss and Irene Firby. Lunch will be served after the programme. Admission 25c and 15c. Everybody come, it is worth while.

The annual Christmas entertainment will be held on Christmas eve.

Miss Clara Johnston, spent the week-end visiting friends in Corinth.

Messrs. Harold Floto and Eugene Brown spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at the Winter Fair at Guelph.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Brown, on Wednesday.

Messrs. Arthur Hayward and Norman Bollman spent Saturday afternoon in Aylmer.

The Women's Missionary Society will hold a Missionary Social on the evening of Friday, December 27th at the Methodist church. Rev. D. R. Mackenzie, missionary from Japan but formerly of this place will give an address. While here he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Mackenzie.

Solos by Misses Eric Amos and Irene Firby, besides other special music will be given.

Miss Mildred Reid of Alma College, St. Thomas, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. Summers.

Mrs. A. Veitch, is on the sick list. Miss Janet Donaldson, of Tillsonburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Donaldson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Pressey and son, spent Tuesday in Aylmer.

Mrs. Charles Hall is confined to her home with an attack of bronchitis.

Miss Ella, Mae Middleton came home on Monday from Alma College, St. Thomas, being ill with influenza.

Mr. James Pauling Bayham, tax collector was in Corinth last Thursday.

The North Hall Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening (to-night) Dec. 19th.

Herbert Allin had the misfortune to fall and hurt his head one day last week.

Mrs. J. Leethorn, of London, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. George Pressey.

Miss Rosa Adlington is the guest of Mrs. Balcom, of Vienna.

The Corinth Patriotic Society's

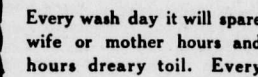


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donation to the shipment to London by the packers at McKay House, St. Thomas, was 32 pairs of socks.

The death occurred last Thursday morning at Hopewell Isolation Hospital, St. Thomas, of Mrs. Minnie May Wiles, wife of Willard Wiles, of St. Thomas, but formerly of this place after a week's illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Wiles was a native of Vienna, and had resided in St. Thomas for the past 2 years. She was a member of Grace Methodist church, St. Thomas, and of Edna Rebekah Lodge. There remains to mourn her loss besides her husband, four children, Eva aged 4, Harry aged 12, William aged 9, Gladys aged 6, also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, of Vienna. The remains were forwarded to Vienna, Thursday morning via G. T. R. A private funeral was conducted by Rev. H. Watts at the home of her parents on Saturday. Interment was made in the St. Luke's cemetery.

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