

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

He little knew the sorrow that was in his vacant chair, He never guessed they'd miss him, or he'd surely have been there...

He little knew the gladness that his presence would have made, And the joy it would have given or he never would have stayed...

He couldn't see the fading of the cheeks that once were pink, And the silver in the tresses; and he didn't stop to think...

Are you going home for Christmas? Have you written you'll be there? Going home to kiss the mother and to show her that you care?

With a tune of perfect gladness—if you'll tell them that you'll come.

PEACE TO MEN OF GOODWILL

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace to Men of Goodwill."

So sang a multitude of the Heavenly Army, led by the Angel who was first sent to bring the good tidings of great joy to the few poor, lonely shepherds watching their flocks at night by Bethlehem, and so out into the whole world of men.

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The Christ-Child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like fire, (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

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philosophy, by whatever name it may be called. To become men of Goodwill must be the aim of all who hope to share in the Divine promise of Peace.

It is during the great festival of Christmas, when we combine to keep the Birthday of the Lord, that we feel most full of this Goodwill, and live, for a time, in good fellowship with one another.

And the children! Christmas is, indeed, the Children's Day. As it is the Day of the Holy Child, so it should also be the Day of Happy Children.

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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

I wonder how many of us reflect on the direct meaning of the word, Christmas? Literally it means Christ's Mass. The Mass on this day refers almost entirely to Christ.

What a wonderful thing it is to consider that God so loved the world as to give us His Only Begotten Son! That was God's Christmas gift to mankind.

So Christ knew the best way to our hearts. After all He should, for He made us. He came not only in suffering but as a little Child.

As Jesus was God's gift to mankind, Jesus' own gift was Himself. That is the meaning of Christmas. Christ could think of nothing as a Christmas gift better than Himself and as He wanted to give His best He gave us Himself!

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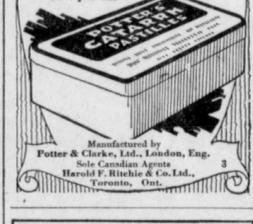
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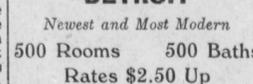
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