

centuries we seem to be drifting farther and farther from the ideals of the Prince of Peace. Instead of Peace and Goodwill we have the bomb and the bullet, the shrapnel and the steel. Instead of the angels' song the air is filled with the shrieking of the shells, with the groans of the wounded and dying.

Let us be serious this Christmas season, but let us not be discouraged. The first Christmas dawned in the midst of the blackest hour in the world's history. No other epoch can be quite so dark. To-day we fight to relieve the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to vindicate the principles of a glorious democracy. We struggle to rid the world of the incarnation of evil in the shape of an insatiable monster bent on world power. Because of the leaven of the precepts of the Prince of Peace we enter into solemn compact with our sister nations to rest not until the tyrant shall have been overthrown. The foundations of the world are being shaken these awful days. Many institutions will crumble and fall. There must be a readjustment of all our living. We are thoughtful this Yuletide as never before; we need not on that account be gloomful. The Christmas spirit can never die; it has been too firmly implanted for that. And so we may, in spite of the sorrow and the tears, wish you all a Merry Christmas. God bless us every one!

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The Granville Patients' Alphabet.

- A is for AMPUTATION, a matter of pain,
But sure warrant for Canada again.
- B is for BLUES we fain would lose:
They're meant to keep us from getting the booze.
- C is for CONCERTS that liven our stay:
We owe the artists a debt hard to pay.
- D is for DRILL, only Swedish it's true;
But cripples don't find it easy to do.
- E is for EYE. A glad one, I'm sure,
Is often a help towards finding a cure.
- F is the FUSS that is bound to be made,
If your bed has a crease, or bulges a shade.
- G is for GRUB that they give us to eat:
It's mostly fish, as they're short of good meat.
- H is for HOME, a faraway cry:
Only to get back, and there find it "dry."
- I is for INSPECTION, a trouble to us,
Who've got to clear up and straighten the muss.
- J is for "JERKS", a prospect in view,
Designed to fit us for service anew.