

Song of Christmas.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace to the earth and good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still the heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wing,
And ever o'er its Rabel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And men, at war with men, hear not
The love song which they bring;
Oh! hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow—
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
Oh, rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Come round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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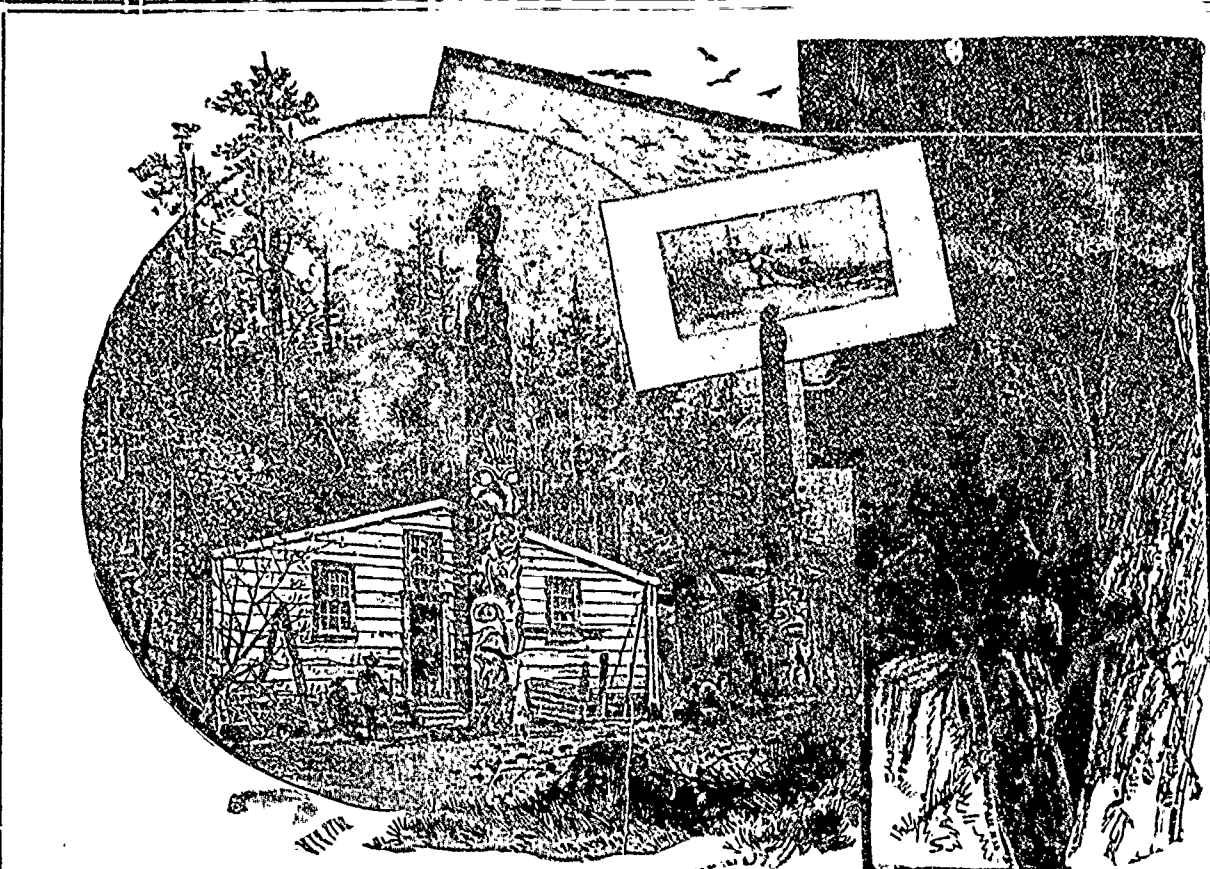
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Christmas Greeting.

My dear young friends, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a merry New Year. There is something very gladdening and cheerful about the annual return of this holiday season. It reminds us of God's great Christmas gift to the world. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Now, the only way to have a happy Christmas, or a happy New Year, is to accept God's great gift. There are some people who think that religion makes people dull and melancholy. There never was a greater mistake in the world. It is only those who know their sins are forgiven, and who enjoy the favour of



AN INDIAN VILLAGE.

God, who have a right to be happy. So, first of all, give God your young hearts. It is the best and richest offering you can give Him; better far than the offering of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh, which the wise men brought to the blessed Babe of Bethlehem nearly nineteen hundred years ago.

Then, do not let Christmas pass without trying to make some one else happy. First of all, your parents and brothers and sisters and friends. Your gifts to them may not in themselves be worth much; but the wealth of love which they may reveal will make them more precious than gold. Then, there are many poor, who have few to give them presents; perhaps orphan children, whose parents God has taken—remember them in the day of your joy, and by sharing your toys or picture-papers try to make them, too, feel something of the Christmas joy. To those who are forgotten and neglected, no season seems so sad as that when all others are rejoicing. If you want to know the greatest gladness Christmas can give, try, both at home and abroad, to make others happy, too.

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