

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Giving is getting!
That is the blessed contradiction. Two thousand years ago it began when a man came to earth who had no gift to bestow save himself. But He gave His all, full measure, pressed down and falling over.
In return he asked nothing!
Yet for two thousand years we have celebrated His birthday by giving, as He did, to the ones we love.

His gift that first Christmas signified boundless love. Do your gifts to-day?
There is a magic mirror in which to inspect your gifts. It is called the Mirror of Love. It tells an unpleasant story when you hold up before it a present which is merely the cancelling of a debt. A pair of bracelets set with priceless jewels viewed in Love's Mirror have been revealed as a pair of hateful handcuffs.

A little frame whittled out of a bit of wood by a small boy for his mother, shown in the Magic Mirror the most ornate covering, inlaid with precious wood, fragrant and beautiful beyond compare.

When, even a book of shaving-paper made by a little girl for her father appears to be a precious edition de luxe.

That is the strange magic of Love's Mirror.

A Christmas Card reflected in this mirror—just a plain penny postal card with a loving thought and a merry wish upon it—is more attractive than the work of an old master.

Even the candies and pudding and cakes and confections, and apples and oranges, shine with astounding splendor at the Christmas feast where Love is the honored guest.

Christmas is the season when the heart takes possession. It is the time when the self-conscious person becomes demonstrative without a feeling of shame; when the person who is all intellect feels strange, warm stirrings in his breast; when the affectionate person becomes a perfect spendthrift of love.

The heart takes you shopping and carries the purse. The heart keeps you up nights sewing on bright ribbons. The heart spurs you on to all sorts of extravagance.

It has the most wonderful memory. People whom you haven't thought of for years come to your mind with the memory, the desire to make them happy.

Up and down the streets stalks the Spirit of Christmas, the breath of pine and cedar in its wake. How rich you are! How loving you are! How happy you are!

Giving is getting you see.

But what about the rest of the year? Does the Spirit of Christmas walk beside you down the avenue of three hundred and sixty-five days? Perhaps you are one of those who bid it good-bye with a sigh of relief on December the twenty-sixth. If you do, you've missed entirely the significance of the star, the Shepherds, the Wise Men and the Babe in the Manger.

The Master gave himself. For thirty-three years, day and day out, He spent his life in the service of others.

Has that no meaning?
Look at yourself in Love's Magic Mirror I pray that you see your soul there glowing with giving.

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All through the year there are people who are lonely. Perhaps they are sitting back of the door waiting for a friendly rap. Their children are far away and they have only memories to cheer them. How they would love to talk it all over with you, especially if you are young and have cheery ideas. Will you give a bit of yourself to them during the coming weeks?

In the hospitals in the almshouses, in the penitentiaries there are people who need the gift of you. They need your hearty hand-grasp, your smile, the loving cadence of your voice, as you say, "I wish you a Merry Christmas, not just to-day, but all through the year."

Even to the blind your message will be a boon, for they can see the light in your eye with their inner-vision.
But most of all the gift of yourself will help the people that you meet every day; the members of your family, the grocer's boy that comes to the back door, the gate-keeper's child down by the railroad. A smile, a little treat of home-made candy, the lending of a ready ear to the story of their woes and joys, will be worth far more than the costliest Christmas present.

At Christmas time you are kin to everybody. Carry that kinship through the year.—Ex.

MCGILL TEAM MAY PLAY HERE

(From Halifax Chronicle.)

A letter has been received by the Dalhousie A. A. C. from the captain of the English Rugby team of McGill University Montreal, offering to come here next autumn and play the Dalhousie team under certain conditions. They also propose to play the Wanderers and Acadia and Mt. Allison on the way home. The conditions are that all the teams they propose to play combine in guaranteeing them \$2,000 gate receipts to cover the expenses of the tour. The first week in October is the date suggested. The Dalhousie team has not yet replied to the letter, but it is probable that it will be accepted if, after a conference of the teams concerned, it is thought that McGill's demands are reasonable and can be met with.



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Christmas Tide.

(By Willis Boyd Allen.)

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But a star shines bright through the deepening gloom,—
Room for the Christ Child, room!

Where a man's distrust and his greed
for gain
Have frozen the floods of tender rain,
Till never a flower of hope can bloom,—
Room for the Christ Child, room!

In homes that the deepest grief have
borne
Mid silent forms of those that mourn
In the shadows that gather around
the tomb,—
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Room for the Shepherds of Bethlehem,
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(signed) Ellison Gray
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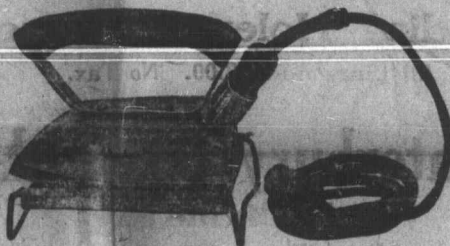
A MILD WINTER EXPECTED

(From the Portland Express.)

"Is this going to be an open winter?" is an inquiry heard hundreds of times during the fall months. Ex-Alderman Joseph S. Stickney, a Saco architect, whose favorite hobby is hunting and fishing, frankly admits that all signs point to little snow. He has reasons for forecasting such a winter. While he was down East gunning, it was after the first snow arrived, he shot several rabbits and their coats were as brown as in mid-summer. Others in the party caught weasels, and the coats of these animals were dark. Only the end of their tails had begun to turn. In other years, when there has been a lot of snow, the weasels and rabbits would be as white as the snow. This is one of the reasons he gives for expecting an open winter, with little snow. He believes that the ground will be bare much of the time and the coats of the animals will be the same colors as that of the bare earth. Saco Bay, he says, contains 700 or 800 wild geese. The birds have been there since the storm. He is of the opinion that the recent storm confused the geese and they dropped into the bay and will stay there for a few days. Other gunners declare that the winter is to be an open one, and that the wild birds are planning to remain here for the winter, or in other words, they started South, read the mild winter signs, and changed their minds, and will make their headquarters at the mouth of the Saco River. A strange thing has happened this month which puzzles old weather prophets and hunters. It is that two flocks of geese have been seen headed north the past week in stead of south.

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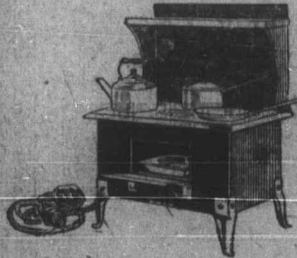


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