

"Good will to men" is another name for Charity—the charity that "thinketh no evil—hopeth all things" and "covers a multitude of sins." Father Faber says "It is harder to have kind thoughts than to speak kind words. The interior beauty of a soul, through habitual kindness of thought, is greater than our words can tell. To such a man, life is a perpetual bright evening, with all things calm, and fragrant, and restful. All sounds are softer, as in the way of evening, and all sights are fairer, and the golden light makes the enjoyment of earth a happy, pensive preparation for Heaven."

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we should remember, especially at this season that there are many whose lot in life seems less blessed than ours, many without parents and without homes, many who have little to cheer them and to whom a "Merry Xmas," a little useful present or a toy for their children, would do much toward making them happy. And even if we have no gifts to offer, a kind word, a warm hand-clasp, will express our good will, for

"A smiling face and a hearty hand  
's a religion all folks understand."

He stretches His tiny hands towards us,  
He brings us all grace;  
And looks at His mother who holds Him—  
The smile on her face  
Says they welcome the humblest gifts  
In the manger we place.

"When love takes let love give, and so doubt not;  
Love counts but the will,  
And the heart has its flows of devotion  
No winter can chill;  
They who cared for "good-will" the first Christmas  
Will care for it still,"

In some countries there are some very pretty customs observed at this season. In Norway the last sheaf of the