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The Outlook

Christmas Greetings

As this number will reach most of our readers before Christmas Day, we desire to greet them most heartily with the old yet ever new wish, "A Merry Christmas." That we have every right to be "merry" in the true sense is abundantly clear from Holy Scripture for "the joy of the Lord" that came through the Incarnation is "our strength," stay and hope. And we know, too, that "God loveth a hilarious giver" (Greek). Be it ours, therefore, to "rejoice in the Lord" of Christmas, and to show forth His praise "not only with our lips but in our lives."

Huron College

Our columns this week record the celebration of the Jubilee of Huron College, and the occasion was marked by the opening of a new Chapel which is unique in the fact that it was built entirely by the Principal and students themselves as their thankoffering for the prosperity with which the Institution has been blessed. At the Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, special thanksgiving was offered for the fifty years of valuable service rendered by the College and the wide influence it has exercised in connection with the Canadian ministry. Archdeacon Cody appropriately made a strong appeal for Diocesan support. It must be a great satisfaction to the Bishop of Huron, Principal Waller, and all those who are associated with the College to realize what

it has done during its fifty years of existence. Nor is it possible to forget the munificence of the late Mr. Peache, who made its foundation possible. The connection of the Colonial and Continental Church Society with the College has been very close for many years past, and we look forward with hope to a future of still greater blessing for the Institution.

Immigration into British Columbia

It is significant that the Government has just passed an Ordèr-in-Council which prohibits the immigration of artisans and labourers into the Province of British Columbia at Coast or boundary ports until the end of next March. This Order is of general application and is not restricted to persons of any particular race, or coming from any particular country. This is the way in which the difficulties of the labour situation in the Province have been faced, and in view of conditions during the coming winter the solution seems wise and commendable. It is further hoped that during the next three months the very delicate question of Hindu immigration will be satisfactorily dealt with by the authorities concerned. But quite apart from this it was essential to take some steps in face of the pressure being felt in the world of labour, and unfortunately this trouble is not limited to British Columbia, for judging from various reports, this winter will be a very hard and trying one for many in various cities. We have no doubt that the whole question of immigration is receiving proper attention at the hands of those who are responsible, for assuredly something will have to be done to restrict the numbers that are coming, and to insure quality rather than quantity. It is at least a satisfaction to know that during the next two or three months the tide of immigration will be either stopped or materially reduced. Statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic will have to give special consideration to this serious issue.

A Splendid Record

It is sometimes charged against our Church that it does not work as it should among the poor. But experience proves beyond all question that at least we are doing our share of service among those who are poor and needy. While we would not for a moment generalize from particulars, it is impossible to overlook the significance of some figures that have just come before us connected with Trinity East, Toronto. At the Advent Annual Meeting of Trinity Sunday School it was reported that the number on the roll in good standing was 1,480; the average attendance for the year 868; the largest attendance on any one Sunday 1,188; the number of teachers and officers 74; the largest attendance on any one Sunday in the Infant Class 639; offerings from the Schools for all purposes \$1,346.00, of which \$806.00 were given to Missions. It was also pointed out that although a great deal is naturally and necessarily done for children during the winter there has been no pauperizing, for out of their little money they have given the above amount back to Missions, etc. The Advent Offering on November 30 for the present year for Missions was \$287.00. We congratulate Canon Dixon and his noble band of workers on these exceedingly fine results, and we feel sure that without any undue and improper laudation they will stand the test of comparison with other Churches, whether in or outside our own Com-

munion. Work done in this way with faithfulness and persistence is certain to produce spiritual results, and we pray that wherever the Gospel is being preached and taught among our poorer brethren and their children the Word of the Lord may similarly "have free course and be glorified."

A Rebuke from China

General Chang, a leading Chinese soldier, who recently spoke in London, England, in favor of the suppression of the opium traffic, used an illustration from his native literature that is capable of many applications:

"Some people argue that you cannot stop opium using at once, that you should diminish it gradually. I want to tell you a story which Mencius told his disciples. A thief had qualms of conscience and decided to take to better courses. 'I will steal one hen less each night,' said he to himself, 'and at the end of the year I shall be an honest man.'"

We sincerely hope the British Government do not intend to act upon this principle, or, rather, want of principle, in connection with the suppression of the opium traffic, for what is morally wrong can never be politically right. Every form of evil needs to be cut off at once, for gradual measures are not only hopeless but wrong.

A Daring Proposal

In a recent article, a writer, in discussing the present relations between the Church and the world, utilized our Lord's attitude to what might be called His failure in immediate results during His ministry. It was pointed out that Jesus Christ did not blame Himself; He blamed the world. And the refusal of response to Him was not to be accounted for by any weakness in the message, but in the hearers, and as a consequence our Lord withdrew Himself and departed, sometimes finally. The writer does not hesitate to apply the results of his study to the present-day and to the frequent rejection of the message of the Gospel. "Moral tempers tend to recur and history to repeat itself. . . . Those who look merely, or even mainly, within the Church for the explanation of the present arrest of progress are greatly mistaken. . . . We must ask not so much 'What is wrong with the Church' as 'What is wrong with the world.'" And the article closes with the bold opinion that in some quarters "the imperviousness to religious appeal is such as would justify a temporary withdrawal of Christian effort." Now, although the writer qualifies his position to some extent by remarking that of course we cannot be so sure of the refusal as Christ was, yet he fearlessly says that there may come times when withdrawal is the only reply to rejection. The article is most striking, and its main thought will be carefully pondered. That our Lord did adopt this method is perfectly clear, though whether we should be justified in following His example is very much open to question. But be this as it may, the time has come when Christian people should be a little more courageous and not be ready to explain all failures by the fault of the Church itself. The Church is doubtless responsible for much, but not for all, and the old word is still as true as ever, "Ye will not come to Me that ye might have life."