

## SHEPHERD OF GALILEE

Brotherly love was the one original concept of the man whose birthday we celebrate at the winter solstice. He discovered no new law of nature; he formulated no new principle of philosophy. He added nothing to science, nor did he reveal the least mystery of the unseen world. When in the bitterness of his cruel death he reproached the Almighty with deserting him, science, philosophy and theology stood exactly where they were on that starry midnight thirty-three years before, when heaven opened before the eyes of the wondering shepherds and shining angels proclaimed his birth. But one thing was not the same, and that thing was enough to make all the difference between the ancient world and the modern. No Confucius with all his golden rule had dreamed of it. No Socrates had dragged it from the depths in the net of his dialectic. No stoic ponderings on the secret of the highest good had conceived it. Of all the crucified saviours of the world not one had revealed it. The shepherd of Galilee alone of all the human race perceived that men are

brothers, in the solitude of the Syrian desert, with struggles which the imagination can only typify as fought soul against soul with the living principle of incarnate evil, he wrestled the truth from the secret and rejected by men and unloved and unloved, he taught the truth by word and deed. Nailed to the cross, he proved it by his death.

"Time is money." This ought to be cheering news to the man of leisure who has Christmas presents to buy and no ready cash.

It really requires a marvelous amount of tact to appear thankful at Christmas for something you didn't want.

Know all men by these presents (Christmas presents) that the milk of human kindness is still sweet.

## MR. HANLEY

(occasional)  
December 12th—Merry Christmas to the Editor and Staff and all its readers.  
Mr. Clarence Fritz, from Port George, was the guest of Mrs. I. J. Fritz on December 12th.  
Messrs. Stanley Mosher and Aubrey Ruffus from Port George were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Mosher on one day last week.  
Mr. Leslie Mosher has his fox ranch all completed and has 2 silver foxes in it, which he purchased from A. L. Davidson, Middleton.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bartheaux attended the funeral at Cottage Cove of Mrs. Harriet Durling, who was buried on Sunday morning in Port George cemetery. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.  
Mr. J. S. Miller is improving a light. We are in hopes of seeing him around again soon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barrett and children, from Canim, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen Pines for a few weeks.

This season of the year when everybody is looking for something new in stockings.

It is sad to note that the average Christmas stocking is longer than most purses.

Money gets tight the same as brokers and bankers, about Christmas time.

## WILL THE NEW YEAR COME TONIGHT MAMMA?

Will the New Year come tonight mamma? I'm tired of waiting so—My stocking hung by the chimney side full three long days ago; I run to peep within the door by morning's early light.  
"Tis empty still, oh say, mamma, will the New Year come tonight?  
Will the New Year come tonight mamma? The snow on the hill, And the ice must be two inches thick upon the meadow rill, I heard you tell papa last night his son must have a sled and a pair of skates you said.  
Oh, I pray for just those mamma, Oh I shall be full of glee, And the orphan boys in the village school will all be envying me, But I'll give toys and lend them books and make their New Year glad, For God you say takes back his gifts when little folks ask for more.  
And won't you let me go mamma, up on New Year's day, And carry something nice and warm to poor old widow Gray? I'll leave the basket near the door within the garden gate.  
Will the New Year come tonight mamma? It seems so long to wait, I saw it in my sleep, My stocking hung so full I thought mamma, what makes you weep? But it only held a little shroud—a shroud and nothing more, An open coffin made for me as was standing on the floor, It seems so very strange indeed, to find such gifts, instead—Of all the gifts I wish so much the story book and sled, And while I wondered what it meant you came with cheerful joy, And said, "thou'lt find the New Year first, God calleth thee my boy." It is not all a dream mamma—I know it must be true, But have I been so bad a boy God calleth me from you? I don't know what papa will do when I am laid to rest, And you will have no Willie's head to fold upon your breast, The New Year comes tonight, mamma, place your dear hand upon my cheek, And raise my head a little more it seems so hard to speak, I shall not want the skates, mamma, I'll never need the sled, But won't you give them both to Blake, who hurt me on my head? He used to hide my books away and tear the pictures out, But now he'll know that I forgive as then I tried to do, And if you please mamma, I'd like the story book and sled, To go to Frank, the drunkard's boy you hate, And dear mamma, you won't forget upon the New Year's day, The basket full of something nice for poor old widow Gray? The New Year comes tonight, mamma, it seems so very soon, I think God didn't hear me ask for just another June, I know I've been a thoughtless boy and made you too much care, And maybe for your sake, mamma, God didn't hear my prayer, There's one thing more my pretty pet the robin and the dove, Keep for you and dear papa, and teach them how to love, My garden rake and little hoe, you'll find them nicely laid Upon the garret floor, mamma the place where last I played, I thought I'd need them both so much when summer comes again, To make my garden by the brook that trickles through the glen, It cannot be, but you will keep the summer flowers green, And plant a few—don't cry mamma, a very few I mean, When I'm asleep, I'll sleep so sweet beneath the apple tree, Where you and robin in the morn will come and sing to me, The New Year comes, good night, mamma I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord tell dear papa "my precious soul to keep, If I how cold it seems—how dark—Kiss me— I cannot see, The New Year comes tonight mamma the old year dies with me.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary J. Best, last of the last generation, died at 10:30—At Inglewood, Annapolis County, December 12th, at the home of her son, Robert Best, Mrs. Naomi Best, widow of the late Levi Best, passed away at the age of 94 years.  
Mrs. Best, whose maiden name was Naomi Wile, was borne at Bridge Water. After her marriage to Mr. Best they removed to Inglewood where they brought up a large family the following surviving: Robert, Philip, Chipman, Mrs. Robert Rowter and Mrs. Richardson, of Inglewood; Darius, of Port George; Milledge, of Wilmet; John, of Blockhouse.  
The funeral service took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. H. Whitman, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Lawrenceville, officiating. Interment will be in the Valley West Cemetery, Lawrenceville.

## SCION OF NOTED FAMILY DIES

Oliver Delancey, Dec. 12th—On Sunday, December 12th, at his home in South Lawrenceville, Oliver Delancey passed away at the age of 35 years. He was the son of Mr. Delancey, another link in a very distinguished family lineage has been broken.

Mr. Delancey was of French Huguenot extraction, his forefathers having been driven from France to America on account of religious persecution. He was the eldest son of the late Peter Delancey and his wife, Elizabeth Starratt Delancey, and a grandson of Colonel James Delancey, of Round Hill, Annapolis County.

His forebears were noted for their loyalty to the British Crown, not only during the revolutionary war, but also in every land where British interests were threatened.  
The family tree of this scion of an unbroken genealogical record from the year 1432 to the present time, a period of 500 years. Up to 1845 it is fully recorded in the French Archives in Paris, and since then it is a matter of British and American history.

Mr. Delancey was twice married, his first wife being Caroline Robinson, of South Williamstown, Annapolis County; and the second wife, Eleanor Gibson, of West Dalhousie, N.S. He was born and lived at North Williamstown, during the most of his life coming to Lawrenceville four years ago.  
Besides his widow, four children—Judson, of Boston; George, of Plymouth, Mass.; Annie, of Alberta and Mrs. Kate Brown survive him. Also one brother, Unalacke Delancey, of North Williamstown; and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Wentworth, of Berwick and Miss Kate Delancey, of Cheverie, Hants County, remain.

The funeral service was held today at St. Andrew's Church of England, Lawrenceville. Rev. Robert Miller, Rector of Wilmet parish conducted the service.  
Interment was held at Nictaux Cemetery.

Have a right merry Christmas and a royal good time.

The oaks upon which the mistletoe grew were sacred to the Druids in days of old and they used to worship under them in the most solemn and devout way. When hung up in a room or hall the beautiful pearly berries were thought to possess the power of keeping away evil spirits and influences.

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## DOUBLE PRESENTATION

The Assembly, 1st son of the late Donald School was the winner of very important and interesting contest on Friday afternoon of last week when a public meeting was called for the purpose of presenting the winners of the Poppy Essay Contest with their prizes, and presenting George Vye with a Parchment Certificate symbolic of the bravery he exhibited when he saved David Landers from death by drowning early in the year at the risk of his own life, as David was going down for the last time when George went to the rescue. This act showed great presence of mind on the part of the rescuer, due to the fact that he was some higher than the boy he went in to save, and had the misfortune which handcuffed him considerably. At one time George's strength was nearly exhausted and he was thinking he would have to let his pals go in order to save himself, but at this crucial moment came new courage and strength and he determined to save his pal or go down with him. He succeeded in bringing David to shore where willing hands of his boy friends helped them both out of the water. George was very shy about mentioning the rescue and it was days before the news got around and then it was made known by some of the boys who saw the noble act done, and questioned the parents of David to learn the details of their son's rescue by George. They were grateful beyond words and immediately took steps to see that proper recognition was made, and was ably assisted by His Worship, Mayor Spomagle, with the following result:

The meeting was called to order by His Worship, who acted as chairman of the occasion, and all joined in singing of "The Maple Leaf" played by Mrs. C. M. Moore.  
Mayor Spomagle then made a few explanatory remarks in regards to the purpose of the G. W. V. A. in starting the Poppy Essay Contest, and stated that as one of the judges, he was in a position to say that they had a great task before them in picking out the three best from the many splendid essays submitted. However he felt assured that the judges had made their decisions fairly and then called on K. Cleveland, Vice President of the local Branch of the G. W. V. A., to make the presentation, which he did in his usual capable manner. The winners as they were called out came up and received the congratulatory letter from the President as he presented their prize, and then returned to their seats amidst protest.

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## cheerful and clapping of hands

1st Prize (\$10.00) was won by Miss G. A. Walker, MacDonald School.  
2nd Prize (\$5.00) was won by Miss Vye Macpherson, of MacDonald School.  
3rd Prize (\$2.50) was won by Miss Elsie Foss, of Wilmet School.

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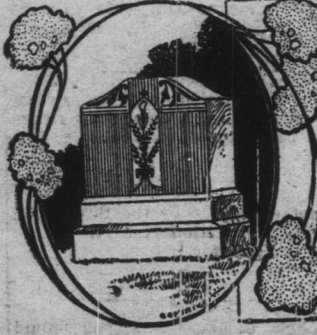
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