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Christmas Carol.

Chime the bells merrily, ring them out cheerily,
Glad in the clear air, this cold frosty morn;
Anthems are swelling loud, far above wind and
cloud,
Loud hallelujahs proclaim Christ is born.

Rise, awake! sleepers sing, welcome the new-
born King;
Up with the wise men, a star for your guide;
See in a manger laid, Jesus the wondrous babe;
List to hosannas where shepherds abide.

Bring him no gifts of price,—all that for thee
suffice
Will be the "clean hands and pure" contrite
heart;
Bring not thy dews of grace into this holy place,
All that thou needest His love will impart.

"Peace and goodwill to men," let us with joy
again
Sound the "glad tidings" and welcome the
day;
Comfort the sick and old—they are so near the
fold—
Point to the Saviour—the life and the way.

Give of thy garnered store, give to the suffering
poor:
Give a kind hand, and friends an embrace;
When round the groaning board, with his rich
treasures stored,
Give to thy Maker the incense of praise.

Hang up the holly bough, bright with red ber-
ries now,
Twined in a gay wreath of glittering green;
Joyful and happy, may greetings for Christmas
day
O'er our dear household walls ever be seen.

Christmas bells merrily—ay, ring them cheerily;
"Glory to God" is the angelic strain;
See in a manger laid, Jesus the holy babe!
"Glory to God!" earth re-echoes again.
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A Christmas in Port Simpson.

For weeks before Christmas preparations for
that day have been going on. The choirs have
had daily practices, the different brass bands
(there are two in the village) have been preparing
extra music, mothers and daughters have been
busy sewing, while the fathers and brothers
have decorated the outside of the houses with
evergreen bushes.

For a week before Christmas you might see
people coming and going from the churches.
Green trees, branches, Chinese lanterns, papers,
and many other decorations have been carried
there.

In the Industrial Homes, the children have
long been counting the weeks, have found out
whose turn it will be to have charge of the
kitchen that week and whose to have the dining
room; have learned where can be found the
most suitable bush, to be transformed into—so
the children think—that wonder of all wonders,
the Christmas Tree. The felling and bringing
to the house of this trophy, is one of the special
treats of the season.

The day before Christmas this tree is put into
place in the large dining room. some of the older
girls having made themselves very useful in
completing this rather difficult part of the pro-
gramme.