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THE UNDYING CHRISTMAS

(Rev. Dyson Hague)

(Rev. Dyson Hague) Is Christmas never going to die ? Christmas going to die? Never! Christmas can never die. As long as there is a child upon this earth that day will be greeted with a shout of gladness; and, for weeks before, wibrations of mystic wonder and weeret mirth will fill the little hearts in every land that has ever heard of Jesus. Christmas can never die while mother lives. The birth of that little baby boy in Bethlehem has wreathed a never dying halo around the child. All love, all sweetness, all gentleness, all innocence, all the pitying, brooding, unselfish greatness that is the everlasting miracle of the mother heart, received its coronamother heart, received its corona-tion in the Virgin Mother. Christmas can never die as long as a father thinks of that world of wistful wonder and of mystic hope evoking all his manhood, softening all his strength, as he looks down upon the little helpless habe that God has givon him to cherish and to train.

As long as there is a poor man in the world, Christmas will never lose its glory. For He came down to earth from heaven to link his lot with the poor. He lived poor. He died poor. And His poverty has since been the enriching of the world. No! No! Christmas can never die! For ever, as its gloroius meaning annually breaks men will turn from the clatter and babble of the world to hear the song

babble of the world to hear the song the angels sing. The cry of the world to-day is ever for something up-to-date.O, preacher, men are calling, give us something new, something fresh. Well, here it is: "Behold I bring you good news." Good news of great joy! Heard a thousand times by the old, a hundred times by the young, it still comes to the astonished consciousness of those who think, with all the vividness of a gelorious surprise. It is good news of who think, with all the vividness of a glorious surprise. It is good news of great joy, ever as fresh as the morn-ing rose, or a new-born babe. For the greatest things in heaven and earth are the home, the child and the love of God. And the people nearest to the heart of God are the poor, the end the heart of God are the poor, the sad, the heart-sick and the hungry. It is these that the light-waves of joy immerse, and the shafts of gladnes irradiate at Christmastide.

"What are you going to get this Christmas?" asked one girl and the answer came. "I've been so busy planning what I'm going to give that came. "I've what I'm go

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OLD AND NEW CHRISTMAS DAY

Whether January 6 or December

WHEN HEARTS ARE TRUMPS Tragedy if Child Should Have Christ. mas Come and Go Without an Ecstasy.

F YOU have no child of your own, you must borrow or beg one for Christmas eve; for it is the time when the world lights its happi ness with a child's joy, writes Dr. James I. Vance, in the Illinois State Journal.

Only a child may have the right of way on Christmas eve. If you do not stand in with the children, you must stand aside.

It is the hour when the world makes a cradle its shrine; when not only wise men from the East, but grown ups from all points of the compass slip down over the hills of memory toward childhood's dawn, saying under their breath: "We have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him."

What a wonderful thing is this yearning of the old world for the happiness of children that climaxes at Christmas! The better side of human nature comes to the front. We throw off our cynicism. Meanness is shamed into generosity, and for a little while on Christmas eve the tightwads of earth have a look in on paradise.

Was there ever a sweeter eager ness, a holier joy, a more heavenly anticipation, than that which all through the house is felt on Christ mas eve? Every one is thinking of making somebody happy. The de-licious secretiveness of it intensifies the thrill. Care is forgotten. Expectation is ringing the bells. Peace is over all the world. And the hero is a child

Thank God for children! "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." It is a sin to disappoint a child. Then it must please God when we make the children happy. If there is no child in your home,

maybe there is one on your doorstep waiting for you to be its saint on Christmas eve. There are certainly some there in the street. They are looking at the toys in the window with wistful faces, and wondering what the lover of children will bring them. It is your time to play, and hearts are trumps

What a tragedy if a single child in your town should have Christmas come and go without an ecstasy!



BOAR'S HEAD AT CHRISTMAS Ancient Custom Which Is Now Believed to Be Observed Only at Oxford University.

RINGING in the boar's head at Yuletide is not cele-brated widely in Great Britain today, and prob-

25 Is Correct Date. HRISTMAS day seems wedded to December 25. A summer or a springtime Christman with no holly, no mistletoe, no frost, no snow, would not be the real thing at all, observes London Answers.

The majority of our beautiful Christmas carols, too, redolent as they are of the winter-"Sung Amid the Winter's Snow"-would be hopelessly in-congruous. Emigrants to Australia from the mother country have confessed that it has taken them many years before they could get in any way used to what is practically a midsommer Christmas.

Yet December 25 is merely an accommodation date for the birthday of Christ-Christmas day. The year, too, is wrong. Most people would take it for granted that Christ was born in A. D. 1-literally, of course, the year of our Lord, No. 1.

But our chronology is four years out. This should be 1925 and not 1921, because Christmas day could not, on indisputable historical testimony, have been later than February B. C. 4!

That settles the year of the first Christmas, but all attempts to fix the actual day and month of Christmas have failed.

And, as regards the present date, Christmas, like Easter, took some centuries before a settlement was arrived at. In the first centuries of Christianity several important Eastern churches observed January 6 as Christmas day. The Armenian Christlans de so still.

Gradually, however, uniformity was attained, but not before the Fifth century. In that connection it must be remembered that for quite a long period this country was divided on the question of Christmas. Some people per-sisted in observing "old" Christmas

But all will agree that December 25, even if it is not the actual date of Christ's birth, is a happy choice. Our present-day Christmas, festival

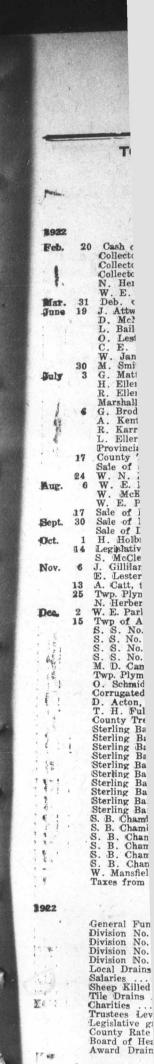
and holiday, breaks the long winter, and what better time could there be for family reunions? The cold and unpleasantness outside make it all the more agreeable to keep warm and snug inside. It keeps us together in

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answer came. The been so busy planning what I'm going to give that I haven't had time to think of what I'm going to get." If the children of Canada would enter into the heart-meaning of Christmas, let them re-member the last words of good Bishop Sullivan to the little children of Toronto; "Children, the greatest gift for which we have to thank God is the gift of His Son Jesus Christ." If the Christians of Canada would enjoy, to the full, this Chirstmastide let them not secularize or material-ize-it as a mere season of good-will and worldly friendship. Let its sacredness be enjoyed as well as its merriment.

HELP HELPLESS BLIND BABIES

A Dominion Charter, without stock subscription, was recently obtained for the establishment in the city of Ottawa, of a Home, Nursery, Hos-pital and Kindergarten, for the blind

ottawa, of a Home, Nursey, Hos-pital and Kindergarten, for the blind under six years of age, free to all from any Province in the Dominion. So far nothing has been done for those poor unfortunates. According to reports received from the various Provincial authorities, there are at at present nearly 250 in the Domin-ion. The late Sir Arthur Pearson, before his death, claimed that "Sun-shine Home," at Chorley Wood, Eng-land, was "the ofly home in the Em-pire for blind babies." It is hoped shortly to have the SECOND in Can-ada. To this ead money is urgently required. Help us with your generous gift. "Lest we forget; Do it now!" Cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Blind Babies Home Association. Remittances will be promptly acknowledged. Address J. F. McKinley, Treas-uer, or C. Blackett Robinson, Cor. Sec., 188 Dufferin Road, Otawa.

ably the only place where it survives with something of its old time glory is Queen's college, Oxford university.

The custom is believed to antedate Christianity; in fact, is said to have come down to Englishmen from the Druids, the Detroit News recalls. Freya, goddess of peace and plenty, was always represented as riding a boar, and the Druid priests are believed to have made yearly sacrifices of boars to this divinity in order to

win her good will. At Queen's the procession of the boar's head forms in the buttery. A soloist, who usually is a former stu-

dent of the college, heads the line. Behind him march two or three broadshouldered youths who bear the boar's head, mounted on a silver salver. In the old days the head weighed as much as eighty pounds.

Flags and pennants of the college flutter about the head, which is crowned with gilded sprays of rosemary, bay, laurel and other ever-greens. A lemon or an orange, the old Norse symbol of plenty, is placed between the tusks.

Behind the bearers of the salver march the surpliced men and boys of the choir and the organist in a robe of an Oxford doctor of music.

On a dais at the end of the dining hall the provost and the principal guests stand. The provost says grace in Latin; the call to dinner is sound-ed with trumpets through the cloisters and the procession starts through the cloisters



encourage children to look up he Bible Answers, it will prove itage to them in after years. minis) (Communitation

hiul, the origin of our word wheel. The Yule festival is said to have re-Why should we sing and give thanks unto the Lord? —Psalm 30:4, 5 What is our recourse when overtaken in calamity? ——Psalm 31:9-16 Why should we love the Lord? —Psalm 31: 19-24 How does God's promises bring joy? ceived its name from being the turn-ing-point of the year-when the sun apparently turns back from the south and begins to set each evening farther

and farther to the north until in June



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