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Editorial Notes.

THE ACADIAN goes to press a day earlier than usual this week on account of the holiday and in order that it may be in time to extend to its readers, far and near, the season's gladdest and best greetings. May all the happiness that belongs to the Christmas-tide be yours. Try to make the day and season a glad one for at least one person and you will not fail to realize the true Christmas spirit.

It has been well said that to present costly gifts to those who are not in need, and fall to heed the cry of poverty, is not to live in the true Christmas spirit. While charitable organizations are active at this season in giving expression to the Christmas spirit, there is plenty of room for individual effort in helping and encouraging those in need.

Christmas is the most popular of holidays with the Anglo Saxon race, and its traditions have been transplanted from the mother land to the American, African and Asiatic continents, and to the far Australian Isles. Wherever else the English speaking race is found, even in torrid lands or in the unknown wilds, a common sentiment of Christmas Day unites the race.

The joys that Christmastide brings to the world are not seen in all their beauty in the mansions of society. The real spirit of Christmas and Christmas giving is more evident in the cottage, the humble cottage, where happiness and contentment are the chief elements, and where a small Christmas stocking is appreciated more than diamonds in the homes of the rich.

There seated round the Christmas fire, in the toil and his good wife, telling sweet stories of Santa to drowsy little heads, that are more to them than stores of gold. Such homes bring back to men and women, in later years, the memory of father and mother, of Christmastide, of the sweet scenes of childhood days, that age cannot wear away.

Christmas.

We come again to that benign season when the Great Anniversary sends over all Christendom the spirit of peace on earth and good will to men.

Here and there discordant voices are raised to tell us that there is not peace but war in the world of men, and that in the religious world there is not concord but dissension. But the very act of recording this unreasonable protest one realizes of how little moment it is by comparison. For, while there are minor wars, and while some of the creeds are in the crucible of thought, the great outstanding fact is the sustained and increasing brilliance of that star that shone above Bethlehem, which after the lapse of centuries, holds more and more of the world in the warm glow of its radiance.

Talk there is of creeds, talk of changing beliefs, talk of peace interrupted by some rattling of the words of the nations; but the world is not to be judged by a day or a year, or a generation, but by the steadiness with which it swings evermore truly toward the pole star of truth. Men change in their conception of formula, but the fundamentals do no change. They are more broadly interpreted, so that they command more widespread allegiance from the thinking men of all nations.

The world is emerging from the clogging multiplicity of creed rules, and coming yearly to agree more and more upon the outstanding simplicities of religion. Love is service. This is a great creed, and yearly more and more of the world's people subscribe to it, realizing even in an age stamped above all others as material, that selfishness is humanity's great foe—selfishness under whose black banner are enlisted the meaner and more militant forms of greed, among individuals and among nations.

They are blind who do not see, as each Christmas comes, that the current of good becomes always broader and more powerful. To the nation in mid-Christmas is at once a season of rejoicing and a thoughtful pause. The world calls a truce from its myriad activities, and thinking folk give attention to causes and results. Among those of lighter mind the elation of mere merry making seems to draw the higher music; but that is to be true of but a small circle, for, consciously or unconsciously, the Christian world today studies the old but evergreen story again—the story of Christ's coming and the dawn of hope for humanity upon this small earth of ours which moves in its orbit and contributes its note to the music of the spheres.

In Canada, and throughout the British Empire, there are manifold reasons why this should be indeed a merry Christmas, in the best sense of the phrase. Under the British flag there has been peace, increasing prosperity, and a broadening sense of national unity. Under the circumstances it should be the more delightful to contribute to the happiness and well being of all who fall within the radius of one's influence, of the sick, of the poor, of the children, of all whose lives it is possible to brighten by a spontaneous and unselfish touch of the true Christmas spirit.

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The Business of Living.

Do you ever stop to ask yourself why you are slaving away from morning until night? Is it for the doubtful satisfaction of laying up money in the bank, or buying more land, or being able to retire to town in your old age.

Are any of these objects worth struggling towards through good health and ill? To-day, with its small measure of twenty-four hours, is all we have to use. Shall we live to day or shall we give it with its drudgery and weariness to buy some glorious to-morrow which you may not be spared to enjoy?

I am afraid that in too many of our homes we are trying to run a bank account with life in which we hope to deposit many years of toil and back ache and meagre living and loneliness and draw out a few years of comfort and sociability at the end.

I have seen it happen so often that just as a man or woman had decided that they could give up and take it a little easier the over worked machinery, which is the body, slipped a cog as they passed into a great beyond without ever having drawn their interest.

It always gives me a queer little gripping at the throat to see this, for I feel that these people have passed through life without having learned how to live.

That is why I am writing to day to ask men and women who are hoarding up money while they live in the same incurable houses to bide a wee and think whether it is not better worth while to spend four or five hundred dollars now in installing a furnace, a water system, a lighting plant, a power washer and a gasoline engine to turn it and the churn and cream separator, than to drag out an over-worked existence for another ten years.

Life is not measurable in dollars and cents but in the happiness and sweetness it has contained, and it does not pay to put off taking its good things for too many years. It is better to gather the flowers of summer and we go and then if our summons comes early we will not have to leave behind us a barren stretch of years, unfruitful in everything but wealth.

Farm Help.

Commissioner Lamb, Chief Immigration Officer, London, England, (Salvation Army) has just concluded his tenth tour of Canada. His visit embraced the Maritime Provinces, where he interviewed various Government Officials, relative to the Salvation Army's Immigration Work in Eastern Canada.

The Commissioner comes to Canada every fall, to ascertain for himself the demand for farm help and necessities for the following season. This enables the Commissioner to arrive at a proper conclusion how many to send out.

Resign Wright an officer of experience, is at present in England, where he is lecturing on the advantages to be obtained in Eastern Canada. He is also interviewing suitable men and women, with a view of getting them to settle in these Provinces.

A Poultry Show for Kings County.

On January 21st and 22nd a poultry show will be held in Kentville under the management of the Kings County Poultry Club. If you are a member of the club a prize list will be sent you as soon as published, if not send in 25c. to the secretary, C. B. Houlter, Kentville, for membership to the club. The competition will be open to members of the club only. If you are a resident of Kings county you may become a member. A large number of exhibits are expected, and \$150.00 besides a large number of specials will be included in the prize list. Don't neglect to show any birds you have that will be suitable.

To those who despair, the closing words of Longfellow's 'Christmas Bells' may be timely:—

But in despair I bowed my head—
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of 'peace on earth, good will to men.'
Then pealed the bells, more loud and deep,
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fall, the Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Christmas is unweaning in its popularity. A peculiarity of the Christmas-tide is that it furnishes both a holiday and a feast day, which in its general practice and observation is typical of the hope of its believers, Christmas as the day honored by tradition as the Saviour's natal day, is distinctly that day when family reunions take place. Herein it presents a type of Christianity itself, whose adherents are promised as their reward for good deeds on earth, participation in a greater family reunion hereafter.

The Presbyterian and Methodist clergymen of Toronto are going in for physical recreation. They are going in for gymnasium work, country tramps, and the establishment of a public golf course.

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This week in December—the days just before and after Christmas—are the anniversaries of several notable events in Canadian history.

Probably the most important of all was December 24th, 1814, the day before Christmas. That was 99 years ago this week. On that date the Treaty of Ghent brought an official end to the first and last war fought on Canadian soil between Great Britain on one side and United States on the other. Let us hope that it was the only war that will ever wage between these two English-speaking nations, which at the present time are so closely drawn together in the battle for the world's progress.

Indeed, we all should hope that Canada has seen the last of wars with any nation. On Christmas Day, 1635, Champlain died. He was the French (may we call him the French Canadian) explorer whose courageous journeys into the North American wilderness form bright spots in the story of French occupation of Canada. Monuments to this intrepid explorer can be seen in Quebec City and other places, but the best monument of all is the story of his intrepid career.

It is interesting to note that December 23rd, 1851, the first Young Men's Christian Association was organized in America. This occurred in Montreal.

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