

You Have Known About Him All These Years ; But Have You Really Known Him ?



INCE we stand upon the threshold of His birthday, let me introduce you to the most delightful young man in the world. You have never known Him as he really is; all the pictures ever drawn misrepresent Him. They have made Him out a weakling, a woman's features with a beard—He who for thirty years swung an adz and drove a saw through heavy timbers, who for long days tramped the borders of His loved-lake, and would not sleep indoors if He could slip away into His garden.

An outdoor man He was, a man's man who could stand watch when all His friends deserted Him in sleep, and could face the tempest in a little boat calm-eyed and unafraid.

They have called Him a pacifist. How could they forget that day, I wonder, when in the midst of the hard-faced crowd He stood, and braiding a little whip, drove them out before Him?

Think you it was only the glance of righteous anger in His eye that sent them scurrying? I tell you that behind that little whip were muscles of iron, made strong by many years of labor, and a spirit that never once knew fear, not even in the presence of the cross.

I have met men long-faced and sorrowful, wagging their heads bitterly over the evil of the world, and by their very joylessness adding to that evil. And in their hearts they supposed they were representing Him. Think of it—representing Him, to whom little children flocked with joyous laughter, and men, beseeching Him to have dinner with them in their homes.

You remember the first of His miracles—or perhaps you do not. Too often those who claim His name have preferred to forget that miracle. It does not fit in with the picture of Him that they have wrought.

He was at a wedding party with His mother and some friends where the merriment ran high. In the midst of it they came to Him in consternation. The wine had given out.

So He performed His first miracle. Just to save a hostess from embarrassment—and He thought it worth a miracle. Just to save a little group of simple folk from having their hour of joy cut short—it was for such a cause, He thought, that His divine power had been entrusted to Him.

No one ever felt His goodness a cloud upon the company. No one ever laughed less heartily because He had joined the group. His was the gospel of joyfulness; His the message that the God of men would have them travel happily with Him, as children by a Father's side, not as servants shuffling behind.

They killed Him, of course, in the end, and sometimes I am almost glad—glad that He died at thirty-three, with youth still athrob in His veins, and never an illusion lost or an ideal dimmed by age.

Claim Him, you who are young and love life; let no man dispute your claim.

For He, too, was young, and is! He too loved laughter and life. Old age and the creeds have had Him too long; I offer Him now to you—not in creed but in truth—Jesus of Nazareth, the joyous companion, the young man whom young men can love.—Bruce Barton, in December Red Book.

WALLBRIDGE

Under the direction of their teacher, Miss Roblin, the children of the public school held their annual entertainment. Santa Claus was on hand to delight the little folks.

The Sidney Town Hall cheese factory held their annual meeting on the 22nd. The meeting was well attended by stockholders, patrons and bank managers and agents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hinchliffe, of Strassburg, Sask., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hinchliffe and friends.

Mrs. Henry Morton, formerly of this place but now of Peterboro, made a flying visit last week.

Jas. A. Hinchliffe has returned from Gunter after two weeks cutting saw logs, for turkey dinner.

Mrs. Wilson Jackson, of Gunter, is doing nicely after her sick spell. Her son, Everett, has returned from overseas.

FRANKFORD

The funeral of the late Mrs. Teal was held in the Free Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Potter. The attendance was very large, as she was so well known, having lived at River Side before her marriage. She had gone to the coast a few weeks ago, hoping to regain her health, but died out there. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and three small children, also an aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. MacDonald, who have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow and bereavement.

Mrs. Walter Gainstorth, of Trenton, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford, in town. The regular meeting of the W.M. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Weese on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Jas. Johnston and Mrs. McEvers spent Wednesday with Mrs. Vandervoort in Trenton.

Our public school closed on Friday and the teachers are off to their homes to spend the Xmas holidays.

Miss Emma Vandervoort, of Toronto, is home for Xmas with her mother and sister.

Mrs. C. R. Turley is spending a week under the parental roof at Noira.

We are pleased to see Pte. Tom Sullivan has arrived safely to his home from overseas and we welcome him in our midst once more.

Gerald Turley, of Montreal, and Miss Regina Turley, of Toronto, are spending their holidays with their father in town.

WEST HUNTINGDON

We were very sorry when news of the death of Mildred Wallace reached our neighborhood. She went to the hospital one week ago.

Mrs. E. Snider is in a very serious condition; little hope is held out for her recovery.

Mrs. Geo. Post is gaining slowly. Miss Helen Haggerty is on the sick list also.

Miss Stella Wilson and little Mildred Hunt have gone to Toronto to spend the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. H. Thompson took thirteen geese to market which brought her the nice sum of \$54, some weighing fifteen pounds.

Mrs. Albert Sexsmith is home for Christmas from Selby.

Our Christmas entertainment held in the Methodist church was a decided success, the best of the season. Benches were provided and the church was filled to the doors. The program was all that could be desired.

Mrs. Scaries is much better.

STOCKDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Belleville, visited their daughter a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hood are moving on their farm in Sidney, which they purchased from Mr. Mills.

Mrs. R. McMurtter and Mrs. C. M. Anderson took dinner with Mrs. Annie Davidson one day last week.

The Women's Institute held an open meeting at the home of the president, on Wednesday evening, when a very enjoyable time was spent. The ladies received many congratulations on the amount of work they had accomplished since the first of the year. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Annie Davidson read an address and Mrs. Grass, the president, was presented with an oak rocker and centre table.

Our Xmas entertainment on Friday evening was a decided success, the church being packed to the doors. A good programme was rendered and the little ones enjoyed a visit from Santa.

Mrs. Murney Foster is confined to her bed and Dr. Anderson of Wooler, is in attendance. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson attended the funeral of Mr. Patterson's brother at Trenton, on Saturday. We extend our sympathy. This is the second time they have been bereaved in the past week, Mr. Patterson having buried a brother-in-law on the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase and daughter visited his father the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell, of Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bates, of Syracuse, are visiting their parents and their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bates, also Mr. and Mrs. L. Bryant took dinner at Mr. N. Bates' on Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Wood is visiting friends at Woodstock and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Collier have returned home after spending a couple of weeks in Prince Edward.

Mr. Tweedy attended the funeral of the late Mr. Bird on Monday last.

MELVILLE

Melville extends glad holiday greetings to the Editor and staff of The Ontario and to its many readers. Hill-crest Farm, the home of Col. and Mrs. Ferguson, was the scene of a happy event last week when their elder son, Capt. K. D. Ferguson was welcomed home after four years' service overseas.

Miss Vera Zuffelt, nurse-in-training at Kingston General Hospital, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zuffelt.

Miss Zuffelt returned to Kingston on Thursday to resume her duties.

Mrs. Catharine Hutchinson, Wellington, has returned home after spending several days with friends here.

Mr. W. H. Anderson and Miss Nellie Arthur, Strassburg, Sask., spent Tuesday in Gilead, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blakely.

Mr. Ernest Morris and bride returned last week from their wedding trip.

Mrs. Frank Zuffelt and Miss Vera were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blakely on Tuesday in Wellington.

Our teacher, Miss Myrtle Husband, left last week for her home in Newburgh, where she will spend the holidays.

sympathy of many friends. Mr. Daniel Tripp, a returned soldier, who after recovering from wounds, practised shoe repairing in England, has now set up a shop in Coneseon where he is busy repairing shoes, harness, etc. Our returned heroes are worthy of our patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cruickshank spent several days at the bedside of Mrs. Cruickshank's brother, Mr. Fred Ellis, who is suffering from a severe attack of influenza at his home at Nile's Corners.

Miss Eva Ickhoff, B.A., of the teaching staff of Nanawee Collegiate, is spending the holidays at home.

GILEAD

A gloom was cast over the neighborhood on Tuesday last, when it became known that Mr. Bruce Casey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casey, had passed to the "Great Beyond." He had been ill but a short time with influenza followed by pneumonia, but during those few days suffered a great deal. Rev. J. C. McMullen conducted a short service at the home on Wednesday afternoon, Albesing his remarks upon the twenty-third psalm. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Casey and family in the loss of their son and brother, as Bruce was much respected by all who knew him and they have the consolation of knowing that he was a Christian young man, and has truly gone home for Xmas.

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Quite a number attended Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening, at Mr. Ernest Hoffman's.

Rev. J. C. McMullen took tea on Thursday eve, at Mr. H. Wallace's.

The farmers have been busy sowing their clover this week.

Miss Locke has returned to her home at Campbellford for the Xmas holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Mr. H. Wallace has purchased a new car.

POINT ANNE

Miss E. Pearl Bowerman, of Belleville, took tea with Mrs. Donald Friday afternoon.

Mrs. E. A. Anderson of Coneseon, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. Graham.

Mrs. Geo. Jackson has returned home from a pleasant visit with friends in Guelph, Ont.

Mr. Eugene Bennett has gone to his home in Maine, U.S.A., to spend the holidays.

Services were held in both churches on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Don MacDonald, Miss Cora Bell, and Miss Ruby MacDonald attended the Christmas entertainment in Kingston road church, Wednesday evening. The programme was excellent.

The Bazaar and Tea held in the Red Cross rooms, Friday afternoon was a decided success. Mrs. G. L. Rathbun was in charge of the fancy work table; Mrs. T. Haines attended the door; Mrs. Don MacDonald honored the tea, the tables being nicely arranged with flowers. The ladies assisting in the tea room were Mrs. H. Wager, Mrs. J. D. Murphy, Mrs. F. MacDonald, Mrs. G. Howard and Mrs. P. Bennett. Miss Margaret Hutchings looked after the fish pond.

Mrs. E. A. Teney was the convener.

GLEN ROSS

Miss Myrtle Weaver of Peterboro Normal School, is home for the holidays.

Miss Laura Holden of Toronto, is spending the holidays at her home here.

A number of the fair sex met at the home of Mrs. R. Wager on Wednesday last and spent the day in sewing and social chat.

Mrs. J. B. Weaver and Mrs. W. Anderson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Vandervoort on the Kingston road. Several from here went to Belleville Saturday to do their Xmas shopping.

Pleased to note that Mr. D. Benedict and Miss Betta Carlisle are able to be around again.

The Ladies' Aid held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. L. S. Weaver on the 12th with a good attendance. The members showed themselves to be alive and full of enthusiasm.

At the close of the meeting it was found that Mrs. J. Benson of Stockdale was to receive the quilt donated by Mrs. J. Anderson, and for which the sum of \$3.45 had been realized; while Miss A. Seenev was the recipient of the knitting bag donated by Mrs. M. Wensteph which added the sum of \$1.00 to the proceeds. Albesing his remarks upon the twenty-third psalm. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Casey and family in the loss of their son and brother, as Bruce was much respected by all who knew him and they have the consolation of knowing that he was a Christian young man, and has truly gone home for Xmas.

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WEST HUNTINGDON

The Christmas concert which was held in the Methodist church, Thursday night last, was a decided success. Proceeds of evening amounted to \$48.71.

A number of our young people spent Saturday in Belleville.

Sorry to report Miss Helen Haggerty on the sick list.

Miss Sarah Wilson has returned home after visiting friends in Belleville.

Miss Maggie Post attended the Harris-Downey wedding at White Lake on Wednesday evening.

DECEMBER REPORT OF S.S. No. 4 THURLOW

Class V.—Helen Moorman. Jr. IV.—Queen Mitchell, James Moorman.

St. III.—Arthur Turney, Gordon Rupert, Ivy Barlow.

Jr. II.—Aldora Reid, Alice Moorman, Lulu Mitchell, Hazel Gray, George Main, Marie Fitzgerald.

Jr. I.—Marion MacDonald, Clarence Barlow, Anne Reid, Ethel Barlow.

Jr. I. B.—Gordon Vivian, Cainin Main. Frances M. Sullivan, Teacher.

Eminent Scientists Believe Wilhelm Will Find Own Life

New York, Dec. 27.—It is quite likely the Kaiser did, as reported, try suicide; and it's quite likely he'll try again.

Such is the scientific view. Psychologists and alienists say an epidemic of suicide in Germany is not unlikely.

Germany are more prone than people of other nations to self-destruction.

The suicide rates for Prussia and Saxony are the highest in the world. The average rate of self-murders in Berlin for the last five years is 35.8 compared with 16.9 for New York and 11.0 for London. Germany has the most appalling child suicide rate in the world.

Germany Lead Suicide List

Prof. Enrico Morelli, distinguished Italian authority, in his work on "Suicide," expressed this conclusion: "The highest suicide rates are given by countries of German race, and the two stocks, German and Scandinavian divide this supremacy. The centre of the purest German stocks is Saxony, the old and powerful land of the Teutons, and it represents a very high average. Equally great is the proportion in Lower Austria and Salz burg, which are almost pure in those of Leignitz, Potsdam, Merseburg, and Magdeburg of Prussia; in the German cantons of Switzerland and other places in which the German element prevails. The suicidal tendency is much smaller in the Anglo-Saxon stock."

Dr. Curry, of Picton, was called in for consultation with Dr. Broad at the home of Mr. Fred Ellis last week. Mr. Ellis being dangerously ill with influenza. Mr. Earl Ellis also has the "flu" but glad to say he is not so ill.

Mr. Clarence Stephenson is suffering from an attack of influenza.

The many friends of Mrs. F. E. Neare were sorry to hear of her illness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Way near Coneseon, and all hope for her a speedy recovery and an early return home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cruickshanks, of Melville, spent Friday night at the bedside of the latter's brother, Mr. Fred Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dafoe spent the week-end with relatives in Belleville.

Miss Quate, who has been employed as bookkeeper in Toronto, returned home on Saturday after a severe sick spell.

Happy New Year to all.

BURBS

The "flu" seems to have about spent itself as the cases are all getting better.

Mr. Geo. Fox and Georgina left on Monday to spend Xmas with his daughter, Mrs. Will T. Blakely, Eldorado.

Mrs. J. Moon and Clarence Hough visited Picton on Saturday.

Among those who went to Belleville on Saturday were Mr. D. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harnes, Mrs. F. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carter, W. Burkett, Mrs. F. Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Adams and Bernice Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. I. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fox.

Obituary

MILDRED V. WALLACE Mildred V. Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wallace, of West Huntingdon, died in this city yesterday as a result of vertigo.

She was born at West Huntingdon nearly 15 years ago and had lived there all her life. She belonged to the Presbyterian church. Mourning her death are her parents, one brother William and one sister Elizabeth. The remains were today sent to West Huntingdon by Messrs. Tickell and Sons' Company.

Provisioned Hun Warships at Sea

Friends of the Germans Pay Heavily For Breaking U.S. Neutrality.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—C. D. Bunker and R. H. Swayne, shipping men, were fined \$10,000 each by Federal Judge Van Fleet for connection with a conspiracy whereby the steamer Sacramento, provisioned German warships at sea in violation of American neutrality. George and James Flood, shipping men, were fined \$5,000 each; Heinrich Kaufmann, chancellor of the former German consulate, \$2,000, and T. W. Anderson, captain of the Sacramento, \$1,000, for their connection with the conspiracy.

Fines of \$100 each were imposed on C. D. Bunker and Company, the Northern and Southern Steamship Company, and the Golden Gate Transportation Co. The sentencing of Robert Caspelle and Joseph L. Bley was postponed until January 2nd.

Minister Arrested

Near Tavistock

Rev. Otto Streckman, Lutheran minister of Sebastopol, near Tavistock was arrested Wednesday morning at his church by two plain-clothes men. It is reported that he has been arrested for some seditious act or utterance and that he has been taken to Toronto. No further particulars are yet available, according to enquiry.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Christmas, 1918. Written for The Ontario by Helen B. Anderson, Melville. We cannot hear with the shepherds, The song that the angels sang, As over the hills of Judah Their glorious message rang Of the Christ that was born in Bethlehem. The Saviour meek and mild Who left his home in glory And became a little child. It cannot be ours to hasten Afar o'er Judean hills, Led on by the glorious starlight That beckoned thro' midnight still, Not ours to give to him treasures Of frankincense, myrrh and gold Not ours to gaze on the graces Of the Christ-child, manifold. But ours to pause and listen In life's anxious stress and strain To catch through the by-gone ages The spirit of that refrain. To give to the world the glad message The message of peace and love That came that day with the Christ-child From the heavenly host above. And so may we catch the spirit Of that first glad Christmas-tide, That love and peace and gladness Might in each heart abide. And that we with the men of wisdom May our best of treasures bring To the Child that was born in a manger The wonderful Christ and King.