

CHRISTMAS EVE.

A CAROL.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all people.—Luke ii., 10.

From Heaven above the earth I come,
To bear good news to every home :
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing :

To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen mother mild ;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all your earth.

'Tis Christ our God, who far on high
Hath heard your sad and bitter cry ;
Himself will your Salvation be,
Himself from sin will make you free.

He brings these blessings, long ago
I reared by God for all below ;
Henceforth His kingdom open stands
To you as to the angel bands.

These are the tokens ye shall mark,
The swaddling clothes and manger dark ;
There shall ye find the young child laid
By whom the heavens and earth were made.

Now let us all with gl. some cheer
Follow the shepherds and draw near,
To see this wondrous gift of God,
Who hath His only son bestowed.

Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes !
Who is it in your manger lies ?
Who is this child, so young and fair ?
The blessed Christ-child lieth there.

Welcome to earth, Thou noble guest,
Through whom e'en wicked men are blest !
Thou com'st to share our misery,
What can we render, Lord, to thee !

Ah, Lord, who hast created all,
How hast Thou made Thee weak and small,
That Thou must choose Thy infant bed
Where ass and ox but lately fed !

Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

For velvets soft and silken stuff
Thou hast but hay and straw so rough,
Whereon Thou, King, so rich and great,
As 'twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.

Thus hath it pleased Thee to make plain
The truth to us poor fools and vain,
That this world's honor, wealth and might
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep ;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle song—

Glory to God in highest Heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given !
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad New Year to all the earth.

LEWIS.

Written for his little son Hans, 1540.

MY COMFORT.

When sorrow bends
Over my heart, obscuring the bright sun
Of gladness, and God sends
Heavy afflictions, one by one,
I think of One who, all alone,
Bore suffering here without a groan :
And I am comforted.

Death passes by,
And bears away from me in his cold arm
Some flowers to the sky,
Far from the reach of pain and harm.
I know that without spot or stain
In that bright land we'll meet again :
And I am comforted.

There reigneth here
Sorrow and fear, darkness and doubt and sin ;
And sometimes, when I fear
That to God's kingdom I'll ne'er enter in,
I lay my head on Jesus' breast,
And there my weary soul finds rest :
And I am comforted. A. L. HATBLY.

THE JEWS.—At this peculiar crisis it may not be uninteresting to publish that the Jewish nation, dispersed in almost every part of the globe, without forming anywhere an independent nation, amounts to 4,658,000 individuals, not comprising 30,000 Samaritans, and 12,000 Ishmaelites, which would make a total of 4,690,000 persons. The total number of Jews in Europe is 2,451,179, making the 110th part of the whole population of Europe at last census.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

J. Nicol, Quebec	1856-7,	0	5	0
W. Hamilton, Quebec	"	0	5	0
W. M. Bowman, Montreal	1858,	0	5	0
J. Madill, Pickering	1858-9,	0	5	0
Rev. D. Morrison, Brockville	1859,	0	2	6
Wm. Beattie, Lyn	"	0	2	6
Arch'd Cowie, Kingston	"	0	2	6
Rev. S. Paterson, Hemmingford	"	0	2	6
A. Matthews, Montreal	1859,	0	2	6
T. Steele, Shipton	'59-60,	0	5	0
R. Dalzell, Kitley	"	0	5	0
James Bowes, Pakenham	'58-59,	0	5	0
Thomas Bowes, Pakenham	"	0	5	0
Dr. Fowler, Pakenham	"	0	2	6
M. McKenzie, Williams	1859,	0	2	6
J. Levie, "	"	0	2	6
A. McMurphy, Nottawasaga	1857,	0	2	6
Andrew Jardine, "	1858,	0	2	6
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Rev. J. Tawse, King	1858,	0	5	0
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A. Innes, "	"	0	5	0
J. McMartin, "	1859,	0	2	6
A. Rough, "	"	0	2	6
E. Dempster, "	"	0	2	6
G. D. Watson, Montreal	"	0	2	6
J. R. Esdaile, "	"	0	2	6

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D. J. McDonald, "	"	0	2	6
C. Esplin, "	1859,	0	2	6
D. McKay, Pickering	0	2	6
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D. McLennan, Williamstown	0	2	6
A. McLennan, Kempville	0	2	6
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B. Johnson, Cornwall	1859,	0	2	6
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A. Munro, "	"	0	2	6
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A. Scott, "	"	0	2	6
P. Conroy, "	"	0	2	6
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H. Robertson, "	"	0	2	6
A. Grant, "	"	0	2	6
P. McDermid, "	"	0	2	6
James Urquhart, "	"	0	2	6
F. Ross, "	"	0	2	6
W. Hamilton, "	55-6-7-8,	0	10	0
A. Foulds, "	1859,	0	2	6
Major McDonald, Montreal	0	2	6
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Samuel Gakin, "	0	2	6
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John Pool, "	1857-8,	0	5	0
James Daniels, "	1856,	0	2	6
Rev. J. Brown, Newmarket	1859,	0	2	6
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