

caution, so that he can neither take it himself, nor bring it to his little friends. He has been successfully vaccinated, so that he cannot catch it himself, and he is going to have his clothes and toys so thoroughly disinfected that there will not be the shadow of a chance for him to bring it to his beloved children. It will not be very long now before your little ears will hear the tinkling of his bells as he drives over the snow.

By all means, then, let us keep the *child-idea* vividly before our minds, so that, whether we go to church or remain at home, the thought of the *Babe of Bethlehem* may fill our hearts and minds with joy and comfort. Every time we look into a child's face on Christmas day may the beautiful picture of the manger containing its precious Babe, and surrounded by the Wise Men from the East adoring the Child Jesus, present itself to our admiring gaze. What a grand opportunity Christmas offers to parents to make the little ones, even the youngest, familiar with the story of the *Babe in the manger* and its connection with the great *child-festival* !

There is just another thought that ought to be expressed here in connection with Christmas. While we are sharing in the pleasures which the day affords, let us not forget to remind the children that there are many around them who are too poor to get turkeys and plum-puddings for dinner, and thereby impress their young hearts with the need of being kind to others. May they be taught that the very Babe whose birth they are celebrating loved the poor as well as the rich, and is now in Heaven making preparations for those who are at present in poverty as well as those in prosperity, for *all* who love and follow Him. Teach the children to share their good things with the poor and helpless, that *their* hearts may be made glad also, and that they, too, may be able to spend a happy Christmas.

To those who are men and women, young and old, let the leading note of the Christmas season be "*Good-will towards men.*" Let our enemies be forgiven, our animosities buried, and our social, political, and religious differences cast aside, and with one common heart at this auspicious time let us join in the angelic anthem,

" *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will towards men.*"

Hail, Holy Season of good-will,
 Forgotten now be every ill,
 That through the bye-gone year,
 Brother to brother-man hath wrought,
 And be we all by Christmas taught,
 And by all feelings dear.

With all our fellows, faults to bear,
 Since their infirmities we share,
 So this our motto be,
 Both to forgive and to forget,
 And each to each example set,
 Of Christian unity.

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