

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, of all times in the year, is the time for giving and receiving presents. What a wonderful season it is—brimful of good things to young and old! All are gladdened by it, but as for the children they hardly know how to contain themselves for joy. How many delighted surprises there are, and how many of these surprises we are going to give! What mysterious planning and contriving is all the while going on as the day draws near, and how we do hope that the presents we are getting ready for each other will be appreciated. Don't you often say to yourselves, boys and girls, "Well, she *ought* to like this after all the trouble I've taken!" Or, "If he don't like it, then I give up—that's all!"

Yes, one of the hardest things to bear is to have a gift that we have been at great trouble or expense to prepare, unappreciated. We felt sure it would give great pleasure, but we find we were mistaken; that it is cared for very little, if at all. This is a cruel disappointment to us, and we cannot help feeling very much hurt. It is good for us at such a time to ask, "I wonder if I ever hurt anyone in this way? Did I ever show that I did not care for what was given me?"

What about the Gift of Jesus, God's great Gift to you? Did it cost Him nothing to give it, and have you been as glad to receive it as He hoped you would be? What does He see as He looks into your heart?

ATHOL, Feb 20.—We hereby certify that we have used Nerviline in our families, and have found it a most reliable remedy for cramps in the stomach, also for headache, and externally for rheumatic pains. No house should be without this valuable remedy. LUKE COLE, ELISHA COLE, J. P.

CHRISTMAS, AND WHAT THE WORLD THINKS OF IT.

We take the following from a leading secular paper. Such testimonies indirectly strengthen the Church's view of this festival:

There is to every man who is able to imbibe the true spirit of Christmas, a deep significance to the day. When the angelic choirs announced the coming of the Child, they sang "Peace on earth, good-will toward men." The true Christmas feeling warms the hearts of all men to their fellows. If any man has a grudge against his neighbour, this is the time to forgive it. If any man is living at variance with those of his own kith and kin, this is the time to wipe out the old scores and begin a new account. Even the heart of the veriest churl may open somewhat to the poor, and signs of relenting may appear among the most selfish and worldly-minded.

This is not only the time of forgiving, but also of giving. Good cheer belongs to Christmas; but the very poor will have no cheer, no Christmas, if the comfortable and prosperous, out of pure good-will, do not help them.

If Thanksgiving is peculiarly a home holiday, Christmas is, or should be, the festival when peace and good-will to all men go out from multitudes of homes and hearts. The Saviour of mankind came to teach the universal brotherhood of man. We celebrate His birthday by gifts of good things to each other and by benefactions to those who have no helper, no rightful earthly guardian. And if a larger and more charitable spirit of forbearance than has usually moved us shall pervade the Christian community on Christmas Day, the true meaning of the festival will have been clearly discerned. Good-will to men should furnish the key-note to this festival season. We forgive and are ready to be forgiven. We exchange gifts with those who are equal with us in prosperity, add we are ready to help the poor to garnish the day with some little semblance of a festival. Good-will to men moves us to remember that life is too short for the cherishing of animosities, too short for the perpetuation of feuds, too short to monopolize all its opportunities for the aggrandizement of self. Jollity and mirth pervade the family, the poor are cared for, and in the battle of life a truce is called, "so hallowed and so gracious is the time."

MORE MONEY FOR YOUR WORK.—Improve the good opportunities that are offered you and you will receive more money for your labor. Hallet & Co., Portland, Maine, will mail you, free, full information showing how you can make from \$5 to \$25 and upwards a day and live at home, wherever you may be located. You had better write to them at once. A number have made over \$50 in a day. All is new. Capital not required; Hallet & Co. will start you. Both sexes; all ages. Grand success attends every worker. Send your address at once and see for yourself.

WHY I TAKE MY CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED.

1. Because I wish to dedicate my dear one from its earliest years to the service of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

2. Because I desire that my child may become "a member of Christ," the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

3. Because I never could understand why Jewish parents might bring their child into the Jewish Church, and why I, a Christian, might not bring mine into the Christian Church.—2. Cor. 8, 7-11.

4. Because the custom of infant Baptism is "most agreeable with the institution of Christ," and to the practice of early times.

—At breakfast he began to play with the cruet-stand. I told him not to do so. He persisted, and at last upset it and spilled the red pepper on the table-cloth. I said:

"Now, Allen, you were disobedient, and upset the pepper-castor, and I should make the punishment fit the crime by putting some of the red pepper on your tongue."

He looked up like a flash and asked: "Would the punishment be the same, papa, if I upset the sugar-bowl?" —Babyhood.

MY MOTHER.

"There's not a name on earth more dear Than that the tongue first learned to speak: There's not a bosom more sincere Than where we laid our infant cheek."

—"Isn't it strange," said little Nettie, as she returned from the garden where the fruit was growing and ripening, "that blackberries are always red when they are green."

HAGYARD'S
YELLOW OIL
CURES RHEUMATISM

FREEMAN'S
WORM POWDERS.

Are pleasant to take. Contain their own Purgative. Is a safe, sure, and effectual destroyer of worms in Children or Adults.

HOW TO
FILL THE
STOCKINGS.

We have just received a splendid assortment of goods for the

Christmas - Trade.

Among our list of Novelties you will find Silver Button Hooks, Fruit Knives, Silver Moustache Cups, Silver Moustache Spoons, Individual Egg Stands, Smoker's Sets, Gold Pens and Pencils, Rhinestone Back Combs and Jersey Pins, Opera Glasses, Silver Shoe Horns, Silver Shaving Cups, Solid Silver Napkin Rings, Individual Butter Plates and Cruets, Silver Card Cases, Silver Match and Tobacco boxes, &c. Besides these, of course, we carry a full line of REGULAR GOODS in the Watch, Diamond, Jewelry and Silver Line.

Ryrie's
Jewelry
Store,
113 Yonge Street,
TORONTO.

Rowsell &
Hutchison,
76 KING ST. EAST, TORONTO,

Have received from the
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
A very Large Stock of

Bibles, Prayer-Books,

Church Services,
Hymn Books,
Prayer Book & Hymn
Book combined,
Prayer Book and
Hymns in Cases,

And in Great Variety of
Choicest Bindings
THE
Poets in Cloth & Morocco Bindings.
Annuals.

Illustrated Gift Books.
Boys' and Girls' Books.
Children's Toy Books.
Sets of Stan'd Authors.

CHOICE ASSORTMENT
—OF—
XMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS

AN UNUSUALLY LARGE STOCK OF
BOOKS

Sunday School
Day School Prizes,

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES,

Embracing all the New Publications of
the Society for Promoting Christian
Knowledge, and other English
and American Publishing
Houses.

Several Thousand Vols. to choose from
ROWSSELL & HUTCHISON,