

## With the Jews Regard Christmas

As developed in recent decades and more especially in the United States, Christmas has come to be the symbol and expression of the tenderest sympathies to which the heart of man may stir in responsive rhythm. No longer speaking the harsh dialect of dogmatic scholasticism, it phrases its warm message in the flowing vocabulary of the all-including humanities. It loves to bring to memory of adult the gloriously childlike in the motives and sentiments that prompt and pervade the truly human. Its song of brotherhood outstems the halting metres of sect and sect, of clan and class. Sweeping with the stars' light through the spaces, its proclamation of good will awakens answering echoes under every sky.

What about the Jew? Does he have part in the unifying joy of the rare hour when differences of station and origin are fused in the consciousness of the equivalence and equality of all men?

To the theological associations of the festival the Jew must take exception. The day of the Nativity of the Christ may be and is, to use the significant term coined by Chrysostom "the metropolis of the Christian holidays." Before the Jew could recognize it as such he would have to be convinced that all the centuries elapsed since the event thus remembered, which for him and his ancestors have been years of trials and tears, he has walked in willful blindness. As long as the Jew is attached to his own religion he will not, he cannot admit this. Whatever star blazed forth over the world in the night when the shepherds, according to one of the Gospels, heard the angelic anthem, it did not shine with a light unknown in Israel. The Jew could not and cannot halt its rise as marking the setting of his religion's day. The Messianic dream of Judah in that momentous hour did not meet its fulfillment. Peace then was not established on earth.

The modern Jew knows full well that originally the twenty-fifth day of December was not regarded by the Church as the birthday of the Saviour. It was not celebrated as such before 334 A. D. Still, the association of the day with the edifice of Judaism survives both in the nomenclature and the popular interpretation of the celebration. Sets that for a long time vividly protested against the adoption of the pagan institution have modified their opposition. They do not hesitate to realize through the day's appointments the construction of history according to which the Jew's persistence after the Nativity was token of sinful stubbornness. The Synagogue would sign its own death-sentence by ignoring this emphasis of the Church, to set aside its own festal cycle in favor of the more widely observed holiday of its rival and opponent.

And the Jewish religionist has all the less excuse for this substitution since his synagogal calendar provides at the identical season of the year an occasion for an intense a manifestation of joy. It is not a secret among scholars that the celebration of the twenty-fifth day of the midwinter month in the Jewish notation of the year's circuits as a day of light in commemoration of the redemption of the Temple (see Saint John x, 22) is one of the component factors of which Christmas observance in the Church is a confirmation. Hence the Church borrowed the light as an expressive element in the symbolism of its day, though outside the church ritual not until the early part of the nineteenth century did the lights on the tree come in vogue as a dominant feature of the Christmas accessories.

The Jewish holiday of Lights, designated as Hanukkah in Hebrew, has also taken on the character of a festival in the main dedicated to

childhood. In this it has clearly developed along lines parallel to those that Christmas followed in widening its own scope. The setting aside of the days immediately succeeding the winter solstice to mark the birth of light, antedates both Judaism and Christianity. It is basic to the Yuletide of the Germanic peoples, the Saturnalia of the Romans. The custom, however, of placing gifts in the stockings of the children originated in Holland, where Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus, the children's friend, visits his pets on December 6, he himself and his gifts being an adaptation and reconstruction of very ancient concepts rooted in most primitive religious rites that arose in pre-historic times when human sacrifice, especially of the first-born sons, was deemed necessary to secure the happiness and health of the denizens in childhood's paradise.

In Jewish homes thus Hanukkah spreads the glow of light, and into the hearts of Jewish children it inures joy almost at the same hour when when Christmas sets ablaze the tree under the neighbors' roofs. Only in the securing the Jewish day is less inclusive in its intentions. True, the background of the Jewish festival of Lights is the nation's victory. But the victory won by the Maccabees over the Syrians not only preserved Judaism; it alone made the birth of Christianity possible.

The Christian sentiment of "good will to men" is certainly an echo of the convictions and aspirations which the Jewish festival of Lights emphasizes. Widespread as the prejudice is that the ethics of Jesus transcended Judaism, and that therefore Christmas virtually marks the advent of a new epoch of love among men, it is based on misconception or ignorance of Jewish life and literature contemporaneous with and antecedent to the rise of Christianity. The ethics symbolized by Christmas are Jewish. Their universalism is not an exotic in the garden of Judaism.

The signs are not wanting that sooner or later the Jewish festival of Lights and Christmas as the holy appeal for Peace on Earth will no longer fall on different days. Even now, the hour which moves all Christendom to joyous sentiments has found welcome in many a Jewish household. Its devotional implications have been forgotten in the sweeter melodies which it has dedicated to the universal humanities. And many more of Jacob's family would be ready to combine their Hanukkah and Christmas and help create for the common day a name and symbols of broader sweep than either now possesses, were it not for the remembrance that while the Jewish Hanukkah has brought terror and pain to none, in former centuries, and alas! even now in darkest Europe, Christmas has often been, and is still, a day of despicable anguish and terrible suffering for Jews. Coming from their matins, where they had learned of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem hailed by angels' choir, the chanting of good will to men, mobs time and again would invade the defenseless homes of the divine Babe's kinsfolk and visit on them their fanatical wrath.

In Russia the approach of Christmas has with trepidation five millions of human hearts. Such experience has taught them that no hour is fraught with graver peril for them than that which retells the poetry of a Jewish Child's birth in poverty and power. The Jew cannot rejoice, nor sing of good will, when he knows that the day of his joy has been and is the day of his helpless brothers' trembling and anxiety and agony!

In this country, as in England, the Jew rejoices that the Christmas sentiment is speedily and beautifully progressing toward realization in action. And when he sees the lights leap into glory in his neighbors' homes he breathes forth a fervent prayer for their happiness. As far as in him lies he helps make their joy more genuine. He gladly contributes his part to the happiness of his friends, and such as share with him the hospitality of his domestic hearth but are not of his religious fraternity. For himself and his own, however, as yet he prefers to wait. He kindles his less brilliant Hanukkah lamps, and in more modest glow reads the prophecy of a more inclusive advent when Peace will prevail on God's earth. War will be forgotten. Prejudice be unknown, and Love of Man will be the worship uniting in a fellowship all of God's children.

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All tenders to be marked "Tenders for Collection of Rates," and to name the proposed bondsmen.

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Gilt stars, cut out of pasted-on paper, and attached to the tree by fine wires are very pretty. Paper flowers also have great possibilities.

The best plan is to begin early to make the Christmas tree trimmings. A little work each evening around the lamp, with glue and paper and paints and scissors, and before long you will find that your Christmas tree decorations have grown to be very many and very lovely. Try this during the whole month of December, and when Christmas comes you will feel an especial delight in it. You will feel just as though you had been helping Santa Claus in his workshop. I know, because I have tried it. And every year I try it over again, and Christmas would hardly seem Christmas to me at all if I had not helped trim a Christmas tree.

Christmas pop corn balls are especially nice if they have a surprise in the center. Wrap some little gift in oiled paper and pack the sticky pop corn with your hand into a ball around it.

Fire tree cones gilded, make lovely tree ornaments.

A five-cent package of diamond dust or ground glass sprinkled on cotton will make your tree seem laden with sparkling snow.

Small gowns dried and painted; peanuts gilded or painted and threaded to hang in bunches; strings of nut kernels and raisins, straws strung with dates and figs, with cranberries between to give color; apples with names outlined and stuck in them with cloves; oranges hollowed out and cut like Jack-o'-lanterns to hold candles; small light-colored kites, paper airplanes, their wings wired; baskets of braided raffie; all of these things, and many more, can be made by any boy or girl to decorate the Christmas tree.

Take English walnuts, open them carefully with a penknife; take the meat out; put a fortune written on paper, or a new penny inside; tie the two halves together with gaily-colored baby ribbon, and hang the nut on the tree. Candies or nuts wrapped in tin foil, or all kinds of nuts gilded solidly or in stripes, make the prettiest possible decorations, especially for a small Christmas tree.

Cookies cut in odd shapes—stars, crescents, animals, dolls, triangles, etc., hung to the tree by little ribbons are especially nice.

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The Canadian Pictorial.

The Christmas number of the "Canadian Pictorial," the new national monthly, is printed in three colors, and is much larger than any of the earlier issues.

A type of Canadian beauty under the mistletoe greets the reader on the front cover. The other day Lord Grey opened the Parliament of Canada, and a full page reproduction of His Excellency's favorite photograph is given. To correspond with this, in the department of "Woman and her Interests," there is an intimate sketch of Lady Grey, and a splendid photograph of Her Excellency, too. I bring the Queen's birthday, the latest picture of Her Majesty occupies a full page. Politicians, whether free traders or protectionists, will be interested in a splendid full length photograph of Mr. Chamberlain. There is a comprehensive article on Canada's canal system with illustrations showing various styles of locks and bridges. In our Department of Canada's series, our pictures in this issue portray on two pages, scenes along the line of the new Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways. A vivid idea of the way in which our Roman Catholic friends in the Province of Quebec celebrate "All Souls' Day" is given by a remarkable picture showing a large part of the fifty thousand people who went to the cemetery at Montreal on that day. Seldom has so great a gathering ever been comprised in one photograph. This month's series of public opinion work includes Mr. Carnegie and General Booth in their libraries, and Mark Twain in bed. News of the day is illustrated by such pictures as the Lord Mayor of London in Paris, while the Christmas idea is emphasized by two telling pictures of the Balaclava of the present day, and by Christmas talks and holiday housekeepers' suggestions in the women's pages, in which, of course, the fashions of the day are not neglected. In spite of the increased size and the greatly increased expense the price has not been advanced, ten cents a copy, one dollar a year.

## CAUGHT COLD ON THE C.P.R.

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There seems to be several kinds of honor if one can judge by the different ways the press "sizes up" Harry Thaw, who is now awaiting trial, for instance. Young Mr. Thaw, of Pittsburgh and New York, recently killed a fellow being, and he did it in the name of honor. The victim had dishonored his wife, therefore he must die. A correspondent in a New York newspaper, discussing the character of the victim of the tragedy, said he was "the soul of honor." No doubt he was in some respects, in a business way his word was as good as his bond. He would as soon think of robbing his mother's grave as he would of defrauding anybody out of a penny. Financially, his honor was unimpaired, but he would steal the brightest possession a woman can have, and make a joke of it among his friends. He would sell the character of a girl too young to be strayed from her mother's care, and east her adrift on the storm tossed waters of Bohemia, without a quibble; and the "honor" of young Mr. Thaw and his wife, top. This is an odd institution also. Mr. Thaw himself, so far as history goes, has not a worthy aim or a noble ambition since his birth. He has lived for pleasure, has soaked his soul in until its keen acid has dried it deeply. No doubt, if he "secured" a gambling debt, he would deem it a point of "honor" to pay it. No doubt he thought it a measure of honor to be able to hold his end up as long as they rest. As to the honor of his wife—the mantle of charity fall over that toy of base man, the man at last, a tragedy. They don't know the meaning of the word. Never was a noble phrase in poorer company than when used to describe a man and women of real honor would never have sunk their souls so deeply in the mire of human depravity as these people have. It is such hollow, fantastic notions of honor as these that make men fool and women base; real honor knows them not. As long as a man agrees with you, you think him a good fellow. When he antagonizes your ideas and doctrines, you don't like him so well. As long as the farm went along plowing, hoeing and harvesting, and let the professional politicians run the politics and the monopolies run the business, nobody called him a crank or an iconoclast. But when he took a hand in the politics and began to question the right of others to rob him, the dogs of war were let loose on him. Honor means something even if it is among thieves.

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## Christmas Thoughts.

The season of gifts again draws near when the kindest feelings of our hearts go out to those about us and long to find expression in some simple token—some precious gift that may serve as a reminder of the love and good wishes cherished in our hearts that will soon have flown far in the past. As it is, silver and gold we have none to proffer you; the riches of earth have never been cast at our feet, and our pocket, though large, remains but a vacuum in spite of our desperate efforts. But kind reader, we have you in mind, and the poet says, "The bliss to be to be remembered," so let us make one little spot of sunshine in your soul as we wait for you, one and all, far and near, wherever this number of our may find a reader, a real joyous, felicitous, merry Christmas.

Christmas is what we make it. We know many homes where the gifts would seem poor enough if it were not for the love that goes with them. Trifling toys would seem almost valueless; but look at the love and sacrifice they represent, and all Babel's babel of light-gleams would count not for them. The power the giver the greater the gift. Have we not read how the widow's mite outweighed the whole treasury?

"Except ye become as little children" is fraught with precious meaning. The kingdom of innocence is above all earthly dignities. The crown it wears brings no anguish, entails no fear, clarifies and cleanses the heart, the little children of the world stand on the heights nearest heaven. The condescension that brings older persons on the same plane with them, is on condescension at all, but rather a coming back to one's own best estate.

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