

freshments." Describing the fine weather that followed after a storm and seasickness on his way from Seattle to Nome, he writes: "The gastric machinery soon resumed its normal functions, and our voyage over the great Summer Sea became one pleasant holiday. Splendid weather prevailed to Unalaska, which enabled everyone to stay on deck. It was then that the selfish element, ever latent in us mortals, and ever waiting for an outlet, began to display itself. Everybody set about making himself—mostly herself—just as comfortable as possible. Rugs and shawls and easy chairs of impossible combinations and indefinite sprawling capacity, began to take up precious room on deck, to the great inconvenience of many. It was a study in real life to watch the various phases of exasperation one of the passengers, a pompous old gentleman, got into, whenever he wanted to inhale fresh air. At every turn he made up and down the deck he had to describe a circle around the paraphernalia of a couple of haughty Gibson maidens and their stately mother who looked at him every time he passed, as resentfully as if they owned the ship."

(To be continued)

**THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

By Amadeus O.S.F., in December Donahoe's

Sweet Infant-Prince, Who by Thy Birth  
Shed light and joy divine,  
Come now, in might, unto the earth,  
And calm this life of mine!  
Bid carking fears and doubts depart;  
Bid gloom and sadness cease;  
Come gentle Babe and fill my heart,  
Sweet Jesus, give me peace!

The hopes that burned within my breast  
Have lost their olden fire,  
And, in their stead, a fierce unrest  
Doth 'gainst my soul conspire!  
Lord, from my cheerless lot I crave  
The favor of release;  
From tyrant rule my spirit save,—  
Sweet Jesus, give me peace!

**LYCEUM ACTIVITIES**

The hockey club has proved to be one of the most attractive branches of St. Mary's Lyceum. From 25 to 40 fellows turn out at the practices at the Auditorium on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Tickets are now printed, and may be had on application at the practices or at the Lyceum meetings.

The Lyceum orchestra held a fine rehearsal on Tuesday evening. Wm. Perkins has been elected as regular pianist and the acquisition of Mr. Rogers, flute and piccolo player, fills out the orchestra in one of its weak parts. The addition of a clarinet player would quite complete the orchestra and would make Conductor Stack a happy man, indeed!

"Pete" Egan, the clever forward of the Lyceum hockey seven, has been elected captain of the team. Harold Conway, O'Donnell and Murphy gave him a close run for the position.

The members of the dramatic branch are making great sacrifices during the holidays in order to continue rehearsals of "The Malediction". Two practices weekly are now held and it is hoped that another rehearsal may be added weekly after New Year's. Director James Cunnin is especially pleased with the progress made this week.

The gymnasium branch expects to have something to show in a day of two for the appropriation for equipment recently made by the Executive Board.

The Lyceum boys have decided to visit the St. Boniface hospital and perhaps other Catholic charitable institutions before Christmas. Their presence at the side of the lonely sick bed of Catholic young men will cause them to feel that they are not unthought of and some small holiday reminder will be left with each patient.

Regular general meetings of the Lyceum on Tuesday evenings; time 8.30; place, St. Mary's school, corner Hargrave and St. Mary's ave.

**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS**

(Written by request for the Christmas edition of the Morning Telegram.)

In this age of constant appeal to first principles and horror of remaining in old ruts, is it not time that the approach of Yuletide should pull us up short with the pregnant question, "What is the meaning of Christmas?" Does it really mean nothing but good cheer and jollification? Historically, does it not evoke the psychological paradox of "tidings of great joy," of shepherds and wise men "rejoicing with exceeding great joy" because they had found an infant

wrapped in rags and laid in a manger? Joy as the effect of voluntary poverty—is this not an astonishing paradox? And we seek, I will not say joy—which means the exuberance of peace—but pleasure and excitement in comfort and wealth. How few find even that poor substitute for joy! And yet, throughout all these 1900 years since the first Christmas, those who believe in the paradox because of Him who, being rich beyond compare, became and remained poor till death, in order precisely to point out that the true secret of abiding joy is self-sacrifice through love, have truly found the "peace that passeth all understanding." Are we not striving after fleeting shadows when we make money and the empty honor it brings the purpose of our lives? Would Christ recognize us as his disciples if he appeared at our heathenish Yuletide festivities?

LEWIS DRUMMOND, S.J.

**Persons and Facts**

The dropping of one cipher by the printer of our last week's comment on the needs of St. Boniface Hospital (page 1, column 4) made it appear that the Hospital Sisters' "heavy debt" was only twenty-five thousand, instead of what it is really, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In his new book "Across Widest America," Father Devine says he saw at Keewalik, Alaska, two mastodon tusks over twelve feet long and nine inches thick at the heavy end. One weighed 168 and the other 172 pounds. This is very large for the extinct varieties of elephants, such as the mastodon and the mammoth; but one day about eight years ago a party of black elephant hunters killed an elephant on a slope of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and took from the animal one tusk which weighed 247 pounds. The next largest tusks on record of African present day elephants, whose tusks are much larger than the Asiatic variety, weighed 226½ and 175 pounds.

The Grey Nuns of St. Norbert will open on the 23rd inst. a Bazaar to help pay off the debt on their fine new convent.

Miss Josephine Bawlf arrived home on Wednesday from Loretto Abbey, for her Christmas holidays.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Marjory McKinley to Mr. R. W. Francis Harris. The ceremony will take place on the 27th inst. at 9 o'clock in the morning in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince Albert.

One of the foremost American Catholic journalists passed away last week in the person of Rev. Patrick Cronin, D.D., LL.D., of Buffalo. Father Cronin for many years wielded a powerful influence for Catholicity as editor of the "Catholic Union and Times." His cultured talents found many fields of useful activity, ever advancing Catholic interests with his fertile pen, his notable oratory and his capacious and analytic mind, which often worked to the particular advantage of the public at large, as in the crusade against the management of dock labor in Buffalo in 1899. He was 70 years old. R.I.P.

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