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"CHRISTMAS TO-MORROW"

The world is changing. Daily we have evidence of these changes not only in the material, but also in the moral and spiritual spheres. How many of us are conscious of these changes; how many of us realize that we are being affected; how many of us are trying to adjust ourselves to meet these changing conditions? How many of us are changing with the times?

We do not have to search very deeply into the pages of history and economics to learn how great the difference is today in these fields to what was prevalent a quarter of a century ago. No longer do nations resort to war to settle grave disputes. Today these great controversies are brought before Peace Conferences and League of Nations who investigate both sides of the problem and co-ordinate both mind and muscle to solve the problem. Today, thousands of able bodied men walk the streets of our cities without employment while Labour Unions strive to come to terms with Industrialists and Merchants. What is to be the outcome of these crises? How is the world changing spiritually?

Perhaps if we glance around us and view the evidence of a low spirituality, we will say "Alas poor world." But don't you think there is always a bright side? Can you see it in the new spirit of Christmas that is growing out of our great distresses?

The true thought of Christmas is coming to the front. Mankind the world over is beginning to realize that it is better to give than to receive. The thought of compensating gifts is being overshadowed by the joy of helping others. It is becoming the experience of more and more people every year to find someone who needs the cheer and uplifting that they can give. And each year these people, in ever increasing numbers, are learning that the spirit of Christmas is not

exemplified in Santa Claus but in Christ. Children are being taught that it is far better to be good children because Jesus was a good child and wants them likewise than to be or try to be good just before Christmas so that Santa Claus will remember them. They are being taught that to be able to bring a smile to the face of an unfortunate one is far more important than having their letter to Saint Nick answered. Children are learning today, that it is not the gift that should be appreciated by the giver, for they are learning that God gave Christ for their salvation.

The world is changing, yes. And whether we will admit it or not, we too are changing. Like the flower that blooms in the morning and fades at sunset, we change. When shall we reach the zenith of our perfection of character and personality? The flower is most beautiful in the light of day. Will our lives appear beau-

tiful 'neath the spotlight of Christ's perfection? Are we changing to become more like Him each day?

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HALF-WHITE GIRLS SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Ceylon's Eurasian Problem Tests Christianity, Says Rajah

"Eurasian caste problem in the tea and rubber plantations of Ceylon has been accentuated in the last 70 years by the actions of a few godless white planters," said Rajah A. I. Singham, speaking on "Christ and India" at the business men's noonday Bible club yesterday. There is a half-white, half-black group of outcasts, of whom three girls were recently sold as slaves. If Christianity can break down caste barriers in such cases it will have proved its worth."

VIRGINIA SCHOOL ISSUE APPRECIATION

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 18 — Mary Baldwin College, noted Virginia school for girls, located here, has just issued "an appreciation" in memory of Mrs. Mary Scott, a remarkable colored woman, who, in the capacity of maid, was for twenty-four years a valued member of the institution's staff. The eight page memorial, with a picture of Mrs. Scott on the title page, contains a brief story of her life and glowing tributes to her character and usefulness by the president, the dean and the registrar of the college, and by the president of the student body.

Born in 1880 and brought up in one of the finest Virginia families, that of Dr. Robert E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Mrs. Scott came to Mary Baldwin College in 1910 and remained with the institution until shortly before her death, which occurred in the University Hospital in Charlottesville on August 31. She was buried just across the road from the Mary Baldwin campus.

In his heartfelt tribute, Dr. Jarman, president of the institution, says: "There are many people in the world who are just people. Mary Scott was more, she was very genuinely a person. All who came to Mary Baldwin were sensible of her presence; all who stayed felt her influence and loved her. She brought to the college high ideals of living, in the expression of which she grew to be a great woman. All of us are glad that we had the opportunity many times to assure her of our appreciation and our friendship."

Paying tribute to Lord Irwin, the rajah further declared, "All India agrees that she owes more to one man who has never visited India than all the others who have worked there, namely, Jesus Christ."

We wish One and All A Very Merry Christmas