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LONDON — Dr. W. R. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral here, said in a sermon carried in a major English newspaper that "to despise or hate any category of human beings is both sinful and foolish."

In a message on race prejudice, the dean asserted that "if we seem to have an 'instinctive' feeling of dislike it is our duty to bring reason to counteract it."

The powerful churchman, commenting on British problems in assimilating large who have immigrated here, added that some Britons who take an anti-immigrant stand on the pretense they are interested in the public welfare are actually motivated by racial prejudice.

Traditions Dominate Christmas

HALIFAX — Ever been "bel-snickling?" If you haven't, come to Nova Scotia at Christmas time for this is only a fragment of the tradition and celebration that fills the Christmas season here.

Nova Scotia abounds with the Christmas festivities that are traditional the world over. Thousands upon thousands of multi-colored lights blink on and off in store windows, wind their colorful way along town streets and brighten Christmas trees in homes and many offices.

Worship Services

In keeping with the season, churches throughout Nova Scotia will hold worship

services on Christmas Eve, in the evening and at mid-night, and on Christmas Day. There will be radio and television coverage of these special Christmas services.

A long-standing tradition in Nova Scotia will be honored again at New Year's as various levees are held by the Navy, Army and Air Force. Each year the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia receives his guests on the first day of the year at Government House in Halifax, and similar events are held by religious leaders and organization heads.

Over the years many old traditions have been lost, but among those which have withstood the test of time is "bel-snickling." Christmas time in Lunenburg includes this old German custom — citizens of Lunenburg dress in costumes and go from house to house singing Christmas carols. In return they are rewarded with a treat at each house they visit. The tradition is similar to that of the English mummers.

Army Traditions

A note of good humor spills

into the Christmas scene with the Army's Christmas dinner. Here they practice the adage that "turn about is fair play." for on this day the Chiefs-of-staff and the officers serve the men their Christmas dinner.

In a province whose history is so closely related to the sea it is only fitting that the Navy play an essential part in the Christmas atmosphere.

In Halifax each Christmas all naval ships in port "dress ship." For the entire Christmas-New Year's period, Halifax Harbor is in a blaze of color as all naval ships in port turn on their lights each night.

Naval Traditions

The ingenuity of the ships' crew is called upon as all naval ships are allotted the same decoration fund.

An interesting feature of the naval celebration is that the youngest seaman aboard each ship takes on the rank of captain for Christmas Day.

Theatre too, will add to the Christmas merriment. In Halifax at Neptune Theatre, the newest professional repertory

theatre in Canada, a special series of performances of "Sleeping Beauty" will be held for the children of Nova Scotia. In addition a musical comedy, "The Fantasticks" will be presented for a three week period.

Whatever the form of celebration that Nova Scotians participate in each year they continue to wish not only each other but the entire world "peace on earth and good will to all men."

Convention Builds Funds

A pair of dreams that are already coming true" is what Dr. J. H. Jackson calls the establishment by the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., of a ministers retirement fund and an educational foundation. The retirement fund has grown within a few years to more than \$200,000, and Dr. Jackson says, hundreds of aged ministers are benefiting from investments. "We are supporting a number of our very old pastors, and we are paying death benefits to a number of widows," he says. "We hope that in the future no Baptist pastor will have to ask for public relief when he grows old. A man who gives his life to the ministry ought not to have to worry about old age."

The educational foundation is a Jackson-sponsored plan which seeks to build a \$10-million fund for college scholarships, missionary education and capital improvements at Convention-supported seminaries and colleges. The Convention has already endowed a \$10,000 scholarship fund at Roosevelt University in Chicago, but plans are to expand the student-help program into one of the largest church-related programs in existence.

"We don't intend to compete with anyone in either the retirement insurance business or the student-help business," Dr. Jackson says. "Our efforts are far too small for that. We simply feel that there is a need for further support of such programs, and as Baptists as well as concerned citizens, we are trying to make a contribution."

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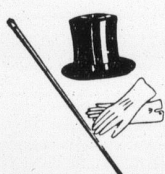
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