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THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE "For unto us a child is born; unto

us a son is given."

From across the ages, yet as fresh and as beautiful today as ever, it was, comes the story of the magi and their gifts to the infant which was called Jesus. They brought Him gold and frankincense and myrrh. There was a meaning, a great significance in the offerings which the three wise men brought, and this significance should be the symbol of all true giving in the world today. They brought gold, the most treasured of all their worldly possessions. In the giving of service to the Master and to our fellow-men we should emulate the spirit and the example of the three wise men and give the best there is in us, for the great pleasure of giving. And along with every gift, each sacrifice and each service should go the best wishes of our hearts. There is a great joy experienced in giving and the bigger the gift the greater the sacrifice, the greater the joy we experience from giving. The example of Christ and the Wise Men should stand out in bold relief during the coming yule-tide, for he never tired of giving to the world His best, His very best. The raising of the dead, healing of the sick, the giving of the sight to the blind, the comforting of the distresses, the sym pathizing with the unfortunate—even the laying down of His life for all were His gifts to the world. Should we then, be satisfied to give grudg-

ingly In the days before His coming frankincense typified sacrifice, sacrament and the best qualities one possessed. Myrrh meant that sorrows and bitterness had been suffered and that resentment had been forgone, sacrificed for the sake of peace and goodwill here on earth. And so the wise men brought frankincense and myrrh. Shall we then not endeavour to give to the world the best that there is in us to give. Should we not be willing to sacrifice bitterness and strife for His sake and for, our brother's sake too? One Christ washed the feet of Judas! of the greatest lessons we can learn Yet all his lurking sin was bare to from the life of Christ is the placing of values in their proper places. His bargain with the priest, and more Material, wealth, principalities, kingdom, fame, earthly power, and In Olivet beneath the moonlight dim influence-all these had a value in A forehead knew and felt his treach His estimation, but these values were placed in their proper places and the Christ washed the feet of Judas! greatest value with Him was the And so ineffable His love 'twas meet value of service to His Heavenly That pity filled His great forgiving 32 Hume Street Father and service to humanity. Nothing gave him more pleasure than And tenderly to wash the traitor's doing a kind deed for a little child. No act was more holy in His sight Who in his Lord had basely sold his than relieving the suffering, and comforting the sorrowing heart. In Christ washed the feet of Judas! this country of North America where And thus a girded servant, selfin Negroes equipped and prepared repeatedly "knock unheeded at an Taught that wrong this side of heaviron gate," it is a good thing for us to remember that Christ's life was Was ever too great to wholly be efa life of service; service to an ungrateful world and that, although And though unasked, in spirit be He knew of Judas' traitorous intentions and actions: "Christ washed And so if we have ever felt the wrong the feet of Judas!" Christ washed the feet of Judas' soul!

The dark and evil passion of his Whate'er the soul has suffered long, soul,

His secret plot and sordidness complete

His hate, his purposing, Christ knew

the whole, And still in love, He washed his feet. To all .... and to all

Him

than this erous kiss.

heart

feet part.

abased,

faced.

forgiven.

Of trampled rights, of caste, it matters not, O heart! this one thing should not

be forgot Christ washed the feet of Judas.

(By George Marion McClellan, Negro Poet ). COMPLIMENTS OF

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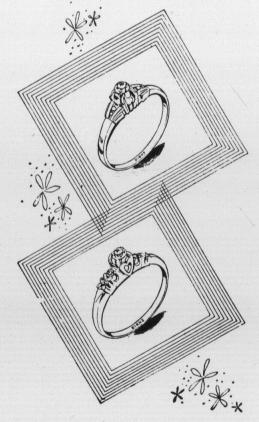
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