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# THE SUNBEAM

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"GLORY TO GOD IN  
THE HIGHEST."

**H**ARK! the herald-  
angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born  
King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy  
mild;  
God and sinners recon-  
ciled"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the  
skies;  
With angelic hosts pro-  
claim,  
"Ch rist is born in Beth-  
lehem!"

Mild He lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more  
may die;  
Born to raise the sons of  
earth,  
Born to give them second  
birth.

Hail the heaven-born  
Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteous-  
ness!  
Light and life to all He  
brings,  
Risen with healing in His  
wings.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

"Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy."

LIVE—like the rose, so bud, so bloom—  
In growing beauty live;  
So sweeten life with the perfume  
That gentle actions give.

Die—like the rose, that when thou'rt gone  
Sweet happy thoughts of thee,  
Like rose-leaves, may be treasured up  
To embalm thy memc.y.

## The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, DECEMBER 18, 1880.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**M**Y dear little Sunbeams—for that I hope you all are—bright and cheery, and giving joy and gladness, just like the beams of the blessed sun, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. I hope you will have lots of fun during your holidays, lots of presents in your stockings, and plenty of cake and plum-pudding; only don't eat too much of it and forget the poor, who have none of the pleasant things you have; and if you will spare some of your own things to give to some poor boy or girl, you will enjoy your own ever so much better. Remember God's great Christmas gift to you—the gift of His dear Son—and give Him your young hearts, and resolve with the New Year to love Him all your lives. Try to let your lives henceforth be like the snow in the fields, pure and spotless, not defiled by sin, like the snow on the roads, all marred and soiled by trampling feet.

I hope, too, you will do all you can for the Mission cause. Ask your friends to give a Christmas present to God to extend the preaching of His Word throughout Canada, and throughout the world.

### WOE.

“Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them.” (Isa. v. 11.)

'Tis well in the early morn to rise,

'Tis well to rise up ere the sun shine;

And well to hear the words of the wise,

Ay, well to avoid the sparkling wine.

NEVER let a day pass without doing something for Jesus.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL.

**O**NCE in royal David's City  
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 Where a Mother laid her Baby  
 In a manger for His bed:  
 Mary was that Mother mild,  
 Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
 Who is God and Lord of all,  
 And His shelter was a stable,  
 And His cradle was a stall,  
 With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
 Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

And, through all His wondrous childhood,  
 He would honour and obey,  
 Love, and watch the lowly Maiden  
 In whose gentle arms He lay;  
 Christian children all must be  
 Mild, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's Pattern,  
 Day by day like us He grew,  
 He was little, weak, and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles like us He knew,  
 And He feeleth for our sadness,  
 And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
 Through His own redeeming love,  
 For that Child so dear and gentle  
 Is our Lord in heaven above;  
 And He leads His children on  
 To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable,  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see Him; but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high;  
 When like stars His children crowned  
 All in white shall wait around.

NEVER neglect daily private Bible-reading, and, when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. All backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules.—(See John v. 39.)



### THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

**I**T is a pretty German custom, which is being more and more introduced into this country, that of having a Christmas Tree. It is an evergreen, pine or spruce, planted in a tub or pail, on whose branches are hung the presents for the little folk. It is lit up with a number of wax tapers, which make it look quite fairy-like

at night. The children in the picture, I dare say, think that never was there so beautiful a tree, or one with such beautiful fruit, as that shown in the cut. We see Noah's Arks and dolls, and toys and presents of all sorts, besides those which they have already plucked from its branches. I hope my little friends will all have lots of good things on their Christmas Tree, or in their

stockings, or wherever good Santa Claws pleases to put them, and don't forget to hang up the baby's stocking, too, as the verses below direct. And now, God bless you all and give you the happiest Christmas and New Year that ever you have known.

### BABY'S STOCKING.

**H**ANG up the baby's stocking,  
Be sure you don't forget!  
The dear little dimpled darling!

She ne'er saw Christmas yet,  
But I've told her all about it,  
And she opened her big blue eyes,  
And I'm sure she understood me,  
She looked so funny and wise.

Dear, dear! what a tiny stocking!  
It doesn't take much to hold  
Such little pink toes as baby's  
Away from the frost and cold.  
But then for the baby's Christmas  
It never will do at all;  
Why, Santa Claus wouldn't be looking  
For anything half so small.

I know what we'll do for the baby;  
I've thought of the very best plan,  
I'll borrow a stocking from Grandma—  
The longest that ever I can,  
And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother,  
Right in the corner, so,  
And write a letter to Santa  
And fasten it to the toe.

Write, "This is the baby's stocking  
That hangs in the corner here:  
You never have seen her, Santa,  
For she only came this year;  
But she's just the blessedest baby,  
And now before you go  
Just cram her stocking with goodies  
From the top clear down to the toe."

A YEAR of pleasure passes like a floating breeze, but a moment of misfortune seems an age of pain.

### LESSON NOTES.

[Dec. 19.]

#### FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

##### GOLDEN TEXT.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee.  
Psalm 76. 10.

##### REVIEW SCHEME.

I. Repeat the **GOLDEN TEXTS**—The blessing; Turn not; Behold; Men ought; Who is; Rest in; Seest thou; Be not; The hoary; And Israel; The memory.

II. Repeat the **TIN & TEXTS**—Fear not; Remove; I will not; Watch ye; Charity; The Lord; Them that; Overcome; The hoary; God shall; Forgive.

III. Learn the **ANSWERS** to these **QUESTIONS**.—How did Isaac act when his enemies took his wells? He did not quarrel. How did Jacob get Esau's blessing? By telling a wicked lie. How did Jacob meet God at Bethel? In a vision of a ladder reaching up to heaven. How did Jacob receive a new name? By wrestling with the angel of God. What wrong was done to Joseph? He was sold by his brothers. What happened to Joseph in prison? The Lord was with him. What reward did Joseph receive for interpreting Pharaoh's dream? He was made ruler of Egypt. What did Joseph say to his brethren? "God sent me before you to save life." Where did Joseph place his father and family? In Goshen. Whom did Jacob bless? The two sons of Joseph. What did Joseph say when dying? "God will visit you."

#### TEMPERANCE LESSON. [Dec. 26.]

**DRUNKARDS OF EPHRAIM**; or, *Erring Through Strong Drink.*

*Isa. 28. 1-10.*

*Commit to memory verses 3-6.*

##### GOLDEN TEXT.

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine. *Isa. 5. 22.*

##### OUTLINE.

1. The crown of pride, v. 1-4.
2. The crown of glory, v. 5-8.
3. The crown of knowledge, v. 9, 10.

##### QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *The crown of pride*, v. 1-4.—Who are meant by Ephraim? The kingdom of the ten tribes. Why is "woe" spoken against it? Because of its drunkards. What is a drunkard? What warning did God give to these drunkards? That they should be destroyed. To what is their glory compared? To a fading flower. What is the fate of all drunkards? Ruin, here and hereafter.

2. *The crown of glory*, v. 5-8.—Who is here called "the crown of glory?" The Lord God. To whom is he a crown? To those that serve him.