

THE ACADIAN.

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A Christmas Message-The Divinity of the Human.

In the story of the Nativity we have a marvellous blending of the Divine and the Human. The manger in which the Christ was cradled and the glorious stars shining above it; the humble shepherds and the heavenly hymns of love to which they listened; the helpless babe in His mother's arms and the wise men kneeling at His shrine. This picture of the meeting of the Divine at its highest and the Human at its lowest is surely without a parallel in history or fiction for audacity of faith and splendour of vision. If it were nothing more than the creation of an inspired imagination, it were enough to give reality to the noblest dreams and substance to the highest hopes of humanity. It identifies the obscurest conditions of life with the richest spiritual privileges. It lends a poetical meaning to the commonplace life. It sheds a heavenly glory about the humble workaday world. It is a splendid interpretation of what life is, and of what life ought to be. It is a marvellous disclosure of what God thinks of men, and what men ought to think of one another. It teaches us with transcendent love and transparent clearness that love is the greatest thing in the world, and giving is the greatest joy of God.

This is the true impression as we look at the picture and it is one we need to receive in this age of artificial and conventional social distinctions. The scene is made up of figures from the highest and the lowliest of human conditions, but they are all on an equality in the presence of a little Child, and they all have their consistent parts in the Divine drama. For this reason Christmas is the most human of all the Festivals. Its spirit overleaps all barriers that divide us from one another. It overlooks every feature of our humanity that is not native and essential. It is the great leveler of the arbitrary questions that separate, and it introduces peace and good will between man and man. The son of God is born in a manger; his parents belong to a humble class; the simple shepherds and the learned astronomers meet on a common footing about his cradle; the devotion of the poor and the costly offerings of the rich are together tendered to the Divine Child. He knows none of the artificial distinctions that divide class from class and race from race. He calls into view the essential dignity of the truly human.

This is the truth that underlies at the feast of Christmas. The value of a life must not be estimated by its outward conditions. The spirit is aware over all the accidents of life. Looked at from a merely material point of view there is a strange inconsistency between the proclamation of the birth of Jesus and the adverse circumstances of His life in the culmination of His crucifixion. But looking at His life and death, from the spiritual point of view, we find a flawless purity, transparent unselfishness, perfect obedience, fathomless love, boundless service, glorious victory. We look beyond the death of the Christ to the resurrection and ascension and the triumphant rule and there we find the reconciliation of the prophecy and the least. We look at the power manifested down through the course of history and to day being wielded by the spiritual Christ and we find abundant justification for the angelic proclamation of the Prince of Peace and Good Will. The message of the Nativity of the obedient of human life is not a fanciful vision. It is a prose fact of practical and permanent value for the hard everyday world.

A Heavy Bill.
It is almost unthinkable that a small number of people like the seven millions of Canadians, men, women and children, should consume in one year upwards of forty seven millions of gallons of intoxicating liquors. Yet the official figures, quoted by Mr. Spence of Toronto, show that 47,337,661 gallons were entered for consumption in 1908, and, as a good deal of that was undoubtedly diluted with water before being sold, and a good deal more was smuggled into the country, the actual quantity consumed must have been a good deal greater than the figures given above.
On the basis of 47,337,661 gallons, Mr. Spence figures out the initial cost to consumers, and the figures are of staggering proportion, namely, \$76,867,449.
No matter what one's view may be about the relative merits of license, local option and prohibition, one cannot but be appalled by the stupendous waste which the expenditure by seven millions of people of so vast a sum as \$76,867,449 for intoxicating drinks means. There is the initial waste of the money—not less than \$55 for every family in the land, and this is at the indirect and heavy expense of poor houses, reformatories, asylums, courts and prisons in respect of which, as Mr. Spence points out, reliable statistics prove that from fifty to seventy-five per cent is chargeable against the liquor traffic. Undoubtedly these figures are calculated to make Canadians in a sad and woe more than usual thinking.
For the moment leaving out of the question the incidental expense of crime, prisons, etc., the Canadian people might well ask themselves the pertinent question—why they have to show for the \$76,867,449 paid out by them in 1908 for liquors.

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What Drink Costs Nova Scotia in Money, Lives and Character.

A Plea for Total Abstinence and the Abolition of the Drink Traffic. By H. K. Grant, General Secretary of the N. S. Temperance Alliance.
At this Christmas season, and in view of the New Year, it is an opportune time for us who are Nova Scotians to consider what we may do to advance the Kingdom of Christ, whose coming to the world was destined to bring Peace and Good Will to mankind.
Although it is a glad thing to many, there are hundreds of families in our Province prevented from having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because of the drink traffic. Since the 1st of January, I have visited every county and addressed over 300 audiences, and in nearly every district, the sad effects of drink have been seen. Taking a survey of the Province as a whole, it is appalling what the drink traffic costs us in money, in lives, in character.

THE FINANCIAL LOSS.
Consumers in Canada last year paid for drink over \$76,000,000. Nova Scotia's share would be over \$6,000,000, or about \$12.00 for every inhabitant.
It may assist us in estimating this enormous expenditure for drink by contrasting it with the return from some of our provincial resources. For example, the return from our live stock products was \$6,000,000, pig iron \$5,000,000, potatoes, oats, apples \$4,500,000, apples \$1,100,000, small fruit and vegetables \$1,000,000, lumber \$2,000,000. With the \$6,000,000 spent for drink we could build 300 twenty thousand dollar churches or 3,000 two thousand dollar homes; or in each county build 100 schools, 100 public halls, 100 Y. M. C. A. buildings, each worth \$50,000; or we could send to heathen lands 6,000 missionaries, and pay each of them a salary of \$1,000.

II. THE LOSS OF LIFE.
At least 500 lives are shortened by drink annually in our Province. Many of these lives are cut off by terrible accident, many by lingering disease as a result of alcoholic poisoning. Many a widow, many a mother mourns to-day because of the death of a loved one, who departed this life when under the influence of drink.

III. THE LOSS OF CHARACTER.
Drink has debased men who otherwise would have been most upright citizens. It has produced a vast amount of vice and crime. In the development of our country character is of inestimable value. Liquor drinking means deterioration of character. In the years gone by thousands of our brightest citizens have been debased by drink. Nova Scotia is poorer in men and morals because of intemperance.
Our churches would have larger memberships but for the drink traffic. Drink has blinded the eyes of thousands of our young men to the beauty of the Christian life. The boy who begins to drink and makes companionships with the intemperate turns away from Christ.

IV. A SERIOUS PROBLEM.
Are our churches facing the drink problem as they should? The temperance question is a question for the church. It has to do with the character of our citizens. Lives are being daily ruined by the drink habit. Last year over 3,000 men were convicted of drunkenness. This means that if Nova Scotia carries on as at present the drink business, 3,000 of our boys must be sacrificed annually, for surely life is sacrificed that goes the way of the intemperate. A man who has been for years caused by drink and who to-day is making a heroic fight against the habit recently put this question to a clergyman, 'Is my boy to be damned by this drink business as I have almost been damned? Cannot you church people do more than you are doing.'

THE REMEDY.
One of the best assurances we have of the ultimate suppression of the evil of intemperance and the overthrow of the drink traffic lies in the fact that the Catholic and Protestant Churches are one in their desire and efforts for sobriety.
Then the different temperance organizations connected with the religious bodies, and others independent of these are doing an immense amount of good along the line of moral suasion. Thousands of men are good citizens to-day owing to the grand work done by these societies.
A great force for righteousness is found in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. God bless the women who are banded together in Catholic and Protestant societies to work for God and home and native land.

A PLEA FOR UNITED WORK.
For the overthrow of the drink evil in our Province, we plead for:
(1) Total abstinence on the part of individuals. We make a reasonable plea for continued effort along this line of work. Sir Victor Horsely has said, 'From the scientific standpoint, total abstinence must be the safe course, if we are to follow the plain teaching of truth and common sense. In view of such a declaration from so eminent an authority, is it not within reason to appeal to all classes to forgo the beverage use of liquor to their homes, and at all social and public functions? And on higher ground than this—for we are Christian people—is it not within reason to appeal for the sake of men for whom Christ died?'

(2) We plead for the abolition of the drink traffic in Nova Scotia. A German professor in the University of Berlin has put the case for legislation.

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Do This
Make a list of those you will give to, come in and look over our magnificent stock to your heart's content and it will suggest the most suitable gift for everyone on your list. Come early, take all the time you want to and ask us all the questions you like. Our wide assortment, high-grade goods and low prices will turn the worry of choosing into real pleasure.
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Nov. 15, 1909.
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Special Values for Christmas Trade:

THE BROADWAY BRAND

20 per cent. off Men's Suits, Overcoats, Reefers and Pants. 25 per cent. off all Boys' Suits during the Xmas season.
Hundreds of yards of Dress Materials in staple and evening shades suitable for now or spring wear, all reduced in price. 20 per cent. average discount during this sale.
A BARGAIN FOR YOU.
We have just received an early shipment of our spring Blouses. One special line of 5 dozen regular 1.25 quality we offer the unusually low price of 98c. each.

Suggestions for Presents:

For Ladies: New Umbrellas from 60c. to \$4.00 each; Hand Bags, Purse, Gloves in Chambray, Swede, Fine Kid and Heavy Cope; Handkerchiefs from 2c. to 75c. each; Silk and Net Blouses, New Neckwear, New Belts, Necklaces, Stick-Pins, etc.
For Gentlemen: Bradley and Nansen Mufflers, Silk Mufflers, New Ties, Braces in Fancy Boxes, Gloves (wool lined and fur lined), Initial Handkerchiefs in Silk and Mercerized, Fur Collars, Caps, Umbrellas, Armlets, etc.

Ladies' & Children's Coats & Skirts.

One-third off everything in this line for this sale.
Millinery Department.
All Untrimmed Felt Hats selling at half price. 25 per cent. off all Feathers and Millinery Trimmings for this sale.
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