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NOW AND THEN

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Two thousand years of time, and still
the heart
Turns with an eager yearning to the
small
And hidden manger, sanctified, apart,
That held the infant Jesus, Lord of
all!
The pomp of circumstance and pride
of power
Leave ashes in our hearts; when all is
done
We turn away to kneel one little hour
Beside the cradle of the Blessed One.

Here falls the benediction, while we
wait
God's own fulfillment of His prophe-
cies,
The dawn's first ray, the far half-
opened gate
To free the future of its mysteries.
All earth becomes transfigured by the
light
From the great Christmas star that
Holy Night!

ALETHEA TODD ALDERSON

"Christmas Merry Christmas has really come again, with its pleasure and its greetings with its joy and with its pain." If anyone wishes to spend a happy Christmas, let him read and follow what Furrows says in his article in this paper this week. In fact, Furrows is always good and well worth the reading. Another article that has impressed the writer is the Galena High School Items, written by Miss Mildred Copper, in her styl(ish) article. It tells of the Galena School children going without their Christmas treat, that they might send clothes and money to the suffering mountain children. It is hoped that many others will follow their example.

It is true that the birds of the air toil not, neither do they spin, but they, especially the starlings, know pretty well how to take care of themselves. Some one, who was coming in from the country this week, saw a very ludicrous sight. A herd of hogs was rooting in the snow, while starlings were standing on the back of each porker. She said, there were so many on each hog that it actually looked black, but the rooters did nt seem to mind it. Perhaps the starlings were relieving them of troublesome pests while the hogs searched for food in the snow.

Never has Chestertown been prettier for Christmas than it has this year. It is worth a joruney up town, or down town, what ever your location may be, to see the colored lights reflected on the snow. The weather man has interfered very much with the various treats, the merchants have planned for the children, and with the general Christmas trade, but it is a praise worthy act on the part of the merchants to brighten up things and make people forget hard times, and depression.

ARE YOU THINKING?

Do you think of that star of old
That guided the wise men three,
Or of that manger rude and bare
As you trim your Christmas tree?

The wise men saw the wondrous star
That eve on Bethlehem's plain
Following its shining ray
Sang praises to His name.

As they listened to the angel
And marveled at the lite,
They were filled with wondrous glory
On that starry Christmas nite.

For the angel came to tell them
Of the tiny infant babe,
In the stable of Judea
Who was born mankind to save.

And so are you this Christmas nite,
As you trim your Christmas tree
Thinking of Him who loves you so
As did they, the wise men three?

—By Florence C. Rudolph.

JOHN HAGGARD'S CHRISTMAS

(By Susan S. Roberts)

"Peace on Earth, good will to Men," the bells seemed to say, as they rang across the snow. "Christmas is nothing to me," said John Haggard, as he gazed around his lonely room. There was a bright fire on the hearth, and plenty to eat in the little cupboard, but he had no one to share it with him. His memory traveled back to the Christmas seasons long ago when his wife and son were there to make it merry for him. But she passed away long ago and the son, whom he was so justly proud, had been killed in the Worlds war. So John Haggard had lived alone since, surly and morose and his neighbors had ceased to vist him, when they found he did not want their company, and he had grown apart from his fellowmen. But tonight, shut off from everything by the snow, he began to wish for someone to come in.

Just then he heard a knock at the door. He rushed to open it and a young man fell in almost insensible with the cold. It took only a few minutes for John to pour something hot down his throat and then he began to chafe the numb limbs, and before long his visitor opened his eyes. "I was trying to get to town, and lost my way but I saw your light and came here." Soon he was sitting in front of the warm fire while John, with a light heart busied him self, getting supper. It was pleasant to see two plates instead of the accustomed one.

And as they sat around the table, the young man told John of his life. How, being left an orphan, he had worked his way through college and obtained a good job, then the depression came on and the firm failed, leaving him without salary. He told how he had tried place after place but could find nothing to do. He was travelling to the nearby town and was almost perished with cold when he saw John's light.

Later the young man was sleeping in John's bed, while John, himself was lying on an improvised pallet on the floor, but his heart was light and the bells were ringing again," Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men," and he felt he could join with the music.

The next morning the two were shovelling the snow away together and a new bed was ordered for the young man. John's face was cheering again and he began to mingle once more with his neighbors. The young man staid on in the little house, though he secured a good position in the town, and when, at last, he married a sweet girl and had a house of his own John was a welcome guest there and when the children came they were taught to call him grandfather. But when Christmas would come around, though urged to spend it with them John would put a light in his window, and set the table for two.

SCHOOL OPENS JANUARY 3RD

The Kent County School Bard, at a meeting on Tuesday of this week, decided to change the school calendar and open school after the holidays on Tuesday, January 3rd, instead of Monday, January 2nd.

"HAT CHECK GIRL" AT LYCEUM

The night life of Broadway, the loves and sorrows of the girls who work on the Great White Way, will be shown in "THE HAT CHECK GIRL" which will be one of the features at a double feature program at the New Lyceum Theatre on Friday and Saturday of next week.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stahr, of Betterton, Md., left the latter part of last week for their Florida home where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Morris and three children, of Washington, D. C., are Christmas guests of Mrs. Morris's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard on Front street.

Rev. Robert Green, of Boston, is in Chestertown for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hines will leave Saturday for New York where they will be guests of Dr. Hines' sisters.

Mr. Jesse D. Maxwell who has been undr treatment at the Walter Reed Hospital for th past two months, returned to his home at Worton Point on Monday much imprved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Townshend and little son will spend Xmas with Mrs. Townsend's father in Howard County.

Mr. Horace Beck, of Baltimore, is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. Katherine Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradly, Miss Isabelle Beck, and Mr. Frank Beck, of Baltimore, will be Christmas guests.

Miss Harriett Louisa Rogers spent several days the past week visiting Mr. Malcolm Hill's family in Baltimore.

Miss Rebecca Wickes, of Baltimore, is visiting her brother, Judge Lewin Wicks on Water St.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Perkins will leave Saturday to spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perkins. While there they will attend the wedding of Mr. Charles Perkins and Miss Gertrude Edwards which will take place Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Perkins will attend the Perkins—Edwards wedding also.

Mrs. Frank Gurley left on Wednesday to spend Xmas in New York with her daughter, Mrs. Oliver Causey.

Miss Ella Wilkins left on Wednesday to spend Xmas with her niece, Mrs. Paul Anderson in Ardmore, Pa.

Mrs. Alan B. Harris and little sons, Alan and Louis, of Chicago, are spending Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alan A. Harris.

Miss Nancy Jean Usilton, who is a student at a Physical Culture school in Washington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Usilton.

Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Sr., is spending Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Barroll at Byford's Court..

Miss Julia Prince, of New York, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Barroll..

Miss Laura Thomas is spending Xmas with her nephew, Mr. Miflin Perkins, near Baltimore.

Phil M. Brooks, Jr., is home from McDonoughs School fr the Xmas holiday.

Harrison Vickers, Jr., who is a student at Stoney Brook School, Long Island, is home for the holidays.

Miss Lois Baxter, of the University of Alabama, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollison Baxter on Mill street.

Dr. Blackiston Wroth, of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta Georgia, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Thomas G. Wroth on Front street.

Mrs. Margaret Horsfield, of Ohio, is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Julian T. Power on Queen street. Mr. Horsfield will spend Christmas here. Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield are moving from Ohio to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schauber will move next week from Chestertown to Easton. Mr. Schauber, who is employed by the Empire Laundry has been transferred to that town. Miss Ethel Moore, of Fairlee has been employed at the garage of A. S. Turner & Sons to succeed Mrs. Schauber.

Professor and Mrs. Charles Schaughnessy, of Emmitsburg, Md., are holiday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kratzer on Frontstreet.

Mr. James Dykes, who was seriously injured last week in an accident at Charleston, West Virginia, is reported to be getting along nicely. Mrs. Dykes, formerly Miss Carmeta Russell, was visiting at the home of her mother here, Mrs. W. F. Russell, Sr., returned to Charleston when notified of the accident. Mr. Dykes, a graduate of Washington Colege, was caught in a machine in the plant where he works.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cooke and little daughter, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Perkins on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chapman, of McDonough School, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Taylor are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl on Tuesday of this week.

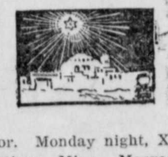
Mr. Waldo Newcomer and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noyes, of Baltimore, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Keene Barroll at Byford Court.

Mr. Robert Pippin, of Severn School, is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pippin on Washington Avenue.

(other personals on page five)



Christmas in the Churches



Chestertown M. E. Church

Rev. Frank White, pastor. We wish for you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. You may add to the joy of Christmas by accepting this invitation to our services next Sunday.

At 10.45 a. m. the pastor will conduct the service and preach on the theme, "When They Saw The Star." The choir will sing the following anthems, "Christ Is Born In BeBthlehem," by Edwards. "The Birthday Of A King," by Neidlinger, with Miss Jewell and Mr. Harris as soloists.

At 7 p. m. the pageant, "Why The Chimes Rang," will be given in the auditorium.. The organist will play the "Sortie" for the organ by Poporty. The choir will sing "The Sleep of the Child Jesus," by Geveart and "The Eight-fold Alleluia," by Atherton.

These three numbers are written especially for the play and selected by Dr. A. O. Davison, organist at Appleton Chapel, Harvard University.

Wednesday 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting.

Thursday 7 p. m. Christmas Treat for the children of the Sunday School.

We will not have Sunday School session Christmas Sunday.

Christ Church I. U.

At Christ Church I. U. the service will be at 11 o'clock. There will be a choral celebration of the holy communion with special Xmas music and sermon by the rector.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend any of these services.

Lynch M. P. Church

2 p. m. Sunday School. Mrs. Harry Jewell superintendent. The lesson: "God's Gift to Men." 3 p. m. special Christmas message by the pastor. 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor, let us have a fine attendance at all of these services.

St. Paul and I. U. Parishes

On Christmas Day, there will be special services at St. Paul's and I. U. Parishes.

St. Paul's Parish

The services at St. Paul's will be at 9 o'clock. There will be a full choral Eucharist at that hour with special music and sermon by the rector.

At this service a number of gifts which are being presented by members and friends of St. Pauls for the beautifying of the Alter, will be blessed and used for the first time.

Christ M. P. Church

Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D. D. Minister. Christmas Greetings. We are again at the outstanding event of our calendar. Once more we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings f great joy, which shall be to all peopie."

In these days of distress many voices of doubt and criticism are calling the souls of men. Many may be tempted to follow them. Christmas, however, points to a higher guidance. It calls us to a renewal of old but well tried simplicities, friendship, goodwill, faith, hope, love. Without these nothing matters much, but with them all else can be endured. This will be a great Christmas if we rediscover in its message the leadership we..h following.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. directed by Mr. W. R. Huey, Superintendent, subject, "God's Gift to Man."

Morning worship 11 a. m. Christmas sermon and special Christmas music by the choir.

Evening worship 7.30 p. m. A Christmas candle-light service has been arranged which will present the coming of Christ and his great commission to the church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Kennedyville M. P. Church

J. McLain Brown, pastor. Services December 25th as folows. Men's Bible Class at ten o'clock. Sunday School under the direction of R. C. Young at 10 a. m. Morning worship at eleven o'clock. No C. E. service at night.

The Christmas Carol service will be given by the Choir Sunday School C. E. Society, and Men's bible class at 7.30 p. m. Tuesday evening, December 27th, Sunday School Christmas Fete. Santa Claus, Christmas tree, etc. You are more than welcome.

The pastor and wife wishes to thank our people for their generous gifts, and well wishes on Friday evening We pray that all our people may be joyable and profitable service.

Bond Chapel

L. L. Powell, minister. 10 a. m. Sunday School, A. C. Loud, Supt. Emeritus, E. M. Starr, Supt. 11 a. m. morning worship Xmas sermon by the pastor. 7.30 p. m. Epworth League. Tuesday nite, X..s service, direction Mrs. Edna Faulkner. "The pastor wishes everyone a Merry Xmas.

Mowbray Chapel

L. L. Powell, minister. 2.30 p. m. Sunday School. Ida V. Kirby, Supt. 7 p. m. Epworth League; 7.45 p. m. evening worship, Xmas sermon by the pastor. Monday night, Xmas service, direction Miss Margaret Stoops. "Merry Xmas to you all," Pastor.

St. James M. P. Church

Rev. J. Lee Marker, minister. 10 a. m. Sunday School. George Carroll, superintendent. "God's Gift to Men" Will be the theme of the lesson. All present, and every one on time.

11 a. m. morning worship. The pastor will preach a Christmas message. The choir will present some very enjoyable Christmas music. All will want to be present on this blessed occasion.

7 p. m. the young people will present a pagent entitled "The King from Glory Land." The choir will again favor us with several Christmas anthems. This promises to be a most enjoyable an dprofitable service.

Emmanuel P. E. Church

Christmas service at midnight. If stormy, additional service at 9 a. m.

Children's service Wed. at 7 p. m.

Shrewsbury Church

Christmas service, 11 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion, with sermon by the Rector, and the dedication of the Candlesticks in memory of Mr. and Miss Janvier. The Children's service will be on Friday at 2 p. m.

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