NOW AND THEN

CHRISTMAS—1941

The following Christmas poem, written by Alfred Noyes, one of the world's greatest living poets, and dedicated by him to America and the other powers fighting the Axis, is published herewith for the first time, having just been composed by the famous poet especially for the 1941 yuletide.

(By Alfred Noyes)

Who dreamed that earth's one light
was now in danger,
The eternal drama but an idle tale,
While Herod dreads the memory of
that manger
Which challenges his might, and shall
prevail?

Through endless time shall Rachel
not remember
Her children drowned beneath the
midnight seas;
Or freedom's land forget, this bleak
December,
Christ and his mother, once, were
refugees?

May we, who in our own wide frontiers gather
All races to one freedom, kneel this
night,
Praying one prayer, repeating one
"Our Father . . . ."
Hoping one hope, and cherishing one
light.

Till all men cry "good news!"—there
is no way,
No truth, no light, but leads thro'
Christmas Day.

Alfred Noyes is still a living poet. He was poet laureate during the reign of George V of England. This little poem though out of season is still appropriate for this war torn world.

January is with us with the message that New Year always brings to us. "Begin Again," We lay aside the blotted page of last year with all its mistakes and misdoings, taking up a new sheet with the hope that its fair white page will show a vast improvement over the year that has past.

January was named by the ancient Romans for their heathen god, Janus. Janus was supposed to have two faces, one looking backward over the year that has past, and the other face looking into the future. It is indeed a wise thing for them we learn by experience the things we should avoid and also ways and means for improvement. There was a great temple in Rome erected to Janus, whose doors were always open, while the country was at war, and when peace reigned the doors were closed amid great ceremony and rejoicing.

THE DOCTOR'S MAYO

Perhaps in all the country, there have never bee ngreater benefactors than these Doctors. They lived and worked in the town of Rochester, Minn. It was a wonderful company of men, father and two sons wholly devoted to the welfare of their fellowmen. Their reputation brought people from all countries to them to be healed and the great cures they made were heralded abroad. And yet while they had patients from the noted and the great, yet they were just as attentive to the poor who were not able to pay for their services. It is said of them, "They walked with kings nor lost the common touch." They always considered that the money they made belonged to the people and they used it in erecting a Foundation for preparing young men in the art of medicine—men who could by research be prepared to treat the diseases with which the world is rife.

ACCEPTED

The editor of a certain wellknown magazine once called on Chauncey M. Depew and asked the distinguished orator for an article of comment on the affairs of the day.

"Mr. Depew," he said, "my magazine has three hundred thousand readers. By addressing them you will gain at least one hundred thousand friends, all of whom will some day vote for you for the Presidency."

"Will they?" asked Depew.

He took a letter from a drawer and said, "Just read this."

The editor read:

Honorable Chauncey M. Depew:

"If you will stop cackling for a while and give the country a rest on the thousand and one subjects that seem to be your specialty, yours truly will not only be thankful to you, but will, of his own accord, blow your trumpet whenever the necessity for doing so arises.

"Yours respectfully,

"Joshua S— R—"

"I," said Depew, "have decided to take his advice."

"SOAPY SAM"

Bishop Samuel Wilberforce was a man of great personal charm and eloquence. He took an active part in the debates in the House of Lords, holding his views with great tenacity and defending them strenuously. This earned him political enemies, though he was personally a model of rectitude and there never was the slightest reflection on his integrity. The Bishop was well aware that his political opponents had nicknamed him "Soapy Sam." One day a very young lady admirer of the Bishop was overcome by curiosity and asked him flatly, "Please, sir, why do people call you 'Soapy Sam'?" The Bishop smiled broadly and replied, "Because, my dear, when I get into hot water, I always come out clean!"

NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
701 West High Street
Theodore H. Ernst, Pastor

Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:15 P. M.

Divine Worship at 3:00 P. M.

Sermon: "Remember Jesus Christ" 2 Timothy 2, 8.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, Sundays 1:30 P. M., WFBR.

KENNEDYVILLE METHODIST
Rev. E. W. Cursey, Pastor

10:00 A. M., Church School. Men's Bible Class, Harvey Hopkins, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Divine Worship. Sermon by the Pastor.

Mrs. Hilda Bennett's class was 100 % in attendance Sunday.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 Christian Endeavor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Anthony.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, Supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith given by the Sunshine Circle.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH
Melvin Kay, Minister

10:30 A. M., Study of the lesson. Mr. George A. Corroll, Supt.

11 A. M., Devotional Period. Miss Annie Parsons, Organist.

11:30 A. M., Sermon by the pastor.

12:00 Noon, Benediction.

Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M.

LYNCH METHODIST CHURCH
Melvin Kay, Minister

7:30 P. M., Song Service. Miss Frances Hadaway, Pianist.

8 P. M., Worship. Sermon by the Minister.

OLIVET METHODIST CHURCH
Galena, Maryland
Paul E. McCoy, Minister

10 A. M., Church School.

11 A. M., Morning Worship and Sermon.

2:30 P. M., Locust Grove Methodist Church.

7:30 P. M. Evening Service, Galena

Monday night Junior Religious Instruction.

Tuesday night, Philathea Bible Class. M. Y. I. Rally at Marshallton Methodist Church.

Wednesday night, Prayer Service.

Friday night, Choir Practice 7:30 P. M. M. Y. S. meets in Chapel, 7:30 P. M.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Chestertown, Maryland
Paul E. Reynolds, Pastor

When we are all right with God, everything else is all right. A disturbed mind is an indication of a lack of faith.

9:45 A. M., Church School. Richard B. Groves, Supt.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

5:30 P. M., Senior young peoples' meeting.

6:30 P. M., Junior young peoples' meeting.

7:30 Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.

7:30 Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

7:30 Friday evening, Jan. 23, the Junior Methodist Fellowship will be held at the parsonage.

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH
Chestertown, Maryland
W. P. Roberts, D.D., Minister

Iola H. Bucher, Director of Music

10 A. M., Sunday School. T. D. Bowers, Supt.

11 A. M., Sermon by Rev. J. E. Cummings, D. D.

6:30 P. M., C. E. leader, Howard Wheatley.

7:30 P. M., Woman's Night.

Monday, 6:30 P. M., Children's chorus rehearsal.

8:00 P. M., Men's Chorus rehearsal.

Tuesday, 8:00 P. M., The Triangle Club will meet at the parsonage.

Wednesday, Prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.

Friday—7 P. M., Choir rehearsal.

Next Sunday—A. M., Worship. Subject, "Turn Aside and See God."

P. M., Our Children's Chorus will sing.

"A life, like a photograph, is flat without shadow and light."

STILL POND METHODIST CHURCH
Harvey B. Flater, Minister

9:30 A. M., Church School.

11 A. M., Morning Worship, sermon by Minister.

6:15 P. M., Christian Fellowship.

Tuesday, W. C. T. U. entertained by Mrs. Ella Pennington and Mrs. Jennie Boulden.

Insincerity and broken promises cause folks to lose faith in mankind.

BETTERTON MEHODIST CHURCH
Harvey B. Flater, Minister

10 A. M., Church School, Mrs. Jack Dwyer, Supt.

7:30 P. M., Epworth League.

8 P. M., Worship Service and Sermon by Minister.

Tuesday, W. C. T. U. entertained by Mrs. Ella Pennington and Mrs. Jennie Boulden.

There will be fewer incoorrigible children when we have more disciplined parents.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
Chestertown, Md.
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector

8 A. M., Holy Communion.

10 A. M., Church School.

11 A. M., Morning Prayer. (Sermon by the Rector.)

7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer (Music by Junior Choir.)

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, followed by Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, Turkey Supper in The Parish House, for the benefit of the Sunday School.

At the 7:30 Service on Jan. 25, one week from this coming Sunday, the Chestertown Votunteer Fire Company will attend Service at Emmanuel Church. The Public is cordially invited.

SHREWSBURY PARISH
Near Kennedyville
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector

2:30 P. M., Evening Service in St. Andrew's Chapel, Galena.

The Committee in charge of heating the building states that the necessary repairs have been made to the furnace, so that henceforth there will be ample heat at all Services.

The Rector wishes to call a meeting of the Vestry immeriately after Service, this Sunday, Jan. 18. This will be in place of the meeting that was to have been held this Friday night.

The Navy will keep university flight training units intact during training to enable friends to be together.

The Navy Hydregraphic Office publishes 55 volumes of Sailing Directions for mariners throughout the globe.

Homing pigeons are valuable to the Navy during radio silence or bad static when the radio is useless.

Navy homing pigeons compete in the New Jersey Concourse races against 500-non-Naval pigeons.

The Mess Hall at the Naval Academy has Language Tables where no English is spoken.

Navy homing pigeons this year won the speed cup in the Seaboard Club races.

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