NOW AND THEN

FOR CHRIST THE KING

O Babe of Bethlehem,
A birthright gift I bring,—
Alas! nor jewel rare, nor gem
Meet for a king:
Humbly yet unafraid,
Lord God of Heaven and Earth,
I make my offering
A mean and simple thing
Out of my dearth.
Only a song to sing,
This song that I have made
In honor of Thy Birth;
Only a nosegay sweet
To strew around Thy feet.
Green leaf and spicy spray.
Pearls of the mistletoe
The holly's ruby glow
And emerald of the bay.
Such is the gift I bring
For Thy poor pleasuring,
Yet these but symbols be,
O Christ my King.
Look on my heart and see
Riches and treasures, Give,
Better may pleasure Thee
Than rarest gem.
Faith Hope Love's ardent fire!
Deign to accept of them
Deign to accept of me
Whom Thou has brought so dear,
Kneeling before Thee here
Humble yet unafraid.
Thine own which Thou hast made,
Lord God of Heaven and Earth
Who sing Thy holy Birth
Tonight in Bethlehem.

The story of the Song of the Angels is one that will never grow old.

"Peace on earth; Good will to men!" Year by year it grows dearer as we read the story of our Savior's birth.

What a dreary old place this earth would be, were there no coming of our Lord from heaven to redeem us from our sins.

The little town of Bethlehem is still there, lying beneath the silent stars that pass by. Camels are treading the streets as they did so long ago, and everything is very much the same as then. But there is strife in the little town of Bethlehem and in all of the other parts of the Holy Land. In fact, there is little peace among the nations abroad. Is it because the desire for possession and power has dulled the song of the Angels in our ears?

At Christmas time one thoughts turns to the Madonna and child. No one has excelled in painting these more than Raphael, who loved above all of his work to paint these pictures.

He humanized religious painting by using beautiful women and children of Northern Italy as subjects for the Madonna and Child. The Career of Raphael stands out as an example of the serene and well-balanced mentality of the new world.

Though his life was marked by much effort and hard work, yet it was a parade of triumphs.

Raphael was born in Urbino in 1493. His father was an artist and the first lesson he received in Art was given by his father. Handsome, with a happy disposition, he became the darling of society, who called him "the lucky boy."

So he did not have the struggle that so many artists have.

He therefore, painted no martyrdoms, no last Judgment, no crucifixion. His men and women were either glorious with youth or dignified with old age.

Because the people loved his paintings, he worked incessantly being called from one city to another to do frescoes and many other works of Art. In the last years of his life he painted his greatest picture, the Sistine Madonna. This was done for the Sistine Chapel at Rome, but, for some reason it now hangs in the Museum of Dresden, and many people go to that city especially to see that picture. Travelling from place to place, and working very hard he broke down and died on Good Friday at the early age of 37 years.

When all Rome flocked ot the Cathedral to see him lying in State right under his picture, The Transfiguration it was certainly a tribute to one of the most human of the artists of the Renaissance.

What a wonderful thing is the Radio! Yesterday as I was sitting in the living room, busy with my work, I caught the beautiful strains of Handel's Messiah. It had come to us all the way from Honululu. The voices were very fine and when the Hallalujah Chorus came up, it was almost imperative to stand. It is told of George II, of England, a man who hated both "bainting and boetry" as he called them, for he was a German, when he heard the Chorus, without knowing that he did , he stood up, and since that time it has been the custom to do so whenever it is sung.

WOMANS COLUMN

DO WOMEN SMOKE MORE THAN MEN

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY: There was fun last week in the New York offices of the National Labor Relations Board for the regional director, Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, had been chosen for jury duty. To amused colleagues she described the service as a "vacation", despite the fact that in her work for the board she is continually hearing evidence and acting, if not as a juror-woman, at least as an umpire. "I don't know what I am going to do," Mrs. Herrick said, "if they keep me in the court room from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and I don't get a chance to smoke." Her service lasted only two days.

Mrs. Herrick, who as a young woman found it necessary to support her two sons, has known labor conditions at first hand, for she worked for six years in several factories. Later she worked her way through college, then acted as secretary of the Consumers League. The NRA came along. Mrs. Herrick became an investigator. After showing an unsuspected aptitude for settling labor troubles, she was made regional chairman of the NRA's Labor Board. Regional directorship of the NLRB followed as almost a natural consequence of her record of success with labor disputes.

AMBITION: The operatic soprano, Mme. Dusolina Giannini, returned last week from Europe ready to talk about her ambitions. "I have had a wonderful, artistic life," she said, "and now I want to have a home and babies and do some cooking, but I have not yet found the right man."

There is one thing that the newspaper reporters think unfair, and that is that Dorothy Thompson is always given the top notch part of the newspaper for her column. Perhaps it is because she is so clever. It is true that she was driven out of Germany because of her article, "I have seen Hitler", but she always holds her own. Once she was asked to interview Sinclair Lewis. He was so charmed with her that he asked her to marry him then and there though he had never seen her before. She did not accept him at once, but they have been happily married, and have a little son, seven years old, who even now says that he must live his own life.

STILL POND

Mrs. Annie Warren is spending sometime with her son, Mr. Goldey Warren, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haddaway, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with his ssiter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Wilmer, of Baltimore, visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and other relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Toulson spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

The Sunday School is planning a Christmas program to be held in the Sunday School room next Tuesday night. Santa will be there. Everyone is invited.

The school children held an entertainment in the school on Tuesday evening. Everyone present enjoyed the evening.

Miss Ruth Hopkins, of Port De Posit was the guest of Miss Clara Medders a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Bidwell visited in Philadelphia on last Thursday.

Rev. Raymond Hallman, Miss Lena Geary, Miss Hope Marie Jones, Miss Louise Clark, Miss Eleanor Ford and Miss Ann Dudley Ford were among those to attend the Convention of the Kent County Counsil of Churches which was held at Betterton last Saturday afternoon and evening.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. William Clark.

The Still Pond Homemaker's Club held their annual Christmas Party in the Sunday School room on Friday evening. The room was beautifully decorated with a lighted tree, holly and evergreens. The table was set in a U shape and very artistically arranged. A menu consisting of baked chicken, dressing, candied sweet potatoes, hominy, cranberries, biscuits, rolls, coffee and ice cream. A very enjoyable pjrogram consisting of Christmas Carols; What Christmas Means to us, by Rev. Hallman, A chorus, Silent Night by all the men. Poem Holly, Mrs. Clarence Ford; Vocal Solo Mrs. Howard Toulson; Chorus, While Shepards Watched their Flocks, all the women, after which the distributing of Club Sister presents. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jervis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Baynard Harper, Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann, Mrs. Ella Pennington, Miss Edith Hepbron, Miss Louise Pennington, Miss Kate Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweetman, Mrs. Rhofto Bramble, Mrs. William Whitely, Mrs. Oliver Nickerson, Mrs. Carroll Haddaway, Miss Louisa Travers, Miss Eleanor Ford, Mr. Walter Davis and Mr. Lawrence Dean.

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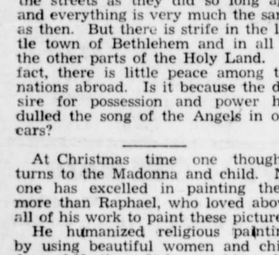
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Given under my hand this 30th day of November, 1937.

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