NOW AND THEN

It must have been a very starry night this first Christmas on the hills of Judea. In the words of W. C. Dix.

'No earthly songs are half so sweet
As those that are filling the skies,
And never a palace shone half so fair
As the Manager bed where our Savior lies;
No night in the year
Is half so dear
As this which has ended our sighs.

The stars of heaven still shine as at first
They gleamed on that wonderful night,
The bells of the city of God peal out;
And the angels' song still rings in the height,
And love still turns
Where the Godhead burns
Hid in flesh from fleshly sight.

It was St. Luke, the beloved physician, who has written of the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to tell her that she was to be the mother of our Lord. It was he, too, that tells of the Virgin's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, and of her singing that glorious chant, "The Magnificat."

We turn to St. Luke matchless story when we read of the Shepherds watching their flocks by night when the angel came to them and told them of the wondrous birth of the babe lying in a manger. And then a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace goodwil towards men."

He writes to his friend. Theophilus about all these things. Renan, the French writer, says that the Gospel of St. Luke is the most beautiful book that has ever been written. St. Paul in his damp unwholesome prison writes "Only Luke is with me," and he remained with him until the day of his martyrdom. We can imagine St. Luke going to see the shepherds and hearing them tell of the angels message and of their visit to the stable to see the new born babe.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was on Sunday evening, December 17, that Dean Bradley had the Christmas party for the girls who boarded at Reid Hall. A very lovely occasion it was. As the audience stood in the lower hall listening to the announcer tell the story of the first Christmas, the choir began the carols, and looking up at the gallery above there was a crowd of white robed singers, holding their lighted candles as they sang. It seemed almost as if an angel choir were there, and when they came down the stairs each still holding her lighted candle it looked as though they were descending from heaven to earth. Then the white robed announcer read of the way the different nations had kept Christmas, of the Druids who always worshiped in the groves of oak trees, how there came a great wind storm and the oak tree was blown down. Then in its stead there grew up a pine tree with its needles pointing up to heaven. As it is an evergreen tree it has been adopted for the Christmas tree. ever since.

When she had finished, the oldest and youngest of the group of girls brought in the yule log and placed it on the open fire. It sprang up into a blaze, lighting the whole room with the flame.

The white robed singers then became a group of merry girls ready with real school girls appetites, to enjoy the party that had been prepared for them.

JAN & HUBERT VAN EYCK

They were brothers, these two, Jan and Hubert of the Dutch School who lived in the 14th century. They made their own colors and painted men and women just as they were. "The Ladies Home Journal" has a copy of Jan's Madonna and child. The Virgin is wearing a bright red gown and holds the child who is intently reading a book. The two brothers always worked together, though some think that Hubert was the most gifted. Their finest picture is "The Worship of the Lamb" which is hanging in a Church in Ghent. Hubert died before the picture was completed, and so his brother worked at it incessantly until it was finished, giving his dead brother, the credit for the beautiful work.

A PLAIN MAN

Peter the Great, who for many months labored in foreign lands in the guise of a common workman so that he might bring new knowledge to his people, was an exceedingly plain man, both in his habits and in his attire.

Once while visiting Paris he was attracted by a certain courtier, who dressed every day in a different suit of clothes.

"That gentleman," Peter remarked, with a laugh, "seems to be much dissatisfied with his tailor!"

The above goes to show that many plain men are not influenced by fine clothes. There lived in North Caroline in the last century, a hard shell Baptist preacher, Brother Claus. He did much good in his rough and ready way and was much respected by the people around. A young assistant came to his parish very dressy and smug.

One day he said to Mr. Claus. "Brother Claus how often do you change your linen? "Twice a week", was the reply. Why, I change mine every day" said the young minister. "Well," drawled Brother Claus, "I thank my God that he has not made me so filthy."

STILL POND

Our Church School is presenting their Christmas program Sunday morning. Where each dept. of the school will have a part. At the Epworth League service Sunday evening a Christmas play will be presented by the members of the Epworth League entitled "Prince of Peace".

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis have been entertaining Mrs. Davis, mother, Mrs. James Boyles, of Cheswold, Del., the past week.

Mrs. Ralph Murray of Baltimore visited her cousin Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood part of the week.

Miss Wallace, who has had an appartment in Miss Wroth's home, was taken sick and died quite suddenly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeSage had as Sunday guests, Mr. Earl Thomas, of Bridgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, and son, Jack of Massey, Edward Nicholson and Mary Ann Newsome, of Betterton.

At the last buisness and social meeting of the Woman's Philathea Sunday School Class. The class presented to the church though the official board a beautiful album table, this class has given several nice gifts to helf beautify the church room and Church School room the church as a whole greatly appreciate the kind thoughts of the class.

Mr. Elmer Wilmer, of Baltimore, spent the week end as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford and daughter, Mrs. John Harris spent Monday in Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis entertained the Young Peoples Club Wednesday evening at the parsonage.

Mrs. E. K. Briscoe and daughter, Felecea Ann spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Anthony, near Millington.

The Still Pond Homemakers Club held their Christmas Party in the Church School room Friday evening, with a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Around 70 members with their husbands as guests were present. A beautiful lighted tree ever greens and red candles shed Christmas Cheer on the occasion. After the dinner Mrs. Clause, waited and watched for Mr. Clause who arrived with plenty of bells, and all singing "Jingle Bells", Gifts were distributed, Christmas caroling concluded the meeting of Joy. Mrs. Ben Robinson impersonated. as Mrs. Claus And Wessley well you would of thought he was the dear old man himself. (Santa).

Mrs. Fern Osburn President of the Maryland Rebekah assemble with other officers, visited Friendship Rehekah Lodge at the Odd Fellows Hall here last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones and Hope Marie. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Price, Mrs. Geary and Lena, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Mrs. Howard Toulson, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Geary and Elizabeth were among the Wilmington shoppers the past week.

The P. T. A. held an entertainment at the School House Monday evening quite a crowd enjoyed the program and a nice sum was realized.

Bobby Nicholson celebrated his 11 birthday Monday.

KENNEDYVILLE

Betty Jean George entertained the 4-H Club on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Wright and baby John Lloyd returned home on Saturday from the hospital baby and mother are doing very nicely.

The school had their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday afternoon. Old Santa made his usual visit to the school on Tuesday.

The 4-H Club held their Christmas Party at the home of Miss Mary Tucker Lusby's home on Friday evening.

Mrs. E. L. Redmile caught her hand in the wringer on Monday and bruised ot very badly.

Mr. Joseph Weer, Miss Sue Johnston and Miss Annie Weer are spending the holidays with Mrs. James Weer and family.

The Christmas Party held at the parsonage last Friday night was well attended and enjoyed, gifts were exchanged and refreshments of orange aid and cake were served.

Mrs. Toulson and Mr. Frank Fogwell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fowler spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Miss Sophie Miller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Bonwell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Redmile spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Mr. William Hague is spending sometime with his son, Mr. Webster Hague and family in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Wattie McKnett, of Philadelphia, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Sara of Wyoming, Del., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Kernan and children, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry George.

Dan Hill returned home from the local hospital on Friday where he had his tonsils removed on Monday.

Mrs.Robert Kenendy returned on Monday from her daughter's, Mrs. Massey in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Massey are receiving congratulations.

Handy Device

Family pews in the Dome church, Tallin, Estonia, are enclosed with windows which apparently were opened or shut according to whether the sermon was interesting or dull.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale spent Sunday with their daughter, Miss Florence Gale in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. James Skinner was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Starr in Galena, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Noland Robinson and family, Miss Mary Darrell and Mrs. Clara Rolph were Sunday visitors of the latters son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. William Rolph of near Betterton, Md.

Miss Marie Vansant left on last Saturday for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa.

The children of this community and vicinity were given a treat by the Volunteer Fire Company of Millington, of candy, nuts and fruit to the great pleasure of the children present.

A pageant sponsored by Rev. A. M. B. Snapp of Trinity Church was put on in Trinity Church with material from a Church Hill congregation and it was very much appreciated by those present.

The Ladies Aid of Asbury Church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Sudler G. Wiest.

Mr .and Mrs. Morgan King, of near Odessa, Del., were guests last Friday of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Smith.

Little Nancy Lee Manning daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manning has been quite sick of a deep cold. She is improving from last reports.

Mrs. George J. Smith was a visitor last week of Mr. and Msr. Paul Maul near Sudlersville, Md.

Mr. William Akin, of Pitman, N. J., was a guest on Sunday of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Paul Ringgold Comegys, of St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comegys for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Joseph Akin and wife, of Onancock, Va., spent the week end with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Restore Maximilian Cottage

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