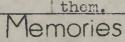


Christmas Traditions

In these days of uncertainty and chaos, when each day seems to bring the war nearer home, Americans must cling to their Christmas traditions, thankful that they are free to observe the day of Christ's birth, thankful for the guidance, the strength, and the blessings He giveth

Toys are a symbol of Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Of Christmas; and Christmas, of Christ's birthday. H. R.



Outside, the snow fell on, touching every object, covering each with beauty. Inside, the fire blazed merrily and the lighted tree cast dancing shadows about the cheerful room; yet, the air held not a note of cheerfulness, only of sadness. No word was spoken and only the two girls' eyes told that they were remembering other years, years when all their

friends had shared with them the Christ-mas bells, the tree, the carols--the happiness.

Suddenly a joyous carol floated through the frosted window. The spell was broken. The girls rememberedin war time we can help those far-away friends more by aiding in home defense efforts than by dreaming of happier times in the past. 5. M. F.

