

**MY CHRISTMAS DAY**

By Helen Mar D'Auby

re is a Christmas time I knew  
within the long ago,  
which the fleeting years have  
passed,  
and drifted deep their snow.

fresh it lies within my heart,  
spot of living green,  
dimmed by sorrows bitter tide,  
or strife that come between.

e violet buds, enwreathed in green,  
When snow drifts melt away;  
joyous memories buried there,  
lift up their heads today.

I like the fragrance, purple dyed,  
that breathes above the place,  
haloes all those far-off days,  
by mother's tender face.

patient heart, and busy hand,  
how small the rest they know  
than that palace of my heart,  
that home of long ago.

low its roof, so small the space  
of its sun-lighted floor,  
carce could cover those we had  
to hold one daring more.

merry, romping, noisy brood,  
as gay as birds or bees,  
to sing and hum the livelong day,  
among the flowers and trees.

anxious, widowed, mother heart,  
With double weight to bear,  
how little did your children know  
of want, or strife, or care.

at triumph more sublime than  
yours,  
above the arts of fate?  
at heroe's nobler fame is scrolled  
in letters, war, or state?

Did I forget those stockings, filled  
from top to bulging toe,  
mother hands, at Christmas time,  
within the long ago?

e little mittens, apple red  
Of yarn she'd spun, and dyed,  
e dollies, cut from sweetened  
dough,  
With spice filled eyes, and fried.

th nuts and goodies, packed in  
close,  
And maple sugar, run  
moulds, with scalloped edges, laid  
To top out every one.

ar struggling, anxious, patient  
heart,  
Would that I, as then,  
light look into your loving eyes,  
And greet you once again.

r only years can teach the child,  
A mother's love to know,  
and could I catch your listening ear,  
I straight would tell you so.

nd you with old-time tender smile,  
Forgetting self, would say,  
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**PERSONALS AND BRIEFS**

Mr. W. D. Smith made a trip to Fayetteville last Friday.

Mr. W. T. Cox was in Southern Pines on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. W. H. Keith was in Sanford Monday.

Mr. Gordon Thomas went to Hamlet on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Vaughn Byrd was a visitor in Raleigh one day this week.

Mr. Marshall Thompson, of Maxton, was in Vass last Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Overton, of Lemon Springs, was in Vass, Tuesday.

Mr. J. Hector Smith, of Upper Hoke, was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. W. B. Graham and B. F. Sanford spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. A. A. Smith, of Picayune, Miss., arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Smith.

Messrs. N. M. Smith and J. F. Byrd, students at State College, Raleigh, are home for the holidays.

Miss Mildred Thomas is here for the holidays after attending school at Carolina College, Maxton.

Miss Maizie Rast and Mr. Paul Joyner spent Sunday with friends in Jonesboro.

Misses Lois Sanford and Glennie Keith are at home from Louisburg College, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Jewell Edwards arrived Wednesday from Guilford College to be home during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Seagroves and daughter, Virginia, of Raleigh, spent the week-end in Vass.

Miss Annie McGill arrived last week from Statesville, where she has been attending Mitchell College.

Mrs. D. A. Smith left Sunday for Wilson to visit her sister before leaving for a visit to her parents at Mantoo.

Mrs. M. A. Bynum returned this week from an extended visit to Sanford. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Moffitt.

Miss Jessie Brooks arrived Tuesday from Meredith College to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Pearce left today for near Roxboro, where they will spend the holidays with their people.

Mr. Guy H. Simpson, manager of the Co-operative Tobacco Market, will spend the holidays with his family in Madison.

Mr. Laws, of the office force of the Co-operative Tobacco Warehouse here, leaves for his home near Roxboro today.

Mrs. Carl Cashion and little daughter, Dorothy Bynum, are spending a while with Mrs. Cashion's mother, Mrs. J. R. Thomas.

The Co-operative Tobacco Market closed here on Wednesday for the holidays, and will re-open on January 3rd.

Mrs. Archie McNeill and son, Frank, left Tuesday for Baltimore where Mrs. McNeill will take treatment at John Hopkins Hospital.

The Christmas exercise given by the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be given at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter and daughter, Margaret, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Lillie Auer and daughter, Esther, of Texas, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Edwards for the Christmas holidays.

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