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"Another Christmas,| The old words, the old songs come back. In thirty million homes the old customs are renewed Holly and mistletoe, carols beneath the sky, and gifts exchanged, symbolic of the day of peace."

Again the God-given season is upon us—the season in which our hearts turn to joy and praise and charity. Christ has said, "Now abideth fath, hope, and charity; these three, but the greatest of these is charity." In his definition charity was forgiving, patient, self-sacrificing, and long-suffering. Is it not at this season appropriate that we both give and forgive, bringing peace to the heart of our fellowman, and joy and comfort to his physical being? "Give Health," says the Red Cross. "I have shared," reads the sign of the Commission for the Relief of the Unemployed." At least give a smile," says the Salvation Army. "Give love," said Christ. And all are right and good.

Our thoughts are turning to what we shall give this season. If there rankles in the breast of man any ill-will, any hatred, any discord, let him forthwith banish such things from his heart. For, after all, what joy is there in giving when envy, pride, and hatred gnaw at our vital soul, and distort and ruin it? Or when discord and fear mock and deride the angel chorus, "Peace on earth, good will to men?"

Let nations advocate the fraternity of all races, let universal charity permeate this season with its blessedness. May the vehicles of our souls' commerce be stately ships of love, laden with the priceless gift of charity. Christ has said, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Robert Browning had caught the true spirit when he said:

"For I, as man with men am linked,
And not a brick with bricks; no gain
That I experience must remain
Unshared."

ARE RESOLUTIONS WORTHWHILE?

Following an old custom it won't be long until people will be making New Year resolutions. I once heard a man remark that he was through with making New Year resolutions because it didn't help him a bit, he was sure to go straightway and make the same mistake again. Had he really made a resolution, or not?

Some great man has said that it is through our mistakes, blunders, and temptations, that we rise and become strong. Are we so weak, we who are the heirs of Christ Jesus that we will let one little mistake, one blunder made in a weak moment, sap the moral fibre of our determination? If so, then are we truly poor. But if each failure makes us the more determined to win, and each new obstacle gives us more strength after having surmounted it, then our brave resolution to press on toward the goal is indeed worthy.

The trouble with most of us is that we do not have enough faith in the future, and in the ultimate good of mankind. If we could only realize that the obstacles which sometimes loom darkest and most awesome in our pathway are often the easiest to overcome, then our faith in self and in humanity would grow stronger. Resolutions are of no avail unless one has that tenacity of purpose to keep them even though he does stumble a time or two.

THOUGHTS

R. R. L.

The Indans called the month of December the Long-night Moon.

This is the Long-night month with the Great Star in the East.

What season brings such charity and happiness, such good-will among men as does Christmas-time?

Let us always love the season—the spirit of it—as we loved it when we were very small—back when it seemed such a long, long time from one Christmas till the next.

All over the nation thousands of college students—the hope of parents, the pride and admiration of small sisters and brothers—will soon be going home for the holidays.

Brighten those homes, students, while you are there. Make it a real Christmas for the ones who stay at home and work for you.

One of the sweetest things about Christmas-time is the church music.

It takes a great song to express our emotions as the sacred season approaches.

Propably our greatest is: "Silent night, holy night"—Not great in elaborate phraseology, but in that requisite of all true greatness—Simplicity.

Remember: The first essential characteristic of the true Christmas Spirit is that of Giving—with no hope of receiving anything in return.

If you cannot give presents this Christmas, give smiles, give cheer, give happiness to the needy—and which of us is not needy for these?

MAGICIAN ENTERTAINS

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cere appreciation and thanks to the audience who braved such bad weather to come out. He expressed a warm feeling for R. C. and also his desire to be with us again. It is a rare privilege to have the pleasure of attending a program of this caliber.

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

- 1—J. C. Smith, Max Brandon, Buck Summers, or Kanoy on a diet?
- 2—That Paul Tyndall's highest ambition is to be mayor of Arapahoe?
- 3—Tom Lawrance wearing his own clothes?
- 4—"Milt" Tolbert in knickers.
- 5—R. C. girls being flop-eared?
- 6—Blakely applying to Mr. Campbell for adoption?
- 7—Ice lasting longer when used only in winter?
- 8—Frank Mock losing five pounds every time he takes a bath?
- 9—"Andy" without his dry humor?
- 10—"Beans" being served at Rutherford College?
- 11—Casey Watson having a clean sheet on his bed?

The other evening at dinner J. C. Smith helped himself to the largest piece of meat.

Max Brandon said, "Fine manners you have, J. C. If I had reached out first I would have taken the smaller piece."

J. C.: "Well, you got it, didn't you?"

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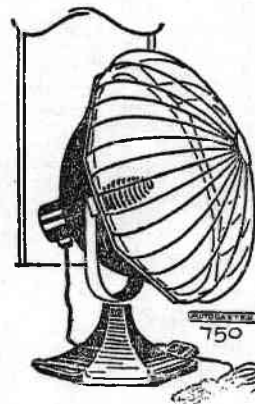
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