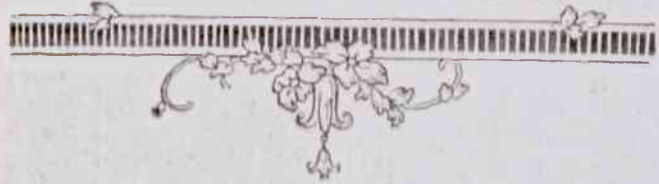


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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas is slowly enveloping the world again. Kindness, mercy, joy, love and good will toward everybody manifest themselves once more in the heart of every individual.

Some of us look back regretfully on the many joys that might have come by just being lovely and kind to others. Those of us who have been forsaken and who have fallen in the sight of our brethren are filled with new hope; for we are beginning to feel that in God's sight we are neither forsaken nor fallen.

How wonderful it is to be born again! This is the true meaning of Christmas. All hatreds, jealousies and envies within us will die and sunshine, love and gladness will take their places in the hearts of men, for Christ is born anew in our hearts. Then let us have the Spirit of Christmas, the spirit to praise God, to give to be joyful, to be merciful with a spirit of good will toward every one.

Let the Star shine not only over Bethlehem but over the whole world. Let the Shepherds worship the New Born King, the Prince of Peace. Let the Children sing Christmas Carols, which echo over every hill and dale carrying the Spirit of Christmas so that the whole world may know that Christ, the Savior of the world, has come again to save the people from their sins.

—Raymond Morris.

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WHAT CHRISTMAS SHOULD MEAN TO US

Why do we celebrate Christmas? It is a story which you all know. Over nineteen hundred years ago in the little city of Bethlehem unto Mary and Joseph was born a baby boy whom they called Christ. Biblical history tells us that wise men of the East left their homes to worship him who was born in a manger. On that night the angels sang "Peace on earth, Good Will toward Men." Since that holy night one day in each year has been set aside and celebrated as Christ's Day or Christmas.

The one big lesson which comes to us from the Christ Child is the thought of giving willingly and not for the purpose of receiving something in return or for worldly honors but for the pleasure that it will give others by making them happier. We should not give to the rich but to those who are uncertain where their next meal is coming from or how they are to keep warm during the winter.

Many spirits are wounded by the manner in which things are given to them. They are made to feel that they are burdens on society and many times they would rather be without than to have things given them by haughty society leaders. Such giving is not in keeping with the Christ spirit. The