

### Christmas at Mount Vernon

By Annie S. Lee.

The coach turned into the Mount Vernon road. Martha Washington slipped her hand into her husband's warm clasp. Happy tears filled her blue eyes as she murmured, "Welcome home, George, at last!"

General Washington agreed. "At last! Nearly nine years since I rode away to take command of the army—a long time for a man to be away from his home! I hope that never again shall I be called on to leave it."

The following day, the Christmas dinner climaxed days of preparation. Before going to Annapolis to meet the general, Mrs. Washington had prepared all the ornamental confectionery—a duty which in every Virginia household devolved upon its mistress. With a paper cone she had festooned the cakes with pink-and-white icing in intricate designs.

At three o'clock Christmas day, before her at the table stood a leg of mutton for her carving. In front of Colonel Humphrey was a small roast pig with a red apple in its mouth. Before Colonel Smith was a great crispy brown roast of beef. Platters of turkey, canvassback duck, fried chicken, venison, rock-fish and perch practically filled the table.

After this course, the cakes, decorated by Mrs. Washington were placed on the table together with the sillabub. With much ceremony the

blazing plum pudding was carried in. Toasts were in order. General Washington drank separately to the health of everyone at the table. Each guest drank to every other guest. So for a time the dining room echoed with, "Your health, sir; Your good health, madam; 'Thank you, sir; With great pleasure, sir."

Finally, all guests standing, the general gave his invariable toast, "To all our friends." The ladies immediately withdrew to the drawing room to exchange neighborhood news and to discuss babies and servants.

Not long after, the gentlemen joined them. For the enjoyment of all each guest contributed his bit of cheer. Mrs. Washington began by playing a selection on the harpsichord. Betty Lewis, the daughter of the general's only sister, and her friend Sally sang a duet. Colonel Smith, a lively young gentleman, slyly shifted from place to place a sprig of mistletoe, thus contriving to claim a kiss from the blushing young women.

The Virginia reel ended the evening—a dance adapted in Virginia from one long used in England—"The Hemp Dressers." The couples glided from side to side, and over and under like a shuttle, thus portraying the process of weaving. The final figure broke up with cries of "Good night," "Pleasant Dreams," "Until tomorrow." Bedroom candles were taken from the hall table. The Christmas of 1783 had come to an end.—The Progressive Farmer.

### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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#### Lesson for December 27 THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

LESSON TEXT—Hebrews 2:1-4; 11:32-12:2.

GOLDEN TEXT—The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Christmas Round the World.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Into All the World.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Why the Gospel Spread So Rapidly.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Spread of the Gospel in Southern Europe.

History has marveled at the spread of the Christian faith in a wicked and hostile world. Dark were the days upon the earth when the handful of believers in Jesus Christ set out to preach the gospel. Why did the Christian faith spread so rapidly and build so soundly the future? The answer is found in our lesson for today. It is threefold. They declared

I. A Great Salvation (2:1-4). The preaching of the apostles set an example of sound teaching. They knew that no "programs" or "drives" would suffice to meet the need of the world steeped in sin and superstition. They preached a great salvation, a real gospel, and God set his seal of approval upon their work.

The presentation of God's Word and his gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit is still the way of victorious usefulness for any believer and any church.

Turning now to the great faith chapter of Hebrews, we see the second reason for the spread of Christianity. Bible preaching brought forth Bible believers—men and women who obtained "a good report through faith."

II. A Victorious Faith (11:32-40). Right presentation and proper apprehension of God's Word produces noble and sacrificial living.

The world is "not worthy" of its heroes of faith. In fact, it not only fails to recognize them and their mighty deeds but mocks, scourgings, tortures, and saws them asunder. But they are written down in God's book of remembrance. He rightly evaluates their faith and their nobility of character.

We need to learn of God how to regard our fellow men lest we follow the crowd in giving praise to those who merit it not, and fail to recognize the unsung heroes of faith in our own communities and churches who are the very salt of the earth.

The final section of our lesson follows the first two in perfect sequence of thought. We have noted the apostolic message concerning God's great salvation. We have seen that the gospel is indeed the power of God which not only saves but which produces heroic living. Now we turn to our obligation to continue that glorious succession of these who live by faith.

III. A Race to Run (12:1-2). The picture in the writer's mind is the great Olympic arena. All around are the spectators. A race is to be run. What a striking picture of Christian life. For it, too, is a race. It has a prize, both here and in the hereafter. It calls for intense activity. It brings us before those who either jeer at us or cheer us on our way.

Many are the things which may hinder a runner. One thing he cannot do is carry weights. These may not be sinful things but those which may be a hindrance to spiritual progress. Let us put them away!

And then there is sin—that treacherous enemy that so subtly "begets us" and entangles us. By God's grace let us cast it aside.

Greater than all the hindrances is the One in whose name we run and to whom we look for victory. Looking past the difficulties, the spectators, and even the course itself, we see him who is "the author and perfecter of our faith." The secret of victory is to

Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.

**Firm Foundation**  
If there be a man on earth to be envied it is he who, amidst the sharpest assaults from his own passions, from fortune, from society, never falters in his allegiance to God and the inward monitor.

**Pride and Ingratitude**  
Pride is of such intimate connection with ingratitude that the actions of ingratitude seem directly resolvable into pride as the principal reason of them.—South.

**Truth in Little Things**  
I have seldom seen anyone who deserted Truth in trifles, that could be trusted in matters of importance.—William Paley.

**Life's Lesson**  
Take what is; trust what may be; That's life's true lesson. — R. Browning.

**Standing Erect**  
A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.—Marcus Aurelius.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS GIVEN AT LEES-McRAE

Banner Elk, Dec. 16.—Celebrating the Christmas season, students of Lees-McRae College have presented several entertainments and religious programs this week at Banner Elk.

On Sunday night a Christmas play, "The Vision of the Christ Child," was given in the Banner Elk Presbyterian church. More than 100 persons took part in the drama, which was one of the most impressive ever given at the college. Object of the program was the presentation of the annual "Joy Gift" offering of the church, which will be used for ministerial relief and Christian education.

Music was furnished by the College Glee club and a choir of children from Grandfather Home. Outstanding on the musical program was a solo, "O Holy Night," by Adolphe Adams, sung by Valera Hefner. Other numbers which were well received were a revision of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," by the entire club, a trio arrangement of Neidinger's "Birth-day of the King," and a violin ensemble.

As another feature of the Christmas season, Lees-McRae presented two one-act plays in the college auditorium Tuesday night. Both plays were variations of the Christmas theme.

The first, "Between Trains," was a light comedy. Parts were capably played as follows: Mrs. Faherty, Virginia Bright, of Asheville; Gloria, Dorothy Church, of Banner Elk; Annie, Virginia Mae Bailey, of Toledo; and Judge Mowbray, Ralph Bracken, of Hayesville.

"Brothers," the second play, was a more serious type of drama, in contrast to the first, having a foreign setting. The plot was based on the love of two brothers fighting on opposite sides in a war. The players were: Marta, Miriam Glover, of Valle Crucis; Joseph, Hanscom Wilson, of Rome, Ga.; Peter, Dudley Crawford, of Rutherfordton; Alec,

Wagner Roberts, of Hartsville, S. C., and a soldier, Joe Dunn, of Charlotte.

Christmas holidays begin at noon of December 22, according to announcement made recently by Leo K. Pritchett, dean and registrar. Students will return on January 5 and classes will be resumed on the morning of January 6.

### CARELESS MANAGEMENT COSTLY TO APIARISTS

Careless management of bees in winter often costs apiarists half the honey producing value of their colonies.

Colonies which barely manage to survive the winter are so weak they can produce only small quantities of honey in the spring and summer.

Successful wintering depends largely on the condition of the colonies as they enter the winter, says C. L. Sams, State College extension apiarist.

The colonies should have good queens, a large number of bees, and abundant stores of honey.

If good queens are introduced to the colonies in time to start laying six to eight weeks before the first killing frost, and if the hives have plenty of honey, there will be a strong bee population at the start of the honey flow next spring.

When the honey is taken from the hives for the last time in the fall, care should be exercised not to take too much.

Single story colonies should have the combs three-fourths full of honey, and two-story colonies should have the food chambers filled completely.

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Each colony should be fed enough to bring the food stores up to 40 or 50 pounds, Sams points out.

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This 20th day of November, 1936.  
W. H. GRAGG, Trustee.  
Trivette & Holshouser, Attorneys. 11-26-36

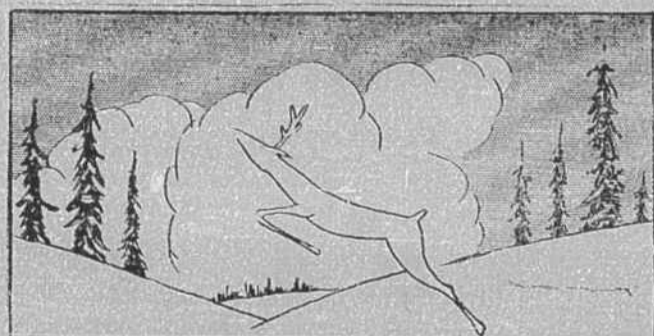
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