



HER Quiet CHRISTMAS
KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time...

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money...

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates...



Bill did not neglect his privilege. So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway...

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal...

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends...

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full...

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"

Sunday School Lesson

PAUL CLAIMS THE WORLD FOR CHRIST
International Sunday School Lesson for December 29, 1946
Golden Text: "I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish."—Romans 1:14.

This lesson is the climax of our lessons on Paul, greatest missionary the world has ever known. In a sense, it is a review of the high spots in his career, beginning with his conversion on the road to Damascus...

There is no doubt but that it was Paul's undying ambition to preach the gospel in Rome and throughout his ministry, he bent his endeavors in that direction. It looked as if he would be denied his desire but, toward the close of his work, while he was in Jerusalem, the Lord made it known to him that he was to go to Rome with divine approval (Acts 23:11).

To trace his experience en route to his eventual arrival in the capital of the great Roman empire is a most interesting revelation. From Ephesus, he went to Jerusalem, where he conferred with the leaders of the faith. To please the orthodox Jews, he followed a ceremony of purification in the temple. His enemies, however, having seen him with Gentiles, complained that he had carried these forbidden persons into the temple and their accusations quickly stirred up the mob.

Paul was seized and roughly handled before he was rescued by the Tribune Lysias, commander of the Roman soldiers. He was given an opportunity to address the crowd but the fury of the mob was so great that Paul was ordered scourged to secure a confession, where upon Paul claimed immunity from such punishment as a Roman citizen.

He was carried before the Sanhedrin, of which he had been a member, and, after a conversation with the chief priest, Paul raised the question of immortality, knowing that the Pharisees

travelers embarked on a third ship, another grain vessel, and finally landed on the Italian mainland at Puteoli. From there, Paul made his way to Rome.

Arriving at Rome, Paul was continued as a prisoner but, while a guard was chained to him, he was allowed considerable freedom in so far as his stationary residence permitted. He conferred with leading Jews, delivered a great address to a large gathering of his racial kindred, and continued his work for the gospel.

Paul was not brought to trial. Eighteen months with no pressing charges against a prisoner were considered sufficient to free him, so Paul was liberated. For several years he labored and travelled. Some think he went to Spain. Then came the burning of Rome under the reign of Nero. The Christians were accused. While in Greece, probably, Paul was arrested and sent to Rome, where he was lodged in close and cruel confinement, only to

end when he was beheaded outside the walls of Rome. So ends the record of this great apostle. As death drew nigh, he could write: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

11 Children Killed in Bus-Train Accident

Newberry, S. C. Dec. 18.—A speeding Southern Railway passenger train smashed broadside into a crowded school bus at a "blind" grade crossing near here today, killing ten students and the bus driver. The tragedy happened only three days before the pupils were to be let out of school for the Christmas holidays. It plunged the tiny Newberry county community of Ridge Springs into sadness. All of the children who were killed or hurt came from

eight Ridge Springs families. The L. R. Lancaster family was hardest hit. Three of their children were identified among the dead. The J. W. Risers were torn between grief for their two children killed and hope that a third will survive injuries. There were 24 children on the bus, and only two escaped death or injury. Harris stays with Yankee, rejecting top post with Tigers.

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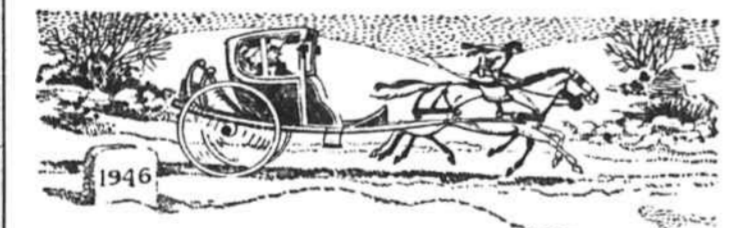
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