

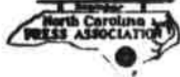
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"The Night After Christmas"

(Written by the late Dr. Robert Archer of Richmond, for his grandchildren)

'Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the town,
 The nurses were running—some up and some down;
 The doctor was wanted, for plague-on Old Nick—
 His visit had made all the little ones sick.

His cakes were so nice, and his pies were so sweet,
 That from morning till night they did nothing but eat;
 Their hearts were all light, and peeped out of their eyes,
 Their stomachs were tight, and chock full of mince pies!

They were merry as larks, had no care for tomorrow,
 Unmindful that joy is soon followed by sorrow;
 The lights were all out, and the blinds were all closed;
 Papa and Mamma in deep slumber reposed.

The cat on the hearth rug was licking his paws,
 And seemed to be thinking of old Santa Claus;
 The fire in the chimney burned cheerful and bright,
 And the frost on the panes shone like crystals of light.

The teakettle, bubbling before the warm blaze,
 Was singing the dirge of once happier days,
 The clock on the mantel had just sounded one,
 And announced that another new day had begun.

When hark! from the nursery, a solo of moans,
 Then a duet of sobs, with a chorus of groans,
 Broke in on the stillness and silence of night,
 And threw the whole house in commotion and fright.

The mother's quick ear first encountered the sound,
 She sprang up in bed, and out with a bound;
 But papa had oft witnessed such tumults before—
 And the louder the groans, why the louder he'd snore.

And, oh! such a sight was ne'er witnessed before,
 The children were rolling about on the floor;
 The bedclothes were ruined, the carpet was spoiled,
 And their pretty nightdresses were rumpled and soiled.

The nurse, all bewildered, was fretting and grieving,
 The children in concert, were retching and heaving;
 They kicked, and they twisted, and they squirmed all about—
 She was sure that their stomachs were turned inside out.

"Oh, I'm so sick! I shall die of this pain,
 I'll never touch Santa Claus's candy again."
 Poor Ma, in a flutter, threw up her sad eyes,
 Little Bob, with a splutter, threw up his mince pies.

And St. Nick, who was peeping, cried out with a titter,
 "In every sweet there's a drop that is bitter;
 But cheer up my children, you'll soon be all right,"
 And cracking his whip, he was soon out of sight.

The cries were over, and all went to bed,
 Sweet slumber soon fell upon, each dizzy head,
 The life blood again freely coursed in their veins,
 And dreams of St. Nicholas danced through their brains.

With a smile they awoke, from their visions of bliss,
 As Mamma on each rosy lip planted a kiss,
 And they vowed that, in spite of all sickness and pain,
 They'd hang up their stockings next Christmas again.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of **L. W. Outlaw, deceased**, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of November, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate

will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 29th day of November, 1948.

Luther Outlaw, Administrator of the estate of L. W. Outlaw, deceased.
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In Remembrance

Lesson for January 9, 1949.

JESUS OF NAZARETH was the Unforgettable Man. All our information about him as he lived in Galilee comes from four small booklets known as the Gospels. There was a little more about him in the letters of Paul, and a few additional sayings of his have been preserved in papyrus fragments in Egypt. But the main source of our historical knowledge of Jesus is in these four Gospels. All put together they do not make a big book; but any one of them by itself is a great book.

Who Remembered Him?

IT BOTHERS some people to discover what scholars have always known, that our Gospels as we have them are based on earlier writings and spoken traditions. But this gives us an even better reason for trusting the reliability of these records. They were not made up for the first time a generation or more after Jesus' resurrection. They go back to the lifetime of thousands who personally knew Jesus.

The farther back scholars can trace the origins of the Gospels, the more historically reliable they are proved to be. Some of the information worked into our Gospels came from personal reminiscences; this is the case with large parts of Matthew and John. In the case of Mark, the early story in the church was that as a young companion of Peter on missionary journeys, Mark jotted down the stories which Peter told about Jesus.

At any rate the Gospel of Mark contains just the sort of things that a man like Peter would be likely to remember. Luke himself, a missionary doctor and great friend of Paul, never knew Jesus personally, but lived for two years in Palestine and gathered the materials for his Gospel while there were still hundreds of people there who remembered Jesus well.

What They Remembered

JOHN tells us that it would be impossible to write down all that was then known of Jesus' life. Out of the 400 days (at least) during which Jesus' public ministry lasted, not over 40 are recorded, even in part.

Yet what these men did recall and record is enough to reveal a matchless Person. A fifth Gospel might enlarge our knowledge of Jesus; but it would not greatly change it. Jesus never wrote a book, not even a letter so far as we know; yet such words of his as were remembered have influenced the world.

Jesus' entire public ministry lasted a shorter time than it takes to go through college; yet what he did has had a deeper effect on the world than the work of any university graduate in history. Jesus started no corporation, no formal organization; yet out of his fellowship have grown the greatest institutions in the world.

Why They Remembered

THE STORY of Jesus was remembered and recorded by his followers partly because they could not help it. They could not forget him and did not want to forget him. One thing is true of all those who lovingly cherished these memories of the Master: they loved and adored him.

No unbeliever ever wrote a Gospel. Philo wrote no life of Christ. Even if Judas had lived, he could not have written one. Our Gospels were written by men of faith, for the purpose of calling out faith in others. "These things were written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Son of God" (John 20: 31).

In one sense of the word we would write a better Gospel now, for today 19 centuries of Christian experience are behind us, and those centuries are full of the doings of Christ through his church. The four Gospels tell us of what Jesus did in Galilee. But now we can tell the story of what Christ has done in Africa and Greenland and Australia and America. Reading the Gospels is interesting, it is important; but the reading has not hit the bull's-eye if it leave you, the reader, merely better informed than you were.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as Executor under the will of **George M. Ready, deceased**, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of December, 1948.

In bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of December, 1948.

Mrs. Epsy M. Maready
 1-15-6t. PAID RDJ

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of **Henry B. Shine, deceased**, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 6th day of December, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 6th day of December, 1948.
Clement R. Shine,
 Faison, N. C.
 1-4-6t. CRS

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of **Henry Baker, deceased**, late of Duplin County, Smith Township, and having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons who have claims against said estate to present their claims to the undersigned administrator on or before December 17, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons who are indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of December, 1948.

Claude Baker, Administrator of the estate of Henry Baker, deceased,
 Route 1, Beulaville, N. C.
H. E. Phillips, Attorney
 Kenansville, N. C.
 1-28-6t. HEP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of **Thomas Webb Smith, deceased**, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of December, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of December, 1948.

Norman W. Smith, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Webb Smith, deceased,
 Seven Springs, N. C. Rt. 1.
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A New Hand



J. B. Brinson, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 10, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of December, 1948.
Mrs. Emma Brinson Executrix of the estate of J. B. Brinson, deceased,
 Route 1, Box 88, Magnolia.
H. E. Phillips, Attorney
 Kenansville, N. C.
 1-21-6t. HEP

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is the best time of year to graft apple trees?

A. January and February are the best month for grafting fruit tree.

Q. What does it cost a producer to get a loan on a bale of cotton?

A. The cost will vary in different areas. In general, it will not be more than \$1.25 per bale. The producer must pay the cost of delivery to the warehouse, a small fee for filling out the necessary forms, and a part of the fee for the first month's storage.

Q. When should culling of chickens be started?

A. The time to start culling is when chicks are placed under the brooder. All birds that appear runty or weak should be promptly culled out, killed, and disposed of by deep burying or burning. Culling is a

continuous process which should be practiced throughout the life of the chickens.

Q. Are rabbits raised commercially in the U. S.?

A. Yes, it is an important industry in some parts of the country.

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