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Christmas Greetings

THERE is a spirit that pervades our world during this season. We feel it in the joy of giving gifts . . . in the offering of best wishes to all those around us . . . in the hymns and carols. It is especially necessary in these trying times to endeavor to spread this spirit to all . . . doing it not only at Christmas but all the time.

We can think of no better advice than that which the Pope gave to the people of the world yesterday . . . that all Christians should unite to oppose the advance of atheism . . . be it the communistic or the capitalistic type. All denominations, we are sure, should be able to come to accord on some such resolve. Then there is something more than merely agreeing. We must follow up that agreement with action, simple action in the spirit and attitude of our daily lives wherein the spirit of peace and goodwill, exemplified individually may also be lived collectively.

The hope of the world today is, of course, that aspirations for peace and security may be realized without recourse to other than civilized action. If the spirit of Christianity—the spirit of Christmas—could pervade the world, that hope could be really achieved.

We may blame others for this failure in the world today to secure peace and harmony. But it might be well if each of us did a little soul-searching ourselves to reflect if the blame is all on the other side—personally or collectively.

Here in Prince Rupert the most of us find ourselves amply blessed this Christmas. Our hope is that the cup of our cheer may not be overflowing but that it may be shared with all and that every person within our reach, who we want to call our friends today and every day, have a really happy Christmas.

BIG WAREHOUSE SAVED

IT WAS great news that we published yesterday that the huge warehouse on the local waterfront, built by the American Army during the war, is to be preserved for a useful industrial purpose.

Well can we recall a meeting of citizens just two years ago this time which city council and the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce called in a desperate effort to devise ways and means to head off the definite threat of demolition at that time. We were hard put to it then and even the most hopeful hardly expected that two years hence would bring an announcement that a purchase for use had been achieved.

As E. T. Applewhaite, M.P. said yesterday, the Chamber of Commerce, especially some of its optimistic, never-say-die members, can be given a lot of credit for this culmination.

The Chamber also had a hand in the preservation of the American-built part of the ocean dock, now turned over to Canadian National Railways, and the former administration building, now being converted into multiple housing project.



"Well! How've you been? Gained a little weight since I last saw you, haven't you?"

Transform Hearts This Christmas

(Rt. Rev. J. B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia)

Once more the spell of Christmas falls upon the world and, in reminding us of the beautiful stories of the wise Men and the shepherds and the choirs of angels, seeks to transform our hearts into living mangers cradling anew the eternal love of God.

Christmas began with a song. Our faith was first proclaimed by singing a new song and, wherever faith is vital to this day, in individuals or in society, the notes of that song are always evident. Every new epoch of salvation, every new and deepening experience of the Saviour is always a glad note of song.

Christmas records the supreme fact of the birth of the Saviour. It was His first approach in that coming "for us men and for our salvation." It was His first step on the way to the Cross and a long step it was.

Christ is our Saviour in every way that we need one. First His salvation reaches our past. Try as we will to remedy our past failures it is beyond us. We all need and desperately need a Saviour. His great good news is that "though our sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow."

His salvation extends to the present and here is where so many fail to seek it. The child's prayer that God would make all the good people nice lays a finger on the spot. Many who are good Church members do not expect Christ's salvation to take away their tempers, their sharp tongue, their selfishness, their pride and hardness of heart that sees all faults but their own and absolutely refuse to forgive. Christmas is a wonderful time for making up quarrels, building bridges between hearts that are estranged and setting up the home again for those who have drifted apart. Christmas is a God given opportunity for these things. One great source of happiness is apologizing. If God brings to your mind this Christmas some person whose relation to you is not what it ought to be try apologizing. If everyone of us looked for a chance to apologize as hard as we shy away from it, this Christmas would be far happier in many circles. As you bring happiness to others your own happiness is increased. Christ's salvation is equal to all these things and others like them.

Christ's salvation extends to the nations also. "Peace on earth to men of goodwill" was the promise of the angels. But down the ages the nations rejected the offer. Individuals in them had goodwill but their corporate acts were selfish. Not reaching the good will they lost the peace on earth and wars have recurred all down the years. One fact that cheers us this Christmas is the increase of goodwill among the democratic nations. They are more permeated by goodwill than ever before.

The Saviour's power over the nations depends on His power over the individuals of the nation. Surrender lets the Saviour transform his life makes the greatest thing. Every person who in glad contribution he can make to the peace of the world. It is only people for whom the Kingdom of God has come personally who in any adequate way can help it to come among the nations.

Regular Baptist Xmas Concert

Two hundred parents and pupils of the Regular Baptist Church on Wednesday evening braved the wind and rain to watch or take part in their successful Christmas Concert. The entire program proceeded smoothly, presenting to the appreciative audience two hours of colorful pageantry, which reminded many of the true meaning of Christmas.

After the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful" by the congregation, the superintendent, G. R. S. Blackaby, extended greetings and prayer was offered by Pastor L. A. Thorpe.

The boys' beginners' class "welcomed" everybody to the concert in their inimitable "shy" way, afterwards telling of "Thankful Peter." Mrs. Bert Ewald's primary girls enacted the Christmas Story, using their dolls as the characters. The beginner girls, under Mrs. Levelton, stole hearts with their cute presentation of the "Doll's Lullaby."

Mr. Jant's "Sunbeams" enacted their class name by a missionary scene "Shining For Jesus." A pianoforte solo by Dick Kilborn and a Christmas recitation "My Christmas Wish" by Larry Veitch were well presented and warmly received. A Christmas Acrostic entitled "Bethlehem" was given by the Primary Boys and Girls (Mr. Thorpe and Mrs. G. R. S. Blackaby) and the Junior boys brought everyone back to the first Christmas with "The Message of the Evergreens."

The climax of the evening was a three-act play on Longfellow's poem "The Nativity." This was presented very acceptably by the two senior classes under G. R. S. Blackaby and Miss Anna Beckertov.

These young people solemnly brought to minds the problem that confronted God in providing Man's salvation and His wonderful solution in the sending of His Son to accomplish this exacting mission.

The evening was founded out by colored slides of the Christmas Story, shown by the Pastor, and the presentation of gifts and candy to every child by the traditional "Donor" who arrived just in time for this event.

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United Church Entertainment

First United Church Sunday School children enjoyed a very happy Christmas entertainment Tuesday evening in the presence of many parents. With the Church Hall filled to overflowing with children and grown-up friends the younger members entertained with a varied program. Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber acted as chairman and called on the different groups for their part in the celebration.

The first part of the program centred about a White Gift Service in which the children brought many white gifts for other boys and girls in British Columbia and overseas. Peggy Dominato and Louise Wood gave a responsive star reading. The Legend of the White Gifts was told by the chairman. Then while the children brought their gifts and placed them in the white baskets the Junior Choir sang carols and "Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella."

The very little folk—the three four and five year olds—presented two sweet little Christmas carols. These little folks were taught by Mrs. Donald Foward, Mrs. C. J. O. Olson, Mrs. O. Green and Mrs. F. Eby.

The Primary Department presented an acrostic recitation: "Christmas Morn" and a star drill closing with a Christmas story tableau following the pattern of the carol "Nowell" sung by members of the Junior Choir. The work of preparing these

LIKES VIOLET

Editor, Daily News:
Violet Ingalls writes a fairly good letter for a lady. I give credit where it is due. But this is still a man's world, Eve. Keep smiling.

ERNEST HAINSWORTH.

Greetings

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

From Staff and Management of
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Sweet Sixteen

boys and girls was by the teachers under the direction of Mrs. L. M. Greene, Mrs. A. Logan and Mrs. F. Eby. J. S. Wilson directed the choir.

All present then enjoyed a showing of the set of beautiful slides in color of the Nativity singing many of the well known carols throughout.

The evening closed with Santa presenting every boy and girl with a lovely mounted picture, a Christmas package and an orange.

The hall was beautifully decorated with two lighted trees.

Syndicated Column For Railwaymen

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