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"Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Goodwill to Men."

Christmas Every Day of the Year

By J. E. HARTILL, DEAN



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The first Christmas celebration was a solemn affair compared with the modern ceremony of color and expensive gifts. There is no record of any commemoration of the day during the life of Christ and tradition says Christmas first was celebrated in '98 A.D., with reverence and dignity.

It was not until about '34 A.D., that Dec. 25 was established as the probable date of Christ's birth. The first Christmas presents were given by the early Roman Christians to their children, as gifts of the Christ Child. The first historical mention of the Christmas tree is found in the notes of a German citizen, of unknown name, in the year 1605. The first Christmas seal was designed and sold in 1904, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Alas! The vast majority join in the festivities of this Christmas season without giving a thought to its true spiritual significance. Truly, there must be a "Christmas" every day in heaven, seeing that the Angels ever remember in the glory land the Saviour's condescension, love, sacrifice and grace. They never cease in singing praises to the Lamb. But why not have a Christmas every day on earth? We will have it if we follow the steps of the wise men. "The wise men, having discovered Christ, departed another way." They were delivered from the treachery of Herod. Christmas every day? Then go home another way. The wise men represent true worship. They surrendered what they had to the Babe. Herod is the type of "self," who trembles lest he should lose the throne of the heart. The wise men honored Jesus. Herod hated Him. The one gave treasures, the other treachery. If Jesus is born in your heart as Saviour, you will quickly discover a Herod, within and without, eager to destroy all that is of Christ. Shun Herod and go home another way. To all selfish indulgences and worldly enjoyments, and employments say, "Good-bye." Go home another way. In this season when generosity abounds, let us remember something for Jesus. May we open to Him the treasures of our lives?



DR. J. W. MAHOOD

Greetings From Dr. Mahood

This note is to acknowledge the mercy and healing power of our Heavenly Father. He used skillful physicians and nurses, and the sympathy and care of dear ones and friends, and blessed the human means for my restoration. He heard the prayers of students and alumni and many friends, and He answered prayer.

I also wish to express my thanks to the students, alumni and friends, as well as to my daughter and her husband, Major and Mrs. R. N. Clark, in providing a trip for me to sunny California for recuperation. I have not words to express my gratitude for this splendid gift, which I am sure will more quickly restore my strength for the work of the Institute. I shall return to begin teaching by the first of the second semester. (Feb. 1st.—Ed.)

And lastly, may I wish for the faculty, the alumni, the student body and all the friends who assist in the support of our work, a Christmas season of great joy, and a New Year of spiritual victory and faithful service for Christ.

J. W. MAHOOD.



NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

By Olive Martin, '39.

Dorothea Walker, '40, is teaching school at Innerkip, Ontario.

Ray Beck, '40, is pastor of a church at Frankford, Ontario. His address is 267 Ann Street, Belleville, Ontario.

Percy Rainey, '39, is pastor of a church in St. Thomas. Letters sent to 125 Manitoba Street will be appreciated.

Gordon Chaffe, '42, has been accepted as pastor of the church at Courtland. His new duties begin January 1st.

Blake Hunt, '42, has been accepted in the R. C. A. F., his duties there to begin in February. Pray that the Lord will continue to use him there as He has during the past.

REMEMBER OUR ALUMNI CHRISTMAS PARTY—

Meet at Smallman & Ingram's Lobby at 6.45 p.m. on DECEMBER 28th. FELLOWSHIP PERIOD at L. B. I., 8 p.m. sharp.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK — James D. H. Annan.

At this Christmas season, as we think of our Lord Jesus Christ coming into the world as a Babe in Bethlehem, let us remember to pray for the many distressed children in our troubled world that even in their youth they might find the unchanging Christ, Who will take them to Himself in blessing. Jane Murray, writing in *The Methodist Woman*, brings them before us in rapid succession as follows:—

A Mexican child. . . .	A freckled, laughing child. . . .
A Negro child. . . .	A curious, inquiring child. . . .
A child whose forbears blazed the trail through the wilderness to make a new land. . . .	A child who looks into the future with clear, grave eyes. . . .
A German child. . . .	A healthy child. . . .
A Polish child. . . .	An eager child. . . .
A child whose forbears held the bridge at Thermopylae. . . .	A child who thinks of God . . . and calls him, "Father." . . .
A ragged, dirty child. . . .	But more. . . .
A hungry child. . . .	A race in embryo. . . .
A child whose cries for bread haunt our waking hours and turn our dreams to dust. . . .	Vision of the days to come. . . .
A lonely child. . . .	Tears and laughter. . . .
A motherless child. . . .	Brain and sinew of tomorrow's world. . . .
A child who yearns for love, and home and rest. . . .	"Forbid them not. . . .
	For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. . . ."



I'm quite sure you'll be interested in knowing how it is possible for Doctor Mahood to go to California, as he mentions on page two. The following report by Dean Hartill causes one to praise God for the interest of the students and alumni in our President and his needed rest:

"We rejoice in the willing response of the students and alumni of L. B. I. in sending in their gifts towards purchasing Dr. Mahood's round-trip ticket to California. \$106.00 seemed a large sum when we enquired about the fare, but within two weeks the following amounts were sent in willing, totalling \$127.00. Dr. Mahood has graciously agreed to accept this sum towards his back salary. Alumni—\$43.50; Evening School students—\$35.50; Day School students—\$48.00. Truly 'Great is THY faithfulness'."



Our evening school has been very encouraging, with only five of the original enrolment failing to write the final exams. for this semester. We begin an entirely new series of subjects at our opening of second semester on January 5th. Watch the Free Press for announcement. If you have not yet attended our school, why not do so in the new year?

IMPORTANT DATES.

December 17th—Day Students' Christmas Party.
December 28th—Evening Students' Christmas Party.
January 5th, 1943—Day and Evening School Re-opens.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK- Continued

If at any time you are not busy on a Wednesday morning, come and join the Faculty and Students in their mid-week Chapel period, held at 10.15 a.m. and lasting only an hour. Just an hour, but sixty minutes of precious fellowship in the things of God, sometimes in prayer or testimony and often in hearing reports or addresses from various servants of our Lord. Among those who have addressed us during the last quarter have been the following:—

Mr. Chas. P. Culver, of the Oriental Missionary Society.
Dr. R. V. Bingham, late director of the Sudan Interior Mission.
Mr. A. P. Gibbs, of South Africa, Writer and Children's evangelist.
Mr. Peter Stamm 3rd, of Student Foreign Missions Fellowship.
Miss Helen Western, South China Boat Mission (Former L.B.I. Student.)
Mr. George T. Pinches, internationally known Bible Teacher.
Rev. Glen Wardell, of Islington Baptist Church.
Mr. Ted Tenoschuk, Converted Communist now preaching Christ.
Miss Bernice Jordan, Secretary of Bible Club Movement, Phila., Pa.
Mr. E. J. Davis, Supt. of Mission of Honan, China.
Dr. Northcote Deck, President of South Sea Evangelical Mission.
Mr. John M. Martin, of "The Evangel Hour" Station C. K. C. R.



Our Library—

A few nights ago, nine of our boy students met at the Institute and worked for several hours under the leadership of Stewart Weber, '44, and built bookshelves which line the Library walls. We are grateful to these students for their fine work.

Ruth Groh, '44, is our Librarian, and since completion of the shelves, has done an excellent job of filing and indexing all books. It is easy now for the students and Faculty of the Institute to make use of our Library.

If you have any books or commentaries not in use and would care to donate them to the Institute, please let us know.



Love of the truth is greater than knowledge of the truth.
God is satisfied with the death of Christ. Are you?
Do your Monday acts give the lie to your Sunday words?
Worldliness is a symptom of an empty heart.
Has the upper room of the early church been turned into a supper room in your church?
Satan is mighty, but God is almighty.

