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Christmas Message

(By Rev. J. P. Holmes, B.A., B.D.)

WE may remind ourselves this Christmas that the star of world wide Christian followers still shines — that in spite of war and the depravity of some, the spirit of human decency lives on. We may remind ourselves also that the Angels are singing still «glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will towards men.» I believe that today, all over the world, there are people reading and singing, with eyes lifted to the sky and with deep sincerity: «I am a Christian too.»

Pagan philosophies and practices cannot break the Christian joy; nothing can break it. It is as a star shining for us. Let us lift up our eyes, follow it, and make it grow the brighter.

"And in the maddening maze of things,
Wheat tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed ground my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!"

Hong Kong Attacked

TOKYO— The complete offensive by Japanese air and land forces on Hong Kong, made possible their landing at Kowloon. The action was done with the aid of heavy artillery and airplanes. However, it is said that the resistance of the British troops is very energetic.

Yuletide Message

(By Major Thomas B. Lynch)

There is no new proclamation, there is no new road of peace and happiness, nor can there be, for He came as the way . . . the truth . . . and the light, to and for the whole world. This Christmas season should not be celebrated with revelry and feast, as many seem to believe, but in thanksgiving to God for His great gift to mankind. Whatever may be our experience at this time, our minds should go back to the first Christmas morn when the greatest gift was sent to man. — the gift of a Saviour. In Him we have hope, in Him we find joy peace and happiness, and instead of getting worried and over anxious over the conditions of the present circumstances that surround us, and encouraging fears regarding the future, let us accept Him who is God's greatest gift to mankind; Him who brings peace and goodwill to our earth. Let us, with the

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Methodist Dayschool

At the Methodist Church last night, the long awaited Day School break up programme came off in the presence of a large gathering. The rendered items were all appreciated, and, we presume, everybody left at the termination feeling satisfied.

Harvest Programme

Making history last Sunday night was the local branch of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, when, not as much as an orange, or its equivalent, was donated to the advertised Harvest Thanksgiving Service which came off on the above mentioned night.

The Chairmanship was carried out satisfactory by our well esteemed and regarded citizen — Mr James Fitzbert Barrett.

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SINGAPORE — For 38 hours Hong Kong have been heroically resisting violent Japanese attack. The island of Hong Kong is 64 square miles, and is short of artillery sufficient to form a curtain of protective fire. The Japanese attack started five days ago but have not gained anything decisive although they have occupied Kowloon, where everything useful have been destroyed.

Special Cable Message From George Williams, Panama

Panama 84 MM for press 2.42pm. date Dec 15th, 1941.

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Radio Newspaper extends its Greetings to all true lovers of Democracy in Costa Rica, and may our efforts bring us the peace we are striving for before next Christmas.

GEORGE WILLIAMS

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EDWIN HORDE MORRIS
Managing Editor

SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1941.

Thought For The Week

Womanhood is, so beset with temptation in this land that she who has not her own will and fixedness of purpose MUST go to the wall. Men tempt with gold and mislead with fair speeches, and large promises. They bring every artifice that the serpent can devise to lead astray a pure girl. With a patience worthy of a noble cause, they feign the dear friend, and after years of planning and sly suggestions succeeded in their fiendish purpose; and their end attained, they leave the poor girl in disgrace. Young women should be ready with the inexorable NO, when they perceive the mark of the serpent on any man. This can be detected by the twinkle of the eye, the attempt at familiarity, or the careless, or slightly rude remark. They must band themselves to outcraze the rake from the circle of the decent, to snub the man of evil character, to keep at a safe distance from the woman with unclean tongue. They must stick to their good decisions, set up a high standard, and live up to it.

— Rev. C. A. Wilson

Editor's Note

It is unfortunate as well as it is regrettable, that, due chiefly to forgetfulness on the part of one of the chief member on our staff, in not signing his name to some of the requests for Christmas Messages, as he was so instructed to do, we have only received few messages for this Christmas Number. On the other hand, others were not sufficiently courteous as to reply, in one way or the other, to us, as we had specifically requested in our communication to them.

— EDITOR

Yuletide Message

AT this season, the whole Christendom join in the celebration of the story of Bethlehem on which date (Dec. 25) the nativity of the Birth of the Saviour of mankind was registered 1,941 years ago. The story told by the Shepherds of old is ever new to humanity. The strange Phenomena which startled the Shepherds when the star of Bethlehem appeared, and the Angels of the Lord brought them the good news: "Fear not; for behold we bring you good tidings of great joy" is to us to-day the only chance of the redemption of fallen humanity for the "believers in Christ, this story is ever new." We, like the Shepherds, are today looking forward for the coming of Christ; not as the Babe of Bethlehem; not as the Saviour of mankind; not as the Redeemer of the world, but as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; to judge his people righteously and to establish his own Kingdom on earth. For this reason we daily: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." It is then, when war will cease and the troubled be at rest; Peace on earth, goodwill to men will be fully established by God's own hand. Sorrow and weeping will all be done away with, and we shall know each other better.

May God in his kindness so hasten the time of perfection when we shall be merry, joyful, and happy in God's Holy presence.

Peace, Goodwill, And Cheer

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

The world's greatest need today is peace — peace even by the disturbers of it. And so it must be a very discomfoting thought to think that after two years of war such a consummation seems further away from us now than we ever could have imagined. Indeed, the second anniversary of this halocaust was soon to be followed by its spread to remote « pacific » regions.

But wars and rumours of wars, plagues, pestilences, and famines and other calamities upon this earth have been revealed to us as the signs of the times that must precede the second Advent of Christ. And because we know this, let us all find ourselves in a mood of expectancy and be prepared for the worst that might happen in our day.

Then, with so many millions of us as comrades in arms against a common enemy, let us cultivate, on an ever-increasing scale, those feelings of brotherliness, of peace, and of goodwill and cheer, of which that First Advent of our Blessed Lord was intended to be a forceful and constant reminder.

MEXICO — Vicente Lombardo Toledano, President of the Latin-American Federation of Labor, has proposed the formation of an army of 600,000 men consisting of citizens from all the Latin-American countries to uphold the defense of democracy. The proposition was submitted to President Avila Camacho and sent to all the branches of the organization on the Continent.

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Greetings From Mr. George Williams

LAST MONDAY night, while the Express Staff was busily at work, trying to cope with the large order for Christmas cards and the 18-hours labour which falls to us during this season, a cable message was received from Mr. George Williams of Panama, extending Greetings to all lovers of true Democracy in this Republic and wishing sincerely that OUR efforts will ultimately bring us the peace we are striving for before Christmas 1942.

Mr. George Williams is Manager of the "Radio Newspaper" of Panama City. We do not deem it necessary to further commend Mr. Williams to the reading public, from the mere fact that hundreds of radio fans in this Republic tune in on his station daily to hear the latest news of what is happening in this world of ours.

Mr. Williams will ever be remembered for years, because of his Good-will programme which he conducted over two years ago to the people of Costa Rica. This, of course, was a series of Good-will Programmes which he conducted to all Latin American Republics, and which was interested to all the listeners. Included on that programme, which was arranged by the Editor of this newspaper, were special musical items dedicated to the President of the Republic, then Candidate for the Presidency, and President of Congress; Don Ricardo Alvarado, the Governor of Limón, and Edwin Horde of this newspaper.

Mr. Williams will go down in history as the first radio-man to ever dedicate a series of Goodwill programme to Latin American Republics, making it more binding for friendship between the Republics.



Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS

Although so many radio fans know George Williams by his voice, there are few that know of his advantages, because he never tells of them over the air, but simply confines his broadcast to the news of the day in such an interesting manner that every listener must continue listening to the end.

There is one point of interest to mention, and that is although Mr. Williams is strictly British, he does not give out any particular make up news, but gives out the news as is received from all parts of the world — without fear or favour — and again when you tune in to hear him you are listening to the man who in 1919 made the world's most important Signal from the Admiral Beatty on board the flag ship

of the fleet "Queen Elizabeth", to the Admiral of the German fleet at Scapaflow.

Mr. Williams' whole life has been devoted to radio and it is a complete hobby as well as his work. So remember to tune in to him every day if you are not already a regular listener of the Radio Newspaper.

Mr. Williams' cable greeting, which was received through All America Cables and Radio, is published in full on page one of this issue.

Read his message and send him one in return to Box 34, Panama City NOW.

They Want Your Trade

Every merchant or place of business, placing an advertisement in this your newspaper, is extremely desirous of having your trade and is making every effort to get it. Obviously, you may expect more courtesy and consideration from a business appealing to you from your own newspaper than from a business which does not.

When you trade with your advertisers, you are helping yourself. You are showing that advertiser you support your own newspaper and make it possible for this newspaper to get even more advertisers; more advertising means more money which means we will be able to both employ more workers and give you a better newspaper.

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"Deo Juvante"

(EDWIN HORDE)

ONE of the most beautiful and familiar of the Prayer Book collects speaks about "the changes of this mortal life." It seems scarcely possible to step across the threshold of a New Year in forgetfulness of the uncertainty by which human life is conditioned. "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow:" for that reason it must always be with fear and trembling that we embark upon the unknown adventure of a New Year.

That the future is hidden, should be a cause for nothing but thankfulness; a moment's reflection will show how undurable, even disastrous, the alternative would be. Not only would the removal of the element of uncertainty from life rob it of interest, but it would also sap the foundation of moral conduct, and render impossible all Spiritual adventure. But since men do not and cannot know what awaits them tomorrow, it is the part of wisdom to go towards the future in a spirit of reverent caution, from which optimism and good hope are by no means excluded.

St. James has a word of warning for these who proceed to make their plans for the future without reference to the overruling will of God. Many of these say: "Today or tomorrow we will go into such a town, . . ." forgetting that "life is but a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away." Whereas what out to have said is:— If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that.

People today seem to be less mindful of God and there is a tendency to banish the thought of His providence from human affairs. So, men make plans without paus-

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ing to ask what His plans for them may be.

Christ, in His teachings, wondered how people could forget God and leave Him out of account, and He has told us about the rich fool making plans for larger stoor-rooms on the very day when his soul is going to be registered of Him.

Which of us leaving our homes in the morning can be certain of returning to it at night? And if our lives are the vapour, which it certainly is, shall we not do well to remember this fact?

It must be realized that God cannot be left out of account in our plans — rather, we must submit unreservedly all our plans and doings, subject to His good pleasure, and wisdom; to leave all in His hands to do what seemeth Him good in the conviction that His never failing providence which ordereth all things, both in Heaven and Earth, will order all circumstances as is best for each of us.

Changes are bound to befall, but they will not come upon us wholly unprepared to meet them.

They will not therefore neither disappoint or dismay, for we have always been used to say "If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that" and we will have learned that in His will is our peace.

Appetizers

False doctrine means giving people wrong medicine.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

A Petty officer is one who looks after the ladies.

Guerilla warfare is when monkeys fight each other.

The home of the swallow is the stomach.

The earth makes a resolution every 24 hours.

High Finance

The Minister arose to address his congregation.

There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit.

When the collection plate came in, there were nineteen five-dollar bills.

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Christmas Message

(J. Fitzbert Barrett)

In complying with your very esteemed request re the obtaining of a Yuletide's message at my hand, be pleased herewith to chronicle the following thoughts that has occupied my mind thereon:—

Once again another Yuletide Season has dawned upon all Christendom with all the sacredness that such a grandiloquent occasion caters; we therefore should, first of all, lift our thoughts in thankfulness to the Great Disposer of all events for having spared our unworthy lives to be able to share in the happiness, joys and mirth that the season conveys. And although the pressure of the present conflict looms glaringly at our very door, yet with implicit confidence in the will of the Divine programme we are sure it will all be right at last, for we know that He is able to do and will save His true servants from the impending doom if it be His will, and moreover in an especial manner those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. There comes a time in all human existence to exercise freely the attributes endowed to them by the Creator as a means of testing and proving His creatures. God could have made all of us so that we could do no evil; but had that been done it would have precluded the test of the creatures as to the exercise of his or her power for good or evil. As we travel along life's journey day by day we observe sadly the exercise of these attributes mere forcibly for evil than good. Mankind are

not heeding the breaker ahead and hiding from the treacherous sneals and threatening rock. As on through life we journey day by day, it is potent that the evil propensities are vastly outweighing our tendency for good. The human family puddling in the crystal fountain, reproducing a dark picture of the tragedy of Eden, continue to persecute the Divine beloved son of God, prefers bodily ease and comfort rather than being in peace, harmony and communion with the Creator.

We are giving too much allegiance to the Devil's organizations. The tears are choking the wheat. The time is at hand for mankind to emerge from this stream of Satanic Sea, learn to know ourselves and to realize that this present life is only probationary upon entering into Eternal duration. Time to check our unruly passions and march in perfect order of holiness and piety unto the Lord and these failures are shown both in our material and

spiritual existence. Let us take advantage of the things that are transpiring around us and be spiritually benefited thereby, thus making our calling and election sure for the change that must certainly await us sooner or later.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe help us to meditate on these true sentiments throughout this Yuletide Season is my prayer.

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The great Serial
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Happy New Year

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Christmas Message

Evangelist Edith Johnson

Every Christmas we remember a babe in a manger. But now we must think of a King on His Throne. From the death of king Zedekiah the throne of David was vacant. "God save the King" was the shout of Israel. But all the kings died. Yet God raised and saved Jesus, and gave Him the throne of David. The throne of David is here on earth. But as Jesus went back to heaven He must again descend with the government of heaven. That is why we look for new heavens. No sinners to reign and a new earth with obedience. Jesus will reign a thousand years on earth. And Satan will be bound during that time, so that he can deceive the nations no more till that time expires. The nations are at war to-day, but very soon war shall cease, and every man to his vine and fig tree. There will be a new Jerusalem, a city of Truth, the capital of the world. May God hasten the time and set up His Kingdom that His will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Then we will have peace on earth and good will toward men.

Illustrative Anecdotes

The late Dexter Fellows, who was press agent agent for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined, had magnificent faith in the overwhelming supremacy of his show. I first met him years ago when he came into a newspaper office in Kansas City. "I am Dexter Fellows of the Circus," he announced, waving his cane, "and I am here to . . ."

"What circus?" I asked.

He was profoundly shocked. "Good Lord, young man," he protested. "If you were in London and heard a man singing God Save the King would you interrupt him and ask 'What king?'"

MADRID — The Spanish Government has ordered the cancellation of all Spanish ships going to North and South America.

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Germans And Italians Making Application For Naturalization!

INFORMATION received at the Express office from our special correspondent in San José revealed the fact that a large number of applications have been received at the office of the Civil Registration in San José from foreigners who are desirous of naturalizing as Costa Ricans. The greater number of these persons, our correspondent informs us, are Italians and Germans who are trying to avoid the consequence of the war.

Pitiful Polish Rations

Soles may have a half lb of a mixture of flour, water, chestnuts, barley and potatoes which is called bread. Once a month they have a pound of sugar, a pound of jam made from turnips, and a half pound of macaroni; also not more than a pound of meat, and one egg.

Germans And Italians Funds Confiscated

The Government of the Republic of Panama has made a decree this week, to confiscate all funds and assume control of the properties of all Germans, Italians, and Japanese residing within the boundaries of the Republic.

We expect that very shortly the Costa Rican government will take similar step.

Democratic Italians

For Or Against?

SAN JOSE. — A number of Italians recently convened a meeting in the Hotel Costa Rica here, where a committee was formed to make plans to

assist the fighting democracies. Democratic Italians in San Jose are joining the new movement and offering their co-operation.

(Are they wolf in sheep's clothing? — Editor.)

Guatemala Confiscates Axis Funds

President Ubico of Guatemala has published a decree confiscating all funds of Germans and Italians and made it unlawful to transact business of any kind with them.

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"Britain Always Belivers"

In the summer of 1939 the Germans took large orders for goods in South America, promising deliveries in a few months, stating that the war would soon be over. The ones that are delivering the goods are the British, and they are now taking care to state in Spanish on the packing cases the words: "Great Britain always delivers."

Goose Step Explained

German Military and Nazi party parades the Prague, with plenty of goose stepping, are explained by the Czech thus:—

"Well, the Nazis are being drilled rapidly for their march back home. They surely will need a quick step to get out of here safely and in time."

— War & Its Effects



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Happy New Year

ATTENTION!!

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Kollywood Store, --- S. Beronzon Prop.

"The Christmas Spirit"

(J. N. BROTHERTON)

Sad, indeed, is the heart of the mystic at the approach of the Christmas Season. To him Christmas is more than the outward gaiety of a holiday period. Beautiful is the evergreen tree in the home, sparkling with silvery ornaments.

Christianity, above all, stands for the sacredness of human life. The Virgin Mary is the symbol of the sacredness of motherhood. The divine Child is a symbol of the sanctity of infancy. The Christmas tree is a symbol of the immortality of the soul—of life everlasting.

Santa Claus climbing the chimney symbolises the divine gift of the sacred fire, the fire that both enlightens and destroys, the tree of knowledge that is both good and evil. When we utilize it in the spirit of Love and service, we become as gods.

It is the reassuring word that gives comfort to the disconsolate. It is light, no mat-

ter if it is but a tiny glow, that becomes a beacon to the traveller in the dark. So, too, a weary, sordid world needs the hallowed tradition of Christmas, regardless of the controversies of nations, as a reminder of the nobler purposes of humanity. It is the wish, therefore, that the spirit of this Christmas will bring to you that Cosmic harmony of body, mind, and soul constitutes the knowledge of man's existence.

May the joy of the Yuletide season enter the heart of every human being. May all nature share in the divine joy and peace. May the grace of God illuminate our minds and hearts that we may the better serve.

May the coming year witness peace on earth and good will among men.

◆ How about your loved ones? ◆

YOU can send them a Christmas gift that will last the whole year round..... and it costs so little, too. Just think of it! Less than TWO cents a day. This small amount brings them a copy of the *Central American Express* each and every week for a whole year. This is certainly an ideal gift.

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Address

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Merry Christmas

and a bright and

Prosperous New Year

and offers the best new
films for 1942

The Very Words

Pat had been hurt. It was not much more than a scratch, but his employer, with visions of being obliged to keep him for the rest of his life, sent him to a hospital for examination. The Doctor said: "As subcutaneous abrasion is not observable, I don't think there is any reason to apprehend tegumental cicatrization of the wound." Ah, said Pat in relief, ye took the very words out of me mouth.

Good things to eat. Go to the new eating centre, opposite the Falvelian Army Ball for meals, mofongo soup, Beefsteak Chikens, etc.— Mrs. Leonida Byfield, prop.

When you are ill you don't need sympathy as much as you need cash. Join St. Anthony's Burial and Sick Aid Society NOW.

British Victories

British military authorities consider the recent victories obtained and promised to maintain the initiative and advantage on the whole front line; thus making impossible for Germans to readjust their lines with any ability.

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Christmas Message

Mrs Florence Bright
Colon, Republic of Panama

Yuletide, glorious Yuletide, has once more descended upon a world of woe and the conditions that do not exist must have made the heart of God move with compassion for the Son He gave 1,941 years ago for the redemption of this sin-racked world; a world which today is hurrying fast into the abyss of oblivion, through man's inhumanity to man. As one records the daily events, one considers the mean interpretation that is today reflected in the Angel's song of long ago: "Peace on earth goodwill toward men". How can there be peace on earth when the evil hearts of men plan war? How can there be peace on earth when man breathes hate, malice, and deceit and all other destructive elements that are incongenial to the progress and welfare of humanity? How can there be peace on earth when man openly discards Christianity and does things that are conflicting to the very Christ he pretends to adore? Why peace when man ignores the Golden Rule? Yes, he refuses to be his brother's keeper, yet he goes around with silvery tongue bel lowing peace. The world today is a hell in man's own making, and at this glorious Yuletide when the hearts of men should be gazing retrospectively in the manger of Bethlehem and reliving all that it implies, the world was never further from peace; cannons roar, bombs explode, men, women and children shriek; the fear of death, desolation continued on page 10

Have A Smile

They're telling of the farmer who brought the colored man into court. The judge studied the charge, and then turned to the colored man. "George Jones," he droned, "this is serious business. You realize that, don't you?"

The colored man nodded. "Yeah, judge," he replied. "Ah sure does."

The judge glanced at the papers.

"This charge states," he advised, "that, while driving your car past the home of Farmer Blair, you hit one of his chickens."

"You then jumped out of your car, chased the injured chicken, caught it, put it in

your car — and drove off again."

The judge wiped his glasses.

"I can understand the fact that your car hit the chicken," he went on. "That can be an accident that can happen to anyone. But this business of getting out of your car, pouncing on the chicken, and then driving off with it — well, how do you explain that?"

The colored man lowered his eyes piously.

"It was mah conscience, yo' honor," he alibied. "Ah jest didn't want to be accused of bein' a hit-and-run driver!"

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The "Cheap Store"
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Happy New Year

I Will Buy Alligator Skin. -- Prices according to sizes.

3 FEET LONG	1.50	7 FEET LONG	10.00
4 " "	2.00	8 " "	15.00
5 " "	4.00	9 " "	18.00
6 " "	8.00	10 " "	20.00

The prices are only for those skins that are free from holes and gashes. The animal must be cut down the back cutting out the coarse part of the back, leaving only that part of the belly in one piece.

You will be attended to next door to the Slaughter House.

Skins must be measured from neck to tail

Miguel Chaves H.

P. O. Box 404, LIMON

Christmas Message

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and oppression has encompassed the world, the future seems dark and specter, while mass slaughter and ruin remain the only harvest of the centuries of man's much vaunted civilization.

Xmas comes and brings along the age-old salutation, health, wealth and Xmas in galore. In accordance the hearts of mankind are unlocked for a day as each one endeavours to give the other what is termed "a good time," but this coincides with another slogan: — "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die." It would be better for many of us then if the 'dying' was real, but it is only a farce.

We find ourselves living in poverty, in need, in dire distress, hoping for someone to bring cheer in our empty lives, knocking at closed doors which refuse to be opened, and we are reminded to our horror that Christ lives in the hearts of men for only one day, the other three hundred and sixty four he is crucified.

Now that we are about to celebrate Christmas 1941, we do hope the inhabitants of the world will grasp more fully the meaning of Xmas; that our churches fraternities and organizations which have so much influence on the lives of our communities will not only preach and teach Christ but also practice Christ in their daily lives. The world is in ruin but out of evil cometh good. Suffering has a strange way of developing character.

One has got to feel to know for there is no teacher like experience. We feel sure that

Through this medium, have to thank you all for your SUPPORT

all through the year 1941. May the year 1942 renew the spirit of gladness and good-will among men.

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the suffering which is being meted out to the nations today will make them more human at heart. They must feel and realize what their poor brothers have endured for centuries.

Making Christianity, therefore, our fundamental structure, may we strive to build thereon in thoughts, words and deeds, until our devastating world becomes a garden of perpetual Yuletide for all God's creatures. Then, and only then, can we truly resound the echo: "Peace on earth, good-will to men."

BY THE WAY:

Now is a good time to STOP lending your copy of Express to your penny-pinching friends. Let them buy their own copy.

Harvest Programme

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Although the Hall was very much scanty, the special program was well enjoyed, and a contribution was taken up from among the audience which, we presume, amounted to around one colon and ninety cents.

Yuletide Message

(By Major Thomas B. Lynch)

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angels gladly and solemnly celebrate the birthday of the new born King and allow the light of good living to penetrate our hearts, and beautify our lives.

Mrs Lynch joins me with best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year.

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