

## When Angels Came to Men

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TEXT—There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:8, 9, 13, 14.

How amazing that angels came to men! Indeed, some are so impressed with the vastness of the physical universe and with the insignificance of man that they doubt whether God has any interest in us. But such thinkers lack a proper sense of values. Firemen will risk their lives to save a baby in a burning building, even though all the wealth in the building be lost because of their

attention to the child. A world of men is of more concern to God than a universe of stars. The sheep in the fields were not afraid as the shepherds were, when the angel of the Lord appeared; the shepherds had a sense of the supernatural which the sheep had not. Men may become sons of God while sheep and stars cannot; hence God cares for men especially and sends his angels to them.

The shepherds were good men. We read of them hastening to Bethlehem and of their "glorifying and praising God." It has been well said that bad men would have heard only the night wind, instead of the angels' songs. Mrs. Browning speaks of some to whom every common bush is aflame with God, while others sit around picking blackberries. Once, when the voice of God spoke to Jesus, some who heard it said it thundered! Men who are not Christians miss the vision of God and no angels' song cheers them in the night of life.

The shepherds were poor men. Some tell us that the principal duty of the church toward the poor is to change their environment. But the shepherds teach us that God may come to the poor before their environment is changed. How often have Christian workers found the brightest saints in squalid tenements! We do not underestimate the value of a good environment, but the surest way to secure it is to make, first, good men.

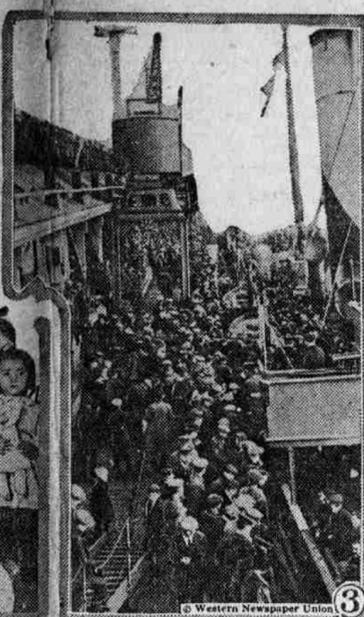
Religion for Busy Men.  
The shepherds were busy men. The angels did not appear to idlers nor to those shut up in cloisters, but to men in the fields. What a revelation of heaven's ideal of the religious life! The "glory of the Lord" which shone about the shepherds was the Shekinah which had glowed in the temple of old, seen only by the high priest and on rare occasions. But here it came to illuminate the fields where men toiled. God does not propose to take men out of their employments, but would have them serve him at their tasks. Alas, that many are so busy with their flocks they have no time to go to Bethlehem!

We are interested in the song of the angels, but would first remind ourselves of the wonder that there could be communication between these heavenly creatures and the sons of men. Paul speaks of "the tongues of men and of angels," and we cannot conceive the language of heaven. Yet on that night the angels were understood by the shepherds. Light is thrown on this fact by the reference in Ephesians 3:15 to "the whole family in heaven and earth." Just as the spectroscopic shows the stars are composed of the same elements as the earth, and suggests the unity of the universe, so the family in heaven and earth is one, and there is a certain kinship between men and angels. At any rate, the "tongues of men and angels" are harmonized when Jesus is their theme!

The Song of the Angels.  
The angels seem to have sung in antiphon, like the Levite choirs. First, one section sang, "Glory to God in the highest." Another responded, "On earth peace." Then they sang in chorus, "Good will toward men."

The coming of Jesus brought glory to God "in the highest," that is, from the highest intelligence. They knew the glory Christ had with the father and could appreciate the sacrifice involved in his stooping to be born among men. They knew the holiness of God which required a sacrifice for sin. They appreciated the love which provided a sacrifice in him who not only was made in the likeness of men but was to humble himself to the death of the cross.

The coming of Christ brought "on earth peace, good will toward men." The latter expression is the same as that used by the Father when he said of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." By the blood of the cross such a peace has been made that God may have the same pleasure in redeemed sinners as he finds in his Son, in whom he always takes delight. Indeed, as Paul puts it, we are "accepted in the Beloved," all this comeliness being placed upon us! How wonderful!



1—General Petain at the head of his French army entering Metz. 2—Some of the 100 orphans from the New York Foundling asylum recently sent to homes in the middle West. 3—British soldiers released from German prison camps disembarking at Hull.

## HAPPY YANKS RETURN FROM WAR WITH WOUNDS



Some of the cheering boys that returned to their own country after many months on the other side are seen in this photograph on the deck of the sixth returning troop transport. Representatives from all parts of this country were among the returning fighters that landed at Hoboken, and they were not downhearted because of their wounds.

## WHEN THE TURKS GAVE UP



Photographs are beginning to come showing the surrender of the Turkish troops in Mesopotamia. In this one are seen some Turks coming into the British lines with the German cry of "kamarade."

## AMERICAN HARVESTER IN FRANCE



This photograph gives an interesting view of an American three-horse-drawn harvesting machine being used in a wheat field in France.

## FREDERICK H. GILLETT



Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts will be the next chairman of the house appropriations committee, one of the most important committees in that body. He will succeed John J. Fitzgerald of New York.

### Not So Very Sudden.

Her little brother was entertaining in the front room the young man who had just called.

"Look here," he said suddenly, "are you going to propose to my sister tonight?"

"Why, I—er—er—what do you mean?" asked the youth with some agitation.

"Oh, nothin'; only if you are you aren't going to surprise her. She's bribed me to go to bed at half-past seven. She's hung four Cupid pictures on the drawing-room wall, moved the sofa over in the darkest corner, got a and ma to promise to go callin' next door, and has shut the dog in the cellar. You'll get her all right; only if she starts talkin' 'bout its bein' sudden, tell her it don't work with you. See!"

## Temperance Notes

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

### THE MOURNERS.

A loan shark sat on his empty safe;  
He was down to his utmost dime,  
And he gazed across at a vacant cafe  
(Let it stand, for we need the rhyme)  
And he dropped three tears on his shirt-front  
(which  
For a loan shark is going some),  
And he wailed: "Alas! I was good and rich  
In the days of the Demon Rum.

"He used to harry the boys in here,  
At the end of each perfect day,  
And stood around with a jovial leer  
While I garnered their weekly pay.  
But they've canceled the good old gin mill lease  
And emptied its shining shelves,  
And all of the lads that I used to fleece  
Are spending the coin themselves."

A jaller stood in his empty jug  
And puffed at a cheap cigar  
As he gazed at a hungry Croton bug  
That crawled up an iron bar.  
"Dear me," he said, with a choking sob,  
"This business is on the bum,  
I shudder for fear I shall lose my job  
Since they've whipsawed Demon Rum.

"He used to serve as my puller-in,  
And goah, how the business grew;  
He would stand around with a kindly grin  
While the cellhouse doors clanged to.  
But since he was canned in Washington  
My trade is so nearly dead  
That they're going to pull the building down  
And put up a school instead."  
—Chicago Herald-Examiner.

### AS AN ENGLISHMAN SEES IT.

Philip W. Wilson, special correspondent of the London Daily News, writing from New York, comments most interestingly on the liquor situation in the United States. He says: "By the courtesy of Fleming Revell, the publisher, I had a glance through the advance proofs of Joseph H. Odell's book, 'The New Spirit and the New Army.' His testimony is explicit. The army may not be 'bone dry,' but drinking has been reduced to an unbelievable minimum. 'It is amazing,' writes Mr. Odell, 'how the desire has almost died out with the abolition of temptation.' This is, I think, the answer to critics who alleged that restrictive laws are evaded. To some extent they may be, but the necessity for evasion limits consumption to the few—the reckless. The mass of the people are loyal in this as in other matters, and it is the mass that counts.

"The city of Washington has, since the war, put on scores of thousands of inhabitants, and is now, I am told, of over 400,000 population. Yet there is not a saloon of any kind to be seen. In theaters, movie palaces, restaurants, hotels, you are not served with drink. Town-planning on a noble scale is unmarred by taverns at street corners.

"The question for the old world to decide is whether she will have any chance economically against the new world if, to military and naval handicaps, she adds the burden of intemperance from which society here is shaking itself free."

### MORE ABOUT DENVER.

Writing of Denver's experience, Harry W. Newcomb, president of the Newcomb Realty company and once an opponent of prohibition, says:

"It was said that the tourists would not come here on account of prohibition. We have had more tourists in Denver since we had prohibition than ever before in the history of the city. All of the hotels are filled, the apartment houses are well rented and conditions are far better than they were formerly. The credit of the merchants in the city is greatly increased, as they have been able to collect their bills and in turn pay others in other cities a great deal faster than they ever did before. All of the breweries in Colorado have changed their equipment and are making near beer, malted milk, pottery, etc., and the loss predicted by people leaving the state on account of not having employment has proved a matter of mere readjustment. There are just as many people employed by these breweries now as there were heretofore, and most of the saloon men found legitimate business which they could engage in and are now strong advocates of prohibition."

### DRINK AND DIVORCE.

The Pontiac, Mich., Press Gazette reports a case where a woman, granted a divorce on June 3, recently appeared in court with the request that the decree be set aside. She was granted a separation from her husband on the ground that he was drinking to excess. She explained to the judge that he was no longer using intoxicating liquor, and on the court's determining that both husband and wife were agreeable to a setting aside of the divorce decree, it was granted. Our correspondent who sends us the clipping makes the following comment: "It is rather doubtful if the above event would have transpired if we were still stopping around in the license swamp."

### PROHIBITION.

Prohibition is the stuff  
That makes for peace and quiet;  
It takes the bar from Barleycorn,  
The rye all out of riot.  
—Kansas City Star.

And we shall be in better shape  
When all the world goes dry—  
From out the grape it knocks the ape  
From elder steals the sight!  
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

At champagne Probi takes a siam  
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It indicates to us the "sham,"  
And warns us of the "pain."



Many of our American women were unable to take up the duties of nursing at the front, but they should know how to take care of their own at home, and for this purpose no better book was ever printed than the Medical Adviser—a book containing 1,008 pages, and bound in cloth, with chapters on First Aid, Bandaging and care of Fractures, Taking care of the Sick, Physiology, Hygiene, Sex Problems, Mother and Babe, which can be had at most drug stores, or send 50 cents to the publishers, 603 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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—Mrs. Bettie Gunn, Route 2.

### Religious.

Two shipwrecked sailors were feeling very miserable on a desert island, pinched with hunger and cold. The one more wretched than the other said to his companion:  
"Can you pray, Bill?"  
"No."  
"Can you sing?"  
"No."  
"Well," said the first, "let's have something religious—let's have a collection."

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### To Water Hanging Plant.

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