

# Christmas Observance

BY REV. R. L. GILLON.

It is not the purpose of this article to discuss the origin of Christmas, nor to deal with any mooted questions pertaining thereto, but to say some practical things with a hope of stimulating some interest in right observance of the day. Some of us do not believe that Jesus was born on Christmas day, and yet we have come to uniformly observe the day as the time of His birth. Let that be as it may, the fact is that Jesus is the center and heart of christianity. He is "our all and in all." He came into this world as a man, and therefore had a physical birth, whether that birth was in spring, summer, autumn or winter does not change the fact of His coming. Since Christmas day is the time set apart for the observance of His birth, then the question naturally arises, How should the day be spent? The popular and prevailing idea seems to be that it is a time for hilarity, frolic and fun, rather than a time for seriousness, meditation and worship. There is much to be said touching the social side of religion, and not for one moment would we advocate the elimination of merriment, bestowment of gifts, etc. But these things are all too often carried to the extreme, and thereby come to be a sin and disgrace in the sight of God. The idea of "gift" is associated with the birth of Jesus. He was God's gift to the world, and therefore the greatest bestowment of special favor humanity ever received. He came to lift the veil of night and gloom from sin-cursed hearts and lives and open to them a pathway of inexpressible joy and delight. Hence the giving of presents to gladden hearts and to meet actual necessities is a good thing, and is, when rightly done, religious and pleasing in the sight of God. It is a far better thing to give to the poor, who are really in need and trust God for the rewards, than to spend lavishly on personal friends with the idea of receiving from those friends gifts in return. Such acts are selfish and do not savor of the right observance of Christmas day.

It also goes without saying that Christmas is a good time for the assembling of the family circle around the old hearth-stone, enjoying hours of social fellowship and partaking heartily of the Christmas dinner. But even this should not be allowed to interfere with our worship and heart devotions to God. Certainly the drinking intoxicating liquors, thereby reducing the finer senses of our natures into beastly, fiendish appetites is so adverse and foreign to the question under discussion, we refrain from speaking of it further than to say that such conduct of necessity merits God's disapproval, and dishonors, rather than dignifies, the sanctity of Christmas day.

Since Christmas is on Sunday this year, this article makes a plea for the attendance on church services both morning and evening. How could you better spend the day? The regular services will be held in all the churches of our city. To lend your presence and mingle your voice in the chorus of some one of the congregation's "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come," will be honoring to God, dignifying to the cause and exceedingly pleasing and satisfying to the individual heart and life. May we hear God's call and make next Sunday a day of worship and thanksgiving for the Father's mercies extended to us one more year, and thus observe the national accepted birthday of our Lord as will be pleasing unto Him.

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\$7.50 Skirts now only.....\$3.95		20 pairs All Wool Blankets, 10-4 size, \$4.75 value at only, per pair....\$4.25
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### TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Governor Campbell signed forty-eight Christmas pardons for persons in the penitentiary.

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An adjustment of state bank guaranty funds is now under way.

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Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Donnelly, a teamster in the employ of a local garment manufacturer, was shot and killed today, supposedly by striking garment makers.

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Will not the good citizens of the town help to remove the rubbish from the paved sidewalks? I have appealed to you so often that I have determined on the first of January, 1911, to send one of the city wagons up and down all business streets and remove all boxes, barrels and such like that are a nuisance. 9-tf

J. H. Grant,

Commissioner on Sanitation. Palestine, December 13, 1910.

### Piano Tuning.

I have done as much work the past summer as I wanted to. In fact, I have had to keep my tuning fork on ice to keep it from melting, but it is getting some cooler now, and if any of my old customers want their pianos tuned or any new customers will trust me with their work, I will be glad to do it. I guarantee my work and will give entire satisfaction or money refunded. I have a limited time in Palestine to do this work, and have no time to solicit, so if you want me to do your work just drop me a card or leave orders with W. H. Kingsbury or W. E. Swift and I will give the matter prompt attention.

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Box 871. 10-27-tf

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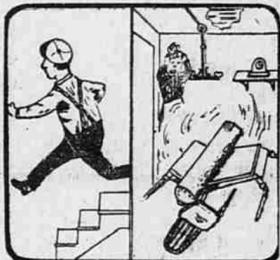
### The Toyland Store.

Have you seen the big stock of Toys at the Motley Drug Store? If not you should see it before you buy. There you will find gifts suitable for every one, from the cheapest tin toy to the most expensive gift at a low price. The stock was bought new for this year's shopping, and it is right up-to-date, and as pretty a lot of toys, dolls, novelties of all kinds, etc., as you ever saw. Do not fail to see Motley's stock of Christmas goods. 9-tf

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