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"WE MUST BE GLAD; WE MUST BE KIND"

IT WAS the usual day-time street car crowd. The tired-looking girl—overworked and underfed—and beside her the girl of leisure with her vanity case; the weary business man, with his paper before his eyes, and the rollicking crowd of boy scouts. The banker who had had an accident with his car and resented the fact that he had to go home in the street car. The over-dressed matron, and the fat woman who filled the space for two—and was mad at all the world because of it. The grouchy old man in front of us, who growled at the street car system and the universe in general.

Beside me sat a woman with two children—one a baby of three and the other a lad of six; they were poorly dressed.

The baby began to whimper and the mother hastily soothed her, while the group in front glowered at her.

"Talk to the sister," whispered the mother. "Make her to be interested."

And the six-year-old, hardly more than a baby himself, turned to baby sister. "Not cry, not fret!" he said cheerfully. "This time to be very glad. This time of holy day because Christmas mos' come. You get orange one baby, doll, if ver' good—perhaps red balloon."

People were listening now, but the little group beside me were unconscious of it. The baby had fixed her black eyes on big brother, and when he paused she said briefly—"More!"

And he hastened on—"Lights in the shops—many toys—Christmas tree in church, and ever' body kind to ever' body—stockings to hang up for candy—"

"More!" demanded the baby.

The girl had put away her vanity box and was listening; and the banker across the aisle smiled at the child.

"And ever one be happy—yes—because of those Christ Child," finished the boy, as their mother rang the bell, and hurried out carrying the baby and her many bundles.

People exchanged smiles, and the grouchy old man who was getting off, turned to help her with the children and the bundles.

And the words went with me, repeating themselves over and over—"We must be glad, we must be kind—because of those Christ Child."—Anna Deming Gray.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MAKES CHRISTMAS

IT WAS Christmas morning? the ground was covered with snow, just right for a real Christmas. It was early morning and the Gaylord household was astir.

"Now, not a single package on that tree touched until I get the turkey in the oven."

This from the busy Mother Gaylord as she hurriedly poked into the already overstuffed turkey one more spoon of dressing.

"All right, old dear," shouted Hugh, the eldest of the three sons—"a tree wouldn't be a tree, nor a gift a gift without you."

"Thank you, son," said mother as she dried her hands and joined the boys. "Father is sorry, I know, to miss all this joy with us—but business first. That largest package is from him. His letter said possibly he couldn't be here for a month."

"Well, mother, let's save the tree until he does come, and not touch a package, for a tree is not a tree, nor is a gift a gift with Dad away."

A familiar step was heard; the bell rang and in stepped Dad, shouting "Merry Christmas to all! My package not opened yet! By Jo! Glad I'm just in time."

Four voices in unison: "How did you get here?" "Blew in?" asked Mother.

"Well, I guess I did. Christmas couldn't be Christmas without you four, so I came by airplane. Golly! the turkey smells good; let's open our packages."

The tree was truly a tree; the packages were sure-enough gifts; the turkey was honest-to-goodness turkey, and Christmas was perfect, too, for the whole family was assembled with true love in their hearts for each other and Christ was in the midst.—Emily Burks Adams.

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Let Us Make Greetings Ring With Good Cheer

GOOD MORNING!
 Merry Christmas!
 Happy New Year!

These are greetings which everybody uses, and which we hear from the lips of all alike—"rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief." But to how many of us do the words live? Are they not for the most part a mere meaningless formula without even the inspiration behind them that usually prompts our spontaneous "hello?"

Let us back these joyous greetings with hearty enthusiasm. As a man may be judged by his handshake so may he be judged by his salutations. Let these time-worn phrases take on new life and become time-honored phrases.

Let us mean—
 Good morning!
 Merry Christmas!
 Happy New Year!

—H. Lucius Cook.

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