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Christmas Cards

ONE of the problems of sending a Christmas card is how to sign it, says The Printed Word. Should you sign only your first name, or your last name too? If your first name is, say, Louis, and you sign that alone, the recipient may not be sure which Louis you are. He may wonder if this is a card from Louis S. St. Laurent, or Joe Louis, or the Louis who keeps a book at the pool room, or whether it is a card from Louis Quatorze that has been delayed in the mails since Queen Anne's war. On the other hand, if you add your last name, which is, for purposes of this learned study, Zilch, the recipient may feel that Louis Zilch is too formal a signature, the addition of the surname erecting a vague barrier between the two of you. There is also the difficulty of handwriting. Yours is easy to decipher, of course. But consider that fellow Bill Williams along the street. Nobody can read his handwriting. It doesn't matter whether he signs Bill or Bill Williams, it all comes out to Krwzqkq and Bill's card remains a mystery. For some extra money and trouble, he can have his name printed, as many do. This makes everything clear and saves signing a lot of cards, but it's impersonal. A solution is to print the full name and then sign the first name under it. Many plan something like this, but few get around to it.

Then there is the problem of the recipient's name. After all, this is for Christmas and the other fellow should count for something. A few industrious folk start away back in July to figure out a card with a lot of material about themselves on it, a family photograph or cartoon or a poem about their doings. This will get attention. But the recipient is likely to be as wrapped up in his own affairs as the sender is in his. So the card that will ring the emotional bell is one that concentrates on the receiver. If you have more than two or three friends, such concentration will be a job. It is getting late for it when you read this. However, you can get by with just the name, like Ethel, but don't mix her up with Annette.

The list is the other major problem. A good many people don't get past the difficulties of actually procuring cards and actually getting them off, somehow, by around Christmas time or the next year. These people don't get so far as having time to ponder the fine points of the salutation, the signature or the list. Ah, the list! Where is it? You had a list last year, a list that started out neatly and ended in scrawled names, without addresses, on odd-sized scraps of paper. If you locate this list you are doing better than many of your frantic card-sending competitors. The list itself is a remarkable thing. It omits some of your dearest friends and includes some people whom you wouldn't recognize on the street but with whom you have been exchanging cards for years. One name on your list you think of as belonging to a child until you recall that he has been elected a Board of Trade president or some such thing. It is hard under the Christmas pressure to keep up with the lives of all the people on your list. But it is worthwhile, deeply worthwhile to you. Toiling despairingly with the cards and envelopes and the out-of-date addresses, trying to remember the first name of the second eldest Williams boy, one may for a little space give over thinking so profoundly about oneself. And that is Christmas.

Nothing is as embarrassing as watching the boss do something you told him couldn't be done.

HANDMADE GIFTS

THE ever-present problem at this glad season of the year is "what" to give and "to whom." If you're the "last-minute shopper" type you probably have a lot of fun getting your gifts together although the weeks ahead of Christmas Eve, your shopping day, may be filled with apprehension and a strange sense of foreboding.

Very often those who leave their shopping until the last moment do so through a sense of inadequacy. They are completely unable to decide what old so-and-so would like, because "We can't give him a tie, we gave him a tie last year," or "Don't give her a book, she has one!"

These few words are directed to such people, in a sincere effort to help them over their dilemma. Practical little gifts that can be made at home at low cost will bear the added charm of the personal attention which a handmade gift always has.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." 2 Cor. 5:17.



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See
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By ELMORE PHILPOTT
PEACE ARMY ACTS

ONE OF THE MOST hopeful omens of all these ominous times is the way that the peace-keepers sprang into action in the face of the great new war threat from the Far East.

India, Britain and Canada—in about that order of effectiveness—threw their combined weight into the struggle for saving the peace.

It is worth noting that not one of these countries could have done the whole job. They worked as a team. Their teamwork was all the more effective because it was unplanned in advance.

India has influence with all Asia, including Red China. Thus India could and did get thirteen Asian nations to sign a joint petition to Red China asking her to halt her advancing armies at the 38 parallel.

Britain has key influence with Europe—and in his talks with President Truman Mr. Attlee was admittedly speaking for the whole western part of that continent.

Canada has key influence with her next-door neighbor, the U.S.A.—Thus Mr. Lester Pearson's speech calling for "talking it out" and not shooting it out with Red China put the finishing touches to the peace-making effort.

WHAT WE still do not know is whether Red China is willing to talk real peace. It may be that the leaders of World Communism have decided on a policy of creeping aggression, and are determined to "shoot it out" wherever they have a chance to win something solid by shooting. If that is so, the sooner we all face the terrible truth the better.

But 24 hours after Mr. Pearson's great speech—there is still real hope that the shooting in Korea may be ended—and the peace makers be given the chance to take over where the war makers have failed.

IN EARLIER ARTICLES I have frequently expressed the opinion that we will never get a world war three of the character of the wars of 1914 and 1939.

True—some fool government or cruel gang of rulers may start such a war. But side by side with the vast war armies which now exist there is what you might call the invisible army of peace. Just as this army sprang into action to restrain even our good friend, the United States, from dropping us all into the abyss of total atomic war—so too the invisible army exists in every country, including Russia.

SUPPOSE STALIN AND CO. were like Hitler and Co. (which I have never believed). Or suppose that the leaders of Red China rejected the offer to talk to a peace—but continued to shoot it out.

In that event all the peace-makers who teamed up to try to avert world war would have no alternative but to resist. Britain and Canada would surely be in such a world war from the first

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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Canon Basil S. Prockter, B.A., B.D.
Rector: (Blue 733)

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5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Minister: Rev. Fred Anthrobus
(Green 814)

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4th Avenue East
Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
(Green 982)

FIRST UNITED
636 6th Ave. West
Rev. L. G. Sieber
(Green 615)

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202 6th Ave. West
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Sunday School 12:15.
(Green 331)

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C.O.: Capt. W. Poulton
Directory Class 2:30 p.m.
Sunday School 3:00 p.m.
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Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Blue 827)

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629 6th Ave. E.
Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe
(Blue 803)

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Subject of Lesson Sermon:
CHRIST JESUS
Services Every Sunday at
11 a.m.
Sunday School Convenes at
11 a.m.

Thanksgiving Service, Monday
11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Meeting
Second Wednesday of
Each Month at 8 p.m.

Reading Room Open Wednesday and Friday from 2
to 4 p.m.

day, India too would sooner or later be compelled by the logic of facts to line up with the western democracies.

But what most of all rules out a Hitlerite adventure by the men in the Kremlin? In my opinion it is not the U.S.-held atom bombs. It is the certain knowledge that the Russian people could and would do again what they did before 1917—bring the war to an end by refusing to fight, and by so doing overthrow the government.

FAR FROM BEING A TIME of hopelessness, this "is a time when all men of goodwill should be filled with new courage and the highest hope.

Granted that we live in the most fearful days in the whole history of mankind. The forces of evil are pushing mankind to final war. But God's army of peace is also on the march.

The Peace on Earth of which the angels sang 1950 years ago is coming down from the clouds. It is being born in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere.



WINS IN UPSET—Dismissed by the London, Ont., police commission several months ago, former city detective Allan J. Rush was elected mayor of that city in an upset victory over the present mayor, who is a member of the commission which dismissed Rush, and now becomes a member of that same commission. Here the new mayor is carried on the shoulders of his supporters after his victory was announced. (CP PHOTO)

SATURDAY SERMON

SEAGULLS

(By Rev. Basil S. Prockter, St. Andrew's Cathedral)

I came across a man a few months ago who made an interesting comparison between the Christian and the seagull. He was thinking of a flock of gulls following and travelling with a passenger steamship. The gulls occasionally perch on the ship itself and steal a ride. They live on the food of the ship that is

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Sermon: "When Jesus Was Born."

Children's Story: "The Shepherd Who Did Not Go."
Anthem: "We Would See Jesus."—Turner.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Sermon: "A Light to Lighten."
Anthem: "Shadows of Evening."—Baker.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: at First Church: all at 12:15; at Conrad United Hall, all at 1 p.m.

Buy 'Xmas TB Seals!

"Be an Angel—Buy Christmas Seals."

This slogan which epitomizes the spirit of the coming Christmas Season and is contained on the very Seals themselves, means exactly what it says. For these tiny Christmas stickers are really angels in disguise for the sick and suffering of British Columbia.

Money raised by the sale of Seals goes entirely into anti-tuberculosis work in this province and in past years hundreds of lives have been saved, countless sufferers have been eased, and the disease itself has been slowed down by this very campaign.

This year, as Christmas time rolls around so rapidly, Seals again take on their tremendous importance, because right now they are needed as badly as they have ever been before.

The fight against tuberculosis has been intensified greatly, and eventual victory seems assured against, but vigilance cannot be relaxed now. Medical reports show that the death rate has fallen each year, but they also show that British Columbia is the third from the bottom in death lists from TB.

This means that B.C. has to fight and fight hard against a disease that kills more of our people than all other communicable disease. And it means that the residents of this province have to be very much behind the whole program to stamp out tuberculosis.

The Christmas Seals are attractive and are almost becoming essential on all Christmas parcels and gifts because they perform the double duty of reminding us of the spirit of Christmas and protecting us against one of history's grimmest diseases.

So this year we all can be angels by buying Christmas Seals.

Louis Honore Frechette, a French-Canadian poet who died in 1908, was also a lawyer and Member of Parliament.



a foreigner. Not that he hates or despises the passenger ship. But he has other resources of food and of life in Christ and God. And should be able to live with the cheerful insouciance of the winged creature.

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- (2) Parking for the entire length of the new Liqueur on Second Avenue and in front of the City Hall. Fulton Street is restricted to 15 minutes between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily except Sundays.
- (3) Vehicles proceeding in a northerly direction McBride Street shall not make a left hand turn at intersection of McBride Street and Third Avenue.
- (4) No parking is allowed (except to load and unload) Hays Cove Circle from Seventh Avenue East to Avenue East, nor on Sixth Avenue East from Hays Cove Circle to Hays Cove Avenue.

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