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"IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH"

FRIENDS, we congratulate you. Not merely because you have published the Anchors, nor because you have deservedly won Stum Night, but rather for the simple reason that you have so recently become A CLASS. No longer are you remnants of various high-school cliques, veterans of the Armed Forces returned from the war, of gallant protégés of the upperclassmen.

You have united because you understand that with unity you function well as a group. Working harmoniously together means working confidingly as individuals, and strangely enough, you realize that in this spirit of cooperation, whose fruits are success and the power of unity, the future of your class has been well demonstrated.

In the following three and one-half years, you will be given many opportunities to demonstrate your over-all college spirit. This we expect to be even more dynamic than your class spirit.

A KING'S BIRTHDAY

CHRISTMAS, an abbreviation form for Christ's mass, has variously been held to honor the birthday of Jesus Christ, the long awaited Messiah of the world. Christmas has degenerated from a religious celebration into a profitable money-making industry. No longer is it the general practice for us to prepare our minds, hearts and bodies for the advent of Christ, the King, or to set aside our ordinary work to meditate and wonder on this day?

Because of the commercialization connected with Christmas giving, the flagrant of advertising, the emphasis on the material values obtainable, we ourselves have destroyed much of the true spirit of the feast. Some time before December 25, let us take time to re-awake within ourselves that hidden-away knowledge of what Christmas really means.

The love of God for man, a love so strong that He Himself became man on Christmas Day, should cause us to forget our petty differences so that we may remember the one way in which we are all alike, because we are, with no exception, "children of God and heirs of heaven".

Before and After

By David Brooks

It never had been a scenic wonder, this antiquated, tires village. The streets, winding and narrow, were inlaid with cobble stones both red and white. The side walks, though impregnated, were not ordered, and now on row of oak and elm trees stood as guards poled along the way. The houses, with little flower gardens leading toward the pleached white front steps, were small in structure—definitely not remarkable, nor unique, just homely.

Above all this, stood the church. Not too old, nor too ornamented was this church, for it was of the people, the result of hard work and much sacrifice. It covered over the settlement like the minister's old house, stretched offering the adornment on Sunday morning. From the interior, soft melodious strains of music rose in spirals from a melody organ. Truly this pastoral scene was complete.

This, however, was before; now the scene had changed. The drone, and shrieking, and scraping of the hellish machines of Wolden had passed. The feet of marching Sons of Satan had snarled the cobblestone streets. Now they were crooked and stained red with the blood of the hard loved, and were loved. No longer were the oak and elm trees the majestic guards of the village; they were splintered and scarred and beaten to the earth from whence they had sprung. The houses were shambles and ruins.

Reminiscence

Thoughts of you make me hurt inside.

Hurt—because you do not care...

Hurt—because I may not share my love with you.

Must it always be this way?

Why should I love you...

And you, not knowing that I do, tear my heart with each unspoken word

long for you to say?

I can remember when once you loved me...

Was it millions of years ago?

would not take your love then, nor keep it for my own.

But blushed it, and gave it back to you

Enacted, uninterrupted, and unknown.

You kissed me then, a tender boyish kiss.

Sincere, unadulterated by adult passion.

Perhaps some day you will kiss me again...

Then—I shall not turn away from your eyes

But shall meet your eyes with mine...

To say... "I love you."

Joan Alexander

Alickrubs shattered every corner, dust and smog, the stink of death and decay crept over the city. Buildings stood limply and hung suspended like black storm clouds over that entire mess. The vile, malodorous stink of death and decay crept slowly from each crack and crevice like some indescribable monster.

Death had become the victor.

What a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our readers.

The Anchors
The Ivy Plant
By Evelyn Lemaire

What lessons waiting to be learned,
Can we from Nature glean? In light and shade everywhere
But, oh, so seldom seen!

October's beauty bursts upon
My eager searching eyes—Rich barnish browns and gilded golds.
On all sides, low and high.

But then, I saw a startling sight I gazed, eyes wide, astound.
There flourishing Autumn's bright-
hes! A poison ivy plant?

Of all the trees and shrubs around
Bedizened in masquerade,
This plant was surely Number One
In Autumn's Dress Parade.

Its colors far surpassed with ease
In brightness, full detail, Its neighbors' gowns that had
seemed gay
And bright, but now seemed pale.

No tree could ever near approach
The rich intensity
The Master's paint brush had
Endowed to this plant, lavishly.

How strange, I silently remarked,
As thoughtfully I mused,
That out of all creation He
That plant was surely Number One
Bedecked in masquerade,
An ivy plant! A thoughtfully I mused,
For herein lies a parable
Of all the tree and shrubs around
That out of all creation He
Who was the Artist and designer
Painted this plant.

"You know why I keep this little angel?
Because it looks like you, little Christmas Cherub!
And Agnete would laugh and Daddy would pick her up and the whole room would be filled with a kind of lovely glow—not just from the fireplace, but a glow that came from the very mention of Christmas."

"Somehow now the glow would not return, no matter how hard she closed her eyes and wished. It was needed, because on this day, her seventh Christmas, Daddy was away from home. A wave of loneliness engulfed her, and she could stand the empty house no longer. Oh, for someone to talk to... ever Mrs. Macomber!"

"She raced to the closet, pulled down her coat, and fled through the darkness to the lights of the house and escape..."

Doer's Lament
(Modern translation from Anglo-Saxon by William N. McIntyre)

In 1928 Heeb Hoover became president
"A chicken in every pot, a car in every garage!" he cried.
Soon there were no chickens, no pots, no cars.
And the garages were torn down for use as firewood during the winter of 1929.
That was overpassed; this may pass also.

In 1533 Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany.
"I want peace!" he cried. "War is for mortals!"
Soon his monstrous tendencies came to light.
His goose-stepping storm-troopers traipsing into Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Gaul.
That was overpassed; this may pass also.

In 1940 W. L. Willkie ran for president.
"Me and McNary are shooins!" he cried optimistically.
Willkie put up a good fight, and he didn't officially lose until 1945, at which time they finally got the Central Falls vote straightened out.
That was overpassed; this may pass also.

Now of myself this I say. For many winters I was an ad­dresser of the Laye.
Door was my name.
Then came along song-crafty Phil Harris and left me to roam.
Winters wastes with water in my heart.
I may get over it; but I doubt it.

Poem
I hold you close, you were here,
Soft voices breathed in your ear.
Replied thou, those tongues of love.
Resist not their strength, but pol­ished their whispered zeal.
Gave you your heart, that ours could be our judgment seat.
I hold you close, you are not here.
Your eyes blinded with water in my heart.
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