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LESSON XVII

December 23, 1917. Preparation for the Messiah—Christmas Lesson—Malachi 3: 1-12.

Commentary.—I. The Messenger of the Messiah (vs. 1). 1.—God himself is the speaker. He answers the question recorded in the last verse of the preceding chapter...

II. The Mission of the Messiah (vs. 2-6). 2.—Who may abide the day of his coming? The Messiah, infinitely holy and just, would put to shame and condemn the ungodly...

III. Stern rebukes to Judah (vs. 7-9). 7.—From the days of your fathers—An indefinite expression which indicates remote past time, gone away from man's ordinances...

IV. Offering incentive to repentance. The event announced by the prophet was the appearance of that great Deliverer who had for many ages been the hope of Israel...

they ought. They seemed to be unaware of the fact that they had gone far away from the Lord. It will be a mass job God—is it possible that a human being, one made in the image of God, would defraud his Maker...

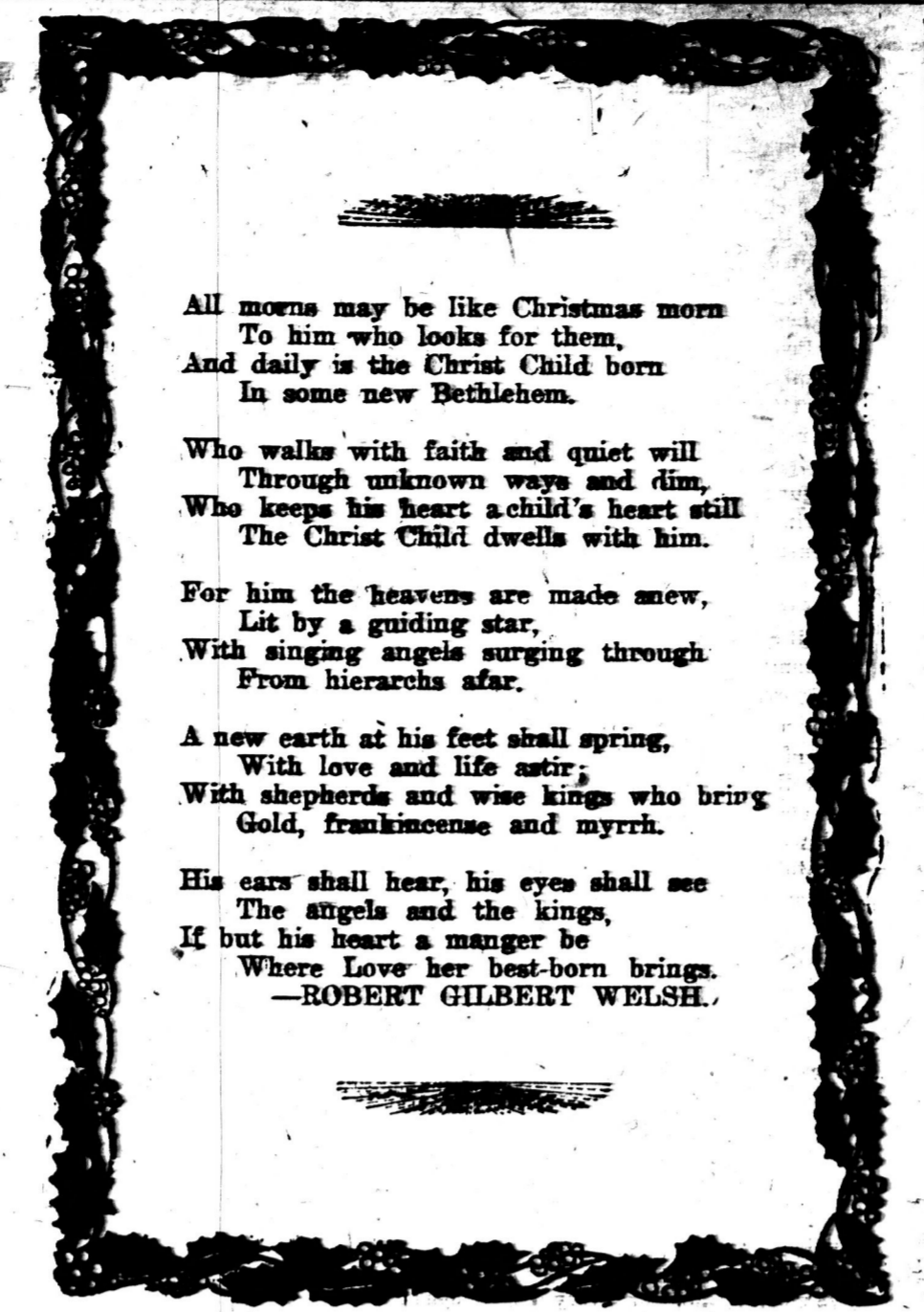
Questions.—Who was the writer of this lesson? What did he write? Of what messenger does he tell us in vs. 1? For whose coming was he to prepare the way? What work was the Messiah to accomplish? Where was Christ born? In what sense would he be like a refiner of silver? How had the people of Malachi's time been robbing God? What is meant by "tithes and offerings"? What were the people called to do?

Practical Survey. Topic—A message for the times. I. Pronouncing judgment against sin. II. Offering incentive to repentance.

1. Pronouncing judgment against sin. The various aspects under which the Messiah was presented by the prophets bear distinct relation to the immediate needs of the people to whom the message was given.

2. Offering incentive to repentance. The prophet Malachi saw them to be self-deceived. To prepare them for the coming Messiah, a faithful herald in John the Baptist was sent. He aroused the attention, awakened consciences, announced the nearness of the Messiah's approach...

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All morns may be like Christmas morn To him who looks for them, And daily is the Christ Child born In some new Bethlehem.

Who walks with faith and quiet will Through unknown ways and dim, Who keeps his heart a child's heart still The Christ Child dwells with him.

For him the heavens are made anew, Lit by a guiding star, With singing angels surging through From hierarchs afar.

A new earth at his feet shall spring, With love and life astir, With shepherds and wise kings who bring Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

laid for two, faintly agreed with Christmas fare. "Yes," she answered. "I am quite alone. I have often come down here."

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From Time Immemorial Part of the Holiday Celebration. From time immemorial a tree has been a part of the Christmas celebration. It may be seen outside the traditional mangers in the missals and early paintings of the pre-raphaelite Italian school.

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A Yuletide Home-Coming

The club looked just the very thing. Gerald Manserley was craving for a sense of home. A few lines read accidentally in an out-of-date newspaper had made him restless with longing for the old scenes.

Prophetic

These lines were found among the papers left by Lieut. Leo Buchanan, B.A., LL.B. They were written in England during the war, and were published in a few weeks later he was killed in action at St. Etier on April 19th, 1916.

SMART DRESS LINES

High collars. Draped sashes. Long tight sleeves. Fullness from the bodice. Princess front that belted back.

DINNER WEAR

It may be diaphanous. With a sash prolonged to a train. And sleeves that are winged and graceful. The back of the neck should be chastely high.

Old Christmas Portents

If you will go to the crossroads between eleven and twelve on Christmas night you will hear what most concerns you in the coming year.

66. She appeared true... I am not alone... I discovered that cigar smoking was becoming so injurious to me that I have quit it and have to content myself with a few whiffs now and then on my pipe with mild tobacco.