

A Christmas Gift

by Rev. Taylor-Munro
Although a gift is something freely given with no strings attached, preferably something needed or practicable, a kind of spiritual 'pass-it-on', certain problems become evident in our affluent society. What to give, when it is our turn? How to accept it when it is someone else's turn to give?

The exception to this 'freely given' bit is a 'Gift exchange', based possibly in the beginning on the knowledge that we can often help others better than we can help ourselves.

This brings up the problem of what to give as a gift. Like that of the Littlest Angel it may be far from handsome, it may be something without any

extrinsic value. In this case the most valuable gift is the most personal gift; something you may have created with your own hands or effort; what resources you've had with which to produce the gift. An insight is found in that of the widow's mite. Compared to the rest of the gifts hers was the smallest; according to what she had to give, hers was the greatest gift because 'it was all she had'.

Finally we must face the problem often of how to accept a gift. Marriage has been one of the most precious gifts of my life... if I had all of eternity to express my appreciation of marriage, it would not be long enough to show gratitude nor to learn the meaning of it all.

Of all the great revolutions in the history of the human race, the most obvious cause has been unfair distribution of food stuffs. One of the greatest gifts in anyone's life is enough to eat and to share. The great weapon to refute anarchism is to see that food is available on a fair exchange basis. 'Fish on Friday' is now a privilege for those who can.

Greater love hath no man, said Jesus, than a man give his life for his friend (someone in need). You cannot give any more than your own life.

According to Leviticus 17, life and blood are the same and interchangeable. Throughout the New Testament, we see the saga of the gift of God, His own Son; a gospel of shed blood, a gift of His life freely and voluntarily given. Here we see the problem of God's redemption of the whole of creation resolved in a particular kind of gift or giving, identified as the expression of the greatest love. (John 15:13)

Kinsmen Host Senior Citizens

Over 70 senior citizens enjoyed a Christmas Party hosted for the third year in succession by the Kinsmen Club of Hagersville.

The festivities of the evening began with a tour of the Christmas decorations in Simcoe. On their return to the Legion Hall, they were served refreshments by the Kinsmen and entertained by Mrs. John VanLoon and Mrs. Glen Green, at the piano. Everyone participated in singing carols till Santa arrived to dispense gifts to all the guests. To complete the evening, several hands of Hoss were enjoyed by those who wished to stay later. High score winners were Mrs. Hilda Atkinson and Mr. Elgin Young.

The Kinsmen take great pleasure in providing an evening of enjoyment for

Obviously unresolved for most of the human race is the acceptance of this gift. There should not be any insurmountable problem here. Paul's letter (1 Timothy 4:4) simply says that everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving. Like the gift of marriage it may require for many of us an eternity of appreciation and still without exhausting the goodness of God's providence. There is no law against accepting a gift of someone's life or blood, providing the acceptance is one of gratitude. How could it be any other, this gift from the greatest of love for anyone. To forbid the giving or acceptance of such a gift is literally to throw back in God's face the gift of His Son's life and shed blood. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a religious allegory of the actual giving of His life, the gift of God to sinful people. The gift of the Son of God is taking shape at the time of our observance

of the birth of Jesus. There is a link between the manger and the Cross. It is one of purpose, 'For this purpose I am come into the world; and how I am strengthened until it is accomplished'.

What are you doing about your problem of acceptance of God's gift?

Shut-ins who have received dainties from the Girl Guides as Christmas gifts have expressed their delight at being remembered.

The evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church enjoyed a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Paul

Weidendorf on Tuesday evening of last week with Christmas program following.

Members of the Staff and Board of Haldimand Children's Aid Society were entertained at the home of

Jessie Miller 587-2569
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chambers, RR 4, Dunnville, on Thursday evening last. A short business meeting at 8 pm preceded the festivities. A buffet dinner was served with Mrs. Dolly Nicholls of Dunnville catering. Members from Jarvis attending were Dr. and Mrs. A. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

Mrs. Hazel (Evans) Buck has returned to her home in Regina after spending a few weeks with her son Robt. Buck in Hamilton and calling on relatives and friends in Jarvis, Hagersville, Guelph and Collingwood. Her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Hudson of Thunder Bay spent one weekend with her in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blundell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blundell, Leslie, and Terry, Mrs. Mabel Rider of Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. James Braham of Caledonia and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blundell of Hamilton, attended the Rider-Clark wedding in Aylmer on Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Armstrong spent Sunday in Simcoe with Mr.

Friends N' Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hill and family.

Jerry Vaughan, our genial Tonsorial Artist had a slight collision while riding a snowmobile resulting in a few scratches on his face and walks very stiff legged. He is said to have met up with the back of a truck.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. John Lyons who was able to return to her home from West Haldimand Hospital is now a patient in St. Joseph's Hamilton.

Mrs. A. A. Lyons, who is a Lab. Technician, is now employed at the West Haldimand Hospital on Monday and Tuesday of each week.

Mrs. Lucy Oliver has returned to her home here, having been a patient in Brantford General Hospital.

Through the grapevine we hear that Mr. Q. C. Dell is improving in health, but Mrs. Dell is in Hospital in Hagersville.

Mrs. Charles Powell has gone to Toronto to be with her daughter and family, the T. K. Lamonts, over the Christmas season.

The Rev. Granville Taylor-Munro drove his

daughter Debbie to the home of her sister Mrs. Edwin C. Smith, Beamsville on Friday, where she remained over night and was driven to Malton on Saturday morning, from where she boarded a plane to Freeport GB1 via Nassau. She will return on Tuesday Dec. 29. Mr. Taylor-Munro after dropping Debbie off at Beamsville went on to St. Catharines to visit his sister.

Mrs. Jean Cameron and her four children Mr. Richard Simpson a former parishioner from North Pelham spent Sunday and attended morning worship with the Rev. and Mrs. Taylor-Munro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Visser had as Sunday guests their niece and nephew with their infant child who flew in to Mt. Hope from Montreal for the day.

Mrs. Walter Douglas of Fort Erie spent the day with her cousins Rex and Mrs. Chambers attending the candle light service on Sunday evening.

The Rev. K. N. Bructon supplied in the pulpit of Wesley United Church on Sunday morning and for the candlelight service in the evening, the pastor the Rev. Eric Ramrattan having been taken to West Haldimand Hospital on Saturday night.

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TAYLOR MUNRO
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DOUBLE GIFT

In Vancouver 12 year old twins received one hundred dollars for their birthday.

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Merry Christmas to All!

Steering a smooth road to a holiday that is miles long with all good wishes for you and yours. Our deep thanks for your patronage.

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