

Our Greeting to Each of You

WE TRUST that your Christmas preparations have been satisfactory, that your gifts will produce a high degree of pleasure in recompense for the love and consideration which prompt them, and that you will spend the holiday suffused with the feelings of peace and joy which come from work well done and a knowledge that you have made others happier.

If the bestowal of Christmas remembrances were merely the following of a custom, and not inspired by a higher purpose, we believe that it would soon die out; for customs change. The fact that it increases from year to year shows that the spirit of good will, the desire to give pleasure to the unfortunate and the impressing upon friends that they have an important existence in one's heart are deeply rooted, flourishing sentiments. Such are attributes of the soul and point to that soul-growth which is the best augury for the future of mankind.

Our greeting to you is of cheer and confident hope. Our feeling toward you is of deep appreciation for the encouragement and patronage you have given us, and an optimism that if we continue to co-operate we shall be able to make this community more prosperous and better in every way. Our wish is that this may be the merriest Christmas you have ever spent.

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The Minister and the "Vamp"

By Mary Graham Bonner

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NOW the minister was young and enthusiastic and eager. He loved his work, he loved the parish. He loved the people. They were a bit too talkative at times. They did enjoy telling him just how he should preach and act and think and do. But it was all so well meaning that it failed to annoy him. Sometimes when he might have been annoyed he became amused instead. It was so much the better way.

The minister was extremely attractive. Every woman in the parish knew that. Every man admired the minister, too. His was a most engaging personality.

But things became a trifle awkward when it appeared as though the minister could not talk to any one of the opposite sex for more than ten minutes without arousing observations.

And how weary he did get of being told he mustn't take the last piece of cake in a dish. It was so tiresome a bit of so-called witticism.

He realized that it might be difficult for a minister to be permitted to choose a wife for himself. He somehow had a new admiration for ministers who appeared to have done their own matrimonial choosing.

He feared that one might even take almost anyone to dodge the constant comments and chatter on matrimony which an unmarried man seemed to encounter.

And then the minister fell in love! Oh, madly and rapturously in love, and with a girl from out-of-town whom people said was not the type for a minister's wife, at all, at all. And the minister had said he hadn't looked for a type, he had picked out the one he had cared for.

He even heard people whispering the word "vamp." "A vamp who had ensnared him," someone said. He inquired the various definitions of the word "vamp," but almost failed to be pleased; he became so angry. And this was the biggest Christmas season when love and good will should have been in the hearts of his people!

A man told him a "vamp" was a dangerous delight.

A woman told him a "vamp" was a woman without conscience.

A young boy told him a "vamp" was a misunderstood, innocent lady with sense enough to appreciate that "most" of seventeen is great for children.

An oldster told him that a "vamp" was an adept at the possible uses of the eye.

An old man told him a "vamp" was a little girl.

And a mother told him a "vamp" was a dangerous creature from whom every mother should keep a son as free from a deadly poison.

A young girl told him she envied a "vamp" and wished she could be called one.

And a father told him that a "vamp" was one from whom it is best to keep away the son, but whose society it was all right for an older man to enjoy.

He sought the dictionary's version and found "Vamp" described as dealing with such things as feet, short hose, party of boots and shoes, music, and various other things.

They were making the Christmas decorations for the church when the minister came into the chapel and told them all of his engagement.

"The wedding is to be on Christmas eve," he said.

Everyone stopped winding ground pine and looked amazed. They realized congratulations, and then the future wife appeared and worked with them.

And then they all began to feel better. For while they had been gossiping and quarreling petty as they had worked, the future wife of the minister brought with her the spirit of the Christmas season. Perhaps she wasn't a typical wife for a minister, they concluded, but she was an ideal wife for a minister.

For she lived and breathed goodwill and cheer and her gaiety freshened the very atmosphere of the place and gave them new incentive.

The minister called her his "vamp!" His definition of one was:

"A Merry Christmas in real life!"



For Men--
Watches, Chains, Fobs, Rings,
Kum-A-Part Buttons, Shaving Sets

For Women--
Wrist Watches, Rings,
Parisian Ivory, Cut Glass

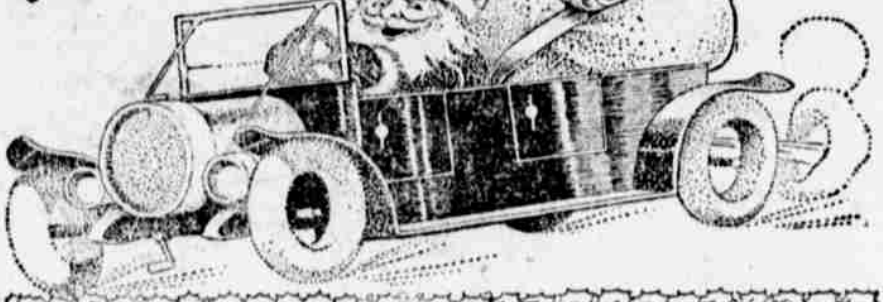
For the Home--
Phonograph, Player Piano, Piano,
Silver Table Ware, Decorated Glassware

Kodaks, Kodak Albums, Kodak Self Timers,
Tripods, Negative Albums
For Kodak Service see Us first and Save Yourself the bother

Gifts That Last

E. H. NEWHOUSE

HE IS COMING



A Christmas Stocking
Is Well Filled
That Contains
Gifts Bought Here

WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES WE ARE WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE AND WHAT IT WILL COST. BELOW IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE USEFUL GIFTS AND PRICED TO MEET THE DEMAND OF LOWER PRICES FOR GOOD MERCHANDISE.

WOOL AND SILK HOSE	SCARF AND CAP SETS In white, in the fancy colors, or dark goods which ever you prefer	SWEATERS
GLOVES AND MITTENS	BABY JACKETS	FURS
OUTING GOWNS	HANDBAGS	DOLLS
HANDKERCHIEFS	SILKS FOR DRESSES Are always useful and a sure welcome gift.	CHILDREN'S DISHES
BABY BLANKETS	BED SPREADS	WAISTS
SILK PETTICOATS		TABLE LINEN Are still scarce and hard to get, have an all linen 71-in. width at \$2.00. Also a few numbers in table cloth all ready to hem 8x4 at \$2.35.
FANCY TOWELS		
BUNGALOW APRONS		

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Bless the Child.
A little girl who had recovered from the whooping cough contracted last year was glad she didn't die of it, because "God would not like little coughing angels."—Boston Transcript.

Strange Thing.
One of the strangest things in this world is why a woman will tell the neighbors her daughter can sing when their ears are perfectly oblong.—Dallas News.

Glen Fry, Howard Frisbie and Zelma Wonderly, of Red Cloud Nebraska, are popular students at Nebraska Wesleyan this year. Mr. Fry is secretary of the Oxford club, an organization for the ministerial students attending Nebraska Wesleyan university. Mr. Frisbie is a member of the Wesleyan Glee Club, membership to which is determined by the ability of the applicant to sing and his knowledge of music. Miss Wonderly is third vice-president of the Order of the Golden Chain, a social organization at Wesleyan. She is also a member of the Agassiz Association, which is composed of members elected from the Nature Study class who are interested in such work and who also maintain certain scholastic standing.

Commissioners Proceedings Congregational Church Notes

John S. Marsh	3 10	Sunday School 10 a. m.
Erwin Richardson	3 10	A Christmas program will be given
W. I. Williams	3 10	beginning at 10:45 (school), the purpose
Charles Metz	3 10	is to raise money. The room will be
Ernest Hoffman	3 10	dedicated and the floor's burning to
Lee Hoffman	3 10	do it for the decorations in the Christ-
Charles Phares	3 10	mas room.
Herman Haulhouse	4 30	The Rev. J. E. Twiss of Clay Cen-
Delar Ashford	4 30	tral Neb. has been called to the pas-
Albert Mifford	3 30	torate and will begin his work here on
O. D. Hedge	2 10	Jan. 7th, 1923. He will occupy the
Eddie Taylor	3 80	Saver house on 4th avenue.
Joe Ellison	2 10	
Mattie Konzack	3 10	
Grace Baker	3 10	
Carmel Gates	5 85	
Frank Huffer	18 20	
Webster County Treasurer	15 50	

BRIDGE FUND

Jas. McIntosh	208 25
R. S. Prouditt Lbr. Co.	300 89
H. Karstings	159 90
Wm. Blobaum	56 70
W. E. Toap	18 50
L. W. Jones	9 50
Malone & Gellatly Co.	62 40
H. L. Schenk	15 00
Mid-State Con. Co.	8 44
John Hummelberg	21 20
R. B. McIllece	9 97
Jas. Silvey	17 00

POOR FARM FUND

Standard Oil Co.	16 64
Johnson - Graham	4 80
Mrs. F. J. Emerton	19 00
W. H. B. B. Co.	2 00
Dr. I. A. Pace	31 00
E. J. Emerton	21 00

No further business appearing the Board adjourned sine die.
B. F. PERRY, County Clerk

"The Light Eternal" Well Received

On Sunday night the Community Chorus presented that beautiful Christmas Cantata, "The Light Eternal," at the Bessie auditorium to a large and appreciative audience. Miss Josephine Mizer, who was director of the chorus, showed marked ability in her line.

The songs told of the Christmas message in quaint words and sweet music. Each number was well rendered and received well merited applause. Mrs. H. S. Foe, accompanist, performed her task in a very pleasing and creditable manner.

Mr. Blackledge made a short but pleasant talk, urging the audience to show their appreciation by "saying it with money," and a free will offering was taken by six young ladies which netted \$19.00. It had been stated just previous, that the expense in producing the cantata, not including rent of auditorium, was \$89.00 besides several other incidentals.

We are indeed surprised that the offering was no larger. With such a splendid entertainment put on by the Community Chorus and the large number of people present, the offering should have exceeded over \$200.00.

Bringing the Homeless Child To the Childless Home

That is the task of the Nebraska Children's Home society. That is what the society has been doing in Nebraska for twenty nine years. In that time it has cared for 9,000 children; for 1,016 in the year ending May 1, 1922 alone.

Hundreds of its child-warls have grown up, under the guidance and inspiration of foster-parents, until today they are respected adult citizens of their communities.

But now the society's work has expanded beyond its capacity. It needs a home, a receiving station where its wards may be cared for during the weeks that may elapse between the time of their reception and the finding of homes for them. This home is not to be an orphanage; it is strictly and solely a temporary refuge. Herebefore, children have been boarded in private homes during this period, but the number has reached a point where this is not an adequate arrangement.

That is why the society is asking the people of Nebraska in January for \$10,000, with which to build the receiving station. Lots have already been bought on Fontenelle boulevard, Omaha, near the Old People's Home. When the building is erected, the society will finance its annual operation by private contributions, as it has in the past, without public appeal.

The work of the society is state-wide. It has taken homeless children from almost every county and has found homes in every county save seven. Once the child is placed, the society watches over it until it becomes twenty-one, guarding against abuse or neglect. The treasurer is Fred W. Thomas, vice president, First National Bank, Omaha, Neb. Mail your contributions to him, P. O. Box 1095, Omaha.

A special rate of only \$2 a year for the Lincoln Daily Journal or \$3 a year including Sunday is now being made in Nebraska and adjoining states, if order is sent in during December. The legislative session and the battle for lower taxes the coming year will make the Journal desired by every Nebraska family. The Journal is delivered on most rural routes on the day printed, nearly a day ahead of most other papers. Try The Journal the coming year at this Bargain Rate.

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He Came Into the Chapel and Told of His Engagement.