

from our friends. They also claim that its chief value, if it be a value, lies in the stimulation which is given to business during that season. It is true that Christmas is a custom that has lost its original meaning to many of the participants in the holiday activities, but it is also true that as a custom, if it be only a custom, it is indeed a worthy one. Also it needs but little persuasion to convince that the impetus given to business at this time is only an outgrowth of the spirit and not the spirit itself.

"It is better to give than to receive." This statement is taken for granted by many of us but at Christmas there are few of us who would not, if it were within our means, rather give presents costing fabulous sums than to receive the same gifts. We have the joy of planning what the object of our gift would be pleased with, and anticipating the pleasure of the presentation. Then there pervades all of us the feeling that the gift, be it great or small, is a token of friendship, respect, love and a host of other feelings and sentiments.

Christmas, let it be considered, is composed of two words—"Christ," and "mass," meaning a religious service. The spirit of Christmas then should be a spirit of help, thanksgiving, humility and in fact, all of the things which the Christ of the Christian faith exemplified. As we approach this holiday the unselfish spirit of the season will manifest itself to the greater happiness of all. But what a great shame that this spirit is not more evident throughout the rest of the year. Why don't we learn with Emerson that, "The only gift worth while is a portion of thyself," and daily prove by practice that, in truth, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

At this holiday season we have many opportunities to serve our fellow men. If we give and give rightly in the true Christmas Spirit then we shall know the joy and good-will of the Christmas season in the fullest sense.

The "Collegian" joins in the Christmas Spirit and wishes to the students, faculty and friends of Ashland College the most merry of Merry Christmases and the most happy of Happy New Years.

CHRISTMAS. BY A. N. BODLE

When bleak December holds her reign
O'er hill and valley, wood and plain,
When from the north the bitter blast
On icy wings come sweeping past,
When winter's skies are dull and gray,
Then comes our merriest holiday.

Then through the frosted panes we see
The sparkle of the Christmas tree,
While holly wreaths and mistletoe
Gleam green against the drifted snow,
And merry children sweetly chant
The praises of their patron saint.

And we, whose hearts are older grown,
Above whose heads the years have flown,
We softly turn to days of yore
And dream our childhood dreams once more—
Those dreams, by mystery glorified,
Which thrill the soul at Christmastide.

O! sacred day, whose holy calm
Was thrilled of old by angels' psalm,
We pray that every heart may know
Thy genial warmth, thy kindly glow,
That each may thy blest message ken,
Of, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

CHRISTMAS RECESS TO BEGIN FRIDAY

The holiday recess will begin at noon Friday, December 22. All but a few of the students will return to their homes for the vacation.

Two weeks after the College opens the semester examinations will be held.

A Londoner looking over a country estate was startled by a peculiar screeching noise.

"I say, old chap," he asked the agent, "what was that?"

"An owl."

"My word, my dear man, I know that—but, what was 'owling?'"

seams.

But never mind, no scientist shall dare
To probe you when you reach that far-
off brink;
No cogent lab.-assistant shall be there—
The paths of science lead but down the
sink.

EPIGRAM OF THE FAT FLAPPER

Auto-suggestion is great stuff
To make the torso trimmer;
For every day,
In every way,
I am getting slimmer and slimmer

RETURNED MISSIONARY SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

Rev. H. P. Steigerwald, a returned missionary from South Africa gave a talk in chapel Monday morning in which he emphasized the importance of our choosing the right place where we are to do our life's work so that it will be of most benefit to mankind.

His lecture which occupied the entire chapel period, concerned itself mostly with his own experiences and the importance of a dedicated life. "There is nothing greater than a young life dedicated to the service of God," he said.

He spoke in the first part of his lecture about the universal feeling among young people that they have some part to play in the great scheme of life. "We are all of material origin so the persons who have greater ability have no right to sneer at those of lesser ability, nor those of lesser ability a right to become discouraged for we are all of use," he said.

Speaks of Work in Africa

Rev. Steigerwald next gave a short resume of the work done in his section of Africa and the sanction of the British Government on the work of the missionaries. "The government has given every right to the missionaries for they realize that thru them, a staple government is to be established."

He went on to tell of the enormous problems of the missionary and the efforts necessary to assure his success. "We cannot establish Western civilization by one bound in the East. It must be the result of a gradual process," he said. Rev. Steigerwald emphasized the point that the most important qualification of the missionary is obedience to God and man. "No one can be happy unless they are obedient to God," he asserted.

"Success in life is what we are all striving for but to be a success in life we must find our proper place in life" he admonished in closing.

Rev. Steigerwald was born in Ashland. For the past 21 years, he has spent his life as a missionary in South Africa. He has attained many notable successes in that field.



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