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### CHRISTMAS.

It has been untruly said, and it is often repeated, that Christmas is the children's festival. It is untrue because children do not really appreciate the full meaning of Christmas in the way that elder people can. Of course children enjoy the presents and the decorations and the food (in peace time) and all the excitement: they love the hymns and there is no story in all history that can so grip as the story of the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem. But it takes an older person to understand what it means: to grasp the idea that the Creator of the Universe, God Himself, became as one of us and that He for all eternity knows and understands our human sorrows and anxieties because He Himself has sorrowed in the same way.

But Christmas is truly the family festival. That old proverb "Charity begins at home," which means, of course, "love begins at home," is the truth that lies behind our Christmas festivities. God became man and was born a member of a family, and God is Love. So Love begins in the family. And all the family rejoice at Christmas. Everywhere the families try to be together at that season: people are travelling here and there in order that the whole family may be together for Christmas is the family festival.

But this year! very few families will be complete: father away, or sons or daughters on war service of some sort or other. We shall send them letters and presents but it cannot be the same. Much of the fun and the excitement will vanish and though of course we shall keep the outward appearance of happiness, that will only cover a great anxiety.

Yet the fundamental joy of Christmas remains: the Son of God became the Son of Man: God loves us, God understands, God sympathises. Jesus Christ knows what family life is and understands how and why we cannot rejoice this year with the same high spirits as in the days of peace.

So let us turn our minds to the deeper joy of Christmas and come to thank God that He whom we worship is not some far-away, cold, calculating Deity but One who was tempted on all points as we are, One to whom sorrow, anxiety and bitterness of heart were known.

Further let us come as a family: all of us together in the family, children and parents, to worship the Father of all families and to pray through Him Whose family has been our example for nearly 2,000 years, for those of our family away from home.

Let this Christmas start for us, if we do not already do it, the practice of family worship. Let us all come together into the one house of the one family, that all the children of God may meet together to render thanks for the birth of the Child at Bethlehem by which we know that God is our loving Father.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 7, 8 and 11-30 a.m. On the next day, S. Stephen, there will be a Celebration at 8, and also on Saturday, S. John's Day. Sunday, 28th December, is Holy Innocents' Day. The Services will be as usual.

Mattins will be sung on Christmas Day at 10-30 a.m., but there will be no Evensong in Church.

### BETHLEHEM.

On Sunday, 21st December, in place of Evensong, at 6 p.m., there will be acted in our Church the religious play called "Bethlehem," written by John Masefield. This will be acted by the girls of Liverpool College, who are now evacuated to Rydal Hall. The Bishop of Carlisle has given permission for this play to be so acted.

A Nativity Play of this type can be a great act of worship and have far more teaching value than any sermon.

BAPTISM — Helen Elizabeth Swalwell.

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