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Cartago y Limón

## (LA LINTERNA)

**Phrase of the moment**  
In times of difficulties and perplexities such as these, the things that make for happiness are: to look fearlessly upon life whatever your circumstances may be; accept and obey the laws of nature, not with meek resignation, but as her sons and daughters who dare to seek and question, thus bringing peace and confidence within your souls.

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## Christmas Message 1931

by Prof. Henry Hylton

In dealing with the days, there is for each a common intrinsic value and a specific historic value dependent on some incident of extraordinary importance which was consummated on a certain day. To the logical mind the association of the incident with the day does not enhance the intrinsic value of such a day, and holds the same relation to the event as a man's clothes to his intellectual culture and his structural achievements. The thing, therefore, that counts is the event; and so it makes no difference if Christmas were at Easter-time and Easter-time at Christmas.

Many modernist, religious cavillers strive in rant speech and factious literature to vituperate those who celebrate the 25th of December at Christmas Day; but they offer no definite substitute. The kernel is not the Day but the Christ—the Babe of Bethlehem. Was there such a Birth? Must we believe there was and is a Christ—God—made incarnate—that came of miraculous conception and birth, and as man, lived on earth—the Saviour of men? We orthodox Christians do so believe; and so we assign Apollo's Day as Christ's Birthday—Christmas. O come, let us adore Him! Christum matus hodie!

But who was Apollo? And what prompted his worship? Surely it was not by chance, nor a will-o-de-wisp, and if it were even so; Pope rightly says, «All chance is direction we cannot see». There must have been some faint ray of the Guiding Star whose twinkling was caught by those watchers of long ago. St. Paul said to them, «Him whom ye ignorantly worship, declare I unto you».

This Apollo was a deity among the Greeks and Romans, worshipped as the God of light and day—the sun-god of archery, prophecy, medicine, poetry and art; and music; the model of manly grace and beauty; called also Phoebus.

These ancient fathers had more than a concept or vain imagination; it was the veritable percept of the Coming King, The Babe of Bethlehem whose attributes were idealized and denominated in Apollo.

Jesus Christ is the sum bonum of all virtues. «Go tell John, the things which ye do hear and see, «The blind received their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them».

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, stands to meet all human needs, and this season—the thousand-fold anniversary of His Birth, when the multitude of heavenly host shouted the Gloria in Excelsis, and men represented in the shepherds said, «Let us haste to Bethlehem», let us too at this holy season lay aside all care, sorrow

and strife and let us unite in the worship of the Babe of Bethlehem.

To show that the Greeks & Romans were aiming at the mark from the dim distance, John says, «This is the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world». Jeremiah calls Him—Jehovah—tsid—Ken u.—The Lord Our Righteousness. Malachi calls Him, The Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings. I re-iterate that the ancient Greeks and Romans did not get their inspiration and culture by chance. These came to them from some other people, just as they came to us from them; and we are heirs of all the ages in the foremost files of time. These gifts are good and their good is incalculable and completely incommensurable. It is infinite. It is of God the Infinite. It is transcendent and becomes the blessing of every age and nation. Rightly did the Apostle James declare, «Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning». Hence the origin of the Xmas gifts. We too give gifts at Christmastide; and he who can appreciate and utilize good something, ought to appreciate Christmas: the Day of the best something. And while some do eat to the God Gluttony and drink to Bacchus and many others practise the same cult to the Devil, let us as Christians keep our Mass to Christ; and in thanksgiving say to our Heavenly Father, «Thou who dost give us daily bread, Give us the Bread Eternal».

Again, the cavillers would vituperate and condemn us for telling our children about Santa Claus and charge us with a deliberate lie. This is not a fair charge, I wot that through ignorance they do it. A lie is a direct fabrication with an intention to deceive so as to stave off impending or probable chastisement. Parents and friends are only agents of God, or if you like it, God's stewards. Santa Claus stands for St. Nicholas Kris Kringle, which is a quaint representation of Jesus Christ. As Santa Claus is painted as coming from an unknown region beyond the dwelling sphere of men, so is the idea associated with Christ, the Kris who comes to us from the region beyond the stars.

The gifts of Santa Claus are symbolic of the tidings of great joy for all people brought us by Christ, which shall be consummated when

peace and good-vvill shall have filled men's hearts, leaving no vacuum for evil and strife.

As Santa Claus is represented carrying these things in a bag heavily charged and slung over his shoulder, coming over the snow, it shows his willingness to bear heavy burdens over the most difficult ways to reach sinful man. (The same idea transcends and impels us to reach out some extra bounties to the criminals at Christmastide), so he delights to go back over the same road laden with our vvhole year's griefs, failures, vexations and strife to dump them far avvay.

What a substitute! Surely, said Isaiah, «He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.» Is then, the idea of Santa Claus so bad after all?

«But heap on more wood  
Let the wind whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry (still.)»

Happy X'mas, for Mr. Nation & the SEARCHLIGHT!  
Happy X'mas, for it numerous readers!

Happy X'mas, for men of good-vvill!

May good old Santa Claus carry avvay in his bag, vvars, sickness, crimes, godlessness, race hatred, political embroilments and financial depression and in the vvhords of Corinaldi.

May Hard-time lose her voice in toto,

And like the mysterious music in mystic Babylon,  
Be heard no more!

## Peace to Men of Good Will

A few days hence and Christmas, so characteristic of mirthfulness and joyousness, vvvill have made its impress on the records of Time. During that period, men vvvill seek every kind of enjoyment that may satisfy, and as they meet one another, they vvvill make free use of that age long greeting, «A happy christmas!» One vvvishes that that kindly greeting, so often accompanied vvvith a hearty hand shake, could come directly from the heart as indicative of that genuine friendliness and friendship that are the safe road to Happiness. But do men generally contribute to human hap-

28 Miles, Waldeck.

To the Editor of the «Searchlight»

Dear Mr. Editor:

In compliance with your request I respectfully beg to submit the following article to you for the Christmas Number of the «Searchlight».

I am,  
Your respectfully,

O. F. A. Harrison

We are close approaching that season of the year in which the Christian world indulged in making liberal gifts to their relatives and friends in commemoration of the nativity of the Saviour of mankind. In this legitimate indulgence of benevo-

lence it is regrettable that only a partial few are mindful of its true significance.

When man fell from his original purity and lost his spiritual kinship to his Creator, and became an outcast, there sprang up a divine sympathy, a sympathy combined with love that caused the Son of God to vouchsafe Himself as the Redeemer of mankind. And so on that glorious Xmas morning nearly two thousand years ago there appeared in the manger of Bethlehem the greatest gift that was ever offered to the human race.

Christ brought a message to the world. It was that of love to all mankind irrespective of nationality, race, colour or

creed. For several years He proclaimed this message from His native land in Palestine from which place it has made a circuit of the world. He was the first great reformer of this doctrine, of Universal Brotherhood; for which he made the supreme sacrifice.

Jesus was not a respected man, he was not largely adored he was not even loved by His own people. «He came unto His own and His own received Him not». But there was one thing about His doctrine and that is, although His enemies have destroyed Him physically, yet spiritually He lives in the hearts of men to this day. Those who nailed Him on the cross little thought that they were doing Him a great service—a service which was to be heralded down the ages to the generation of mankind. This gives us an idea of the power of spiritual force, the power of a righteous cause.

Christmas symbolizes something more than the amusements and the ephemeral gifts in which the Christians indulge themselves today. Christmas brings us to the realization of the fact that when man was practically lost in his spiritual affinity to his Maker Christ came as a mediator & upon the Cross of Calvary reinstated man to his spiritual kinship.

Yet in spite of this supreme sacrifice, in spite of this wonderful gift to humanity we find Christendom has not yet fully interpreted the song of the Angels—has not yet fully interpreted the spirit of Christ.

Since Christ came into the world to save mankind, His love must be

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all be happy in the circle of this great Brotherhood of Man? Be it so.

In addition, I do vvvish for your paper, Mr. Editor, an uninterrupted career of continued usefulness and the realization, therefore, of the aims it seeks to accomplish.

CYRIL CORNIFFE,  
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Siquirres.

## Dedication of a Church

Dedicatory Services in connection with the opening of the Guacimo Baptist Church will D. V. be held in that Church on Monday the 28th of December. There will be a SPECIAL TRAIN on that date between Limon and Guacimo, leaving Limon at 5.30 a. m. and returning in the evening.

It will be a big day, come along and enjoy it.  
For further particulars see the Pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM FORDE

## Christmas greetings to all

The third Yuletide of the Searchlight has arrived and as a Consequence.

We wish first of all to render thanks to the Great Cause; and to extend our sincere gratitude to all our Subscribers, Patrons, contributors and readers who have been the means; as well as to all those who have sent us letters of appreciation in the efforts.

Wishing for them all a very Joyous Christmas season, and amid all our circumstances a happy 1932.

S. C. NATION

# Querries on Cricket

Dear Mr. Editpr:

Permit me a little space in your valuable paper to congratulate Mr. Roy Chapman for his article written in a week ago issue. I am much surprised to see the way Mr. Roy wrote, and I am put to guess it was caused from my simple request in some past issue. Although there is a little insinuation here and there we know that that would not be through in that issue, but hoping that the next issue may bring us something of a different nature altogether. Mr. Roy asks the question what about our Cricket pitch, if something is not going to be done to improve it, so as to improve our standard of Cricket here, or to show, if some cricketer or (cricket fan) passes through here at any time they would say that we are trying? Well Mr. Roy I will answer, but with

regret, if that is to be done by the Cricketers of Port Limon, Cricket will never improve it self here. Then as I am perfectly sure, I would ask Why dont the Board spend a few Colonos to put in order for the (Cricket Gentlemen) who cannot use a shovel? Another Question When are we going to hear or see the Cricket Board's operations for the ending of the year? We want to know whether we are going to have a Competition to begin in Feb? We want to know of the financial standing? We want to know if the Board is indebted, or who is indebted to the Board? Wishing toget a favourable answer in your next issue, and wishing you Mr. Editor along with Mr. Roy Chapman a merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

H. A. DROMMOND

# Are Children Obligated to Their Parents After They Have Become of Age

Argumentation of the Leader of the Negative, Mr. James Scott



Mr. Chairman, Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen

The affirmative has endeavored to convince you that because of the apparent interest that their parents have taken in their maintenance during their childhood, and because of other attentions which we may term attentions of best policy, children are obligated to their parents after they have become men and women.

Such an opinion is merely a fantasy, because it's against equity; such a policy is illogical. And the Judges and audience will be convinced that the negative is right in its contentions, as soon as you are reminded that the first desire of the boy or girls as soon as he or she becomes of age, is to organize his or her own family. And what is the basis, the principal factor in the formation of a family? The response is necessarily their children; and after this family is being formed the instinct intervenes, egotism intervenes, and the attention of the new parents is then directed to their own progeny, to their own offsprings; and consequently there is no time for meditation upon what their parents had done in the past. There is not a single person in this audience who is a father or mother that will deny these facts. Every father and mother knows what their feelings are toward their own children in relation to their parents. There has never been a father or mother who was willing to sacrifice the interest of their children for the benefit of any one else; society has long realized this, and every legislative body has made provisions to protect children after they have become of age against the intrusion and egotism of their parents; no man or woman loves his father or mother more than he or she loves his or her own children. This is instinctively so. Nature will not permit otherwise, and this is precisely the reason for the barrier to the parents control over their children after they have become of age, because if the obligation existed these children after majority and after they have formed their own families, would be forced to abandon their own progeny so as to satisfy the demands, sometimes unreasonable, sometimes extravagant and, more often than not, unnecessary of their parents. You know I am right, ladies and gentlemen, particularly those of you who are fathers and mothers, and therefore there could be no rule of civil action obligating an individual to his parents after he has become of age.

Remember that we are all human and as such we are inclined to commit ourselves

in different forms: sometimes due to egotism one of the first weakness of men; sometimes due to envy, sometimes due to hatred, and sometimes even due to love and a number of other emotions; it is conclusive then that if there was no limit to the control of parentage, the consequences would be detrimental to the progress of society, as parents could control the matrimony of their children, their finance, their business and even their ambition, after they have become of age. A man would be forced to marry the girl of his parents choice; a man would be compelled to manipulate his own finance the form dictated by his parents; a man would be compelled, because of the same reason, to do only such business as his parents deemed fit to authorize; and abusing such a control, if it existed, a man would be coerced to follow the trade or the profession his parents selected, even if he detested it.

It may be of interest, Mr. Chairman and Judges to enter into the definition of the term obligation which is the substance of the question in dispute, and I shall define it as it is understood generically and in law. Webster, for instance, defines obligation as that which a person is bound to do or forbear. Any duty imposed by law promise or contract. Whorton, an English jurist, in his law lexicon 12th edition 1916, page 615 published by Lincoln's Inn, London, defines it as an act which binds a person to some performance, containing a penalty annexed, if the performance is not executed. It is clear then that an obligation is mandatory, commanding which is right and prohibiting what is wrong; in scripture every mandatory action which is equivalent to an obligation is expressed by the phrase «Thou Shalt»; and such being the case, permit me to invite your attention to the commandments as they are written Exodus 20th Chapter, on which all human laws depend; thus you will find that there is not a single commandment from which one could infer that there is an obligation on the part of a child towards his parents; we simply find in verse 12 a suggestion that one should honour his father and mother so that his days may be long on earth: Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Is honour an obligation? Certainly not. There can be no obligation where there is no coercion: I mean when there is no mandatory order, with a punishment annexed if the order is not fulfilled; where there is no *you shall*, where there is no *thou shalt*, where there is no agreement to do or not to do a particular thing, there is no obligation. And now it is up to the affirmative to bring to the understanding of the Chairman and Judges, some rule of action, civil or otherwise, some precedent, some doctrine, or even a maxim, wherein it is prescribed that a child

is obligated to his parents after he has become of age. No other argument, no kind of facts foreign to the question of obligation will suffice to sustain and obtain a decision in favor of the affirmative, because the question of obligation is the principal, as a matter of fact the only point to be deliberated upon by your august body. If a man, after he has become of age could not conduct any kind of business, enter into any kind of agreement or move from one place to the other without the consent of his parents, then the affirmative is right in its contentions; but if the consent of a man's parents is not necessary for him to enter into any kind of transaction or business, enter into any kind of agreement or to move from one place to another, then you will agree, Mr. Chairman and Judges, that the negative has refuted, beyond every shadow of a doubt, the contentions of the affirmative, and the negative side of the debate must be sustained. I think it is due time to ask the affirmative this question. Are parents obligated to their children after they have become of age? A negative response is imperative. Parents are not obliged to maintain, protect and educate their children, after they have become of age.

To sustain this theory I shall quote the following from Blackstone's Commentary the commentator of the English laws «page 113» Independently of the express enactment in 43 Elizabeth chapter 2, and other subsequent statutes, there is no legal obligation at common law on a parent to maintain his child after he has become of age. I shall quote further from Blackstone page 114: «The legal power of a father over the persons of his children ceases at the age of twenty-one». Take notice that the mother is excluded; for a mother as such is entitled to no power but only reverence and respect even during the minority of the child. This principle shows clearly that a change of status between parents and children is brought about generally, at the age of twenty-one when they are supposed to have matured; society does not want to keep parents in perpetual obligation to, nor control over their children after they have reached a certain age; as it is being felt that the child has acquired sufficient discretion, strength and knowledge, to steer his own destiny; and with his idea in view, parents are released from all responsibilities as the supporter, protector and educator of their children. And what is the alternative? The alternative is this: Since you who have brought me into this world innocent of my origin, innocent of my existence is relieved at a certain time of the burden of responsibility which you had impliedly undertaken at the time of birth—relieved from your parental duties at a certain time,—it is just

that at that very certain time I should be released from your control and given a chance to use my own discretion as an independent individual without being subject to any one who is not responsible for my future welfare.

The principles that I have submitted to support the negative side of the discussion have been in existence from time immemorial, as laws regulating human conduct are lost in dim antiquity until no man can say when they were first promulgated. Hammurabi's code antedated the laws of Moses by centuries; Draco of Greece codified the laws of that country, but only reduced to writing the laws which already existed; the Athenians said that they were written in letters of blood, and that even at an early date, about 625 years before Christ there was a well defined system of domestic relations regulating that of parents and children. Justinian, the famous Roman jurist, called the law-giver of civilization, and who wrote the «Corpus Juris Civilis»,—the body of the Roman laws, embodies all the rules of the ancient Romans in connection with Status Familie and the Filiius Familias, which is the subject now under consideration, to such a magnitude that Napoleon reproduced them in his civil code, and Blackstone's commentaries to which I have referred are simply an explanation of Justinian's Corpus Juris Civilis; and all those law givers and commentators uphold the doctrine that after one has become of age he is Sui Juris, which means that he is possessed of his full civil rights, not under any obligations nor disabilities, to anyone, moral nor legal, except such as society have seen fit to expressly prescribe, and that he is possessed of full capacity to manage his own business irrestrictively, without intrusion or control.

In conclusion, I wish to submit to the Honorable Judges that reverence or respect is not the question at issue; the question at issue is obligation: Reverence is to regard with honour, to treat with deference, to venerate; respect, is to regard attentively; and it is only to these the merely ceremonious policies that the Affirmative have directed their attention; they have not established in your mind, I am venturing to say, the existence of any covenant, agreement or promise existing, expressed or impliedly, between parents and children, giving the former the right to control the conduct of the latter or to demand the performance of a specific duty, after they have become of age, which are the elements constituting an obligation; hence, the affirmative have not proved their side of the issue as they are bound to do, and therefore, I must respectfully request that it be resolved Children are not obligated to their parents after they have become of age. I thank you,

Ed. Note.—The affirmative has been delayed but will follow in our next issue.

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# The Races at 24 Miles

The long looked for day among Turfites arrived and the sporting people from all sections arrived in numbers from East and West by the Excursion Trains from Limon and the Linea Vieja, which had been announced.

It had been raining for some days before which rendered the Track a bit sloughy but father Sol came out in his splendour to encourage the hipic events arranged for by the promoters.

The Committee must be congratulated for their great efforts to bring the event off under such distressing circumstances. Messrs Damian Littleton, Clarke, Armstrong, Scarlett, Augustine worked with Herculean energy to make the meet the success it was; but especially was the determination and diplomacy of the honorary Secretary Mr. Pedro Damian most commendable, indeed had it not been for his patience with the many complaints of the different horse owners there would have been no Race.

The Crowd was not as great as on the former occasion but it was fairly large. There were as generally, several small fights on the ground but these were quickly quelled by the intervention of friends and the Police.

The galloping started at one pm. being opened by a pair of favourites Mr. R. James Persimon and Mr. Armstrong's Cricket. These two horses had been old contestants for supremacy, one winning here & the other winning there; Persimon took the had and main tained it for a half way round when Cricket's superior care & preparation enabled her to dispute the lead and maintained it coming in an easy winner without a stroke of the

ween Mr. C. Nation's Tico, Mr. J. Schand's Mek em talk, and Mr. Robb's French Lad, this was a pretty race Tico went away with the lead but could not maintain it in the mud, Mek em talk came in the winner with French Lad second. Time 1.25. 1000 yds.

The great race now came on between the thoroughbreds Mr. Littleton's Cameroonian, Mr. Roman's Robinhood and Mr. Perry's Coat of Arms; Cameroonian came in an easy winner over the 1200 yards striding at his ease. Time 1.24.

The next was between Dorris and vvhalevhip in a 700 yards gallop, vvhalevhip fell in the heavy mud thus Doris won time 1.15.

The next was between Mr. Damian's Headlight Mr. James' Persimon and Mrs Davis' Little, 900 yards, Headlight coming in first, Persimon 2nd. Time 1.15.

The last was between Mr. Dunn's Little boy, French Lad Patch vvorok, and Sam's boy in vvhich Mr. Cecil Dunn's Little boy won in a well contested Race.

The next meeting on this course will be sometime in March or April 1932.

## A correction

Take Notice that the Debate between the Alpha Literary Club and the Catholic Athaerium will take place on the 29th inst. and not on the 28th as erroneously printed on the fly sheets.

The subject for debate is—: that the moving Picture is more harmful than beneficial.

## AIDA'S CAFETERIA

Christmas is near and you must visit Limon, whenever you do, remember the only place you can get a real good meal and feel perfectly at home is at AIDA'S CAFETERIA at the U.N.I.A.

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# Our Financial Condition

It is well known our financial standing has been causing the Executive very anxious moments, for now the employees have been in a very precarious condition so far as the payment of their salaries are concerned, sometimes two or three months such salaries have not been paid. The government has been borrowing and borrowing from all the Banks and rich importers such as Solera so as to be able to keep the expenses of administrative functionings still going; of course it is well known that if by any means the wheels of administration get clogged and the government is forced to say to her employees we cannot pay you, that a dangerous condition would arise, and there could be no security for the maintenance of public order.

As an example this is what happened in Salvador a few days ago which resulted in an uprising with the result that the government of President Araujo has been overthrown and over 200 persons killed in the Capital; hence it will be seen that the government of don Cleto Gonzalez Viquez is lying in no very secure bed of roses, and it is well realized by the Executive officers too, hence every effort is being put forward to normalize the distressing situation.

At first it was conjectured to pay the dependents of the government sixty then seventy per cent in Cash and I. O. Us for the remaining thirty or forty per cent of their salaries without any given time for payment of these slips, that is presumably whenever the Crisis might be tided over; needless to say endless controversies arose over this arrangement.

The contention argued will the Banco de Seguros be made to receive these slips of paper in payment of Policies from those civil servants whose lives and property are insured in the Bank? Will the International and Credito Hipotecario Banks accept these acceptances in payments from employees whose properties are mortgaged to these governmental institutions?

Will the Banco de Costa Rica accept them from Landlords and merchants to whom they may be tendered by Tenants and debtors as a liquidation of their obligations to the government as Taxes and Customs duties?

Here the governments hands were tied and as a result they had to resort to some way out of the difficulty, and so they again tried to get the Banks concerted to loan them as much money to meet the obligations; this required two hundred thousand dollars to finish up the year, but the Banks met, consulted and decided not to loan any more money; Messrs Solera y Co. great flour merchants however came to the rescue and promised to advance this amount, with a compromise that this will be deducted from the customs dues on flour imported into the country, but as such drawbacks or reimbursements will rebound in future necessities early in 1932, they will have to make

provisions to meet the situation when it does arise; and so now the Executive has proposed that Congress shall give the authority to the International Bank to launch an emission of ten million colones in paper money to be guaranteed by the State which Congress has given permission to do, but the question now arises; how are we going to stabilize the rate of Exchange?

It is evident that if we going to throw on the market ten million colones in paper money which are not guaranteed in the Bank by the corresponding value of two million dollars in gold the government must act very firmly and shall we say despotically in preventing those persons who are usuriously inclined from charging what they care to those who are bound to send money out of the country, hence exchange must rise.

There is no question about it that if all depositors in the banks were to make a rush to withdraw their moneys all at once, that our Banks apart from the Royal, John Keith and possibly The Banco Anglo would soon be closed in Bankruptcy. Take for instance the International placing her possibilities as say thirty million colones, she has properties mortgaged to the tune of twenty odd millions, if her depositors with an average amount of say six millions were all to make a call on her will any one say what would happen? besides if too many depositors there, were to make requests for drafts on foreign Banks, would her gold reserves not be depleted? What then would be the financial condition of the country?

The issue of ten million colones of paper would be quite in order for the government to make so as to have funds in the country to carry on her internal operations, but the government need to be firm, strong and decisive in her rulings against speculators in the country's crisis. She would have to demand that all drafts for produce shipped out the country be made payable in gold at the International Bank, to be converted into exchange of this country, rather than be deposited abroad as is now the case. They would have to see that no drafts in gold be issued from the International but for bona fides trading purpose, to merchants and those persons having genuine obligations abroad; She should demand that all customs duties and other Taxes be paid in gold, this would bring out all the gold that is in hiding in the country and in this manner she will gradually be able to redeem the ten millions extraordinary she has thrown on the market for her own conveniences, and straighten out the great depression around her.

Another means of income that the government has closed her eyes to is the automobile service and a super tax on lands within a radius of five miles on either side of the Roadways constructed; It is an indisputable fact that the cause of the great stringency of money in the country today is on account of the many millions that have been

spent on the construction of carreteras, and if this extra issue is launched, it will be used most of it to build roads etc who then will be benefitted may we ask but the owners of properties and those who own the means of transportation, (camiones and autos), why then not place a super tax on the value of all properties within the radius mentioned in their ratio of distances from these roadways in the proportion of first, second, third, fourth and fifty order, whose values will naturally rise by their proximity to the Roads.

Today the cost of travelling is extremely convenient it costs only fifty cents in the best camion to go from Cartago to San José, and a colon from Cartago to Alajuela, thus competing very unfairly with the railroad which cost one colon and fifteen cents to go to San Jose from Cartago; why could not 25 cents per passenger be put as a tax on these wheels the public would not mind paying an extratraz of this 25 cents so long as it can be arranged that it goes into the hands of the government instead of the owners of the car as is always the case, in every case whenever the government put on two cents extra on an article, the merchants make it 5 so that it is they who benefit at the sacrifice of the poor consumer.

In the case cited within say ten years the government would be able to redeem the emission now being put on the market if just a little judgment be used; every country has to be adjusting their revenues by extra taxes why should we not do the same, and if properly adjusted it would bear heavily on no one.

## Cricket at Germania

A pleasant game of cricket was played at Germania on Monday 14th inst between the Germania C. C. and Bananero C.C. of Cairo. The captain of the home team won the toss and sent the visitors to bat, and they mustered 42 runs all out. The G. C. C. took their turn at the wickets, and the opening pair of batsmen did well, in scoring 20 runs for the loss of 1 wicket. However the team failed to keep up the average and were out for 56 runs thus beating their opponents by 14 runs. The principal scorers were A. Daily and A. Hanson 10 each for the Bananero C.C. and J. Francis 29 for Germania C.C. For the Bananero S. Taylor took 7 wickets for 21 runs & for the Germania C.C. C. Wilson took 6 for 21 & J. Francis 4 for 19. The game on a whole was played in fine sporting spirit, thus making the days sport an enjoyable one. A free dance was given in honor of the home team. Mr. Tully gave his dance hall, and his son Mr. Frank Tully supplied the music free. Many of the visitors remained and spent a few happy hours. Miss Maud Cunningham and others assisted in felicitating the visitors and we beg to tender our thanks for their able services to the G.C.C. from time to time.



Toothache?...

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Quick relief

# Christmas

Again by the evolution of time has arrived the annual celebrations of the moment which biblical history has recorded and handed down to us as Christmas. A time of happy recollections of a great occurrence to all Christian peoples, and in fact not only to Christians but to the whole civilized world, wherever there exists that comradeship among men; for the circumstance is such a universal one that whether you meet a greek, a chinese, a jew, a turkish or assyrian acquaintance the greeting of happy comradeship goes to each and is accepted by each, a Happy Christmas, and that same happiness of spirit is caught on by each and enjoyed for the season of festival and well might it be, because the example in that spirit of happiness was set to the world of mankind when on that memorable morning that most harmonious of all Orchestras, composed not of the most efficient musicians before the throne of the king England, the kings of Italy, Belgium, Siam or the Emperor of Germany, but those who played before the throne of the King of Kings touched the sweet chords of the Angelic composition of "Peace, Love and Goodwill to all mankind", does any history record such harmony among any existing creed or creeds of this world of ours? No—: befittingly then should it be considered by all mankind as a time to be commemorated as an event of universal comradeship among men of Goodwill, of Love and happy concord among us all.

There are those free thinkers who question the circumstances surrounding the occurrence and time of the birth of the Saviour of mankind, but none have been able to question the fact of this harmonious gathering of Angelic Artists pealing forth to mankind "the glad tidings of great Joy" because some great event had occurred which evidenced Love, peace, goodwill and happiness among Mankind; and, as if it were a proof to coincide with the marvelous manifestations of the announcement of those artists, has anyone been able to refute that the life of the Jesus, the Saviour has been one exemplary of Love, Peace, Goodwill and Harmonious transactions among men on this earth? None—: well therefore might we accept the dogma of a happy comradeship and pleasant associations among our fellowmen of all Creeds colour and races of this earth.

Unfortunately however while Yuletide is looked upon as a time of great happiness it is more dedicated to material revelings and feasting, we lack that amount of Spiritual feasting which the life of the Saviour was really intended to convey to our minds, hence in a time of such material stringency and lack, as exists around us now, may it not be opportune for us through the columns of this little Journal to endeavour to stimulate in the minds of mankind a more universal feeling of that Love, harmony and goodwill as taught us by the life of him who condescended to leave his

prehistoric happiness and to live among us, suffer with us, and identify himself in our woes and joys as the greatest Evangelist of long suffering and affection did?

Let us show by our lives that this Christmas shall be the means of extending, not only during this season but throughout the years and to be augmented in succeeding years, that sympathetic touch of Love and Goodwill evidenced by the life of him whom we celebrate this day, given by his forethought in leaving as his legacy to us his two greatest desires. Give Reverence to God, and Love thy Neighbour as Thyself, then shall we find true happiness and contentment in our minds, by our unstinted service to our fellows, in doing unto others as we would expect to be done unto us by them.

## Notice! Notice!

All Shareholders of the Agricultural and Building Corporation of 28 miles are advised to be present at a General Shareholders meeting to be held at Madre de Dios on Saturday the 9th day of January 1932, at 2 p. m.

This meeting is specifically called to call in the receipts by ordinary slips of paper in the hands of supposed shareholders to be redeemed by regular shareholders Certificate of Shares in accordance with Law.

The Directors will not hold themselves responsible for any Receipts not presented at this meeting to be so redeemed.

S. C. NATION  
President



Mr. T. C. LEWIS



Mr. T. C. Lewis is owner of the Grand Portland House of San José, who has been advertising through these columns Dr. C. L. Valverde who has cured 360 patients in six months from the Atlantic Regions, among whom he has carried out 46 dangerous operations who were declared incurable by other doctors.

Among them Miss Jane Robinson an employee of Messrs Lindo Bros. who had been suffering for many years and whose case could not be properly diagnosed; but is now permanently cured by an operation by Dr. Valverde.

He also has the honour of seeking patients for Dr. Roberto Quesada M. D. of the Royal College of London England. Dr. Raul Orozco Casola graduated in the Royal College of Dentistry London England.

Dr. Corvetti specialist in all diseases of the eyes graduated in the College of Pisa Italy, as well as representing the Clinic of Dr. Figueres and the Botica Central of Lic. J. B. Ortiz, as well as the Studio of Messrs Paynter and Robert.

He is also owner in Association with Mr. J. R. Barrett of the Grand Portland House, recently remodelled and renovated to suit the conveniences of their clients as well as all patients who may need apartments to be attended to by the Doctors whom he represents. Mr. Bertram J. Feurtado of Limon will operate as Agent for the Portland House while all visitors and patients will be met at both Atlantic and Pacific Railway Stations in San José by Mr. James S. Hall.

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# From Alpha Literary Club

Limon, December 15th. 1931.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir: Hark! The sound of Christmas bells, beyond a few days journey. On the wings of the wind soon will be borne the strains from the glad old HERALDS—"Merry Xmas, all good oldtime wishes, gifts in parcel—posts and sweets on christmas trees; FOR CHRIST WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS MORN".

We are truly proud of you as editor and manager of this our esteemed weekly; for the ability displayed in such an uphill pursuit, confronted by both pecuniary and other periodic difficulties, your perseverance has creditably cleared another year-mile.

We desire by this medium to show our gratitude and to acquaint you of the fact that you have thereby been instrumental in creating the existing intellectual and consequently social evolutions which have already proven their value in our coloured community. You have served as a direct stimulant to the former apparently dormant intellects; for which we lift our hats and reverently bow to you—"THE BEST IS YET TO COME"—dispite world depression.

To your readers with apologies to PROF. K. O. C. Harriott's thought in his 1930's Christmas message—Let us trace in our minds through the lines of our life during the declining and the previous years, summing up the periods thickened by the good deeds done; then question whether or not and for what is our life worth living.

"ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION COMES A MOMENT TO DECIDE".

"Through every human heart a purpose runs,

Whate'er the station, all are duty's sons.

I have my purpose set before my face.

And must go forth to strive and win the race.

Its not the lofty achievements alone that make us heroes and heroines, we can trace too many heroic deeds in our years as we live them, endeavouring with clear consciences to speak and move with such simplicity and naturalness as would please the greatest number of our fellowmen whom we encounter each day. Yet never bowing below the lines of selfrespect. In this way.

"Give a little, take a little, never mind a frown

Make your smile a welcome thing all around the town.

Every cloud has a silver lining, but its up to you".

(Search Light Selection)

Alpha hereby begs to extend her most hearty thanks to you for the pleasure she has been afforded since her birth; and enveloped in her Christmas wish is PROSPERITY for you and your journal after a holiday full of pleasantness. To her patron don Rogelio Gutierrez, her Hon. president Prof. Harriott, her directors, Hon. members, and fellow aspirants of her sister and brother Clubs and Associations. She wishes a very pleasant Yuletide.

To you again we say Mr. Editor, Merry Christmas and a prosperous 1932.

Yours Truly,

L. G. Fraser

Pres. A. L. C.

## The meaning...

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for all men and this "all men" must include the Negro, the Chinese, and the Indian. Therefore in order to have peace on earth, in order to get a true understanding of the spirit of Christ, we must first get to realize

the brotherhood that exists; realize it in truth and in fact then practice it among all men whether white, black, brown or any other hue.

As we ascend the scale of civilization we come to realize more and more the true relationship of our own species; as interpreted by the lowly Nazarine. If, then, we realize that Christ came to save man from his fallen state and to restore him to his spiritual kinship with his God, let us, as we approach the anniversary of His nativity embrace one other in His love, Charity and mercy remembering:

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigured you and me.

As he died to make men holy, let us live to make me free,

For God is marching on".

By Dr. Robto. de La Bastide, (Chiropractor)

Peace on Earth, Good-will toward Men.

For nearly two thousand years this strain of the Angels song has been the expressed sentiment at the Christmas season.

Christmas, throughout the ages, has always been a season of rejoicing, good-

will and remembrance. Even before the advent of Christianity gave to it the reverent and beautiful significance that we attach to this occasion, national festivals were held, and superstitious tribes and races reveled in the belief that the lengthening of the days of late December was a sure indication that the

wrath of their Sun-god was appeased, and that he was again returning to bless and prosper them.

Health, wealth, peace and prosperity have always been the nature of the blessings and good-will so generously extended by the rejoicing peoples with appropriate emphasis; on the first and most important of these good fortunes do I dwell.

Without doubt, this is because it has always been realized, that the person who has health is in a fair way to procure any thing else in the world that was really worthwhile.

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In every civilized country, there are practitioners of Chiropractic—earnest men and women who are «doing their bit» towards making sick people well, and thus exemplifying daily the truth of the Christmas saying, *Peace on Earth, Good-will toward Men*—not only during Christmas tide, but during every hour, and every day of every year.

Just at this rousing season of jubilant cheers when

many lively memories of the past keep fleeting by I bring to recollection an occasion on which a notable educator expressed surprise to find that a man who was once a chauffeur had later become Chiropractor. He, Poor educator, vain, silly and conceited, forgot, or was perhaps, too highly «mis-educated» to remember that the greatest of Healers, whose birthday we celebrate this month, was once a poor Carpenter.

We ought to have good cause to be thankful for anything that displaces superstition, and to rejoice that natural methods of treatment are daily extending their field of usefulness to an ever increasing clientele, and be grateful that this season of good cheer presents the opportunity of extending to one another, our best wishes for a healthy, happy, peaceful Christmas: and above all, "Good-will toward Men".

Let us not only at Christmas time, but during every hour, and every day of every year shed a distance in homes of poverty and illness, like the rays of the Star of Bethlehem which penetrate the dark corners of earth with the advent of the CHRIST-CHILD.

# When Christmas cheers

## Xmas Greetings

1931

The Excelsior Sport Club begs through this medium to extend to the members of the Orane Cricket Cup Competition Committee, the various club and friends of the cricketing community the compliments of the season, and wish for them all the enjoyment of much better and brighter cricket throughout the coming year.

The club also tenders its sincerest thanks to Mr. S. C. Nation, Editor of the

Searchlight, for his unflinching interest and appreciable services rendered to Costa Rica cricket through the columns of his invaluable paper during the year now drawing to its close; and wish for himself and staff, not only a very merry Xmas, but, that their efforts may enjoy a deservedly brighter future.

Your sincerely,

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## From Madre de Dios

On Sunday 5th inst on impromptu Circle was called at this place by Bro C. S. Brown of the Enoch Temple of the A. M. Order of Ethiopia, there were present many members.

The opening address was delivered by the Selec Master Bro Joseph Lee, followed by Bro. C. S. Brown who spoke hard on the point of Love among the brothers for the good & welfare; Sister Sarah Johnson spoke on strength, Bro. Danl. Bennett gave an address on reconciliation that will long be remembered.

Bro. Charles Higgins also followed with an eloquent appeal asking for real spiritual Love & strught among the brothers, & there were others speeches when the Master of Ceremonies Brother A. R. Maxwell then officiated in his capacity and delivered the crowning lecture on the utility of the fraternity among men under the idea of the relationship of the fatherhood of God to us his children and closed in a wonderfully emotional Circle, strengthening the chords of friendship and Love among the Brethren thus giving a great intusion that has never been felt for many and many day among the members of the Craft in this little vale of tears,

Another pleasant evening will be called for early bringing closer association within the circles of 3.5. and 7 among the brotherhood on the 10th January when many influential Brothers and Sisters hope to be there.

## School Concert at Siquirres

On monday night December 7th Mr. Rodgers teacher of the Seventh Day Adventist School of Cairo, who is son of our much esteemed fellow citizen the famous master Tailor of Limon Mr. John E. Rogers, staged a well rendered concert at the Theatre Peña at this place.

The pupils acquitted themselves most commendably. Much credit is due to this young man for the masterly manner in which he manipulated his great talent in the Town. His pieces were well accepted by his audience, thus speaking a great future for him in his profession.

## Notes from Peralta

A dastardly act was committed at this place a fortnight ago. Daniel Wright a Jamaican labourer at Las Lemas came up here to pass a few hours, and fell in conversation with a woman named Adelina Matarrita a resident here, Joaquin Sanchez a native came up and encountering both parties in the talk got incensed and sought a row with wright and during the altercation he drew a knife and stabbed wright in the abdomen, the wounded man was taken to the Turriaba Hospital where he died the next day. Sanchez is said

to be in the Cartago Carcel. The strange part of it is that the doctor is said, diagnosed the case as one which would be healed in twelve days whereas the man died from the effects the next day. The little community is much horrified over the brutal act as well as the sudden lapse of the unfortunate victim.

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