

AN ESSAY ON CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas spirit is again felt in Aggieland! The minds of the students are distracted from their studies as they ponder over the coming holidays. All thought seem to have turned towards home—where parents, friends, and long contemplated hunting trips are waiting—yes, studies seem to be forgotten.

Still, this is not the only place where the approach of Christmas is felt, but the spirit seems to have pervaded the entire country. That the holiday spirit has its usual effect is clearly shown by the large crowds in every town, which indicate "Christmas shoppin." It is just one mad rush from door to door—and from all indications the number of people could not be increased if the community offered its annual fair, rodeo, and political talks—all at one time.

Kipling once said that "the female of the species can take more punishment than the male"—this most likely accounts for women doing most of the Christmas shopping. A Christmas shopping throng is no place for a male person.

It seems as if everyone waits until the last week to do the Christmas shopping—but this is due to the delay in straightening out the gift list. The prerequisite to Christmas shopping is a continual worrying and pondering in checking up on relatives and friends, to ascertain the number of gifts to be bought and the amount of money to be spent. Christmas is a season of worry as well as one of good will and benevolence—If we had Christmas two or three times a year there would be an increase demand for "bughouses"—as well as poor farms.

It is noticeable that Christmas giving had degenerated in America. It is the general opinion that friendship and love can only be shown by presenting valuable gifts. That is not Christmas Spirit! The real Christmas Spirit is best illustrated by the spirit which propts our parents to send us to College, not to receive any value in return—but to enable us to help future generations. It seems to be the habit to give at Christmas and expect a return of value for value.

After all a gift without the giver is not worth the giving. If the right spirit is felt it is not necessary to give so freely. Those who cannot afford it certainly should not be too generous—these are generally the ones to show over-generosity. This only shows that throughout the world Christmas is fast losing its significance. It is just a giving and receiving proposition for most people. They forget that Christmas means the anniversary of the birth of Christ, they forget that it is a religious holiday! It is true that everybody should enjoy himself at this time of the season, but not in a frivolous, care-free manner; instead, it should be done through helping other. There are many that are needy to whom help should be extended.

Why worry so much and why all the hustling? Is it really so important that we play a part in the game called "Christmas Shopping?" All this worrying and hustling before Christmas is foolish, it is the cause for so many unsuccessful and unhappy Christmases. Many people are nervous wrecks when Christmas finally approaches. When the holidays are over, the old trend of life will again be followed, and if the holidays were not restful ones, it is only harder to again assume former responsibilities.

The general feeling after Christmas is best expressed in the poem which appeared in the American Magazine for December:

"Christmas comes but once a year
And that will quite suffice;
I can survive it—but I fear
I could not stand it twice!"

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED
FRESHMEN HEED CALL
FOR BASKETEERS

Upon the completion of the football season, Coach Pierce issued the call for the Freshman basketeers and 121 basket shooters of the class of '28 responded. It was impossible to pick a squad from this array of talent, at one time, so they are being taken in groups.

Thirty-eight men were issued uniforms and have been practicing faithfully for the past three weeks. The remainder of the men who reported the first day will be given a chance after the holidays, and after the best players have been selected from these groups, the squad will be cut to fifteen men.

Those who have shown up exceptionally well in the first group are: Sikes and Maxwell of Leonard; Broyles and Prescott of Fort Worth; Ferneaux from Carolton; Graham and Williamson from Houston; Fagari of Galveston; and McClung of Corsicanan.

It is very probable that the Freshmen will play at least nine or ten games during the season and will include two trips; one to Houston where the Houston Triangles will be engaged and the other to Ft. Worth where they will play two commercial team in that city. Home games will include engagements with the Allen Academy five, and teams from Taylor High School as well as other High Schools and academies in the State.

An alumnus of the Ohio State University came all the way from Singapore, a distance of 12,000 miles, to see the game with Michigan in the Ohio stadium November 15.

According to one of our exchanges, if students marry at Baylor, the couple must spend a year's honeymoon outside the college.

At Wellesley, they manage these things somewhat differently. The college gives a course in love and marriage; and the lovelorn and broken-hearted wellesley student receives first aid right on the campus.

RESOLUTIONS OF DEATH.

We, the members of the Senior Class, do hereby submit the following resolutions on the death of our friend and fellow classmate, J. A. Kubala.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has decreed it wise and just to call unto him our classmate, J. A. Kubala.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Senior Class of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, extend deepest sympathy and condolence to his family.

And be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the Battalion, to the Daily Bulletin, and to the Granger Times. (Signed)

W. R. FREDERICK,
President.
C. L. CRAIG,
Secretary.

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