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### GOODWILL TOWARDS MAN.

Christmas! "Lives there the man with soul so dead...?" Does not the mention of the word bring a thrill to our bodies, and many happy memories to our minds? Truly this the part of the year that is preordained to be the happiest. No matter what griefs and sorrows, what happiness and successes have rewarded our efforts in those seasons now gone, this the time for thanksgiving and happiness. This the time when all that is best in human nature seeks expression, and tangible expression, so that one may know that he is really a human being and not a dumb brute.

A time of reunion with ones family, of being again in the company of those whom one appreciates, the Christmas season should induce a contagious optimism, a kindness of heart, and a compassionate view of ones fellowman. At this time let all petty grievances, all faults found, all gripes, be they real or otherwise, be relegated along with the remained of ones acts to join the dead of the dying year.

Let us all join in wholesome manifestations of this happiest of seasons. Let it be a time for introspection, not morose and melancholy, but optimistic and cheerful. A word will go a long way towards clearing up slight misunderstandings, and with almost no effort. And may each one of us do our part to bring every possible happiness into the lives of those we love best, and of those who love us best.

### NEW YEARS' RESOLUTIONS.

To everyone the new year has the same meaning that a new term does to those of us who are in college. It is the time to look back over the period in the past and note our mistakes. Our resolutions are merely a means of repairing mistakes, but they are worthless without the will power to uphold them.

If at the end of each year when Father Time changes his reel of life, we were to sum up our mistakes and blunders in a list and really resolve to do better, then something could be accomplished. With this list constantly before our eyes, the task of will power would be greatly lightened.

But what should we, as college students, consider when we make out our resolutions? Couldn't chief among these be the desire for a better understanding of the importance of the years we are now passing by? Nothings more seriously close to us all than the realization of our aims in entering college. Four years may easily be thrown away where only a little added effort could turn them into immense profit from every angle. Let us resolve to be a little more thoughtful concerning our courses and our studies. With this resolution strongly followed, our mental training would capably take care of itself.

And then comes the social side of our lives. Haven't we been just a little careless and narrowminded in trying to get along with our fellow men both in and out of A. and M.? Wouldn't it be well for us to resolve along the idea of watching ourselves, our actions, and our words in order to make life pleasanter for ourselves and for those who come in contact with us? Let us resolve to be more thoughtful.

The spiritual sides of our lives are sadly neglected. We seem too indifferent concerning our religious conceptions, and yet this is the one period in our little world where we are really inquisitive and skeptical. Let us be frank with ourselves and develop more thoroughly in our spiritual inclinations. The young people's church groups afford chances for considerable improvement as concerns us.

### JUSTICE AND INTROSPECTION.

We are sometimes too quick to express our opinions on questions that are brought before our faculty for approval when they don't always see fit to do the impossible, but such was not the case last week when

our holiday dates were changed. They gave us the same careful recognition that they always do and we were all well pleased with their verdict. Can't we give them the same consideration, and show our appreciation by giving them the least possible trouble at all times? Think it over, men, justice is justice; and we are always given justice. Think twice before you leave without that pass.

### OPEN SEASON.

To those who are fortunate enough to have a regular girl, or at least the same girl that they were going with last summer, the Christmas holidays mean that they will get to be with them once more. But to the others, who are by far in the majority, the holidays mean the beginning of "open season" for girls. The holiday season, with its lovely nights, parties, dances, and other occasions, will lead many Aggies who have lost their last flames by marriage or otherwise, into a new crush on some wonderful example of the opposite sex, and when the third of January finds itself here all too quickly, many longings and sighings will be heard about that new sweetie. 'Twas ever thus, but why not? For all will think that they have profited much by their former experience and by their late change of affection, and none will regret the opportunities afforded by that blessed two weeks vacation. As for the ladies, some will prove true, and others will not, but who thinks twice about the story that ends, "a good time was had by all."

### CHRISTMAS—OTHERS.

We have all heard a little verse that runs something like this: Others, Lord, yes others; let this our motto be.

Let us think more of others and not so much of me. Do we stop to think, at Christmas time, what christmas means? Yes, it means for one thing that we should recount our friendships, that we should feel happy for those friendships and call to visit those we consider our closest friends or that being impossible to send small reminders to them. But we should remember that other so true a saying "the gift without the giver is bare." And why not connect the Lord's name in our thoughts at Christmas time? Though we often forget, the Christmas season is celebrated as a happy reminder of Christ's birthday.

Christmas time is a happy mirthful season, pity the man who won't join in its spirit; it is a time of relief from tedium, a holiday, a time of social gatherings, of hunting, fishing, what not; but for all of that, we should for one short minute stop to think what the season really stands for, ask ourselves what the year has meant to us, ask ourselves what will the coming year mean to me?

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