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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

ONCE more the festive season of Christmas is upon us, and we take this opportunity of most heartily wishing all our readers a very happy Christmas. Of all the festivals of the year this one, with its many happy associations, has perhaps the strongest hold upon our affections. Now the children come home from school, happy and joyous, bringing light and gladness for a while into the lives of their elders. The grown up children also, who are scattered far and wide, gravitate for the most part to the old home for at least Christmas Day, and so there is merry making and rejoicing, and it would indeed go hard with us if Christmas did not bring a glow to our hearts and a happiness into our lives which no other season can produce. But, after all, the central reason for our joy is that we are keeping the feast of the Christ Child—we commemorate that most wondrous of all mysteries, the Incarnation—and the sunshine and light which emanated 1900 years ago from the Manger at Bethlehem is still powerful to sweeten the bitter waters of life and to inspire us with renewed hope and vigour for the future. In these days, as on the first Christmas Day, there is danger lest, even on His own festival, the bustle of

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