

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins."—St. Matthew.

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"Christmas Greetings"

We wish all our readers, near and far, in this our own land and those others far away across the seas, who will not see this till Christmas is well past, a very happy Christmas. The year is almost gone. On its wings, as ever, it brought joy, sorrow, surprise, and opportunity for most people. As

it slips away into the eternal, we thank God for its constant reminders of His love and care, even in the midst of other reminders of the world's ancient need; that of recognising in the Holy Babe, the Light and Hope, and only security for humanity. By our prayers, faith and practice, let

us do what in us lies to hasten the time when

"Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling;
And the whole world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing."



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a good time,
A time for giving cheer
To lonely ones and sad ones,
And those we hold most dear.
Christmas is a kind time,
"On earth goodwill to men."
Give sympathy, give friendship,
Till Christmas comes again.
Christmas is a glad time,
For then the Christ was born;
Oh, let the message of His love
Be sung on Christmas morn.

—Anon.

THE BIRTH OF A PRINCE

It was a glorious end to the tense waiting for news during which it almost seemed as if the whole world was holding its breath in anticipation, when the announcement was made that our beloved young Princess Elizabeth had become the mother of a son. So much has been said and written in the few days since this great event happened that anything we can add is mere repetition, but there is in our hearts so much gladness and thankfulness that we must add our little expression of delight to those already spoken or printed

The note of thanksgiving for the birth of a beautiful child is mingled with renewed recognition of the qualities of Princess Elizabeth. Her Christian character and fearless declaration of her own attitude in the matter of Christian living, as revealed in the paragraph below, have a touching sincerity in one so young, and we can thank God for her, while offering our prayers for her and her child. We all pray for a future of peace and security for these who will, in the natural course of things, one day take their turn in the great succession of Eng-

lish sovereigns, and also for the strength and courage necessary for so great a task.

When addressing a Conference of Christian Youth Organisations on August 15th, 1947, Princess Elizabeth said:

"We are considered to be witnesses of the truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A witness is one who speaks of that which he knows about first-hand. We need to have a knowledge of our faith that we can be bold in our witness and adventurous
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