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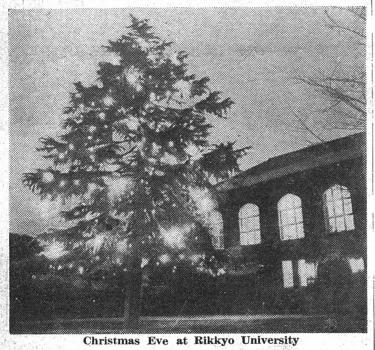
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### Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men



The Birth of the End of the World

Prof. Enkichi Kan, D.D.

Christmas means the festival of Christ. It is the day to adore and thank God for what He has done for us by sending Jesus Christ to us. Since the last war, Christmas has been celebrated almost everywhere in Japan but without knowing what it really means. It is just like the observance of Sunday here in Japan. Peo-ple do not know what Sunday really means When Christmas comes, people think of Santa Claus and Christmas But they are not the essentials of Christmas. Christmas does not mean anything without Christ. Christmas is the day of commemoration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Who is Jesus Christ? He is the one who brings to us the Kingdom (Reign of the purpose, in other words, the end of the world.

Bethlehem 1956 years ago. If ond Coming of Jesus Christ so, we must say that the End in future. This is the true of the World has appeared Christian Way of observing already in this world. But in Christmas.

what manner was He born? The Bible tells us that He was born in a rugged manger. The man who brings to us the Kingdom (Reign of God) which is the same as the End of the World, was born in such a hidden way. Not only that the Bible teaches us that He was the hidden and secret Messiah all through His life on this earth. Yes, He was the man who reveals God to us in a hidden way. His birth is simply the beginning of His whole life of the hidden revealer of God. And those who can believe Him as the true Messiah, i.e. as our Savior, in spite of this hidden state of His existence here in this world, will be able to look up to the day of the manifestation of His hidden glory and God), which is the aim and pray to Him "Come Jesus the purpose, in other words, quickly." Our act of looking back the past history to com-Then we might say that memorate the birth of Christ Jesus Christ is the End of the is automatically changed into World. And He was born in the act of looking up the Sec-

#### Christmas Attractions

The Class Committee decided to have Christmas for Rikkyo students on Dec. 19 and 20, putting it a bit early so that they can make it an enjoyable "students' festival." Main attractions;

Dec. 19

Lecture-meeting. Documentary and news-film. Jazz-concert.

Dec. 20 Morning:

Movie and juvenorphanage.

Afternoon:

drama for children of Rikkyo Primary School and some Orchestra-concert.

Evening:

'Messiah' K.A.Y. Chorus.

#### Scheduled Exams

The Economics Department;

For Frosh. and Feb. 4-14 Soph. For Jr. Feb. 15-Mar. 1 For Sr. Feb. 4-12 The Literature Department; For Frosh. and

Feb. 4-14 Soph. For Jr. and Sr. Feb. 4-9 The Science Department; For Frosh. and

Soph. Feb. 4-14 Mystery Play by For Jr. and Sr. Feb. 11-16

# International Students' Meeting Held

The International Students' Meeting, sponsored by the English Speaking Society of Rikkyo University, assisted by the Japan Times and Rikkyo University was held at Rikkyo on Dec. 8 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

#### President's Speech at the Reception

It is my distinct privilege tion to this important probwelcome this evening. here When the members of the English Speaking Society of Rikkyo University asked me to sponsor an international students' meeting here at our university, assisted by the Japan Times, I gave whole-hearted approval them without hesitation, and I promised to give them every support within my power. I did so not only because such a plan is perfectly in accord with the well established tradition of Rikkyo University throughout the last 82 years, namely, universal brotherhood of men and world fellowship, but because personally I have always been waiting for an opportunity to offer the facilities of this institution to make a small contribution to the better understanding among peoples, especially the young peoples of the world. Thanks to the common instrument of communication, the English language, the delegates to the International Students' Meeting were able to spend some hours this afternoon in discussing the role of the United Nations, which was established to maintain international peace and security and which, in my opinion, is fulfilling a challenging duty in such trouble-spots as the Near East and Eastern Europe. The United Nations is the cornerstone of international peace and security and I think it is fitting and proper that young men representing 16 nations here who are all interested in perpetual peace pay serious considera-

lem. However, what is far more important is the fact that you delegates representing these nations have become personal friends this afternoon, and I am particularly proud that Rikkyo University, which I have the honor to represent, has played some part in this significant enterprise. Delegates to the International Students' Meeting! I urge you to continue to cherish the friendship you have made this afternoon and use it as the basis for creating a better and happier world. This day, December 8, is remembered as the unhappy day of the Pearl Harbor attack when the two great nations of the Pacific declared war on each other for the first time and, I hope, the last time in history. This is past history which cannot be undone. However, you young delegates representing 16 nations must look forward and not backward. You must make this December 8, 1956, when you discussed the great problems of the world here at Rikkyo's campus, the starting point of international peace and friendship, and this day chould in the future be remembered as a day of world fellowship. I know that the energy and vigor of young people working together can do great things in creating new history. That is the duty and privilege of youth, and that is what God intends. I am grateful to you for your attendance and co-operation, and let me say again that Rikkyo University is always ready to render any humble service to the great cause which you and we stand for.

This meeting was an attempt by the Rikkyo E.S.S. to promote mutual understanding with other nationals and to contribute to the establishment of international friendship through the English lang-

30 foreign students from 13 Asian countries and Australia, Germany, and U.S.A., presently studying in Japan and 150 St. Paul's students participated in the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 1:00 by an opening ceremony at Room 35. Mr. T. Takahashi, chairman of E.S.S., made an opening address and Prof. V. B. Haley made a greeting ad-

From 1:30 the meeting was subdivided into three discussion groups, however all of them discussed the same subject "The Role of the United Nations". The chairmen of each group were Messrs. T. Furukawa (Sr.), B. Suzuki (Jr.) and M. Yoshimoto (Soph.).

After a short recess the delegates had the pleasure of seeing the drama, A Picture Wife, which was the firstprize-winner in the Four University English Theatrical Contest held on Nov. 10 & 11 at Hitotsubashi Hall.

In the Dining Hall a welcome reception was given by Dr. M. Matsushita, president of Rikkyo University. Miss K. Fujiyoshi (Jr.) conducted the ceremony. Hosts and guests made table speeches. The meeting was closed in friendly atmosphere by Mr. M. Takano (Sr.) expressing thanks for the international

#### Entrance Exams to Begin Mar.8

The schedule of the entrance examination for the next year was lately decided by the Section of School Affairs as follows. The number of students for admission will be about 550 to the Economics Department, about 380 to the Literature Department, and about 100 to the Science Department.

All these limitations are nearly the same as those of this year. The application for admission to each department will be received from Jan. 21.

The dates of the first examinations are Mar. 5 for the Economics Department, Mar. 8 for the Literature Department and Mar. 22 for the Science Department. The subject matter of the exams are the same as that of this year.

The announcement of successful candidates will be made on Mar. 21 for the Economics and Literature Departments and on 27 for the Science Department.

### Job-hunting in its Height

opened with the end of summer vacation, now is in its height and some 250 seniors have already been successful in the examination for employment by the end of November. This figure is twice as many as that of the same time last year.

This bright tendency is the outcome of two economic conditions. First, a record-breaking rice crop for two successive years promotes the purchasing power of the people at large. Secondly, the prosperous condition of foreign countries promotes the exports of Japan. Thanks to these brisk conditions, more companies, especially of electric and mechanical industries, employed Rikkyoites.

The Section of Personnel Affairs, however, gives warning not to look only on the bright side of things, because

Job-hunting season, which | this year a lot of powerful employers have offered jobs earlier than last year. And it is true that the number of successful men by far exceeds that of last year. But the number of applications is also almost twice as many as that of last year, and the ratio of successful men to applicants is not so good.

> Detailed figures for each department are as follows:

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Chemicals	8	_	5
Mechanical industry	23	. 5	-
Steel and metal	13		-
Banking	13	2	-
Insurance	19	_	***
Securities	13	2	140
Department store	7	_	-
Commerce and trade	61	5	-
Foodstuffs	13	2	1
Oil and mining	4	1	-
Press and Broadcasting	4	3	
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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Appreciating Advice And Criticism

Advice and criticism, however outspoken and searching they may be, are always in-valuable to the progress and success of any worthy undertaking, if they are given constructively.

It may be worthwhile, in this connection, to clarify our position against such criticism of this paper as, "It's contents are shallow and of no value." Our editorial policy has been to report and comment on all events on and outside the campus relevant to Rikkyo students in particular and student life in general as ob. In the Christmas season, jectively and factually as during which it is a universal jectively and factually as humanly possible, avoiding to take any one-sided viewpoint. There are of course many news even in the fields we are covering which we do not want to report or comment on, and which we have deliberately kept from printing. Our decision to that effect have been taken on the ground that they are not in accordance with the principles of good journalism, particularly college journalism, generally accepted in most democratic countries.

However, there are not a few people, including students, in this country today who regard anything except what they have been indoctrinated as "shallow and meaningless" and who find virtues only in polemic and antagonistic attitudes. Living, as we do, in a world totally different from theirs, we find it quite beyond our ability to let them see our

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indicates that our editorial policy has been approved by our readers. We gratefully acknowledge their support and encouragement, assuring them of our appreciation for their frank, constructive criticism at any time.

#### Peace on Earth

How many millions of 'people for untold generations throughout the length and breadth of the earth have repeated in their fervent prayers these most significant words in the Angelic Hymn, "peace on earth," no one can tell. But we do know that in this, coming Christmas even those who profess other faiths will join the followers of the Prince of Peace in all lands in the same prayer at heart, remembering in particular thousands of starving, homeless masses, victims of recent hostilities in Hungary and in the Middle East.

However, by those events, a seeming setback in the cause for universal peace and goodwill, our conviction that goodwill among men not only lasts on but ultimately triumphs on this earth will never be shaken. It is rather lack of goodwill, genuine goodwill, that gives rise to intrigue, conflict, repression, tyranny and terrorism, ending only in sufferings and miseries of innocent masses, and even in denial of the fundamental human rights. Complexities of modern life, its complicated economic, political and international relations, will be no justification for supressing or not giving full play to our goodwill.

custom now to remember friends, even mere acquantances, near and far in all corners of e globe, by writing to them or sending them gifts, let us deepen our sense of brotherhood of all mankind and pray in earnest for that peace 'which passes all understand-

#### Glee Club Enchants Music Lovers

The 47th annual concert of St. Paul's Glee Club was presented with telling success on Nov. 24 at Hibiya Public Hall; on Nov. 25 at Nihon Seinen

For this concert, Japan's foremost soprano singer Miss. Harue Miyake and the pianist Mr. Michio Kobayashi, her accompanist appeared to practice with Glee Club.

On Nov. 24, Hibiya Public Hall was packed to its utmost capacity but in spite of this the Hall was wrapped in silence. The program begun with the male chorus of the and

### A Picture Wife by Rikkyo University



first prize for the best performance at the 20th Four-University English Theatrical Contest which was held at Hitotsubashi Hall in Kanda under the auspices of the Four-University English Theatrical Association, sponsored by the Yomiuri and supported by the Obunsha and the Kenkyusha on Nov. 10 and 11.

This year Rikkyo E.S.S. Esugata Nyobo (A staged Picture Wife) by Seiichi Yashiro, which was translated by the E.S.S. of Rikkyo, and the other three performances were

Rikkyo E.S.S. captured the The Beautiful People by Keio

Judges were Mr. Warren Knott from the British Embassy, Mr. Ralph Meguire from the American Embassy, Tadaichi Hirakawa, former teacher of English conversation on the radio program, well-known for his "Come Come Song", and Mr. Wallance W. Smith, professor of Komazawa University and Taisho University and a member of the Japan-America Association.

University, Ile by Waseda University and Murder is Fun! by Hitotsubashi University.

> all, whatever their situations are. Prof. G. Lehman of Rikkyo University, after expressing his appreciation, gave his im-

The details of the result are

as follows; Rikkyo won the

first prize for the best per-

formance and for the best stage effects. The first prize

for individual play went to Mr. H. Tanaka (Keio), the

second prize to Mr. T. Koyama

(Hitotsubashi) and the third

prize to Miss H. Oshima

A Picture Wife is the story

of a young, ugly, solitary but pure-hearted lord, who finds

his lover and loses her because of his ugliness.

Three characters appear in this play:—the above mentioned lord; Sui who is beauti-

ful and pure in both body and

soul; Yomo who is favoured

in his physical make-up, but

cursed with the worldly de-

find themselves lonely after

These three human beings

sires that plague mankind.

(Rikkyo).

pressions of this drama:-"Everyone has been praising the Rikkyo E.S.S.'s production of A Picture Wife. The judges of the Four Uni-

versity English Theatricals found Rikkyo's play to be the winner and almost everyone. including myself, agreed with "Although I do not feel competent to judge the play from the standpoints of the various technical elements making up a drama, I can say that, as far as I was aware, there were no serious flaws in the performance of A Picture Wife, no point where my interest and enjoyment were

interupted by some lack of an element necessary to a smooth unfolking of the play. "All in all, the production of A Picture Wife by the Rikkyo E.S.S. was indeed very creditable and thoroughly en-joyable. Credit must be given not only to the actors and actresses of course, but to all who had a part in it, from the director to the prompter. Without the cooperation of every participant, it could not have been the wonderful success that it was.

"However, I would like to advise you E.S.S. members not to rest on your laurels, but to begin looking towards next year's production. And in that connection I would call your attention to the matter of the choice of the play: I know that it is a tradition with Rikkyo to present a Japanese play, but I wonder if it isn't time to break tradi tion. After all, is an easy victory year after year really a Personally I feel confident that the Rikkyo E.S.S. can win the Four University English Theatricals Contest no matter what type they choose to present. And I am looking forward to the day when they will justify my confidence in them and prove to the critics that Rikkyo is really and truly "tops" in English language drama."

### Tea Ceremony under Blue Sky

al of this year, all students and guests paid much attention to the demonstration of the open-air tea ceremony by our tea ceremony study group.

This group was established last fall in order to study this traditional Japanese tea cult.

As it has been only a short time since its establishment and since it was the first time this club had taken part in the Cultural Festival, the members were not certain whether they would be able to attract

beautiful harmony of welltrained male voice rolled over the audience as the embroidered curtain was raised up amid general applause.

After the chorus of the Cantata the repertoire ran from Negro Spirituals and Schubert lieder to Mendelssohn lieder.

After a short interval, the soprano Harue Miyake who belongs to the "Nikikai" and is widely acknowledged as a representative Japanese singappeared to sing "Nacht und Träume", "Heidenröslein" both composed by Schubert and the from the Vienna Woods" by Johann Strauss. She displayed in these three solos, a mellifluous soprano which is rarely heard in Japan and the audience as well seemed much delighted by the felicitous singing.

After this program, the mixed chorus sang a selection of Japanese children's song and familiar songs from the Foster Album which closed the 47th annual concert.

During the Cultural Festiv- | many participants in the demonstration on the tea ceremony. But as a matter of fact, to their pleasant surprise, more than two hundred students and guests gathered to taste the tea.

> The reason for this success is, as the chairman of the club revealed, attributed to the creasing interest in Japanese arts among Rikkyoites, and to the Ryurei style taken in the open-air tea ceremony

This Ryurei style in which guests of honor sit on the chairs instead of on the tatami, was first designed in the Meiji era for the sake of the foreigners who have aspired to grasp the essence of the tea ceremony but could not continue to sit on the talami for a long time.

The tea ceremony fathered in the Azuchi-Momoyama era by Sen-No-Rikyu. Since then many schools and sects have been brought into existence. But what all these tea schools are aiming at is the same thing; harmony in human relations and the understanding of the concept of the so-called "Wabi and Sabi".

At present about twenty members are taking lessons once a week from Soko Kato, the master of the Ura-Senke, in their tea-room in the classical, tranquil, mellow atmosphere. Through these lessons they intend to cultivate themselves and improve their personality.

The club hopes that more and more Rikkyo students will be interested in this timehonored cult of Japan.

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## SPORTS



Rising Sun Flag (second from right) Japan's national flag was hoisted in front of Olympic village in Melbourne together with other national flags of various countries which are participating in the Game. By the KYODO PRESS

# 13 from Rikkyo

Japan sent a 161 men delegation to the 16th Melbourne Olympic Games. Some 6,000 athletes from 68 nations of the world are participating in the international sports festival.

From Rikkyo University, 13, athletes including coachers and managers were selected out of thousands of a candidates as delegates of Japan's Olympic team. Never before have so many persons taken part in the Olympics, from our campus.

On October 5, the send-off party was held for Rikkyo Rikkyo University delegates, at our campus Japan."

under the auspices of the Rikkyo Athlete Association and the O.B. Athlete Club.
With all the delegates at-

tending except the Basketball members, the party started with the message of President Matsushita, in which he expressed his gratification for the sending of more member than that of any other past years. After the introduction of each delegate, swimming coach Negami said, represent-ing the delegates from Rikkyo in the closing address, "We do our best to bring honour to and to

The Roster of Olympic delegates from Rikkyo is as follows:

Hiroshi Negami

(Employee of Kurihara Shoten, Japan Olympic Swimming Team Member in 1936.)

Mitsuo Ota

(Swimming coacher, Employee of



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Takashi Takabayashi

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Hitoshi Konno

Hiroshi Saito

Hiroshi Arai

These are alumni, Followings are undergraduates:-Takeshi Shimizu

Yasuo Takamori

Shutaro Shoji Setsuo Nara

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(Basketball.)

(Basketball.)

As far as the basiciball kyo University. It is said team is concerned Japan sent that the team is the strongest her first delegation to Melourne, almost half of which consists of players from Rik. For the first time in 20

Katsumura Construction Co. Japan | years, since the Berlin Olym-Olympic Swimming Team Member pics, in 1936.)

(Soccer. Employee of Tanabe Pharmaceutical Co. Participated in 1956 Olympic elimination contest with South Korean team.)

(Soccer. Employee of Tanabe Pharmaceutical Co. Participated in 1953 International Student Sport Week, in 2nd Asian Games in 1954, and 1955 games with Burmese team.)

(Basketball coacher. President of Toho Straw Pulp Co.)

(Basketball. Employee of Yawata Iron and Steel Manufacturing Co. Participated in 1953 South Asian Games and in 2nd Asian Games.)

(Basketball, Employee of Tekkosha Co. Participated in 1953 South Asian Games and in 2nd Asian Games.)

(Basketball, Employee of Japan Mining Co. Participated in 1954 Asian Games.)

(Basketball, Employee of Matsushita Electric Industries. ticipated in 1953 Southeast Asian Games and in 2nd Asian Games.)

(Swimming, 100-58.4 sec; 200-2min.

(Soccer, Member of Japanese student team visiting Burma in 1954.)

sent Japan soccer squad. Omura, Takabayashi and Takamori, from Rikkyo are members.

As already mentioned, President Matsushita expressed his great satisfaction that about 10 per cent of Japan's delegates are Rikkyo men.

During an interview with him he said that he hopes and expects our delegates to conduct themselves proudly, as the representatives of Japan, inside or outside the field, wherever they are. "I hope they do not think they are too much responsible for the game they have to play. To have the feeling of much responsibility might make them act awkward. 'The important thing is to take part in' is the word of the Olympic founder. If the next Olympic is to be held in Tokyo", he continued, "It is very desirable that the Green Heights field, completed recently will be able to serve for it. And many men making use of the Heights will appear in the Olympic coming hereafter. In this sense Green Heights is of great significance to Rikkyo students and to all."

The people of Australia are still said to have strong anti-Japanese feeling because of the brutal actions taken by Japanese soldiers during the war. This is the time all the Japanese delegates should show their skill and at the same time their goodwill toward others in order to achieve much more friendly relationship than ever before with Australia, and with all the world.



St. Paul's Soft Baseball Team who won the three consecutive victory.

### CO-EDS

Previously, the girls of our University for many reasons, were not able to join the Athletic Association, but from April 1956, two popular Athle-tic Clubs were formed by sport lovers. Tennis Club is one of them.

At the present there are about ten members. Thanks to the effort of all members, the

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Tennis Club has now attend- gaining an important posied the Japan Student Softball Tennies League. After trying very hard during the Spring and Summer tournament, they finally gained a victory over Tokyo Women's College and were promoted to the B class.

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port.

The other Club is Basketball. With the co-operation of each member, this club is also

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# Yuletide throughout the World



### Sick-rooms Decorated in England

churches, houses, shops and in some parts of the country, whole streets are colourfully decorated. The basis of these decorations is strips or branches of evergreen. The most popular decoration are holly, a green shrub with spiky leaves and bright red

Especially in hospitals, all decorated are sick-rooms But compared beautifully. with other countries such as Japan, Christmas decorations in England are very plain and quiet, which shows the tem-per and nature of the Englishman. All traffic facilities are stopped and everyman spends Christmas in his home all day long.

Christmas decorations in London shine with some of the multicoloured starlike decorations which have brought a touch of fairyland to Regent Street, one of London's famous thoroughfares.

The coloured stars, numbering of over 1200 are suspended 20 feet above Regent Street and are one of the London attractions during the Christmas season.

Children look forward to Santa Claus white bearded and with ruddy face. Sometimes Santa Claus is called Father Christmas. On Christmas Eve he will come from the northern country riding in a sleigh drawn by eight re-indeer and he will fill the stockings of good boys and girls with many presents.

Christmas is a time when, however split up they are for the rest of the year, families gather together. Sons and daughters, who had left home either to study at a university, or to join the armed forces, all endeavour to return to their parents at this time. There are many homes in Britain where, for the Christmas dinner, there are three generations round the table the senior members, children and their their grandchildren.

For full members of the church the day begins at 

At this season, in England, sacrament. The midnight mass nurches, houses, shops and in wins favour from two causes, it would seem, characteristic of the period we live in, a new taste for the dramatic in worship and more humbly, domestic convenience; for where there are children and no servants, husband and wife may be unable to communicate at any other time.

Be not afraid... I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord and this will be a sign for you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in manger.

"Glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:10-14

### Santa Claus Comes Door to Door in Switzerland

both for children and grown-

Every year, when Christmas comes near at hand there is prevailing an atmosphere gaiety in all streets and many big and small Santa Clauses go from door to door, presenting to the poor hearty In the families of German presents. In every family descent, a peculiar way of de-

In Switzerland, Christmas they decorate a small pine is not merely a Holy day but tree, hanging on it the figures also it is a wonderful festival of Angels, scent bags, animals made of candy and small fire works. When the day comes, white wax candles begin to throw their slender light on decorated thus beautifully giving a here for Christmas trees, charming atmosphere Christmas.

In the families of German

enjoy a merry Christmas

peacefully with their family and friends. Being given the

two-weeks holiday all school

boys go back home in order

to spend the Christmas vaca-

In Denmark, they open the

Christmas party with singing

hymns and Christmas carols

at their homes on the evening

of 24th (Christmas Eve) and

the

were set beforehand under

the Christmas tree with each

addressed

presents which

corating the Christmas tree which will surely envoke the smile of a foreigner is still lingering on. In these families, parents lock the room where they intend to put the Christmas tree, forbiding the children to enter or to have a glimpse of the room until Christmas. And parents hide many Christmas presents for children in that room.

Since their babyhood, children have had the firm belief that on Christmas day, Santa Claus will never fail to come to fill the room with plenty of

But in truth, it is the parents' doing. Not knowing this at all, all children, on Christmas Eve, light candles and wait for the ring of a bell from the room; the mother, around six o'clock, goes out of the room on some pretext or other, but in truth, to ring the bell. All children, hearing the bell ringing, rush into the room at the same time and are amazed and delighted by the beautiful presents from their parents on behalf of Santa Claus

Above all, however, the most smile-evoking scene of Christmas is to be seen in German Switzerland, where all children cherish the legend that on Dec. 6 the white bearded Saint Nicholas comes to look for the honest and kind hearted children, carrying a big bag of Christmas presents on his shoulder with stick in his hand.

The parents, not to spoil this long cherished expectation of children, ask their friends to come on Dec. 6 in disguise of Saint Nicholas. When this disguised Saint Nicholas appears parents usually boast of the children's well-behavior but sometimes, complain of their mischievous urchins.

Then Saint Nicholas, in the case of the good children presents many gifts patting their hands but in the latter case he slips a few presents into their hands after lashing the children with his stick.

### No Stocking Hung in Denmark

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exchange

Christmas

Denmark, a lovely country, they set a little Christmas tree reminds us of a renowned in the centre of the room and fairy tales author, Hans Christian Andersen.

Danes, of course, celebrate Christmas day as splendidly as they do in many other countries. At Christmas, especially in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark which is famous for its spirit of friendliness, gaiety, there is decorated a large, beautiful Christmas tree in the town hall square, and the Danes all go to church.

Generally in their home,

from which

Christmas in America

By Prof. E. H. Falck

Everywhere in the States, Christ Mass Christmas is celebrated but in many different ways. For the people of the United States have come from many different European countries and have preserved in the new land the customs of their home lands. For example, in Wisconsin and other northern states the Norwegian and Swedish customs are followed in the

everywhere, how-Almost ever, the Christmas tree is de-In New York a magnificent tall tree is set up in Rockefeller Plaza and for week before Christmas crowds of shoppers stop to sing carols around it after it is lighted with hundreds of lights. Many cities on Christmas Eve join in singing led by a brass band and a choir.

In the homes, the little children wait for Santa Claus who will come during the night driving his "eight tiny reindeer" and fill the stock-

In the morning, or at midnight, the Catholic Church members go to church for the

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and Protestant churches have special services. After the service on Christmas morning the family

Christmas derives its name,

gathers around the tree and gifts are opened. Then later comes the Christmas dinner to which every member of the family comes if he can possibly get there.

In many cities people have evergreen trees growing in front of their homes. These they light with gaily colored electric lights. The streets of the cities are gay with lighted trees and lighted windows, laughter, people greeting each other as they carry Christmas gifts their to friends.

beautiful custom. Every followed in some parts of the country, is to place a lighted candle in the window. This is to light the Christ Child as he comes—to say "there was no room as the inn for you, there is room in this house for your coming."

Then they sit at the table on which beautiful Christmas cake, roast goose, roast pork, apple cake, red cabbage and wine are arranged. After this special Christmas dinner, they all dance around the Christmas tree shaking hands with each other. There is an atmosphere of healthy home in

such a place, to say nothing

of that of religion.

In other European countries and America, they are in the habit of holding a celebration of Christmas on 25th, and in Denmark, they do it on the evening of the 24th and in addition, they do not hang their stockings on the branch of Christmas tree, for Santa Claus does not appear in this country. In stead of Santa Claus, it is believed that a little fairy as told in the works of Hans Andersen visits surely here. So the children need not clean their chimney.

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