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Christmas



Editorial

To all of us Christmas means giving and it means receiving. In this happy vision we see the Prince of Peace, greatest giver of all.

As New Year's is the season for fresh resolutions, so is Christmas—for me at least—the season of casting up an account of our blessings.

Since Christmas 1957 our fellowship has probably given 100,000 alcoholics and their families a chance to issue out of their sickness into health, and from darkness into light. Maybe one quarter of these sufferers have responded to our invitation and have accepted our gift. Because we literally need to give in order to live, we have no reason for pride. But a durable satisfaction and a great joy has been ours and these things we know we can safely keep.

Here amongst us we have also tried to help each other. We have devoted uncounted hours to this. We have been able to offer each other those gifts of understanding and of love which can only be found in the kinship of a common suffering and a common deliverance. We have been trying to help each other to grow, to solve the problems of life in this most perilous century that mankind has ever known. In deepest humility and gratitude we see that God has endowed us with not a little success.

Surely we of AA have more reason to be merry than any people on earth. So, dear friends, a Merry Christmas to you all!

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