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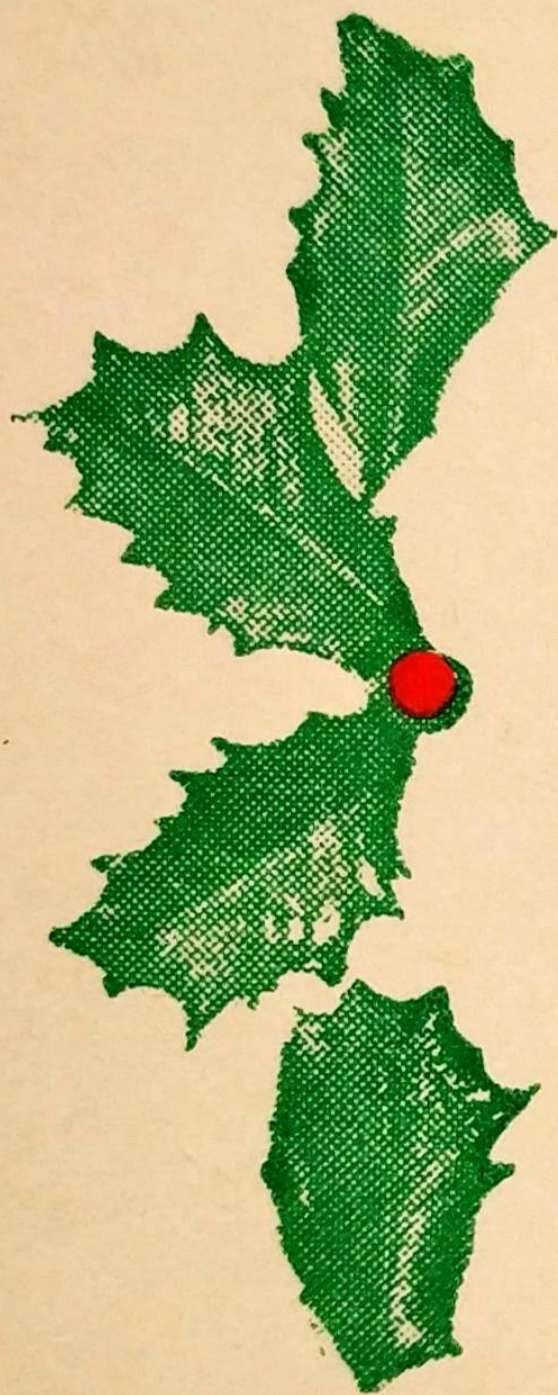
“**T**HY kingdom come” we pray, the while our race
 Reddens the earth and sea with human blood.
 Each day new crimes strike heaven on the face.
 Sorrow inundates earth, a mighty flood.
 Our hearts are cold, our very souls are numb.
 Yet still we seek to pray, “Thy kingdom come”.

HOW can we pray for those we seek to kill?
 How can we hate, when God Himself is Love?
 Are we now seeking Jesus’ perfect will?
 How do our prayers sound to the Power above?
 Heaven’s music now is drowned by fife and drum.
 How can we pray today, “Thy kingdom come”?

O, Jesus, Master, how have we betrayed Thee!
 Almost two thousand years, and now this war!
 We heard Thee speak, but we have not obeyed Thee.
 From Thy plain teachings we have wandered far.
 In penitence we bow; our lips are dumb.
 O, Lord, teach us to pray, “Thy kingdom come”.

—L. T. P.

Best wishes for the Christmas season and
 the New Year.
 —Levi T. and Rebecca Pennington



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