## Farmington Public Library

## A history from its beginning in Dec. 1890 until 1935 other year to serve. Dr. H. P. sult, during the fall of 1922 the many valuable contributions from Goodwin, donor of the library, erly, J. E. S. Hall, Hervey B. William Herring, F. E. White, Whit Written by the late Ethel B. Nason,

Librarian for twenty years

assistant librarian.

Like almost everyone who is Burnham.

hours of duty. foundation of the effort.

printed herewith.

During the fall of 1890 some of room, and on election day, thanks smoothly. to the good intent of the voters, court room properly lighted.

to organize a dibrary association eral volumes of literature and to adopt some plan of work

members of the organization.

Safford, secretary, was Percy

Permanent officers were elected as follows: Isaac E. Pearl, president: Prof. F. W. Doring, president; Mrs. Mary E. Parker, secretary; Frank Pearl, treasurer.

chosen: Committee on subscripmusical entertainment: Mrs. A. added to the treasury.

C. Waldron, Mrs. I. E. Pearl, Mrs. Isaac E. Pearl continued his ser-Committee on special entertain- chosen to fill the vacancy.

library were contributed by Mrs. free for the next year. Adelaide C. Waldron, and were as The president, Isaac Pearl, ap-

Nason was librarian at the Good- Hall, Will Herring, Percy Sanord, joyed until midnight. win Public library, and for sev- John Berry, J., Ned Parker, W. I. eral years previous to that time Hayes, Sadie Cooke, Agnes Berry, ginning May 5, 1893. This was she had served as substitute or Cora Piersons, Mrs. Walter Ed- the Columbian Bazaar, a threegerly, Minnie Hussey and Alice day affair and netted the library

occupied in a position serving The public library association the public, she gave many hours was formally organized on Mon- year of 1893, the association reof work beyond the prescribed day evening, December 8, 1890 It was thought that those resi- of the president and first librari- ties as treasurer and W L. Pea- 1924, she served as assistant lilimstrating her devoted inter- dents paying the fee of one dol- an, Isaac E. Pearl Mr Pearl had est in the library and its value to and receiving a card which would been president since the library period of years and her findings book department on January 1, whose removal to Rochester pre- the year were transcribed in long hand, a 1891, on which night a grand vented her longer service Mrs. task which must have taken many book reception would be held at Price, in addition to her duties tion of Dr P H Wheatley as could spare from its treasury, dohours to compile. For most peo- the library room, each person at as secretary, had served as li- president, Mr S. S Parker was nations with no strings attached ple this would have been a tedi- tending being at liberty on this brafts following the resignation again prevailed upon to assume and all interest added. ous undertaking, but she was night to contribute as many books of Mas Agnes L. Berry. fond of the library and all it as they wish. Accordingly, a stood for. It is with respectful large number of those present

Both the reading room and the the citizens of the town of Farm- book department were opened 1894, felt unable to have the care ington had been interesting them- January 1, 1891, and Isaac E. of the office for a longer time and Mr E. H. Thomas was elected

Dr. H. P. Wheatley, at that purpose the use of the police cians of the town, made many do- held in the town of Farmington \$75, proceeds from ters had been secured, it remained shelves, magazine racks, and sev-

able books, periodicals and furni- organize a library association in styles more appertaining to tramp sociation the sum of \$68 to do A committee of seven citizens true at the beginning of the new the minds of the judges as to the but suggested a fund for a library had had the matter in discussion year. No project in Farmington disposition of the prizes. Mrs. building Mr Parker moved that for a few weeks past and at a up to that time had ever received Palmer, as she limped along with this fund be set apart as a buildpublic meeting at the opera house such a generous and hearty sup- her worldly goods in the moth- ing fund with interest added, on Friday evening, November 21, port from all its citizens as had eaten old carpet bag upon her controlled by the Library associa 1890, they laid their plans be- that of the public library and arm and the old dog in leash with tion fore the people and proceeded to reading room. Early in January a tow string unquestionably was of \$100 bequeathed to the associorganize an association for the the association was able to an- entitled to first lady's prize. This ation by Mrs. Laura E. Fernald express purpose of establishing nounce that five hundred people was a gold piece and while she re- be added to the building fund and maintaining a public library had become yearly members and tained her prize, she returned its and reading room in Farmington had taken out cards entitling worth in cash to the treasury of presentation of "The Cameron Elvery citizen, young and old, was them to the doan of books. Farm- the library. invited to be present and become ington citizens had contributed Judging from the size of the Dover sent a check for \$15. Mr. John Waldron, Mrs. Buzzell and a valentine whist party under the audience at the public meeting at Fogg, a member of the firm for Mrs. A. I. Nute deciding that direction of Mrs. E. F Thayer. the opera house, those interested whom I. Hayes & Son manufac- while a good many others had on Mrs. Nina Greeley, Mrs. Allie the opera nouse, those interested which is tured shoes, gave \$50. Wallace more ragged clothes, his had the Grace and Mrs. C. W Jenness was in starting a public library in tured shoes, gave \$50. town seemed to be small in point and Elliot, also shoe manufactur- appearance of being the most given in Harmony hall for a liof numbers. But, however, the ers, gave \$200. Plans were be- poverty stricken, while the extemporary organization, with ments during the winter to add to the most dejected and woebegone ing fund At this time, approxi- Farmington Glee club, and on man of the building committee

> mestic drams, "Placer Gold", was treasury of the association given and the proceeds turned over to the library association.

In October, 1891, the Farming. successful ton Public Library association be-

L. A. Small, Mrs. James Hayes, the previous year's magazines Mrs. Osborne Price, Mrs. Nellie and this usually occurred during Starr, Miss Winnifred Berry, Mrs. the second week in January. All N. F. Roberts, Mrs. W. H. W magazines which were not re-Colomy, Rev. W. I. Sweet, Mrs. G served for binding were offered L. White, W. W. Roberts, W. F. for sale to the highest bidder. In Hayes, I. El Pearl. Committee on this way several dollars were

Augusta Cooke, Mrs. A. F. Wal-vices as librarian until Septemdron, Mrs. H. P. White, Frank ber, 1892, when he resigned on Poarl, S. S. Parker, Dean Allen, account of pressing law duties Newman Gary, H. C. Waldron, and Miss Agnes E. Berry was

ment: E. P. Nute, E. T Willson, At the annual meeting of that E. E. Carleton, Dr. W. P. Blake, year the following officers, were A. I. Nute, James H. Powers, elected: President, Isaac Pearl; James McGibbon. Committee on vice president, Mrs. A. C. Walby-laws: E. P. Nute, J. E. Davis, dron; secretary, Mrs. O. W. Price, E. T. Willson, S. S. Parker, I. E. treasurer, Ned L. Parker; trus-Pearl, Rev. G. L. White, Rev. W tees, F. W. Doring, C. W. Talpey. H P. Wheatley, S. S. Parker It The first books donated to the was voted to make the library

follows: The Greatest Thing In pointed an entertainment comthe World, by Prof. Drummond, mittee consisting of the follow-On'the Hill, by Frederic Starr; ing citizens: Dr. H. P. Wheat-Frances A. Humphrey. An in- Roberts, Mrs. Usborne Price, Mrs.

Vitation was extended to all to denote books or gifts.

House, with an any opened with about 700 books close the very impresive exercises.

Mrs. Henry Davis for other way. This suggestion was ready for circulation. At the time At the annual meeting in Dedonate books or gifts.

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For about twenty years begin- bers possible for the association. ded by Mrs. L. H. Palmer and Miss ning in 1925, the late Ethel B. They were as follows J E. S. Agnes L. Berry, dancing was en-

association over \$200

At the beginning of the library luctantly accepted the resignation

brary, consented to act as librari- serving his term and Mr D. W an temporarily, but in February. Kimball was elected treasurer

Fifty couples, attired in rags, Talpey Rejuctant as was the public at paraded around the hall, display-

Mr Archie Wiggin received the Alonzo Nute as president, and their constantly increasing funds. sort and fitted the place exactly On February 6, 1891, the do- The sum of \$85 was added to the

The poverty ball proved to be such an enjoyable event and so financially that another was held one year later, The following committees were came incorporated under the prizes going to Miss Agnes Berry

> Parker, treasurer. Also Dr. \$650. H. P. Wheatley, director, who like
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> At the annual meeting in De-association.
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> 1857, one silver three-cent piece of 1851
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> cember, 1917, Mr E. H Thomas. A special meeting of the director of 1856, one-cent piece of 1851 June, 1850, and extending to Jan- Woman's club.

rector. George H. Davis was ber 9 to November 3, nine Concord, N H. elected treasurer to succeed Perci- weeks in all, during which time, with a crayon portrait of Mrs. Eh. Somersworth, the work of recata- home for a library whist party the reading room.

In 1900, F E. Edgerly became alog was installed. treasurer, following the resignation of George H. Davis.

Parker, president of the association since 1893, positively devey was chosen to fill his place.

the community, she compiled a permit them to take out books had its beginning back in 1890. Miss Emily Goodwin was elected elected librarian, following the valuable history of the institu- would be willing to sign the con- but his removal to another town secretary and librarian and contion from the date of its incep- stitution and become thereby au- prevented the continuation of his tinued her faithful services for Molly Nute was appointed astion in December, 1890, up to the thorized to vote in regular meet- loyal service to the library and over ten years, at which time ill- sistant librarian. year 1935. A copy of this record ings. President isaac E. Pearl the public. But, however, a wor-ness in her faimly forced her rehas been made available to the very thoughtfully made it clear thy successor was found in the tirement from library service, ington Glee club, under the di-"News" and the contents are be- that while the reading room was person of S. S. Parker, who, like Mrs. Nellie M Davis was chosen rection of the club's founder, Miss ing published for the benefit of open to everyone absolutely free, Mr Pearl, was one of the pioneer to fill the vacancy At this time Ruth E. Allen, gave its first anall who will pause to consider those who wished to enjoy the workers for the new library Mr Mrs. A. C. Waldron, having been nual concert and very generously how very much the townspeople book department must hold mem- Parker was elected almost unani- vice president since 1892, wished contributed the proceeds to the liwished for a library and how bership cards. The membership fee mously, the only dissenting ballot to be relieved of her duties and brary building fund. This inhard many people worked to ac- was necessary in the book depart- being his own. Mr H. B. White D. E. Edgerly was chosen to suc- creased the sum by \$70 cumulate the funds that were the ment to the purchase of books was chosen to fill the place of Mr ceed her. A vote of thanks was fund now amounted to \$1135 and the running expenses. It Parker on the board of directors, extended to Mr E. H. Thomas, This sum consisted of contribu-Miss Nason's record showed ex- was voted at this time to open the and Mr E. B. Hayes was made then a newcomer to the town for tions made from time to time by tensive search into records over a reading room and if possible the secretary succeeding Mrs. Price, favors received from him during the Woman's club, any surplus

the duties of the office. Mr E. In January, 1924, it was found

At the annual meeting in 1908, \$1373 A few weeks later, on April 12, Farmington Woman's club prethe town voted to give for that time one of the foremost physi- 1894, the first poverty ball ever sented the Library association Now that such excellent quar- among them being newspaper public library, under the efficient tion received a gift of \$100 from leadership of Mrs. L. H Paimer the will of the late Mrs. Abbie

In 1912 the Woman's club for supplying the room with suit- large to support the movement to ing as they did so a variety of again presented to the Library as-November, just the reverse was life. There was no question in with as the association saw fit, During the fall of 1914 the

Pride", given on two successive evenings, substantially increased about \$900. Mr. John Hurd of gent's first prize, the judges, Mrs. the building fund Also in 1915 pression on his face was one of netted over \$135 for the buildder the direction of Herbert From this, over \$100 was realized \$74 25 and added to the fund

\$200 to the Library Association.

gested putting \$250, which was structure.

The library entertainment of lying idle in the hands of the Immediately donations of enclosed; also a genealogy of the

to all the mem-character. After a grand march laws so as to elect seven instead Teachers and students especially Waldron, Braintree; Mr. W. K. bers of his staff in attendance.

having substituted for received \$50. Nason, In December, 1903, Mr S. S. Mrs. Nellie Davis on several occasions, was appointed assistant clined to serve a longer time, and came associated with the library Dr P H. Wheatley was elected to in 1919 during the severe filmess take his place. F E. Edgerly al. of Mrs. Davis. Substituting inso wished to be relieved of his du-termittently until September, At the annual meeting in 1904, in December, 1925, when she was

On April 13, 1923, the Farm money not earning anything In 1906, following the resigna- which the Library association

Now, Mrs. Mary E. Parker, D. Disbrow was elected treasurer, that after all bills were paid, the the Library association was adever helpful and always working but his subsequent removal to an- sum of \$200 could be spared from pleasure that this history is signed the constitution and be- for the advancement of the li- other town prevented him from the association treasury, so this was added to the building fund. making in all, including interest,

Early in the club year of 1924, selves in a movement to establish Pearl consented to act as librari- was succeeded by Henry S. Davis, vice president of the association Mrs. E. H. Thomas, chairman of toward the immediate erection a public library and reading an until the affairs were running who with the aid of Mrs. Davis, and the following year became its the library committee of the Wo- and equipment of the George H served the library for many years, president. During this year the man's club, had made announce- Goodwin library Mr. Goodwin, erly, John P Hurd, S. S. Parker, Mrs. Josie Bussell benefit of the library would be the operetta held in December Accordingly, ter of honorary recognition benations to the reading room, was given for the benefit of the Sylvia. Also the Library associa- the Rainbow Girls' minstrel show building fund by \$257

> as ociation in December, 1927, it ately forthcoming from Architect was brought to the attention of E. J Richardson of Dover A the members that the sum of over building committee consisting of \$1800 had accumulated in the E. H Thomas, Fred I Thayer and building fund Now, more than F O Copp was appointed, with ever, the committee exerted their Mr Thayer as chairman efforts to secure a lot upon which oried by the Library association build. Thus, one week later, oulated among the business men on December 12, a special meeting, of the directors was called and they voted unanimously to purchase from Mr E. T Willson terest of which would be used to his land located on Main street support the new building between the Congregational church and the land of Mr Trafton Also voted to apply the \$1800 the plans submitted by E. J Rienin the building fund as part pay- ardson of Dover were officially ac-

Now that a lot had been se-These two affairs 1928, the association received an- August 3, 1928 other donation of \$15 50 from the ducted by Fred I. Thayer, chairamount. On November 12, the held in the town hall under the association. The opening remarks same year, "The Squaw Man", un auspices of several local women were presented by Mr Browne, was presented under the the early promotion of a new li- as ociation, Mr S. S. Parker, auspices of the Woman's chub. brary building. This affair netted treasurer of the association, pre-

A committee consisting of S. S. February 10, 1928, the opera Canney a biographical sketch of and Wm. Armstrong. All the Parker, D. E. Edgerly, H S Davis house which had housed the li- George H. Goodwin. The high Cloutman, Mrs. Frank Edgerly, '92 a concert was held and sever-Mrs. W. F. Thayer, Mrs. O. W. al one act plays were given for made of paper box covers and a switched building loss of books to the Library aswitched building loss of books to the Library association. On the evening presion by Mr. Goodwin.

Talpor, Mrs. A. W. Shaokford, the purpose of raising money made of paper box covers and a small stub pencil was fastened to them by pink twing. The sum of the purpose of the purpose of the purpose of any suitable building loss of books to the Library association. On the evening presion by Mr. Goodwin.

On April 16, 1917, an indoor ceeding the fire a barofit to consider the burned, inflicting an almost total the cornerstone was performed by purposes of any suitable building loss of books to the Library association. On the evening presion by Mr. Goodwin. people in the grand march were chawing gum and the effect was Mrs. G. N. Eastman, Mrs. J. E. These proved very successful finthem by pink twine. The sum of
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Cember, 1896, the association was the Woman's club. The proceeds well attended and the entire procedings of the day, all the silver the Woman's club. The proceeds well attended and the entire procedings of the year 1928, the forced to accept the resignation of the ceeds, \$35, was voted the follow-dollar, half-dollar, quarter and Ned E. B. Hayes, secretary, and Ned building fund to a total of over ing morning by the Franconia dine; also the nickel and copper Notch committee to the Library cent, one silver half-dollar of

given generous service to the pubefter serving for eight consecutors was held in the bank rooms M. Goodwin's contribution to the lic library and its interests, was tive years as president, declined a February 14, 1928, to determine collection was a two-cent piece of positive in his refusal to act any unanimous reelection, as his du- what steps to take towards ee- 1864 Fred I Thayer gave a onelonger as director. Accordingly, ties which called him out of town tablishing a permanent home for cent Canadian piece, a Canadian these three offices were filled as most of the time would intenfere the library All were in favor of sou and a Chinese coin Mrs. follows Henry 8. Davis, secre- with continuing in office. Henry erecting a suitable building on Annie Thayer contributed a photary; Percival H. Safford, treas-S. Davis was elected to fill the va- the lot recently purchased Vari- tograph of Theodore Rosevelt and ous drives for obtaining money her uncle, Brigadier General Winurer, John E. S. Hall, director cancy.

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Always uppermost in the minds were suggested and it was voted field Scott Edgerly, taken with Cancy. association had received \$100 of the directors and officers was that a committee composed of Mr these two prominent figures sitworth of new books as a gift from the idea of having a library build- E. H. Thomas, and Mrs. Fred I. ting side by side on horseback. A the state. Also Mrs. Eastman ing of their own Any money on Thayer get in touch with the di- photograph of Mr Goodwin was presented the library a set of hand which was not to be used rectors of the Carnegie Library enclosed, also a picture of the Harper's magazines dating from immediately was added to the Fund to see what aid could be ob- graduating class of 1928, taken from the first number issued in building fund created by the tained from that source. Mean- as they posed on the steps of the while, no time was lost in ob- Army and Navy building in Washuary, 1896 Incidentally, the

As in 1921 at the annual meet-taining temporary quarters in the ington, contributed by Blanche death of Mrs. Eastman, November ing of the Library associaton, J. P. B. Roberts block directly Roy George C Roberts contri-6, 1896, revealed a bequest of Selectman Frank Adams sug-across the street from the burned buted two copies of the Bible;

that year was field on Thanksgiv-ing night and was a play entitled by the Lie and was a play the Lie and was a play to the Lie and was a play the Lie and was a play the Lie and was a play to th "Snowball", and netted the Li- ing a lot upon which to build so that on March 10, one month The benediction pronounced by would, in her way of thinking, after the fire, the library was Franklin Parker brought to a In 1896, owing to the departure create more interest than any opened with about 700 books close the very impresive exercises.

Immediately following the fire, val H. Safford. Mrs. J F Safford under the capable direction of Mr and Mrs. F J Hanson gener-followed with a splendid address, as, J D. Smiley, Henry S. Davis, presented the Library Association Mrs. Leona Savithes, librarian at ously offered their commodious Mrs. Maude Place and Mrs. Viola In December, 1922, Miss Ethel Thayer, the Library association

> Immediately, gifts of money began to arrive, among the first beer for \$1,000

Communication from the Car-

in Milton and pointed out to him Ethel Nason his term as treasurer Eugene Adams the appreciation the town of Each year the library has seen J. L. McLaughlin rying out his original purpose of town hall, was 17,138 endowing an institution that Following are the officers of the S. S. Parker viding an opportunity to youth in order of service and learning Mr Goodwin, as some time "to think it over", as ker, E. H. Thomas, Henry S. Dav- E. H. Thomas sion in their behalf.

Goodwin turned over to the I. Thayer. Library association \$22,000 in U S. government bonds to be used ment that a minstrel show for the in making his gift made no re- Ethel Nason. strictions, but, however, as a matsides bearing his name on the was held December 12, 1924, the building a life size portrait, suitresults of which increased the ably inscribed, was to be hung in the reading room

Building plans were

and other citizens of the asking for money to be held in trust as a guarantee fund, the in-

At a special meeting of the library directors held May 8, 1928. cepted.

The exercises attendant upon oured, outside interest was again the laying of the cornerstone of evidence. Early in January, the Goodwin, library were held who had been deeply interested in Thomas, president of the Library sented a history of the Farming-During the early morning of ton Public Library, and Carl B.

> 1857, one silver three-cent piece several views of Farmington were

unfavorable comment had been from people out of town, as well On this date the dedication oc-

Accordingly, at found the system then in use very McFarland, Concord, N. H.; G. W. Bentting exercises were held on this time four directors were unsatisfactory. Accordingly, Chamberlain, Malden, Mass.; R. the steps of the library building Nute, W. I. Sweet, C. W. Talpey, elected to serve for a period of steps were taken to reclassify all B. Bartlett, Pittsfield; Mrs. Grace at two o'clock, following a previ- H. P. Wheatley, S. S. Parker, F. two years. The remaining three, the books according to the new Brown, Natick, Mass.; Harrison ous inspection of the building by W. Doring, H. B. White, A. R. elected the previous year, had an- Dewey Decimal system. As a re- Strohsahi, Woodbridge, N. J.; and the townspeople. Mr. George H. Berry, Albert Garland, F E. Edg. other year to serve. Dr. H. P. sult, during the fall of 1922 the many valuable contributions from Goodwin, donor of the library, erly, J. E. S. Hall, Hervey B. as was his custom. Governor Tob- brow, Ned L. Parker, E. H. Thom.

for circulation the following af- J. G. Haigh, Herbert D. Browne len Enstman, which was hung in loging was satisfactorily com- and under the chairmanship of ternoon and has enjoyed uninter- D. E. Edgerly, Cecil Looney, Rev pleted and a dictionary and cat- Mrs. Bessie Dole, ably assisted by rupted service to the present time. George Clark, Allison Tuttle, Mr. Goodwin was a constant Charles Ayers,

death on January 23, 1930, at er, W. R. Stacey, Helen Nute, the age of 84 years. His last will Fred Browne, Francis Mooney gave further bequests to the 11- Donors To The Guarantee Fund brary towards a maintenance Annie E./Thayer librarian. Miss Nason first be- inga check from Mrs. E. F Thay- fund, in the name of his mother, Frank E. Edgerly Sophronia J. Goodwin.

In September, 1931, the Li- Agnes L. Berry negie Corporation brought forth brary association again suffered W. D. Allen the reply that they were not in the loss of one of its greatest Florence Nutter any position to help towards a workers. Mr. S. S. Parker had Ida B Thayer library building at the time held some office since the begin- Lucy Perkins But, however, to use Fred I ning of the library in 1890 and N F. Roberts Est Thayer's own words, he awoke in its welfare had always been a J W. Pickering the night and the thought came major consideration with him. At O. N. Hussey to him that George H. Goodwin, a the time of his death he was one F R. Copp close friend, was just the one to of the trustees and was also treas- W R. Stacey give to Farmington a public li- urer of the association. Fred W F. W And so the next morning, Browne was elected to fill his un- F E. Mooney he went to Mr Goodwin's home expired term as director, and W. C. Lord

Farmington would have for him an increase in circulation until William V. Ware for such an act of benevolence. in the year 1935 a total of 26,307 Fred I. Thayer Thayer also pointed out to books and magazines was re- A. S. Brooks him that in founding a library corded. The circulation during Will T Barker for Farmington he would be car- 1927, the last full year in the Myra Edgerly

would endure to his name by pro- Farmington Library association Harry F Nutter Presidents, Isaac E. Pearl, S S was his custom, wished to have Parker, H. P Wheatley, S. S Par- Herbert Browne

he expressed it. And as a result, is, S. S. Parker, E. H. Thomas. Vice Presidents, F W Doring, Ned L. Parker vised of his very favorable deci- Mrs. A. C. Waldron, D. E. Edgerly, E. H. Thomas, D E. Edgerly, H Accordingly, on March 31, 1928 S. Davis, Herbert D Browne, Fred

> Parker, Percival Safford, F. E Edgerly, W L. Peavey, E. D. Disbrow, D W Kimball, D E. Edg- Mrs. Ellen Eastman

Treasurer, Frank Pearl, Ned L.

Directors: J. F. Safford, E. P. visitor to the library until his Frederick Clements, Annie Thay

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## Christmas Has Everything

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Christmas has everything—hasn't it? Christmas holds tightly many happy memories, is loaded with joy and good cheer right now, and pierces uncertainties of the future with the bright twinkle of

Christmas lifts you out of your ordinary self and pushes you up into being a person far nicer than you have thought you were.

Christmas opens up friendships more numerous, more delightful and more heart-warming than you knew

Christmas appeals to all five of your senses. Is there any sight lovelier than gaily wrapped gifts, multicolored candles, shiny holly and decorations on a Christmas tree? Isn't there contentment in the fragrant smell of fir balsam in the living room and of spicy odors in the kitchen? Wouldn't the days seem empty without hearing again the universally-loved carols and the laughter of happy children? Isn't self-control overstrained by the taste of festive, tempting foods? And don't we respond to the invigorating touch of the sweet air outdoors and the welcome warmth of home and family within?

> It looks like Christmas. It smells like Cbristmas. It sounds like Christmas. It tastes like Christmas. It feels like Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

It must be Christmas.



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