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Dictation taken by me from FDR
for this Christmas message

Paula J. Larabee
(*at the time 1933*)
(*Paula Tully*)

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Even more greatly, my happiness springs from the deep conviction that this year marks a greater national understanding of the significance in our modern lives of the teachings of Him whose birth we celebrate. To more and more of us the words "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" have taken on a meaning that is showing itself and proving itself in our purposes and daily lives.

May the practice of that high ideal grow in us all in the year to come.

I give you and send you one and all, old and young, a Merry Christmas and a truly Happy New Year.

And so, for now and for always "God Bless Us Every One."

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, AT THE LIGHTING
OF THE COMMUNITY TREE IN WASHINGTON.
DECEMBER 24, 1933.

We in the Nation's Capital are gathered around this symbolic tree celebrating the coming of Christmas; in spirit we join with millions of others, men and women and children, throughout our own land and in other countries and continents, in happy and reverend observance of the spirit of Christmas.

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