WE HAVE been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

A. LINCOLN

These words of Lincoln seem to fit the present age even better than his own. It is said that even the manufacturers of Christmas cards are studiously giving up the symbol of eternal life by eliminating the Christ from Christmas cards. America never so badly needed the call “Back to Christ.”

Wishing you a 1953 filled with continual happiness and prosperity, I am

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]