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ROYAL EDWARD LODGE No. 892

Sends Hearty Christmas Greetings

and Fraternal Regards

With All Good Wishes

for the New Year.

The Beeches,
Barons Cross Road,
Leominster.

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Take up your brothers burden
Before it is too late,
The call is very urgent
The need is very great,
In all our splendid history
No call was made in vain,
'Tis yours, this record to defend
From selfish grime and stain.

Within this far flung Empire
And foreign lands afar,
The devastating hand of war
Has left its ugly scar,
And thousands of our brethren
Have lost all they possess,
And thousands more are captives
And great is their distress.

In prison camps in Java,
Malaya, and Hong Kong,
The piteous cry of broken men
"Great Architect, how long?"
Ascends to heaven each dawning day
As dark gives way to light,
For dreams of home in haunted sleep
Have stressed their dreadful plight.

Our brethren on the battle fronts
And in the ships at sea,
Are facing violent death each hour
Defending you and me,
With anxious thoughts of what might be
The fate of those they love,
If in the fight the soul's released
To join the Lodge above.

And in this green and pleasant land
Are those who braved the fight,
In many a bomb wrecked city
Through many a dreadful night;
When hundreds fell with grievous wounds,
And many lost their lives;
Shall we neglect our duty to
Their children and their wives?

Our three great Institutions
Already sorely pressed,
With ever growing numbers
Of orphans and distressed,
Appeal to us for increased funds
To ease their heavy strain,
'Tis up to you and me to see
They do not ask in vain.

When you were made a Mason
Remember you once stood
Bereft of all metallic goods
In very humble mood,
And said "If I had access
To monie I possess
A part I would give freely
To brethren in distress!"

Take up your brothers burden
Before it is too late,
You must not be indifferent
And leave him to his fate,
They shall not say the Brotherhood
Has failed its sacred trust,
Don't hesitate and say "I may,"
You know the answer's "MUST."

G. W. B.