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“Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes, it brings good cheer,” or does it?

The Festive Season reminds me of many things and it is always easy to think of jollity, parties and laughter but, my first thoughts go to those who will not be so fortunate this Christmas time. There are a number of our Companions, Wives or Partners in our District of West Yorkshire who are not so well and awaiting surgery. Their Christmas will not be full of jollity and laughter as they worry of the time ahead and, believe me, it is a worry for their families and friends as they wait for treatment. I wish them all well and I hope that they will be on the road to recovery very soon in 2019 or, at least, that their pain can be contained in those cases where the medics are unable to assist them.

I also think about those who have been left behind by the loss of their loved ones both this year and in previous years. May their families and friends comfort them at this sad time.

On a much brighter note, I thank all companions for their support over the past year and I trust that you will share laughter and joy with your families and friends during the festive period. It is a season of celebration when we recall the birth of Jesus, together with the lovely story of the nativity.

Margaret and I will not have our families around us, therefore, we shall be spending our sixty-third Christmas together on our own but we plan to toast you all as we sit down to our dinner on Christmas Day.

Have a very Happy Christmas and we wish you all a Prosperous and Successful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Best wishes.

DAVID M CORDELL