

self:—"Every New Year's Day, myself and friends will address him with the deepest feeling. Once in his life, he may even perhaps receive, in public, in the presence of the gentry, a Trifle from a Friend. And when upheld no more by these, stimulants, and the Dignity of Labor, he sinks into his comfortable grave, then will I be a Friend and a Father—on the same terms—to his children." Surely these children must be considered fortunate to have him for a father on such substantial terms. His answer to poor Toby, when he mentions the sad state of his affairs, shows us how advantageous indeed, these terms would be to the starving laborer.

Taken as a whole Dickens' *Christmas Stories* are worthy of being ranked among his greatest works. They are written in his best style, and by reason of their beautiful simplicity are adapted to both young and old. Not only do they furnish instruction and entertainment for youth but also by their careful perusal the deep student cannot fail to derive much benefit.

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"That glorious form, that light insufferable,  
 And that far-beaming blaze of Majesty,  
 Wherewith He wont at Heaven's high Council-table  
 To sit the midst of trinal Unity,  
 He laid aside, and here with us to be,  
 Forsook the courts of everlasting day,  
 And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay."

MILTON.

