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Star of Bethlehem.

As shepherds watched their flocks at night
And mid night shadows dulled the light
On Juda's fields so green.
Far in the East's soft, azure blue.
Like angel's smile pure stealing through,
A star-beamed bright, serene.

The shepherds saw the Star of Love
And felt its beams, sent from above.
Throw sweet his smiles on them:
And long they wondered—gazed on high
And watched it kiss the Christmas sky—
That Star of Bethlehem.

And soon they know. With all his train
God's angel came and sweet his strain
Did fill the hearts of men:
Love's canticle stole o'er the earth—
The promised Hope!—the welcome Birth!
The Crib of Bethlehem!

The shepherds knelt and clear a peal
Of angel voices soft did steal
Far o'er glad Juda's hill:
"To God be glory!"—Hark! They sing:
"This day is born your Saviour—King!"
"Peace to men, of good will!"
—J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

The C. M. B. A. Well Satisfied With the Year 1900.

The growth of the C. M. B. A. this year has been continual, substantial and solid, and there is no good reason why it should not be so next year also. Realizing the sublime character of the C. M. B. A., its fraternal bond and its high moral influence, it must not be forgotten that for all of us it is, too, a business organization, and in its financial strength to a great measure rests its security. What hope and confidence this year's work should inspire in us all!

Let us, therefore, unite as one man in a spirit of union, progress, determination and increasing diligence. Let us all work to get in those who do not belong to the C. M. B. A. and who are eligible for membership and then we may rest assured that 1901 will be another successful year for our Association.

The C. M. B. A. is now nearly a quarter of a century in existence, and we must not forget that many of our first members will soon be called home, they will soon have paid their last assessment: our death rate must necessarily increase and with this increase in our death rate must come an increase in our expenses or assessments, but this increase in assessments may to a great extent be kept down by a continued increase in our membership. Brothers, you see then what is required—increase our membership.



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.