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The Wise Men.

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A thought which each Christmas I love
to let play
Thro' my mind, is of three who rode far
away,
Star guided by night, faith guided by
day,
In quest of the place where the Christ-
child lay,

Ten thousand sages have lived since
then,
Great monarchs have ruled, great teach-
ers have taught,
Great painters have painted, great sculp-
tors have wrought,
Great poets have chanted divine truths
to men;
Yet the three whom the world calls
"the wise men" are they
Who journeyed afar by a devious way,
Star guided by night, faith guided by
day,
Till they knelt in the place where the
Christ-child lay.

The Power of the Living Christ.

Steam is a power that can be tested
and proved, so is water, so is electricity.
Christ is a power just as plainly and
surely—in fact, the greatest spiritual
Power among men to-day. Steam and
electricity have not caused as great
changes in material life and the meth-
ods of business as Jesus Christ has
caused in mental and moral life, and in
the methods of worship. What about
the power of Confucius, Buddha, and
Mahomet? China, India, and all Asia,
with their sleepy, slow, non-progressive
idolatrous, superstitious systems and
cults—these are the answer. What about
the power of Christ? Europe, Germany,
Britain, America, with idols cast out of
all temples, with women and children
lifted to a new life, with philanthropies
flowing back as life-giving streams to
Japan, to China, to India—these are the
answer. Christendom is the proof of
the power of Christ.—Guardian.