O IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD O

THE WONDROUS BIRTH

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Once more we are approaching the sacred festivities of the Christmas-tide With joyful songs and with gladsome greetings we celebrate the birth-festival of our divine Lord and holy Saviour. Once more, with mingled gratitude, hope and love, we bend over the cradle of the infant Redeemer. Once more the Christ-child charms our hearts, beautifies our homes, sweetens our lives, and sanctifies our loves. Once more we tell the old and ever new story of this wondrous birth; and once story of this wondrous birth; and once more we learn the blessed lessons which the story teaches. Our Christmas songs will never cease until they become the songs of celestial choirs when this earthly life is exalted to its heavenly realizations. The sorig which the angels sang the might Christ was born shall echo through the world until it shall echo through the world until it shall become a part of the song sung by "the voice of a great maltitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent of this nossibility have been secured.

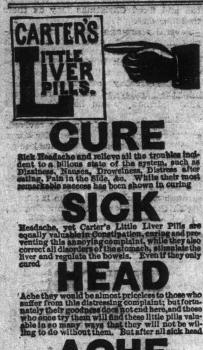
exact date of our Lord's birth; probably we never shall know. It does not

THE FACTS OF THIS WONDROUS fully proved later even in the higher

It becomes us greatly to emphasize THE TIME OF THE WONDROUS the fact of the unique birth of the Son of God. In this joyous Christmas fes? tival we celebrate the incarnation of we celebrate the incarnation of cond Person of the blessed Trin wonderful fact in human

have been made in the image of God; this element in human birth puts a escension on the part of God, and The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the entre and turning-point in the fistory of the world. All the great events converged to the cradle and cross of lesus Christ; all the great events of itstory since his coming have diverged from his cradle and his cross. His cradle and his cross. Jesus Christ; all the great events of given for this present year. The 20th history since his coming have diverged from his cradle and his cross. His cradle is the pivotal point in the story of birth; and the 6th of January has the world The Christmas festival is the or God's infinite love in the unspeakable gift of his only begotten Son. No
one can ever estimate the degree of joy
which has come to men of all classes
and conditions, as they contemplate the
wirth of the habit birth of the holy child Jesus. The Christmas-tide kindles in mid-winter a fire of love, gratitude, and joy on the altar of every home and heart in which Jesus finds room. It was a great idea of Dionysius the Little, when he made the hirth of Jesus the beginning of a new era. Every man, whether he be agnostic or atheist, who dates a letter in the indidays for children and slaves. The early Christians, with worldly wisdom, took these heathen

drous birth. In places high and low it is now denied. Its supernatural character is now entirely rejected by many critics of the New Testament. The rejection of this doctrine, however, has called into the field of dever, how and the carpenter shop in Nazareth. True greatness consists in Nazareth in Benth And Scholars Church Air He many work of the English Church Issue work of the English



Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Judge Champaigne of the superior court died to-night. For a number of years he repreed the county of Two mountains at when the noise of war had ceased, and when the song of the angels found its fulfilment in the huts of peasents and in the palaces of kings.

THE PLACE OF THIS WONDROUS

BIRTH.

home and heart, this Christmastide a point where we seem to imagine that a point where we seem to imagine that a point where we seem to imagine that a single that is necessary for us in order. It is not of the celestial choir of heaven the place of kings.

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BIRTH.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. It was marvelous that the dim
phophecy, uttered seven hundred years
before by the prophet Micah, that
Bethlehem in Judea, the city of David,
should be the place of the Messiah's
birth, should have its fulfilment. Mary
and Joseph were in Nazareth. How is
it possible that this prochecy can be

thod. Think what was involved in the fulfilment of that ancient prophecy! From their home in Nasareth Joseph and Mary made their weary way over the wintry roads to Bethlehem. Their fortunes were fallen, but they were both of the house and lineage of David. The Jews still clung to the memory of their tribal relations, and this long journey was undertaken, even in these most trying circumstances, that Joseph and Mary might be registered at the headquarters of the family. If it had not been for this census, ordered for merely human ends, Nazareth and not Bethlehem had been the birthplace of Jesus. Marvelous is it how the kings of the earth unconsciously perform their part in the failfilment of prophecy, and in the accomplishment of God's

cource was comparatively late. There are reasons for this lateness of observance; there was no corresponding festical in the Old Testament, as in the case of Easter; the church naturally emphasized first the death and resurrection of Christ; and there is no date given in the Gospal history of His have selected almost every menth in the year as the date of the birth. It is

We may well sing with the beloved

day, the month, nor the year of this event. It is certain, however, that Dionysius, who was a Scythian by birth and an abbot at Rome in the year A. D. 526, and who placed the birth of Christ in the 754th year of Styles and the property of at least four North of Christ in the 754th year of Rome, made an error of at least four years in his reckoning. Christ was born, we know, before the death of Herod the Great, which event took place about the first of April in the year of Rome 750. This date is definitely fixed by an eclipse of the moon. Our present date ought, therefore, to be four years earlier than the figures given for this present year. The 20th

everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the year

LESSONS FROM THE. WONDROUS

learn the right use of wealth and culture. Who were these wise men? Originally they formed a priestly tribe or worldly wisdom, took these heathen festival in the Old Testament, as in the

tively few today know the history or in helpless moral corruption, with all her great military power. Greece, with all her art, poetry and philosophy, could only erect on Mars' Hill an altar with the inscription. To the Unknown God." Thus Greece and Rome the name of that Caesar. But behold today the empire of Jesus Christ. It is the empire of pure, personal and heavenly love. The empire endures for-

THE CRADLE AND THE GRAVE. choice as to how he should come. He largest are the Baptists, with 4,000, might have come in royal spiendor and the Congregationalists, with 3,000. with ten thousand times the pomp and glory of earthly kings. He has put a halo of spiendor around every lowly . Mrs. Hoskyns, wife of the Bishop home, and fitted it with the radiance of Southwell, contended, at a meeting of heaven. This lowly cradle honors of Mansfield churchpeople, that the childhood. Christ sanctified by his pre- large incomes of the Archbishop of sence the cradie as truly as the grave. Every child may now be a Christ-child, necessity, as the bishops had to enter-every village a Bethlehem, and every tain largely. Next June, for instance, cradle a prophecy of the Christ.

the victim of cold formalities or of

The temple of Janus was closed. The tradition was that King Numa Pom-

ilius had built the shrine of Janus,

losed only in time of peace. It is af-

armed that they were closed only three

third time was in the time of Augus-

tus, when Christ, the Prince of Peace,

was born in Bethlehem. Thus Milton

The idle spear and shield were high

The trumpet spake not to the armed

It was fitting that He who was the Prince of Peace should come to earth hearts, make room for Jesus! When

And kings sat still with awful eye, As if they surely knew their sovereign

the world around;

with hostile blood.

uphung,

Bending over the cradle of the in-fant Redeemer, we see how motherhood is crowned, glorified and celes-tialized. A hale of supernal splendor ined the world with the light of heaven, and made it possible for every mother, in some measure, to be the mother of the Christ. I summon ness men, in your offices, shops and stores; O professional men in your books and briefs; O householders, at your tables, hearths and altars; O

A NEW CATHEDRAL he American from Baltimore says; Ro-tan Catholics of the United States are

CLIPPINGS FROM THE NEW

Anthony's Church, Brocklyn, N. Y., and his three assistants, put in a stren-when they married twenty-six couples. about eight thousand parishioners.

The largest parish in this city, won't mention any names, has a population of about five thousand souls; but twen ty-six marriages in one week? Never!

Irish priests, members of the Franciscan order have been appointed to prothe needs of the English-speaking peo-

THE ANGLICAN.

DISESTABLISHMENT OR WHAT?

Speaking recently before the English church Union, Mr. Atheistan Riley said:—"Parliament contained at present more than 200 Nonconformist members. The nation as a whole had rejected the faith and discipline of the National Church. If it had any religion at all it must be called undenominationalism. Since the passage of the new marriage law the situation is standing as a genuine man for the caste among the Mede-Persians. They were the morninationalism. Since the passage of the Carle variety of the homes of the rich and hecome more intolerable than ever. They were the great Persian Empire. They were students of astronomy, medicine, divination and incantation. They brought their gold, their frankincenses, and their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of their myrrh and laid them at the feet of the infant Christ. They were the sages, the philosophers, the literation of the rich and the service. The service, The Rev. Mr. Bichard Bolt more dreary than ever. They go through the streets and see the beautiful stores and the well-dreased throngs going in and out, and fear the strongs going in and out, and fear the strongs going in and out, and fear the streets and see the beautiful stores and the wild out of the tribulation of the ministry. The Christian ministry. The Christian ministry. The Christian ministry the feet of the streets and see the beautiful stores and the well-dreased throngs going in and out, and fear the street who never knew what cold and hunger who never knew what cold and hunger who never knew what cold and hunge longs to our Christ. When the treasures of the world are consecrated to
him, missions will flourish, hospitals
will prosper, churches wil abound, and
the dawn of the millennium will color
the dawn of the millennium will color
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letter, gives testimony to the giorious fact of the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of Mary and Son of God.

It is most fitting that increasing emphasis by all true believers be given now to the unique fact of this wondown to the unique fact of the will prosper, churches will abound, and the dawn of the millensium will color to dicalled the inferior clergy and laity.

UGANDA MISSIONS.

We learn also at the cradle of the Church of Uganda, which represents the great mission fields and missio

court was the lowly group in the stable whom are evangelists. All of the natoverturned that throne, and compara- which are standing ready to go forth preaching and teaching in a way no European can ever do."

ANGLICAN AHEAD. The religious census just taken throughout Manitoba shows the Church of England with the number of adherents, 28,000. The Pres-We learn also how poverty may be byterians come next with 21,000; then dignified. Christ was the only child the Methodists, with 16,000, and fourth ever born into this world who had his Roman Catholics, with 13,000. The next

> PAN ANGLICAN COUNCIL. necessity, as the bishops had to enterbishop would be entertaining the 275 the dioceses of the Church of England in the world. The cost of entertainthe taxes, but the public would not be asked for a penny towards entertain-ing this remarkable gathering of bish-

TOO MANY COMMITTEES.

Referring to the multiplication of influence. In the neighborhood of Stepchurch agencies a writer in the Presney Hall, Mr. Thompson states, out of

nachinery, and add more and more

THE OLD KIRK. bytery is 70,000, or about one communicant to every six of the population. The church sitting accommodation is about one to every nine of the population, and an appeal has been made for funds to erect five new churches.

Speaking of this, "Nestor" says:

one is not quite sure that Methodist ian ministers will appreciate the "boon" thus offered to them. To consent to preach from an Anglican pulnit under such an episcopal perm would be to accept tacitly the status which is assigned for them, namely, that of non-clerical persons. On the son, but to pave the way for more satisfactory relations by accustoming episcopal congregations to their presence. If one is addressed in the licens as "Reverend," and permitted to wear in the pulpit the recognized dress of

ANOTHER CAUSE.

willingness of young men to enter the £10,000 has been made to China to aid ministry a writer in the Maritime in the erection of churches, schools, Baptist says: Today, the public generally looks upon the minister as less raministry a writer in the Maritime in the erection of churches, schools, hospitals and mission boards. The alty looks upon the minister as less raministry a writer in the Maritime in the erection of churches, schools, hospitals and mission boards. The ther than more of a man. It is taken for granted that he who devotes him-lings. self to the Christian ministry is lack ing in the qualities which go to the make-up of virile man-hood. The bright youth hears the expression of this sentiment in nearly all circles in which he moves. It is the thought of many Christian

There are other people "even as you chancel steps, the Bishop and clerged the decided to undergo a course of medical treatment, which, it is hoped, may disperse the trouble that has a like the children around her.

There are other people "even as you chancel steps, the Bishop and clerged the coming of passed through and the Bishop in are nothing of hunger and extreme round. disperse the trouble that has recently caused him and his friends so much anxiety, and obviate the necessity

couraged converted Chinese to observe the foremost man in the world was the female scholars. During the past year details about his Worldwide Methodist the Chinese New Year with Christian Emperor Augustus. His word was 4,355 adults, and 2,241 children were Brotherhood Scheme. He claimed that their defense of the dectrine of the virgin birth of our divine Lord and virgin birth of our divine Lord and made to teach Christian truths, and made to teach Christian truths, and to be prophetic of the loftiest spiritual to be prophetic to be prophetic to be prophetic to be proph whom are evangelists. All of the native workers are self-supporting or supported by the native church. The missing whom are evangelists are self-supporting or supported by the native church. The missing was the favorite study of the modern young for their friends requires as much finding the favorite study of the modern young for their friends requires as much finding to set of Wall realities.

The hirth of Christ was the time of the khan, because there was no room in the lan? Behold the contrast that tried to save itself, and it had miserably failed. It was helpless and hopeless; it was weary and sick at the lowly group in the save itself, and it had miserably failed. It was helpless and hopeless; it was weary and sick at the lowly group in the save there was no for the khan, because there was no fixed the workers are self-supporting or supporting to denounce Socialized to whom are evangelists. All of the native workers are self-supporting or supporting or supporting or supporting or supporting to denounce Socialized to socialize the workers are self-supporting or supporting or suppor the favorite study of the modern young for their friends requires as much fin-preacher, and hoped it might not come ancing as it does to get out of Wall lighting was a gift of the whole dieto pass in his time. Many Methodists street with your pocket book safe. anod managers of some of the largest friends were with them a year ago, industrial concerns, and they had form- but have gone away so far from home ed committees of such men and others that they cannot get back for Christin the chief cities of Canada and the mas. Especially sad for the "old folks," not to be forgotten that other changes who would give their aid whose children have gone out from the should be made and should follow, and to Methodist emigrants. They intend-ed to institute a loan agency which How quiet it is in such homes. There ed to institute a loan agency which How quiet it is in such homes. There would assist men with grit to go out to Canada and make a new start with happy chatter and the old folks are vices, a new pulpit in keeping with the conformity of the cathedral, the tilwonderful possibilities.

CONFERENCE IN YORK. The conference of 1908 will be held in the old City of York, and free provision has already been made for 427 minis-ters. A large number of laymen will

During the past three years the aver-

age subscriptions have been £1,000 less than the average in the preceding eight that since the mission was formed the population of Stepney Borough has increased by 15,000, and within that period twenty Nonconformist chapels have been closed and five others are on the verge of collapse. The Salvation Army is represented only by shelters, and the Anglican churches have generally become Anglo-Catholic. Even the Roman Catholics are seriously crippled in their Mary's-at-Hill, when each member of the congressation was to bring a dell stances the East London Mission has stances the East London Mission has or dolls, and the contributions are distributed among children of poor fammembers, 462 on trial and 661 juniors. The class meetings are full of intense life, and the Children's Mission and

THIS BOY PIANIST IS MUSICAL PRODICY

Great Central stood outside their doors some day to rival even the luxurious resterday afternoon listening to the deightful music that rolled along the cor-

Ernest Lengyel von Bagota-the boy planist, whose recital at Queen's Hail only 4 1-2 years old," said his mother,

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The occupants of eyed boy, fragile in build, and with a come on the sixth floor of the Hotel luxuriant growth of hair, that bids fair crop of Paderewski. "I love music," he said, speaking in idors. It was a classical concert given German, "and I have loved it ever

"I was a music teacher, and his fa-

THE CATHEDRAL

New Organ, Surplice Choir

and New Acetylene Light-

Ordinations by Bishop

FREDERICTON, Dec. 22.-The death

Prof. Plummer presided at the organ

hop Richardson preached an eloquen

and powerful sermon, speaking of the

ed a new organ, a surplice choir and a

that the instrument was of the best

tion. The surplice choir was doing ex-cellent work, and he asked the support

province take the interest in the ca-thedral that it does. Though the prog-

ress in the cathedral during the past

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., Dec. 22.-

year 1907. Business has been good and there has been employment for all

classes at good wages.

A number of new buildings have been

erected, but not sufficient to meet the demand. The loss by fire in the latter part of October of the Thadee Hebert Hotel, Murcle and Burgee's store and

two dweling houses was a serious loss to the town, and it will be years be-

fore the loss is made good.

The prospects for the immediate future are bright.

occurred at an early hour this morn-



LATEST MUSICAL PRODICT-THE BOY PLAN!

on Monday was a revelation of musical who is with him in London, "and then genius—was practicing for his next for some years practiced two hours concert on Monday. tent of the practice work to which he ther a lawyer, died when he was only has accustomed himself daily.

1 year old. At the age of 5 he secured

"I keep at the plano for hours out a study allowance from the Hungarian of the twenty-four," he said to a re-porter, who was invited into his room Archduchess Augusta graddaughter of at the end of the practice. "I find it is enough, and not beyond my powers." ed with his playing that she paid for He is a lark-complexion, black- his musical education."

a population of \$10,000 only \$49 are qualified for the special jury list, and INNOVATIONS AT

A NEW MISSION.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society has decided to start a new mission in Central India, to embrace the region from Jabulpur to Hydenabad. A grant of

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

of Mrs. Phillips. relict of the late Joseph

and have to scrape and plan and econabout to be instituted. omize for weeks before Christmas to remember them with some present not and did justice to the instrument. Bistoo cheap nor too expensive for their

thin purse. I don't pity so much the coarse, vicious poor who do not give or expect to receive presents, as I do the "haif" have cathedral during the past two months. He wished to congratulate the church small wages that they may dress respectably and have a little left over

for little things.

And then I feel for the children who the accomplishment of all three underhave no regular allowance, whose fathers are too poor to give them one, spend. How to make ten, twenty cents, or a dollar go round and buy presents It is a sad Christmas for thse whose very lonely. And then there are other homes- ing of the chancel and several other

there is a lump in my throat when I matters. He hoped to see these brought think of them—the homes that death about in time. has entered since last Christmas. A
The offertory on Christmas Day will year ago they were with us and plan- be for Sub-Dean Street and the bishop, ning and working as we were for in a circular issued, says that he knows. Christmas. They sat at the table with all will be glad of this united opporus; they were just as hopeful and tunity to recognize the good work happy as we were now-how can we which he is doing. get through the day without them-the day that reminds us so vividly of them? We remember every familiar gesture and almost all they said and

There are other homes I do not care to enter—even in thought—"Ring the bell softly, there is crepe on the door." Across the street; light laughter, life. Here gloom, silence, save for subdued weeping—Death. And yet for even the saddest heart and home the Christ Child brings hope The town of Edmundston has made of a gladder day.

Thaddees

CASTORIA.

Every Day and Others Runing on Slack Time

BLUE OUTLOOK

100,000 People Affect-

ed in New England

Factories Shutting Down

ACROSS LINE

BOSTON, Dec. 22.-The financial outlook is much brighter this week, but the industrial situation, especially in New England, is not reassuring, as many mills are either shut down ar operating on slack time. About 100,000 employes are directly affected in New England. A further curtailment by many large cotton mills is expected within the next two months. For the benefit of Canadians looking for employment, it might be well to state as emphatically look is much brighter this week, but the might be well to state as emphatically as possible that the United States is a good place to keep away from this up to the time of the presidential elec-tion, according to an opinion expressed the National Shawmut Bank, the largand by individuals and corporations as distrubance. The millions of dollars loss sustained as a result of the Baltimore conflagration, the San Francisco earthquake and the Russian-Japanese opinion of Mr. Sears. Economy, he thought, was the remedy, and the quick

capital from marketable commodities. TURNERS FALLS, Mass., Dec. 22.— The John Russell Cutlery Company, employing 300 men and boys, shut down lost night for an indefinite period. W. stin, treasurer, stated today that if the business conditions warranted, the company would probably resume business some time in January. MILLERS FALLS, Mass., Dec. 22 .-

sident L. G. Gunn of the Millers Falls Company, manufacturing small tools and employing 400 men and boys, stated today that the reports that his

GARDNER, Mass., i.e. 21.—The Haywood Brothers and Wakefield Com-pany, which owns the largest chair facory in the world, announced that the plant will be shut down next Tuesday until January 2. The company has 1, 00 hands on the pay roll. P. Derby & Co., Brown Bros. & Co and J. A. Dunn & Co., chair making

concerns, have closed their plans until January 1. Other concerns will close Tuesday until January 2. About 2,500 ands will be idle." LEICESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.-Th George W. Olney Woollen Company's nill at Chesterville will start on fu time Monday after a four weeks' shu

SPENCER, Mass., Dec. 21,-The 1,20 Prout & Co. were notified today t with the exception of the fine shoe cu ting department the factory will down for some weeks. TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 21.-Th week. The plant employs 450 hands.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 21.-The Northampton Cutlery Company' factory in Bay State village was shu down today for two weeks. When th s they found in them the notito this effect, that when work is re ied the factory will be run as a pen shop. Heretofore the factory has been a union concern and a meeting of the union will be held tomorrow take action on this announcement fro the management. Similar action we taken about a year ago by the Cleme Cutlery Company in the same villag The Belding silk mill, employing 5 hands, will shut down next Tuesd

BAILWAY WRECK

WITH GREAT LOSS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.-Four pe sons were injured, heavy property lower sustained and three tracks of t Pennsylvania R. R. were blockaded tonight. Extra freight train nun use of a broken rail, it is believ and twenty cars were smashed and p ed up over the tracks two and the Almost immediately after the accide to the freight, number 18, known the Chicago mail, running at hi the point on track number 2 a ploughed into debris with terrific for jolted and shaken up, many of the pa sengers being thrown from their se None of the passenger cars left tracks, but a number of windows w broken and several persons were by flying glass.

CREE INDIAN SUPERSTITION.

Up in Canada the Cree Indians some queer indeas in regard to del um. The other day a Cree chief and medicine man were arrested at N way House, Keewatin, for the m der of a squaw. According to the c gled while she was suffering from lirium with the idea of preventing

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bo Bears the Charff Flitche