

manger is of brown and white marble, and in it is placed an effigy of the Infant Jesus, thus presenting a beautiful spectacle.

There are many stables in the Holy Land which resemble that in which Christ was born, but the decorations of the cave known as the birth place of Christ have so altered it that the others appear more crude, the floors being made of rough stones. They are frequently large and consequently they are divided into rooms, in which horses, camels, and donkeys are fed. The mangers are stone boxes.

All nations rejoiced when it was announced that the Messiah had come and each year we renew that spirit of rejoicing when at Christmas we recall the birth of Christ which established justice, order, and peace in the world. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, Peace to men of good-will."

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The Original Thirteen Colonies.

THE original English colonies in North America were Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, North and South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Georgia.

Virginia, the colony which was first populated, received its name from Walter Raleigh. The first permanent settlement was effected at Jamestown, in 1607, by a colony of English gentlemen and criminals sent out by the London Company. The colony struggled through all the stages of disappointment, misery, anarchy, martial law and despotism until the "House of Burgesses" the first representative body in America, was formed in 1619, by Sir George Yeardley. Virginia soon became the most populous as well as the richest of the colonies.

In 1628, English Puritans, led by John Endicott, founded Salem. The government was transferred to America. In 1630, Boston and a number of other towns were founded.

Now we must consider New Hampshire. In 1632 a portion