shine and Shadow on the Cradle of the Saviour.

ORY OF THE INCARNATION

age Takes His Text From What

hington, Dec. 24 .- The story of irnation is here told by Dr. ge in a new way, and practical made of these days of festiviext, Matthew i, 17, "So all the erations from Abraham to David 14 generations, and from David the carrying away into Babyare 14 generations, and from the away into Babylon unto

st are 14 generations."
om what many consider the dullnd most unimportant chapter of Testament I take my text "id it full of practical, startld eternal interest. This chap-he front door of the New Tesrough which all the splenangelism and apostolicity hree times 14 generations ken of in my text-that is, nerations, reaching down

all had relation to And at least 42 generations affect us. If they were good, el the result of the goodness. If were bad, we feel the results of wickedness. If some were good ne were bad, it is an interinfluence that puts its

hand upon us. And as we effect of at least 42 generapast we will in turn influence east 42 generations to come, if world shall last 1,000 years. So see the cradle is more important the grave.

dws upon the Christic cradle of chem and then the sunshine that ed in upon the pillow of straw. ice among the shadows on that int's hed that there was here and a specimen of dissolute ances-Beautiful Ruth his ancestress?

yes! Devout Asa one of his fathers? Oh, yes! Honest Johis father? Oh, yes! Holy Mary mother? Oh, yes! But in that ealogical table were idolatrous ad cruel Ammon and oppressive Rebboam and some men whose abomi-tions may not be particularized. you see bad men may have good One of the most conrated men I ever knew was the of a man who lived and died a sphemer. In the line of an opssive Rehoboam comes a gracious erciful and glorious Christ. encouragement for those who the 42 generations that prethem, however close by vever far back, some instances of nicious and baleful and corrupt

to my amazement I found in those rts of Australia to which many ars ago felons were transported om England that the percentage of me was less than in those parts of stralia originally settled by honmen and good women. Some who now on judicial benches in Ausia and in high governmental posions and leaders in social life are grandsons and granddaughters of n and women who were exiled in Great Britain to Australia for n and theft and assault and

and murder. ad by our ancestry we ought to patient with those who go wrong, emembering that they may be ictims of unhappy antecedents. How nient it ought to make us in our adgments of the fallen! Perhaps hey had 42 generations back of them shing them the wrong way. Five undred years before they were born here may have been a parentage of uity augmented by a corrupt parage 200 years ago. Do not blame

man because he cannot swim up rapids of Niagara. Do not blame ship captain because he cannot outgide a Caribbean whirlwind. The faof this man who does wrong hay have been all right and his moher all right, but away back in the centuries there may have started a bad propensity which he now feels ne of the Ten Commandments given n Mount Sinai recognizes the fact that evil may skip a generation, when the commandment speaks of visiting "the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and ourth generation," but says nothing about the second generation; and if evil may skip one generation why not two and three and four and five making a mighty leap ng very hard upon the head and the heart of some poor vic-tim? Better be a little merciful towards the culprit lest after awhile some hereditary evil born in the year having skipped the centuries, alight just as heavy upon

Another shadow on the Christic eradle was that it stood under a depraved king. Herod was at that time ruler and the complete impersonation of all depravities. It was an unfavorable time for innocence to

expect good treatment.
Historians say that it was at time of peace that Christ was born, but his birth aroused an antagonism of which the Bethlehem massacre was only a feeble expression. War of the mightiest nation of the earth opened against that cradle! The influence oxen challenged the iniquities of all the centuries and will not cease un il it has destroyed them. What a black and barbarian throne, practiany saying, "Slay all the babes un 2 years of age, and that wide include the ughter will surely of the one child that ens my dominion!" Awful time for the occupant of that If he escape the knife of the in, then the wild boast's paw bandit's clutch, or the

night chill between Bethlehem of Judaea and Cairo, will secure his destruction. All the powers of earth and all the demons of hell bombard-

ed that cradle. Another shadow upon that Christic cradle was the obscurity of the place of birth. Bethlehem was an obscure village. David, the shepherd boy, had been born there, but after he be came general and king he gave it no significance, I think never mentioning it but to ask for a drink of water out of the old well to which he used to go in childhood—the village so small and unimportant that it had to be separated in mind from other Bethlehem then existing and so was called Bethlehem of Judaea. There was a great capital of Jerusalem; there were the 15 beautiful cities on the beach of Galilee, any of them a good place to be born there were great towns famous at that time, but the nativity we day celebrate was in a village which Christ intimated had been called by some "the least among the princes of Juda." Christ himself was to make the town famous for all time and all eternity. So heroes in later days by their deeds have given celebrity neighborhoods that would never otherwise have been heard of beyond the radius of a few hundred miles. What a place for Christ to arrive at and to start from! The hero of the eternities!

O men and women of Messianic opportunity, why do you not make the place of your nativity memorable for your philanthropies—by the churches you build, the free libraries you open, the college you endow? Go bach to the village where you were born, as George Peabody went back to Danvers, Mass., and with your wealth bless the neighborhood where in childhood you played and near by where your father and mother sleep the last sleep. By some such charity invite the Bethlehem angels to come back again, and over the plain house of your nativity ring out the old anthem of "Good will to men." Christ, born in an obscure place, made it so widely known by his selfsacrifices and divine charity that all around the earth the village of Bethlehem has its name woven in garlands and chanted in

and built in houses of prayer.
It was while the peasant and his wife were on a visit for purposes of rollment that Jesus was born. The Bible translators got the wrong word when they said that Joseph and Mary had gone to Bethlehem to "taxed." People went no farther then to get taxed than they do now. The eaort of most people always has been to escape taxation. Besides that, these two humble folk had nothing to tax. The man's turban that protected his head from the sun was not worth taxing; the woman's sandals which kept her feet from being cut by the limestone rock, of which Bethlehem is mostly made up, were not worth taxing. No; the fact is that a proclamation had been made by the emperor that all the people between Great Britain and Parthia and of those lands included should go to some appointed place and give their names in, be registered and announce their loyalty to the Roman emperor. During that patri-otic and loyal visit the first cry. of the Divine Boy was heard.

They had walked 80 miles over a rough road to give in their names in palaces! take the oath of allegiance. Would we walk 80 miles to announce our allegiance to our King, Jesus? Caesar Augustus wanted to know by the record on which that man and that woman wrote their names, or had them written, how many people in his empire he

could depend on in case of exigency. In all our churches there are so many half and half disciples, so many one-third espousers. They rather think the Bible is true, at any rate parts of it, and they hope that somehow Christianity will disenthrall the nations. They stay away from church on communion days and hope when they have lived as long as they can in this world they can somehow sneak into heaven. Oh, give in your names! Be registered on the church record down here and in the Lamb's Book of Life up there. Let all the world know where you stand, if you have to go as far as Joseph Mary walked, if you have to go 80 miles before you find just the right form of worship and just the right creed, start in this modern December, as those villagers started in an ancient December, and amid the con-gratulations of church militant and church triumphant give in your It was while Joseph and Mary were on a visit of duty and obeying a reasonable command Emperor

Augustus that the star pointed to the place of nativity. Another gleam of sunshine striking through the shadows above that Christic cradle was the fact of a special divine protection. Herod was determined upon the child's destruction. The monster put all his wits together in stratagem for the stopping of that young life just started.
He dramatized piety. He suddenly
got religious. He would leave his
palace and take chariot and have steeds whipped up so that he could kneel at that cradle. We have to smile at what the imperial vil'ain said when he ordered, "Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him bring me word, that I may go and worship him also." All the detectives he sent out failed in the search. cannot reasonably account for that unhurt cradle except on the theory of a special divine protection. And most cradles are likewise defended. Can you understand why so many children, with all the epidemics that assail them and all their climbing to dangerous heights and all their perilous experiments with explosives and running against horses' hoofs and daring of trolleys and carts fast driven, yet somehow get through, especially boys of high spirit and that are going to amount to much? I account for their coming through all right, with only a few and bruises, by the fact that they are divinely protected. All your charges of "Don't do this" and "Don't go

there" seem to amount to nothing.

They are the same reckless creatures

about whom you are constantly anxious and wondering what is the

matter now. Divinely protected!

The most of your children would have been dead long ago but for that, Another gleam of light scattering some of the gloom of that Christic pillow in Bethlehem was the fact that it was the starting place of the most wonderful of all careers. Looking at Christ's life from mere world-ly standpoints, it was amazingly beyond all capacity of pen or tongue or canvas to express. Without taking a year's curriculum in any college or even a day at any school, yet say-ing things that the mightiest intellects of subsequent days have quoted and tried to expound. Great literary works have for the most part been the result of much elaboration. Edmund Burke rewrote the conclusion of his speech against Warren Hastings 16 times. Lord Brougham rewrote his speech in behalf of Queen Caroline 20 times, but the sermon on the mount seemed extemporaneous. Christ was eloquent without ever having studied one of the laws of oratory. He was the greatest orator that ever lived. It was not an eloquence Demosthenic or Ciceronic or like that of Jean Baptiste Massillon or like that which William Wirt, himself a great orator, was overcome with in log cabin meeting houses of Virginia when the blind preacher cried out in his sermon, "Socrates died like a philosopher, but Jesus Christ died like a God.

Christ's oratory was unlike anything that went before or came af-Even the criticism of the world "Never man spake like this" Dramatic? Why he took up a child out of the audience and set him on a table and by the embarrassed look of the child taught humility. He sent the prosecutors of a poor, sinful woman, blushing and confounded, out of the room by one sentence of sarcasm. Notice his power of emphasis and enunciation when he revealed himself after his resurrection by the peculiar way he pronounced the one word "Mary." His power of look shown by the way Peter, the great apostle, wilted under it. The book says, "The Lord turned and looked upon Peter." It was an omnipotent facial expression.

His power of hyperbole: A camel trying to crowd its hump through the eye of a sewing woman's needle and all that learned talk about a gate called the "needle's eye," only belittling the hyperbole. Power of sarcasm: The hypocrite styled by him the whole who need not a physician." His power of peroration: The crashing of the timbers of the poorly built house on the beach of the Mediterranean. Power to take advantage of circumstances: When an auditor asked him whether they ought to pay taxes to Caesar, Christ practically said, "If any gentleman in this audience has in his pocket a Roman penny, I wish he would just hand it up to me." And someone handed him a penny, and then came the overwhelming answer of Christ, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

So I have shown you the shadows and the sunshine of that Christic cradle of Bethlehem. In these Christmas times I realize that there are many cradles under shadows. the story of empty cradles all up and down the earth, in cabins and There are standing garrets or in storerooms cradles that will never rock again. "Rachel mouring for her children and will not be comforted because they are not. But through all the shadows break gleams of sunshine, as the clouds of the Christic cradle were cleft by glorious light. Escaped from struggles through which we have all passed and must yet pass, those lit-tle ones took heaven at one bound. Instead of an earthly career it is a heavenly career, with capacities, with velocities, with opportunities beyond our comprehension. Instead of celebrating on earth the Saviour's birth they stand in the Saviour's Instead of the holiday celebrations of the old homestead it is to them eternal jubilee at a table where the angels of God are the cupbearers and amid the festivities that resound with a laughter and a music and blaze with a brilliance and a glory "that eye hath not see nor ear heard." No use in wishing them a merry Christmas, for the merriments of heaven ring out upon them from temples that are always open, amid pleasures that never die. Oh, it is not a dull heaven, but a lively heaven, for there are so many children there! They throng streets; they look out of the "House of Many Mansions;" they stand on the beach to see the fleets cast anchor within the vale; they crowd the gates with greetings when the old folks come in; they clap their hands in an eternal gladness; they dance in an eternal glee. See you not the sun-

shine that pours into the shadows of that cradle until they are all gone? But the shadows have their uses. There must be a background to every good picture. Turner always put at least one fleck of cloud of his canvas, and the clouds of earth will be the background to bring out more mightily the brightness of heaven.
And will it not be glor ous if after all this scene of earthly vicissitude we meet again in our Father's house and talk over the past in an ever lasting holiday. But meanwhile look out for the cradles. How much they decide for this world and the next! When Christ was born at Bethlehem that decided the redemption of the world. Oh, look out for the cradles! May a Bethlehem star of hope point down to each one of them and every hovering cloud be filled with chant-

ing angels of mercy. Just Like Boys. You may see young gar-fish play-

ing a game of leap-frog, just as you have seen the big boys at it.

A floating hawk's-bill turtle just now is the under boy, and again and again the gar-fish leap over him.
Sometimes in the game the gar-fish lands squarely on the sleeper's back, when the indignant turtle takes a long breath and dashes away, scat-tering the various little fishes that have assembled to see the fun. If you have ever had an aquarium be sure and have some gar-fish in it and the turtle, and you can see the

sport for yourselves.

AN XMAS ACCIDEST

Little Willie was having a splen-did time. Sitting up in bed, he was licking the yellow paint off a jumping Jack, that Santa Claus, with a care-Jack, that Santa Claus, with a care-less disregard of the rules of hygiene, had left at the foot of the bed for him It was just daylight, and at the rate Willie was travelling it was quite possible he would need a Dodd's Bys-pepsia Tablet before breakfast. He certainly would if he persevered with his intention of licking all the color off his Naoh's ark after he had finish-ed his immoing Jack.

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Willie was not particularly fond of yellow paint; in fact he was rather impartial as to color. But he did enjoy paint of some kind, if only the harmless red stuff on the back of his mother's hand mirror.

There was one thing Willie couldn't stand, however—rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich, brown—

stand, however—rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich, brown paint like they put on wooden horses, or a dark Paris green. It was a lucky thing for Willie that his mother always kept Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house.

This jumping Jack, however, was new. It was of a good rich yellow, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he

low, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he couldn't quite grasp the flavor. It was a little beyond him. As a matter of simple fact, the jumping Jack was too strong for Willie. He was getting sick before he had finished the job and in urgent need of a Dodd's Dyspensia. Tablet already.

Dyspepsia Tablet already.
Willie feet deeply humiliated. Besides that he felt a peculiar and deidedly unpleasant sensation in his little stomach. So coming to the con-clusion that the jumping Jack was a snare and a fraud, little Willie raised

share and a fraud, fittle whis voice and bawled lustily.

Of course there was a great to do. His mother said it was his father's fault—the poor, precious, innocent lamb—and incoherent works to that effect. However, Willie's digestive was strong, and a couple of bystem was strong, and a couple of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets had him all right by dinner time.



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POR ALDERMEN.

To the Flectors of Chatham Ladies and Gentlemen I again solicit your vote and influence for alderman. Circumstances prevent a personal canvas, which I trust will not influence your support.

O. G. FLEMING.

To the Flectors of the City of Chat-

Ladies and Gentlemen: As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. JOHN HENDERSHOTT.

To the Electors of the City of Chat

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and

Faithfully yours, W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham adies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influ-ence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain, Yours truly. GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain.
Your obedient servant,
A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I again solicit your vote and influ-ance for one of the aldermen for the ence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900, As I. will be out of the city during the incoming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New

Respectfully yours. To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am,

Yours respectfully, W. S. MARSHALL

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FOR

ALDERMAN 1900

POR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence respect-fully solicited for public school trus-

WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No 2 Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for re-elec-

tion as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall es-teem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain, ladies and gentlemen. ladies and gentlemen, Your obedient servant.

J. A. WILSON. To the Electors of Ward No. 3

Ladies and Gentlemen I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3 Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the po-sition of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence. Yours sincerely, ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School
Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Re-

and ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Flectors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence is respect-fully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Ward 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for School Trustee for No. 5 JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

To the Electors of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having consented to enter the arena of municipal politics, I respectfully request your support and influence.

JIM McCORMICK.

To the Flectors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the position of Reevee for the Township of Harwich for the coming year, I therefore solicit your votes and influence in my behalf, to secure my election. Thanking you for past honors, if elected I will endeavor t oguard your interests to the very best of my ability. Believe me to be yours very truly.

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