

[For OUR MISSION.]

Christmas.

Blest Star of the morning, we hail thy bright coming,
Long years have the nations been waiting this day;
As sunlight dispels all the mists of the dawning,
So darkness and shadow shall now flee away

A Saviour is born, a Redeemer is given,
Awake, earth, and echo the angels' refrain;
The Messiah has come, spread afar the glad tidings,
O'er mountain and valley, o'er woodland and plain.

Agnes have rolled since that first Christmas morning,
When Judah's dark hill tops were gilded with light,
And still 'tis Thy pardon, Thy power, and Thy presence,
That save us and keep us through earth's longest night.

Born in a stable—the Lord of all glory—
Suffering and dying, salvation to bring;
So we remember Thy first lowly coming,
And watch for Thy second, our glorious King

Dec. 20th, 1885.

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Unconscious Influence.

A GENTLEMAN heard the beating a drum
at some distance away, and at once began
marching to it. Of course the drummer was
unaware that the other man marched to the music. We
do not know who is being influenced by our life.

Seed-Time and Harvest.

MANY a man put in the seed who never saw the
harvest, just as many another brought home
ripe sheaves on which he bestowed no labour save
that of the sickle. The worker for Christ, therefore,
is to work in faith, expecting the Divine hand to secure
the result. He has abundant reason to believe that
good is done of which he has no knowledge, and will
have none until the great day.

To Our Readers.

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hand a few copies of Vol. I. of "OUR MIS-
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MR. SCHIVEREA'S labours for the Master at
Brampton Ont., have been much blessed of
God.

FORTY ONE thousand copies of the Scriptures in
the Turkish language have been distributed
among the Musselmans.

IN a letter just received from Mr. W. P. Crombie,
he reports his safe arrival at Denver, Col., and
that he has entered upon his work with encouraging
prospects. Already the Lord is graciously showing
tokens of good among the people. Mr. Crombie asks
the prayers of our readers.

MR. D. L. MOODY is to visit Montreal and hold
services for a few days. He will accordingly
leave Northfield, Mass., on the 1st January next,
arriving at Montreal on the 2nd, holding his first service
at 11 o'clock that morning and remaining until the
following Tuesday evening. He will hold three services
daily, at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and four services
on Sunday.

IT is stated as an illustration of the power of special
prayer offered for the safety of Moravian vessels,
that for 120 years a ship has annually left England
for the Moravian Mission in Greenland, and that not
a single ship or passenger has been lost by storm,
iceberg, or wreck.

A Poor Example.

AN old negro preacher who could read but in-
different, recently gave out the familiar hymn
in which this line occurs:

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense;"

He read it thus:

"Judge not the Lord by *feeble saints*;"

and then proceeded to exhort sinners not to look at
the poor example of Christianity set them by the *feeble
saints* around them. When we remember that our
Lord said to us, "Ye are my witnesses," it makes us
sad to think of the number of *feeble saints* there are
about us, by whom the world is judging the Lord.
Let us remember that by our feebleness or strength
we are giving witness to the Lord. What kind of wit-
ness are you giving, brother; and what is thy witness,
sister?—*Dr. Pentecost.*