

CHRISTMAS SERMON

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Appropriate to the approaching celebration is the following sermon by Rev. W. W. Williams, on the epochal event of the world's history, from the text Luke II, 12: "Lying in a manger."

How large is an average crib? Four feet long and two feet wide. It is as large perhaps as an average manger at the end of a horse's stall, at which the four-legged animals submit their oats and hay after a long, tireless day's work.

THE DIVINE LOVE. The whole rendering of the verse of my text reads thus: "And she shall be for a sign unto you, re-embled the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

THE BIRTH OF A PRINCE. The manger Christ emphasizes the fact that infinite results which may affect all the heavens and the earth, results which will strike the utmost circumference of the universe as well as the great centre, can sometimes be

of the Father as a God of love and sympathy and mercy; a God who would seem to care for an individual human being, a God who would stoop to creep to the human heart's affections, even as the sunbeams would steal into the heart and give new life to the plant. It was difficult, in one sense, for God to teach sinful men that he did not want to crush them, but to save them of their own free will.

THE LESSON OF THE NATIVITY.

On Oct. 20, 1895, I was brought face to face with the true teachings of the manger Christ as never before. It was one of the most overwhelming days of my life. It happened in Bethlehem, Judea. I was sitting in the Greek Catholic church, which is supposed to have been erected directly upon the "identical spot" where Jesus was born.

SOME SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

In the world's history has it not often been revealed that the most insignificant of causes can bring forth the most tremendous and far-reaching results? It seemed to me an insignificant matter when, many years ago, a humble Puritan with his family and a party of friends wanted to emigrate and set sail for America.

THE GOD WHO LOVES.

The omnipresent God will not for one instant, even in the darkest of days, turn deaf or an unheeding ear to the weakest and most helpless of his children.

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directly traced to seemingly infinite series of causes when a prince or princess, the child of a great king, is about to be born, especially if the prospective infant is to be the heir to the throne.

THEY FATHER CONSUMPTION. Bad coughs, colds and catarrh are responsible for more consumption than any other cause.

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec 22—Sch Oriole, 124, Shaaklin, from York—arrived for St. John.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

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father. Then, in her sweet, girlish way, she said: "Papa, won't you pray for God to bless my baby brother night get well? I am only a wee little bit of a girl, and God might not be willing to hear me pray, but God would always have a great big strong man living, that the sobbing father took his little girl into his arms as he said: "Oh, my darling, God will have time to hear you pray for your baby brother."

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Castoria. Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any other medicine known to me.

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At Boston, Dec 20, brig W. B. Stone, from St. John, N. B.

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Why Laurier Spring... A flight to the... Ottawa, Dec 20... Rev. Dr. Moore...

NOTICE TO MARINERS. For the Channel, Maine—Porter Island Light. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

WILD CATS INFEST HALIFAX. There are wild cats galore in Halifax county. This is no St. John talk.

MARRIAGES. JOHNSON-TAYLOR.—At the home of the bride's parents, Sussex, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. Frank Baird, Dr. P. H. Johnson of Boston, Pa., to Lillian Burtin, youngest daughter of Stephen P. Taylor.

DEATHS. EVANS.—In Bangor, Dec. 21, Nora E., wife of Stephen Evans.

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