THE STAR.

When the birds and bees and flowers All have gone to bed, Did you ever see a star Shining overhead?

Many, many years ago
In a land afar,
Wise men followed all the night
Such a little star.

And it led them to a barn,
Where among the hay
Safe within His mother's arms
Christ, a Baby lay.

-FLORENCE L. PATTERSON.

CHRISTMAS SONG.

"Why do bells for Christmas ring? Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely shining star Seen by Shepherds from afar Gently moved until its light Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay Pillowed soft upon the hay, And its mother sang and smiled, This is Christ the Holy Child.

Therefore bells for Christmas ring, Therefore little children sing."

-EUGENE FIELD.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men.

-Longfellow.

CHRISTMAS.

Christ, Christ is born today! Holy be thy holiday, Rise betimes, and haste away, In thy church to kneel and pray, Surely from thine heart to say; Thou, O Lord, will I obey.

Many poor around there be— Alms give thou, and sympathy, So God's blessing light on thee.

-LADY LINDSAY.

WHO, WHAT AND WHERE.

No. III.

CONCERNING CHRISTMAS.

- 1. What king of England was crowned on Christmas Day?
- 2. What king ministered to the poor on the day after Christmas?
- 3. What are the traditional names of the "three kings of Orient?"
- 4. In what Christmas stories or poems do the following appear:— Mrs. Fezziwig, Prince Bulbo, the Tetterbys, Sarah Maud Ruggles, Prancer and Dancer?
- 5. Complete the following quotations, and name the author:
 - (a). Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes, wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated——
 - (b). But peaceful was the night,
 Wherein the Prince of light—
 - (c). Heap on more wood, the wind is chill, But let it whistle as it will—
 - (d). Again at Christmas did we weave the holly—
- 6. What Treaty of Peace was signed on Christmas Eve?

Answers to November Questions.

- 1. Tennyson.—"I do but sing because I must." In Memoriam. 21.
- 2. William Morris.—"The idle singer of an empty day." Apology. The Earthly Paradise.
- 3. Milton.—"That one talent which is death to hide Lodged with me useless."

 —Sonnet on his own Blindness.
- 4. Chaucer.—"——ther is game noon
 That fro my bokes maketh me to goon,
 Save, certaynly, when that the month of
 May
 - Is comen—Farewell my book."
 —Prologue to Legend of Good Women.
- 5. Longfellow.—"More than this; thy name reminds me
 Of three friends, all true and tried;
 And that name, like magic, binds me
 Closer, closer to thy side."
 - —To the River Charles. Wordsworth.—"Two shall be named, pre-eminently

The gentle lady married to the Moor, And heavenly Una, with her milkwhite Lamb."

-Personal Talk III.