

cember night were thrown open, and thies. It was a child that Christ set in good motherhood. John Wesley had a some of the best singers of a world the midst of the squabbling disciples good mother; St. Bernard had a good where they all sing stood there and, to teach the lesson of humility. A child mother; Samuel Budgett, a good moth putting back the drapery of cloud, decided Waterloo, showing the army er; Doddridge, a good mother; Walter chanted a peace anthem until all the of Blucher how it could take a short Scott, a good mother; Benjamin West, a echoes of hill and valley applauded and cut through the fields when, if the old good mother. In a great audience, most encored the halleluiah chorus. Come, road had been followed, the Prussian of whom were Christians, I asked that let us go into that Christmas scene as general would have come up too late all those who had been blessed of though we had never before worship- to save the destinies of Europe. It Christian mothers arise, and almost ed at the manger. Here is a Madonna | was a child that decided Gettysburg, he | the entire assembly stood up. Do you worth looking at. I wonder not that having overheard two Confederate gen- not see how important it is that all the most frequent name in all lands erals in a conversation in which they motherhood be consecrated? Why did and in all Christian centuries is Mary. decided to march for Gettysburg in- Titian, the Italian artist, when he And there are Marys in palaces and stead of Harrisburg, and, this report- sketched the Madonna make it an Ital Marys in cabins, and, though German ed to Governor Curtin, the Federal ian face? Why did Rubens, the Gerand French and Italian and Spanish forces started to meet their opponents man artist, in his Madonna make it a and English pronounce it differently, at Gettysburg. And today the child German face? Why did Joshua Reynthey are all namesakes of the one is to decide all the great battles, make olds, the English artist, in his Madonna whom we find on a bed of straw, with all the laws, settle all the destinies and make it an English face? Why did her pale face against the soft cheek of usher in the world's salvation or de- Murillo, the Spanish artist, in his Ma-Christ in the night of the nativity. All struction. Men, women, nations, all donna make it a Spanish face? I nevthe great painters have tried, on can- earth and all heaven, behold the child! er heard, but I think they took their vas, to present Mary and her child and the incidents of that most famous night | Notice also that in this Bible night | mother of Christ. When you hear some of the world's history. Raphael, in scene God honored science. Who are one in sermon or oration speak in the three different masterpieces, celebrated the three wise men kneeling before the abstract of a good, faithful, honest them. Tintoretto and Ghirlandajo sur- Divine Infant? Not boors, not igno- mother, your eyes fill up with tears passed themselves in the adoration of ramuses, but Caspar, Balthasar and while you say to yourself, "That was the Magi. Correggio needed to do no Melchior, men who knew all that was my mother." more than his Madonna to become im- to be known. They were the Isaac mortal. The "Madonna of the Lily," by Newtons and Herschels and Faradays The first word a child utters is apt Leonardo da Vinci, will kindle the ad- of their time. Their alchemy was the to be "mother," and the old man in his miration of all ages. But all the gal- forerunner of our sublime chemistry, dying dream calls: "Mother!" leries of Dresden are forgotten when their astrology the mother of our mag- It matters not whether she was brought upon the duties of the I think of the small room of that gallery containing the "Sistine Madonna."

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to that Bethlehem barn without going names of the living lest we should be the burdens of a long life. If you past the camels, the mules, the dogs, invidious, have we not had among painted a Madonna, hers would be the the oxen. The brutes of that stable them Christian men like James Y. face. What a gentle hand she had heard the first cry of the infant Lord. Simpson and Rush and Valentine Mott when we were sick and what a voice Some of the old painters represent the and Abercrombie and Abernethy? Who to soothe pain, and was there any one oxen and camels kneeling that night have been our greatest scientists? Jo- who could so fill up a room with peace before the newborn babe. And well seph Henry, who lived and died in the and purity and light? And what a might they kneel! Have you ever faith of the gospels, and Agassiz, who, sad day that was when we came home thought that Christ came, among other standing with his students among the and she could greet us not, for her lips things, to alleviate the sufferings of hills, took off his hat and said, "Young were forever still! Come back, mother, the brute creation? Was it not appro- gentlemen, before we study these rocks in these Christmas times and take your priate that he should, during the first let us pray for wisdom to the God old place and, as ten or twenty or fifty few days and nights of his life on who made the rocks." All geology will years ago, come and open the old Biearth, be surrounded by the dumb | yet bow before the Rock of Ages. All ble as you used to; read and kneel in beasts, whose mean and plaint and botany will yet worship the Rose of the same place where you used to pray bellowing have for ages been a prayer | Sharon. All astronomy will yet recog- and look upon us, as of old, when you to God for the arresting of their tor- nize the Star of Bethlehem. tures and the righting of their wrongs? Not a kennel in all the centuries, not a

stable surrounded by brutes. do, in that Bethlehem night, with an in the fields. There were wiseacres infant Christ on the one side and the that night in Bethlehem and Jerusaer, I cry: Look out how you strike the were salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable and stable officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might begin and stable of salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a place might be salaried officers of government was a plac rowel into that horse's side; take off who, hearing of it afterward, may have that curbed bit from that bleeding thought that they ought to have had mouth; remove that saddle from that the first news of such a great event, raw back; shoot not for fun that bird some one dismounting from a swift that is too small for food; forget not to camel at their door and knocking till put water into the cage of that canary: at some sentinel's question, "Who throw out some crumbs to those birds | comes there?" the great ones of the making that one horse draw a load heard the first two bars of the music, that scene where boys are torturing a in the subdued minor, "Glory to God her nest is a mother's cradle and un- honored! der her wing there may be three or The old shepherds with plaid and In your families and in your schools but we have grazing on our United ble picture of the nativity, while you text, and all those who toil in fields, the cow's moan.

Behold also in this Bible scene how on that Christmas night God honored law and benevolence have come from Barred Plymouth Rock childhood. Childhood was to be hon- the fields. Washington from the fields. ored by that advent. He must have a Jefferson from the fields. The presichild's light limbs and a child's dim- dential martyrs, Garfield and Lincoln pled hand and a child's beaming eye and McKinley, from the fields. Henry and a child's flaxen hair, and baby- Clay from the fields. Daniel Webster hood was to be honored for all time to from the fields. Martin Luther from come, and a cradle was to mean more the fields. Before this world is right than a grave. Mighty God! May the the overflowing populations of our reflection of that one child's face be crowded cities will have to take to the

seen in all infantile faces! resources, and he can give presents of khan, it was a prophecy of the time of the Bethlehem against the wall of the Bethlehem of to hire. Wanted 1000 Small Pigs.

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great value, but when he wants to give the richest possible gift to a household he looks around all the worlds and all the universe and then gives a child. Yea, in all ages God has honored abildhood. The worker almost an area of the country as man made the town. ored childhood. He makes almost ev-

It was a child in Naaman's kitchen When the villagers on the morning of It was a child in Naaman's kitchen that told the great Syrian warrior where he might go and get cured of the morning will be convinced that we have been found in some that told the great Syrian warrior will surprise the People in the Fifth that told the great Syrian warrior will surprise the People in the Fifth that we have been found in some that we have the property of the prop Washington, Dec. 22.—The discourse | the leprosy which at his seventh plunge | Jesus might have been found in some of Dr. Talmage is full of the nativity in the Jordan was left at the bottom of comfortable cradle of the village. But and appropriate for the holidays; text, the river. It was to the cradle of no, no! Motherhood for all time was to Luke ii, 16, "And they came with haste leaves in which a child was lain, rock- be consecrated, and one of the tenderand found Mary and Joseph and the ed by the Nile, that God called the at- est relations was to be the maternal retention of history. It was a sick child lation and one of the sweetest words, The black window shutters of a De- that evoked Christ's curative sympa- "mother." In all ages God has honored

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shall bow to Jesus. It is much that dles seated by the broad fireplace, with way already. Where is the college that great backlog ablaze, on a winter GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, FRUITS, Behold, in the first place, that on the does not have morning prayers, thus night. It matters not how many wrinfirst night of Christ's life God honored bowing at the manger? Who have been kles crossed and recrossed her face or the brute creation. You cannot get in- the greatest physicians? Omitting the how much her shoulders stooped with

Shepherds Were Welcomed. Behold also in that first Christmas bird's nest, not a wornout horse on night that God honored the fields. Come towpath, not a herd freezing in the in, shepherd boys, to Bethlehem and poorly built cowpen, not a freight car | see the child. "No," they say; "we are in summer time bringing the beeves to not dressed good enough to come in." market without water through a thou- "Yes, you are; come in." Sure enough, sand miles of agony, not a surgeon's the storms and the night dew and the room witnessing the struggles of fox brambles have made rough work with or rabbit or pigeon or dog in the hor- their apparel, but none has a better prors of vivisection but has an interest right to come in. They were the first in the fact that Christ was born in a to hear the music of that Christmas night. The first announcement of a Standing then, as I imagine now I Saviour's birth was made to those men caught too far north in the winter's palace might have been told of the ceinclemency; arrest that man who is lestial arrival. No; the shepherds heavy enough for three; rush in upon the first in the major key and the last cat or transfixing butterfly and grass- in the highest and on earth peace, good hopper; drive not off that old robin, for | will to men!" Ah, yes, the fields were

four musicians of the sky in training. crook have for the most part vanished, cy than the present generation has 42,000,000 sheep, and all their keepers Machines sold for cash or on installments. ever shown and in this marvelous Bi- ought to follow the shepherds of my point out to them the angel, show them all vine dressers, all orchardists, all also the camel, and while they hear husbandmen. Not only that Christmas the celestial chant let them also hear | night, but all up and down the world's history, God has been honoring the fields. Nearly all the messiahs of refields. Instead of ten merchants in Enough have all those fathers and rivalry as to who shall sell that one mothers on hand if they have a child apple we want at least eight of them

in the house. A throne, a crown, a to go out and raise apples. Instead of FOR SALE FIFTY COCKERELS AND scepter, a kingdom, under charge. Be ten merchants desiring to sell that one careful how you strike him across the bushel of wheat, we want at least eight h bead, jarring the brain. What you say of them to go out and raise wheat. The that date as I can not hold them h to him will be centennial and millen world wants now more hard hands, first come will be served with the best. nial, and a hundred years and a thou- more bronzed cheeks, more muscular cand years will not stop the echo and arms. To the fields! God honored To Opposite Hibernia School, re-echo. Do not say, "It is only a them when he woke up the shepherds child." Rather say, "It is only an immortal." It is only a masterpiece of while the world lasts, continue to honoutlive sun and moon and star and crook was that famous night stood against the wall of the Bethlehem or to hire. Wanted 1000 Small Pigs. Jehovah. It is only a being that shall or the fields. When the shepherd's

Motherhood Consecrated. ery picture a failure unless there be a Behold also that on that Christmas child either playing on the floor or night God honored motherhood. Two looking through the window or seated angels on their wings might have on the lap gazing into the face of the brought an infant Saviour to Bethle- TO EVERY ONE WHO TAKES hem without Mary's being there at all. own mothers as the type of Mary, the

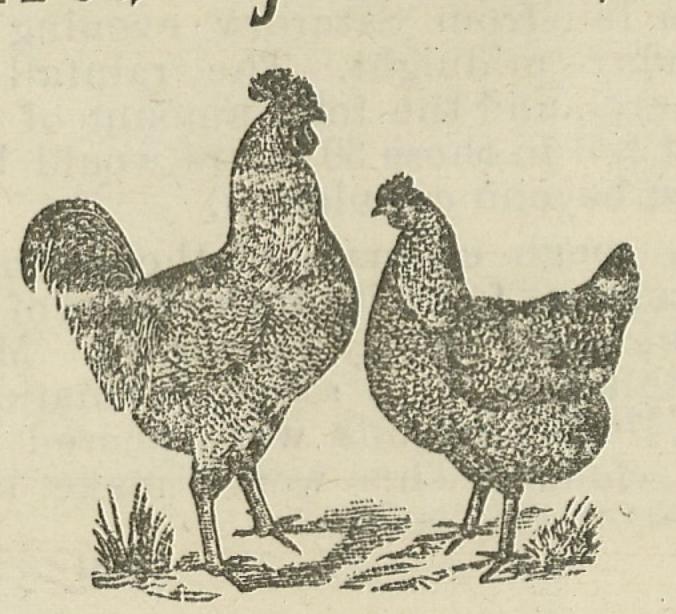
Waiting at the Throne.

py new year! But, no! That would not be fair to call you back. You had troubles enough and aches enough and bereavements enough while you were here. Tarry by the throne, mother, from a dollar watch to a twenty-five dollar till we join you there, your prayers all one. Ladies Rings, Boys and Men's Rings answered, and in the eternal home- from 50c and up. Our stock is absolutely the stead of our God we shall again keep highest grade in every respect from the from your thrones, all you glorified a full line of WATCHES, Ladies', Men's and and daughters, words of love, words of |Solid Gold or Gold Filled, Ladies' Enameled | warning, words of cheer. They need Watches with Chatelaine Pin; Silver, Silveryour voice, for they have traveled far ine, Nickle Gun Metal and Oxidized of the and with many a heartbreak since you very best time-keepers. left them, and you do well to call from | We have a special line of Men's and Ladio's the heights of heaven to the valleys of extra quality DIAMOND RINGS. All goods

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