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A Right in Bethlehom His Subject-A Powerful and Impressive Discourse Lis- that raw back. Shoot not for fun that tenned to by a Vast Congregation-The bird that is too small for food. For-Balls in the Manner.

preached this morning a sermon ap the winter's inclemency. Arrest that opriate to the Christmas season. man who is making that one horse Taking up the subject of the Nativ- draw a load heavy enough for three. ity he drew from it lessons which. Rush in upon that scene where boys though perfectly legitimate, are are torturing a cat or transfixing commonly overlooked. His text was butterfly and grasshopper. Lake ii. 16. "And they came with Drive not off that old robin, for her haste, and found Mary and Joseph. nest is a mother's cradle, and under and the Babe lying in a manger."

The black window shutters of a musicians of the sky in training. In December night were thrown open. your families and in your schools and some of the best singers of a teach the coming generation more world where they all sing stood mercy than the present generation there, and putting back the drapery has ever shown, and in this marvelof cloud, chanted a peace anthem. ons Bible picture of the Nativity. mutil all the echoes of hill and valley while you point out to them the applauded and encored the Hallelu- angel, show them also the camel, and jah chorus. Come, let us go into while they hear the celestial chant that Christmas scone as though we let them also hear the cow's moan. had never before worshiped at the manger. Here is a Madonna worth in the botanical world, when he said, looking at.

I wonder not that the most fre quent name in all lands and in all Christian centuries is Mary. And there are Marys in palaces and Marys when he allowed himself to be called in cabins and though German and in one place a lion and in another French and Italian and Spanish and place a lamb. Meanwhile, may the English pronounce it differently, they Christ of the Bethlehem cattle pen are all namesakes of the one whom have morey on the suffering stockwe find on a bed of straw, with her pale face against the soft cheek of Christ in the night of the Nativity. All the great painters have tried, on canvas, to present Mary and her child and the incidents of that most how on that Christmas night God

famous night of the world's history. honored childhood. Christ might Raphael in three different master- have made his first visit to our world pieces celebrated them. Tintoretto in a cloud, as he will descend on his and Chirlandajo surpassed them- next visit in a cloud. In what a than his Madonna to become immor-tal. The Madonna of the Lily, by drawn sword. Elijah had a carriage Leonardo da Vinci, will kindle the of fire to take him up; why not Jesus admiration of all ages. But all the a carriage of fire to fetch him down? galleries of Dresden are forgotten Or, over the arched bridge of a rainwhen I think of the small room of bow the Lord might have descended. that gallery containing the Sistine Or Christ might have had his mor-Madonna. Yet all of them were cop-tes of St. Matthew's Madonna and dust of a garden, as was Adam, in Luke's Madonna, the inspired Ma- full manhood at the start, without douna of the Old Book, which we the introductory feebleness of inhad put into our hands when we were fancy.

infants, and that we hope to have No, no! Childhood was to be hon-

do, in that Bethlehem night with an infant Christ on the one side and the speechless creatures of God on the CERMON PREACHED BY DR. T. DE other, I cry, look out how you strike thing

the rowel into that horse's side. Take off that curbed bit from that bleeding mouth. Remove that saddle from get not to put water into the cage of that canary. Throw out some crumbs BROOKLYN, Dec. 27. -Dr. Talmage to those birds caught too far north in

her wing there may be three or four God who made the rocks."

so wavy as a child's hair.

No more did Christ show interest Consider the lilies," than he showed

fect muscle and perfect brain and night. GOD HONORED CHILDHOOD. Behold, also, in this Bible scene, tired knees in worship.

GOD HONORED THE FIELDS. selves in the adoration of the Magi. chariot of illumined vapor he might Correggio needed to do nothing more have rolled down the sky, escorted by hem and see the child. "No," they any one who could so fill up a room made rough work with their apparel, Come back, mother, this Christmas fields.

Bethlehem and Jerusalem snoring in happy New Year. But no! That "I

any velvet so soft as a child's cheek! night God honored motherhood. Two Is there any sky so blue as a child's angels on their wings might have oyer is there any music so sweet as brought an infant Saviour to Bethlethe child's voice? Is there any plume hem without Mary's being there at all. When the villagers on the morn-ing of December 26 awoke, by divine

GOU HONORED SCIENCE. Notice also that in this Bible night arrangement and in some unexscene God honored science. Who are plained way the child Jesus might the three wise men kneeling before have been found in some comfortable the Divine Infant! Not boors, not cradle of the village. But no, no! tgnoramuses, but Caspar. Belthasar and Melchior, men who knew all that consecrated, and one of the tenderest was to be known. They were the Isnac Newtons and Herschels and relations was to be the maternal relation, and one of the sweetest words, Faradays of their time. Their alche-"mother." my was the forerunner of our sublime

In all ages God has honored good emistry, their astrology the mother motherhood. John Wesley had a of our magnificent astronomy. They had studied stars, studied metals. mother: St. Bernard had a good mother: Samuel Budgett a good momother: Samuel Budgett a good mostudied physiology, studied every ther; Doddridge a good mother; Walter Scott a good mother: Benja-

And when I see these scientists min West a good mother. In a great bowing before the beautiful babe, I andience, most of whom were Chrissee the prophecy of the time when tians, I asked that all those who had all the telescopes and microscopes, and all the Leyden jars, and all the arise, and almost the entire assembly electric batteries, and all the observa- stood up. Don't you see how importories, and all the universities shall tant it is that all motherhood be conbow to Jesus. It is much that way secrated?

already. Where is the college that does not have morning prayers, thus when he sketched the Madonna, make

bowing at the manger? Who have it an Italian face? Why did Rubens, been the greatest physicians? Omit- the German artist, in his Madonna, ting the names of the living, lest we make it a German face? Why did pined away and seemed at the point of should be invidious, have we not had Joshua Reynolds, the English artist, death whenever she lived in the same among them Christian men like our in his Madonna, make it an English house with her father. Away from him own Joseph C. Hutchinson and Rush face? Why did Murillo, the Spanish she grew fat and rosy. There seemed and Valentine Mott and Abercrom- artist, in his Madonna, make it a something uncanny and witchlike in the bie and Abernethy? Who have been our greatest scientists? Joseph Hen-think they took their own mothers as had not that father lived in a scientific ry, who lived and died in the faith of the Gospels, and Agassiz, who, stand-Christ. When you hear some one, in ing with his students among the hills, sermon or oration, speak in the abtook off his hat and said, "Young stract of a good, faithful, honest gentlemen, before we study these mother, your eyes fill up with tears. rocks let us pray for wisdom to the while you say to yourself, "that was my mother.'

and of this land and of all lands re-vere the Christian religion, and are mother!" It matters not whether not ashamed to say so before juries she was brought up in the surround- 66 and legislatures and senates. All ings of a city and in affluent home, geology will yet bow before the Rock and was dressed appropriately with of Ages. All botany will yet worship reference to the demands of modern the Rose of Sharon. All astronomy life, or whether she wore the old will yet recognize the Star of Beth- time cap and great round spectacles, lehem. And physiology and anatomy and apron of her own make, and knit will join hands and say, "We must, by the help of God, get the human race up to the perfect nerve and per-

perfect form of that perfect child before whom, nigh twenty hundred crossed and recrossed her face, or years ago, the wise men bent their how much her shoulders stooped with the burdens of a long life, if you painted a Madonna, hers would be Behold also in that first Christmas the face. What a gentle hand she hight that God honored the fields. had when we were sick, and what a say, "we are not dressed good enough with peace and purity and light? to come in." "Yes, you are; come And what a sad day that was when in." Sure enough, the storms and we came home and she could greet the night dew and the brambles have us not, for her lips were forever still.

but none have a better right to come day, and take your old place, and as in. They were the first to hear the ten or twenty or fifty years ago music of that Christmas night. The come and open the old Bible as you first announcement of a Saviour's used to; read and kneel in the same birth was made to those men in the place where you used to pray, and look upon us as of old when you There were wiseacres that night in wished us a merry Christmas or a

would not be fair to call you back.

many a heartbreak since you left

them, and you do well to call from

of earth: Hail, enthroned ancestry!

Slow footed years! More swiftly run Into the gold of that unsetting sun;

A Joke of the Eniser.

Potsdam is of a harmless character.

The German emperor appeared a few

days ago before the barracks of the

to march his men away silently into

the officers' mess close by. Then he

caused the alarm to be sounded by

the trumpeter of the guard, whom he

kept by his side. The officer of the

guard, who had noticed nothing of

the event, came rushing out, but the guard was gone. "Where is your

guard, sir?" said the emperor; to

which the unfortunate man could of

course give no answer. His majesty

was mightily pleased at the result of this practical joke.-Vanity Fair.

The Way the Boy Got It.

The danger of intrusting oral mes-

sages to boys, however bright they

may be, was demonstrated in a news-

paper office not a thousand miles

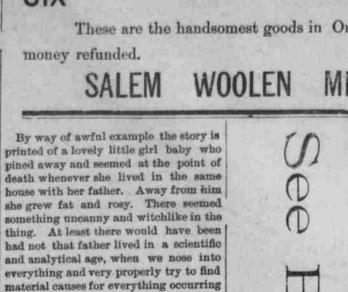
A story which reaches me from

Homesick we are for thee, Calm land beyond the sea.

officers of government, who, hearing You had troubles enough and aches

of it afterward, may have thought enough and bereavements enough

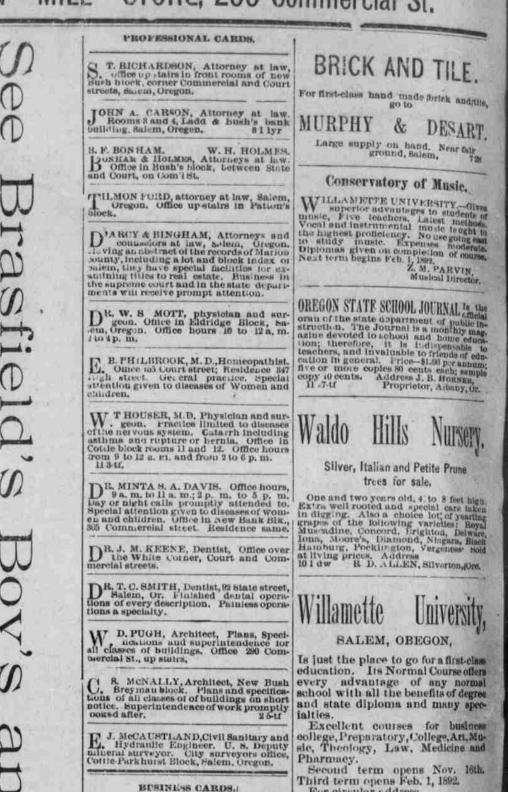
that they ought to have had the first while you were here. Tarry by the



in the material world. That father would certainly have been led out and hanged in an age before mankind knew Today the greatest doctors and lawyers of Brooklyn and New York to be "Mother," and the old man in to be "Mother," and the old man in



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inder our heads when we die, GOD HONORED THE BRUTES.

Behold, in the first place, that on dimpled hand, and a child's beaming the first night of Christ's life God honored the brute creation. You can- babyhood was to be honored for all not get into that Bethlehem barn time to come, and a cradle was to without going past the camels, the mean more than a grave. Mighty mules, the dogs, the oxen. The God! May the reflection of that one brutes of that stable heard the first child's face be seen in all infantile cry of the infant Lord. Some of the faces.

old painters represent the oxen and | Enough have all those fathers and camels kneeling that night before mothers on hand if they have a child the newborn babe. And well might in the house. A throne, a crown, a they kneel! Have you ever thought meeter, a kingdom, under charge. that Christ came among other things Be careful how you strike him across to alleviate the sufferings of the brute the head, jarring the brain. What creation! Was it not appropriate that you say to him will be centennial he should during the first few days and nights of his life on earth, be and a thousand years will not stop moan and platt and bellowing have for ages be a a prayer to God for the arresting of their tortures and the righting of their wrongs? It did not merely "happen so" that the unintel-moon and star and ages quadrennial. ligent creatures of God should have God has infinite resources, and he been that night in close neighborhood. | can give presents of great value; but

Not a kennel in all the centuries, not a bird's nest, not a worn out horse on towpath, not a herd freezing in around all the worlds and all the unithe poorly built cow pen, not a freight car in summer time bringing the verse and then gives a child. The greatest present that God ever gave our world he gave about 1801 beeves to market without water through a thousand miles of agony, years ago, and he gave it on a Christnot a surgeon's room witnessing the mas night, and it was of such value struggles of fox or rabbit or pigeon that heaven adjourned for a recess or dog in the horrors of viviscction, and came down and broke through but has an interest in the fact that the clouds to look at it. Yea, in all Christ was born in a stable, surrounded by brutes. He remembers that makes almost every picture a failure unless there be a child either playing their pitiful mean he will answer in on the floor, or looking through the the punishment of those who mal- window, or seated on the lap gazing treat the dumb brates. They surely into the face of the mother. A CHILD TOLD HIM THE we have.

In the first chapter of Genesis you may see that they were placed on the earth before man was, the fish and fowl created the fifth day, and the quadrupeds the morning of the sixth bottom of the river. It was to the day, and man not until the afternoon cradle of leaves, in which a child was of that day. The whale, the engle. the lion, and all the lesser creatures of their kind were predecessors of the human family. They have the curative sympathies. It was a child the bulling fainily. They have the world by right of possession. They have also paid rent for the places they occupied. What an army of defense all over the world are the faithful watchdogs. And who can tell what the world over the horse

tell what the world owes the horse and camel and ox for transportation. And robin and lark have, by the crut tatas with which they have filled or chard and forest, more than paid for the few grains they have picked up for their sustemance. When you abuse any creature of God you strike its Creator, and you insult the Christ who, though he might have been welcomed into life by princes and takes his first infan the slumber amid Tyrian plusi and uanopied couches and ripping waters from royal aqueducts dripping into basins of ivory and pearl, chese to be born on the level with a cow's horn, or a causel's boof, or a dog's nostril.

born on the level with a cow's horn, or a cannel's boof, or a dog's nostril, that he might be the alleviation of animal suffering as well as the re-decomer of man. It inspine now I brendite there, as I imagine now I

ored by that advent. He must have a child's light limbs, and a child's eye, and a child's flaxen hair; and

news of such a great event; some one throne, mother, till we join you lismounting from a swift camel at there, your prayers all answered, their door and knocking till, at some sentinel's question. "Who comes there?" the great ones of the palace might have been told of the celestial might have been told of the celestial

A CHILD TOLD HIM THE WAY.

arrival. No; the shepherds heard you glorified mothers, and say to all the first two bars of the music, the these, your sons and daughters, words the first two bars of the induct, the inese, your sons and data and the subtract of love, words of warning, words of the subdued minor, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good they have traveled far and with will to men." Ah, yes; the fields were honored. The old shepherds with plaid and the heights of heaven to the valleys crook have for the most part van-

shed, but we have grazing-our ished, but we have grazing—our We are coming. Keep a place right beside you at the banquet. prairie about forty-five million sheep -and all their keepers ought to follow the shepherds of my text, and all those who toil in fields, all vine dressers, all orchardists, all husbandmen. Not only that Christmas night, but all up and down the world's history God had been honoring the fields.

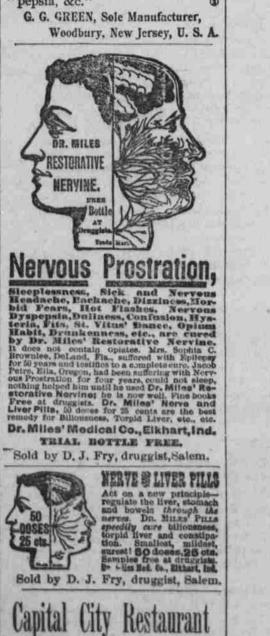
Nearly all the messiahs of reform and literature and eloquence and law and benevolence have come from the gave the corporal of the guard orders fields. Washington from the fields. Jefferson from the fields. The presi-dential martyrs, Garfield and Lin-coln, from the fields. Henry Clay from the fields. Daniel Webster from the fields. Martin Luther from the fields. Before this world is right the ages God has honored childhood. He overflowing populations of our crowd-ed cities will have to take to the fields. Instead of ten merchants in rivalry as to who shall sell that one apple, we want at least eight of them to go out and raise apples. Instead of ten merchants desiring to sell that

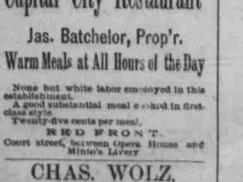
It was a child in Naaman's kitchen one bushel of wheat, we want at least eight of them to go out and raise wheat.

The world wants now more hard hands, more bronzed cheeks, more hands, more bronzed cheeks, more muscular arms. To the fields! God honored them when he woke up the shepherds by the midnight anthem; and he will, while the world lasts, continue to honor the fields. When laid, rocked by the Nile, that God the shepherd's crook was that famous night stood against the wall of the wonderful 2-year-old trotter, who has

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