Christmas Eve.

REY. E. C. AVIS. Night had fallen o'er the city. Shadows lay across the plain, Shepher s quietly were sleeping, From the East were coming men. In the manger of the stable Lay the Babe of Bethlehem; And the ange's just above it Saying, "Peace, good will to men."

O'er the stable and the manger In which Christ, the infant, lay, Stood a star and rained its fire, Lighting up the darkest way. And the shepherds each were hastening. And the wise men coming, too, With their gifts-frank ncense, myrrh, Each his homage glad to do.

Bowing down before the manger, Hearts with gratitude and love, Worshiped they the infant Saviour, Sent to them from heaven above. Praised they then the God of heaven For his priceless gift to them. Wondrous hope of their salvation Was the Babe of Lethlehem.

Shall we not, like them, rejoicing Worship in the name of him Who in centuries gone lay cradled In the crib of Bethlehem? Shall we not with great rejoicing Un's God who lives above. Give to them our highest praises For his wondrous gift of love? Chicago, Ill.

Christmas as we Grow Older.

BY E. HARBRUCK, D. D.

"Christmas comes but once a year," sang one of the old poets, intimating that it is one of the happiest of our holidays, and so full of good cheer that we ought to enjoy it all we can Indeed, Christmas occupied the foremost place among all our holidays. and it has bound about its brow chapter of very hallowed associations and we can almost as readily count up our years by Christmases as we do by birthdays. If Christmas comes but once a year, it comes quickly. It seems but yesterday we saw the forests ablaze in their coat of many colors, and the sumac, wind along the fence rows like a band of fire, while the roadsides were lined with asters and gentians, and the meadows aglow with the golden-rod, and to-day the world lies chill, the fields are covered with snow, and the frost king is abroad in the land. We pile high the fuel on the fire, so that we may have it warm within, even though it be cold without.

"Let us throw more logs on the fire, We have need of a cheerful light: And close round the hearth together, For the wind has risen to-night."

There seems to be something in this season of the year that lends a charm to the festivities of Christmas, and which we would not enjoy at any other period. During the summer we linger amid the pleasant scenes of roadside, meadow and hill; but when the cold season comes we are driven within doors. We could never enjoy this festival in the fields and along the streams. We gather about the hearth where the blazing fire seems to kindle within our hearts a kindlier feeling and a deeper love for home. Christmas is pre-eminently a home festival, though we may be fast losing the ancient aroma of the day. W may, however, be coming to a better and truer observance ye', in that we pay less attention to the outer, the gay and noisy festivity, and more to the inner and true spirit of the holy

season..... There is no season or holiday that unlocks the memory as this, or makes the heart so tender. Even the flinty heart of old Scrooge, says the great novelist, grew soft, though it had been hard as adamant, as he remembered the Christmas carols sung at his keyhole the night before and which caused him to slide his hand into his pocket to feel for his wallet. If there is one day of the year when neighbors think kindly of each other, or when a gleam of sunshine steals over the miser's heart, it is this. There seems to be in the atmosphere the spirit of the song, "Peace on earth, good will to men.' The old grow young again, the poor rich, the hardened tender, and the hearts of all beat high with expectation of

"The Christmas that yet shall be, Of undying joy in that fadeless land,

countless years, That are at the King's right hand.

gotten? No, for to-day as we look whole congregation and for all the out upon the quiet place of graves community," and the good man seemwhere they sleep so peacefully, they ed to feel as much interest in all the Ah. yes, the human soul exists, and less they are angry and foolish at the come marching before us, and we link pastor did as though he were doing it must exist, happy or miserable through same time.

who came as a precious gift to their the minister to the church members. glad hearts. They are not forgotten His work is the work of the church, They sit by our side. They sing the therefore pray for him as you would old songs, they speak the well reme- pray for yourself were you in his place. mbered, tender words, and their Pray for him as you would have him memory will always be fresh in our pray for you. He is your servant

Whatever the day may be, we must never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It must ever rest as a background to all our joy and festivity. Let Christmas come. Let it be enjoyed. Let the home be bright and cheerful, and above all let the heavenly glow of a Christ-like feeling shine in our hearts, so that friend and stranger will see that we have the kindly spirit of the great Saviour who loved us. Though we may be homeless here, though no kind roof will admit us under its shelter to share its Christmas cheer, yet we know that beyond the snow-covered graves, beyond the stars which stine so tranquilly, we shall walk with the loved ones who visits us in our waking thoughts, and who come to us in our dreams. Thank God for this day. some soul, and have brought it iuto harmony with him whose day it is, if we have caused some kindly feeling to rise in any hard heart, and have taught it that all is not selfish in this world, our own Christmas will be the happier for it.-United Presbyterian.

Pray For Your Minister.

BY SMITH BARKER, D. D.

Why? Because he is your minister hosen by you and the church to which you belong to minister to your ititual needs, as your physician is your doctor to look after your physical wants. You have chosen your pastor as your helper to assist you in the de velopment of your religious life, hence you have a personal interert in what he says and in his prayers. He is not and cannot be to you as other ministers are. He may not be so eloquent or so much of a man, but the fact that he is your pastor, chosen to be your teacher and leader in the spiritual life, places him in altogether a different relation to you than any other preacher can be. If you are a sincere Christion you must be more interested in his whole life, in what he is as a man, in his teaching and in his spiritual power, for he is the messenger of God to your soul, -God's means of grace to your life, the one man who if you are right and he is right is to have more to do with your conceptions of truth, with the direction of your relilious activities and your growth in grace than any other man. You have chosen him as your spiritual adviser and the opener of the word of God to your soul, therefore by all the interests of the spiritual life, you are te feel a special interest in him and pray for him as you desire and seek your own Christian development.

It is not a mere sentiment which has always made the good minister revered and loved as no other man is. I is a natural, honest and reasonable interest in respect for and devotion to one who stands as the messenger of God to the soul. The consecrated, spiritual pastor will always be thus honored. Sad the day for our churches when this interest in and love for the sincere pastor shall be no more Not priest-feared but pastor loved is one of the most sacred relations on earth and which should led the Christian to daily pray for his minister

because he is his minister. Why? Because your minister is your servant. As a Christian and a church member you are interested in the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the growth of the church in the community in which you live. As a member of the church you are responsible that the gospel should be preached, the poor and the sick visited and Christ carried into the homes of the and have neither the time nor the qualification for the work which needs to be done and you unite with others man to do this work for you. Your hell!' minister is thus your servant, doing Where shall fall no tears through the gospel, not only to you, but for you, them, then a young man, was aftervisiting the poor and the sick for you, It comes again. And we will cele- the unsaved for you, so that his work presence of the writer, he having wit brate it. We will sit by the fire and is your work, his prayers your prayers, nessed their brother's awful death. let the tide of thought roll in upon his calling from house to house your our hearts. We will think of the calling. He is your representative. Christ-child who came so many years you agent; hence in proportion as ago, and is even now knocking at our you are interested in the prosperity Martin, if you have a soul it is still in hearts for entrance. We will share in of the church and in the salvation of your body." "I know it," shrieked the festivities with glad, yet sad and the community, you will feel a per- the dying infidel, at the same time and salves. They are oftentimes intender hearts, as we think of the de- sonal interest in all his labours. A smiting violently on his breast; "I parted friends who in other years good, loving, faithful deacon once know it, but there is hell !" made bright the happy Christmas said, "I do not listen to your sermons time. They are not forgotten. For | for myself alone, but I listen for the

their names and memories with him himself. Such is the true relation of all eternity.

follow him with your prayers. Why? Because your minister is a man with like passions as other men. and strength, that he may rise above | Telescope. the cenmon temptations of life and above the peculiar social, mental and spiritual temptations of his callings, for while the ministry of the gospel has many exaltations, advantages. strengths and joys which make it the highest of all callings, it also has its special temptations, against which the true minister struggles and in conquering of which he is made strong. Ho has a temptation of the intellectual over the spiritual, of the merely professional over the personal, of the formal over the intense, of the general over the deffinite. There may be no temptation to immorality, but there is a terrible temptation to professiona-And if by our words we have cheered lity. Therefore pray for him, that his heart may be kept warm and his consecration intense and his sprituality con tantly on fire, that his example may be pure and his words have power and he ever rise to the

> Why? Because the more you pray for your minister, the more his words and prayers will bless you. A prayera receptive heart. These two things have more to do than any thing else with the power of the means of grace upon our souls. When you have praysermons will have uncommon power over you, and his common prayers will become uncommon inspirations to your lives. A man who prays most for his pastor gains most from his pastor. Pray for your minister because he is your minister, because he is your servant, because he needs your prayers and because it will bless your

spiritual dignity of the office.

The Existence of the Soul.

Professionals of the materialistic sort are wont to contend that science, especially that of the physiological branch, contradicts the doctrine of the existence of a human soul. Their contention has been that the most careful investigation and experiment ation have demonstrated that thought, perception, and all the functions of that. mind are but the results of the action of material forces upon matter.

In opposition to this materialistic teaching of the materialistic school the following from that high authority the Phrenological Journal is quite timely, scientific and convincing. It

"One of the strongest proofs of the existence of the soul is seen in the fact that at no two consecutive moments of our lives does the ego feeling rest upon the same matter or

brain will all have radiated away many times before this paragraph is completed. The matter giving out, the energy will pass away as waste, and the arteries bring back a new supply. For days, weeks, months and years matter and energy will thus pass while the identical consciousness will persist, and can be traced through every change precisely as energy can be traced from matter to matter.

"To say that energy is a two-sided entity, one side of which constitutes sensation, is against the fact. The energy my body has to-day is not that of yesterday. Yesterday's energy has all radiated away and carried both its sides with it : but the same consciousness remains.

ory, etc., are functions of the soul, not of matter. Many years ago, in unsaved. But you are a busy person Ohio, a man by the name of Martin, a member of an infidel club lay dying. Overwhelmed with a keen sense of his lost condition, he wildly, loudly exin securing the services of one whom claimed, "Oh, my soul! My soul! you believe to be a qualified and good My soul is in hell! My soul is in

A number of the members of the your work for you, preaching the infidel club were present. One of ward the Rev. Cyrus Jeffries, and comforting the sad and laboring with gave an account of the incident in the

> Thinking to divert the mind and relieve the agony of the dying man, one of them said to him, "Why, Brother

but his terrible death broke up our remedial when swallowed. infidel club, and his agonizing shrieks rang in my ears for months and years. Two men never come to blows un-

The Almighty God created it. O ly he can annihilate it,

eternity? Would it go to heaven or are but two places, and your soul must spend eternity in one of them. Which shall it be, heaven or hell? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

Giving Gifts and Paying Debts.

The Christmas-gift custom is worthy of commendation and perpetuation. When properly observed, it cheers hearts, brightens homes, and causes many a discouraged one to 'take heart

That the custom is sometimes abused is only too true. The rich remember only the rich in the distribution of their gifts and in spreading their feasts. This is not well. How much better it would be if, in keeping with our Lord's suggestion they would remember the poor, the destitute, the afflicted, the worthy toilers, the pure, honest shopgirls, who eke out a stinted living on their stinted weekly salaries.

But the fact that the gift-giving custom is abused, and that many in straitened circumstances, at Christmas time, for the sake of apeing the manners of the affluent, overreach themselves, contract debts, and thus burden themselves for months to come, merely ful heart will be a sensitive heart and for the sake of making a display in the matter of of gift-giving -all this is not a valid objection to the custom. It is our fallen nature to abuse every good of our calling, as children of the light ed for your pastor, then his common thing and power the Lord has given in the midst of a crooked and perverse us. Even that crowning gift, free will,

be perpetrated in Christmas-gift buy- knoweth us not because it knew him ing is to use money in that way that should go to paying honest debts. To do this is doubly pernicious and sinful if the money is due poor people who are dependent upon their daily toil for their living. To purchase Christmas presents and not pay the wash-woman; to make expensive gifts to the well-todo, and not pay what is due him who, by his faithful toil, has put money into the hand of his employer, and for want of which he is not able to provide a 'Merry Christmas' for his family-no act can be more reprehensible than

All the little debts due the poor should be paid before there is thought of buying Christmas presents Though: fulness and diligence in this direction may bring Christmas cheer into many a humble home. - Rel. Telesco; e.

If You Catch Cold.

Many things may happen when you catch cold, but the thing that usually happens first is a cough. An inflammation starts up in the bronchial tubes or in the throat, and the discharge of mucous from the head constantly "The systems of waves within my poisons this. Then the very contraction of the throat muscles in the act of coughing helps to irritate so that the more you cough the more you have to cough. It is, of course, beyond question that in many cases the irritation started in this way results in lung troubles that are called by serious names. It is in this irritated bronchial tube that the germ of consumption finds lodgement and breeds.

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A Son Of God.

Henry M. Scanley tells that once in and He has said to it, "Live forever. the heart of dark Africa a native was Reader, where will your soul spend dragged before him by some of his followers for stealing a gua. St nley to hell if you were to die now? There looked at the gun; it clearly belonged to his expedition. The poor man who hadit was frightened at the mention of Stanley's name, and could hardly find his voice or say a word He needs grace and wisdom and faith and thou shalt be saved."-Religious only, "I am a son of God, I would not steel!'

This he repeated again and again. It was all he could say.

Stanley was interested, and it dawned on him that this man was probably one of the converts of some of the missionaries laboring in that region, and accordingly he gave him the gun, and allowed him to go, while they pursued their way.

At the next station where they stopped they found the gun waiting

It appeared that the gun had probably been lost. This man had found i, and when he was set free he at once went with it to the missionary for instructions, and by his direction was sent where Stanley would get

But what a light must have touched that darkened son of Africa, who, though brought up in all vileness and theft and sin, had come to realize the glorious dignity of a divine paternity, and say, "I am a son of God, I would not steal.

How many there are in civilized lands whose ideas of the grandeur of divine sonship are not as clear as his! Let us pray that we may know how much it means to be sons of God, and only in keeping with the propensity of knowing this that we may walk worthy generation. "Beloved now are we next in value to the gift of his Son, the sons of God, but it doth not yet was abused, so as thereby 'death, with appear what we shall be, but we all our woe,' was brought into the know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him But about the worst abuse that can as he is;" and though "the world not." yet it is for us to know him and know ourselves as his children and his servants, who by our lives and conduct should adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things .- H. L. H., in The Christian.

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