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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 incense, myrrh,—
Each his homage glad to do.

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- God who lives above.
Give to them our highest praises
For his wondrous gift of love?

Christmas as we Grow Older.

"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 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 hard become tender, and the hearts of all beat high with expectation of

It comes again. And we will celebrate it. We will sit by the fire and let the tide of thought roll in upon our hearts. We will think of the Christ-child who came so many years ago, and is even now knocking at our hearts for entrance. We will share in the festivities with glad, yet sad and tender hearts, as we think of the departed friends who in other years made bright the happy Christmas time. They are not forgotten. For we look upon the quiet place of graves where they sleep so peacefully, we think come marching before us, and we link

Pray For Your Minister.

It is not a mere sentiment which has always made the good minister revered and loved as no other man is. It 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 of earth and which should led the Christian to daily pray for his minister because he is his minister.

Why? because the more you pray for your minister, the more his words and prayers will bless you. A prayerful heart will be a sensitive heart and a 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 prayed for your pastor, then his common sermons 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 own life.

“The systems of waves within my 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.

"Thus he died," said Mr. Jeffries, "but his terrible death broke up our infidel club, and his agonizing shrieks rang in my ears for months and years. Ah, yes, the human soul exists, and must exist, happy or miserable through

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