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A Christmas Gift.

WITHIN a few days the thoughts of  
all Christendom will be turned to that  
far-away time when, in the little town  
of Bethlehem, He who is called the  
Prince of Peace was born. There  
were few external signs that a remark-  
able event was transpiring. An assem-  
bling of the people to be registered  
by order of their hated Roman rulers,  
crowded dwellings, a young woman  
overtaken with the pangs of childbirth,  
a little new-born baby with a manger  
for a cradle. Only a baby whose  
friends were of the working class, and  
who belonged to a people who had been  
twice enslaved, and were even now  
vassals of Imperial Rome. Yet in that  
tiny form were enwrapped potential-  
ities that would shake empires, that  
would make kings and priests tremble,  
that would overthrow the ancient and  
world-wide institution of slavery, and  
that would uplift and bless mankind  
for thousands of years.

Only a little child, yet to a few of  
those gathered around the manger-  
cradle how wonderful, and how full of  
mystery! What tender care would  
be taken, what infinite pains would be  
spent in shielding, in sheltering, in  
guiding the young life. And what an  
ample reward was reaped. Reaped  
not so much by those who  
had the toil, but by genera-  
tions that were as yet unborn,