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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Fame is no sure test of merit, but only a probability of such; it is an accident, not a property of a man. —Thomas Carlyle

Fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else.

O. W. Holmes

WORSE THAN POLIO

Nearly eyery parent in the United States is familiar with the menace of poliomyelitis and the campaign that is waged annually to secure funds to aid the victims

of this dread disease.

In may come as something of a surprise, however, to learn that in death of more children than polio. The U. S. Public Health Service recorded 1,878 deaths from whooping cough in that year compared with 1,361 deaths from polio.

Health experts assert that hundreds of unnecessary deaths occur annually because parents do not take elementary precautions to prevent exposure of their children to the dangerous ravages of whooping cough. Most of the fatalities in uncomplicated cases occur among infants, but among older children inflammation of the brain accounts for one-third of the whooping cough deaths. of the whooping cough deaths.

OUR BABY-GOD The thing that fascinates us most about Christmas is the ap-pearance of the Almighty God as

a helples, baby, the sight of tiny hands which, we remind ourselves, hung up the moon and rolled the earth into space. And now he's made Himself so help-less, out of love for us. He wasn't really born with a shock of flaxen hair as our Christmas cards represent Him. He was born just like any other son of man, tiny and absolutely dependent on the love of His mother. He would be hungry if she did not feed Him. hungry if she did not feed Him; He would not be clean, did she not wash Him. Now He is close to everyone. He waits in His crib to everyone. He waits in His crib for our adoration. He has not yet assumed the dignity of manhood, nor the majesty of His glorified body; for somehow after the resurrection, His words to Mary Magdalene, "Don't touch me". rather put us in awe of Him. He could annihilate us with a glance if He would. Our; prayers at Easter are addressed in adoration; but at Christmas we want Easter are addressed in adoration; but at Christmas we want to wrap the Infant Jesus in prayers of love and pity. We want to take Him in our arms, and let His poor little body draw from thel abundance of our own warmth and vitality.

But just think of Mary's joy. This Baby is God. Think of how you would feel if you could have God in your arms, sitting at your table, or asleep in the next room.

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Mary realized the dignity of her

Son. She had been visited by an
archangel; St. Joseph's dream had reassured her knowledge, and St. Elizabeth's greeting had confirmed it. She knew that she was the Mother of God—yet she did not become vain, nor did she try to use her Son's power for her own ends.

ends.
So let's savor the spirit of Christmas to the full. We can build a crib in our souls which need never be torn down. We can hug our Lord to ourselves and hold Him fast—so fast that, by His grace, we need never lose. Him from our arms.—Contributed

WOMAN, 96, PAINTS HOUSE Springfield, Ill.—Although she is 96-years old, Adeline Jenkins, an emancipated slave, has just finished painting her house, doing all of her work herself except for the "real high places" where she had the help of a boarder.

Of the Farmers

By L. E. TUCKWILLER County Agent

A CORRECTION

In last week's edition, we made an error about the date for the test demonstration farm meeting.
1.50 The correct date is Saturday,
1.00 December 28th, at 2:00 p. m.,
75 county courthouse.

Church Announcements

METHODIST Rev. S. B. Moss, Pastor.
Church School 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "Hopes and Fears."
Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting 7 p. m. Wednesday, January 1.

FOR SALE—Number of Jersey and Guernsey cows. Some fresh and some springers. C. A. Church, Valle Crucis, N. C.

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though it comes from their ingeriors. —Pliny the Younger

The desire for fame tempts ever noble minds.—St. Augustine.

All hunt for fame; but most mistage the way.
—Charles Churchill

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Your friend,
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GREETINGS

As the old year draws to a close I wish to express sincere appreciation to all my customers for their faithfulness; for their patient understanding of our mutual problems and their friendly co-operation when the going was not so smooth. Also I wish to express thanks to the teachers and students of our school for their spirit of friendship and courtesy underlying each business transaction. Your patronage makes business a pleasure. Thanks

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J. M. BURNS

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