

The Battles and the Babies

In the early 19th Century, a war-weary world was anxiously watching the march of Napoleon. But during that time, obscure, seemingly insignificant events were occurring that would help to shape the future.

In 1809, between the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, William E. Gladstone was born in Liverpool; Alfred, Lord Tennyson in Summersby, England; Oliver Wendell Holmes in Boston; Felix Mendelssohn in Hamburg, Germany; and Abraham Lincoln in Hodgenville, Kentucky.

Now, 200 years later, is there the slightest doubt about the greater contribution in history – those battles or those babies?

So it was with the birth of Jesus. The Bethlehem crowd was all concerned about a census and the power of Rome. They had no inkling that the infinite infant Son of God was asleep in their little town. Only a few shepherds hurried to see Him Who was born in a stable. As they left, they glorified God.

We are now in the Christmas season. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of shopping, travel and family get-togethers, let us be mindful, as we go about our responsibilities in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, of the reason for the season – the Babe of Bethlehem, Who grew to live a sinless life and offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins so that we might have eternal fellowship with Him.

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