## EVENING BULLETIN.

 MONDAY, DEOEMBERR $24.1866, \ldots$ In order to secure the insertion of adsheolutely y necessary that they be sent tothe office before 12 o'clock, noon. The the office before 12 o'clock, noon. The paper mast be put to press ata particula
moment, so that supples to agents in the country may besent offby the earliest present large edtition, we cannot delay for advertisementan of anythingelse. Our friends will therefofete please send their the day as posiibie. Those sent after
ther the day as possibibe. Those sent
o'clock are likely to be omitted.
 the holiday, no paper will
from this ofice on that day. Chicistrasas.
There is a peculiar charm about the
great festival which Chre Chrisitin
Charch tas handed down through these past efighteen centuries which belongsto no other annivereary occasion. Frecin
the epiendid ceremonial of the Ob.arch of New Engnand theology or the still cietty of Friends, "all classes and condi-
tions of Christendom come more or less tions of Christendom come more or less
underits charmed influenceces. Fora time,
in the first stern, scetic Protetontic in the first stern, ascetic Protestantigm
of the Pilgrim Fathers, , the effort was wos thought to suver of Rome, or that Was ithe ay sort of the earth, earthy." But the same failure that attended the
"Blue laws,", in other respects, a
tended the attempt to destro
tel that traditional regard for the dith
that commerorates the birth
that Prince of Peace of Penn. The festivals. So ind the fast, land
nages of the Chate uages of the Church of England were
rigidy eschewed by George Fox and
his followers, but neither they nor th soberosemors, their deseithendant they nor nor the
sethe
gether resist the genial witcheries gether resist the genial witcheries
Chrismas or deny to each other or then
selves the reeognition of this selves the recognition of this
kindly feeling and good-will. With each recurring Christmas Da
there is a shiting of the scene whic
makes it alway there is an adherence to old, cuattoms
and usages that makes each living-over again of all its phristmas a terious preparations for the same myssame eager, impatient, curiosity among
the enoung people, who are to be made happy by the thousand-and-one inge-
nioas devices of parental affection. The
sam same little innocent plots of the chil-
dren to arrprise the parents, and the same affected ignoranee of the elders,
prepared with stereotyped outbur surprise, when the grand crisis of Christ-
masi atilast arrives. Thereare the myin ads of the abodes of poverty and institu-
tions of charity to be gladdened with the rare treat of a good Christmasdinner,
and enriched with the tokens of the
hearty hearty sympathies of more favored
neighbors. There are Chrithen to be decked with toys and trinkets and to be festooned with graceful evergreens Every device and appliance, , by which
chitdren's hearts are to be made glad day at least, lifted off, and the rejoicing
of the Caristian world over an Savior made manifest, belong to this
day: And yet, athwart even the glow of
brightness and innocent hilarity of
Christmas Day, as with most of life's reainties, there is always as growing
shadow. As
 mingle with the Christmas music and
mirth, that temper the exuberance
that onee belonged to the that onee belonged to the enjoyment of
the tay.. All anniversaries have one
sad element in them, because there is one vacancy after anotherere to be noted
with each recurrenco the season, and
there are few firesides whe unbounded happiness of erild amood the
the reflected joy of the reflected joy of maturer yearg, thare strong memories of a deade Past, lest it
should cast a momentary gloomovert the merry joyousness of the festal day.
Even short of this, there is a sort
of well-defined of well-defined regret at growing too old
to look any longer for the Chrismas
presents that made boyhood or ginthe so happy at this keason. Fortunateoly,
by way of comperisation, most people
gre so contitited the Christian precept that "tit it in more
blessed to give than to receive," and Grandfather ransacking the toy shops
for his firstgrandchild,or theold bachelor uncle, gcattering his Christmas boxes, in
the midst of his little hostst of nephews
and nieces, has a teener after all than ever he realized in the bury away all sad memories outof sigight,
and if age, or sorrow, or care have chas tened and moderated the capacity for for the time, is to live liffoover avain,
on Christmas Day, not in its later asso ciations and suggestions, but in the
merry days when life wore nothing but
holid holidy y yarments, and before wrinkles
and rheumatism and papectacles began
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