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To  
His Royal and Imperial Majesty  
The Czar of All the Russias  
This autograph copy of  
"Christmas During Nineteen Centuries,"  
(Like one most graciously received by  
His Royal and Imperial Majesty King Edward VII.)  
Is most respectfully inscribed  
By the author,  
The Rev. William Francis Dawson,  
A Loyal English Subject of King Edward,  
With the author's good wishes to  
The Russian Emperor  
and all his subjects.

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"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;  
The world, and they that dwell therein." - Psalm 24:1.

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Inscribed and signed by the author,  
This 31st of August, 1904:

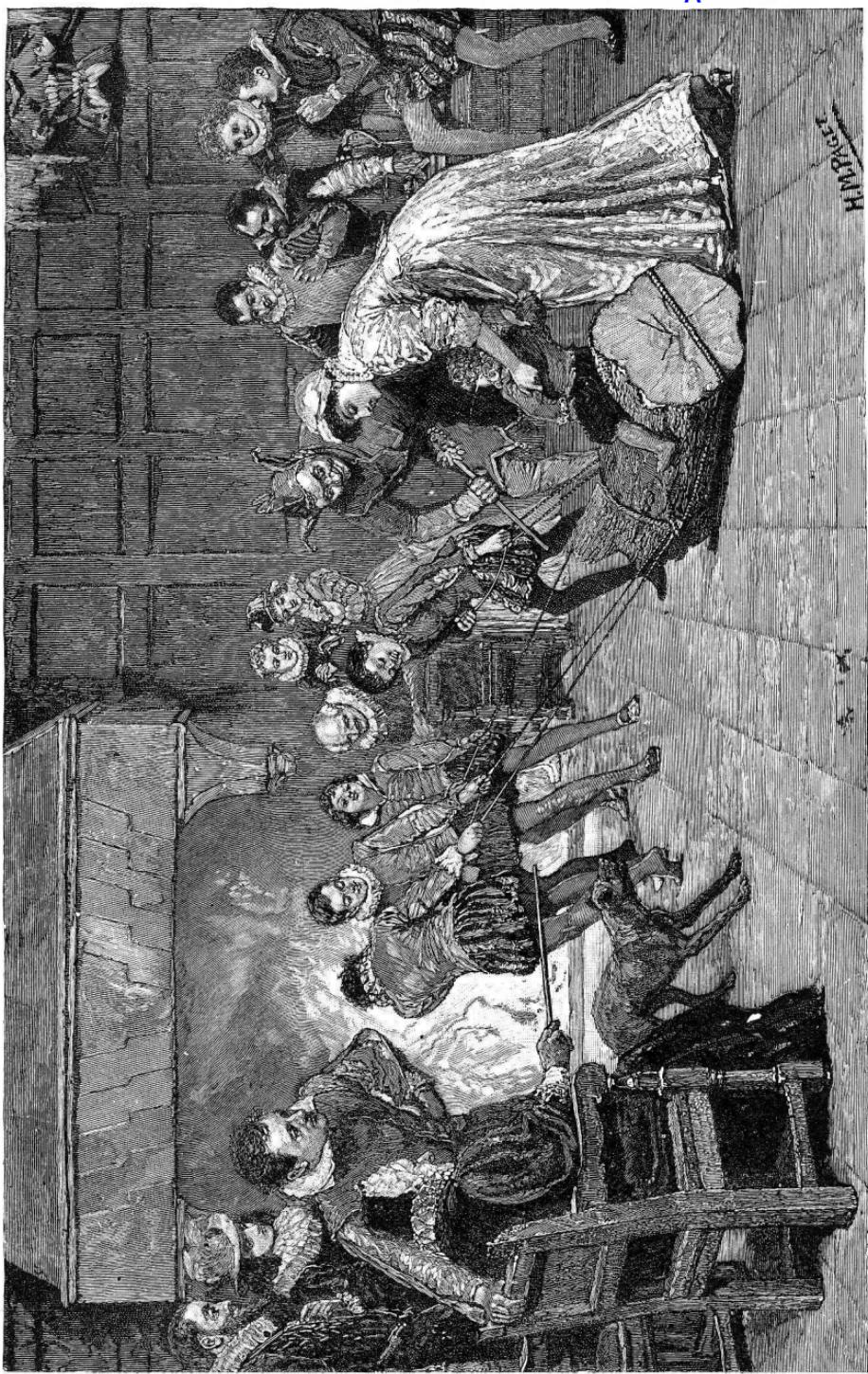
William Francis Dawson,

Chasleigh,  
Lichfield,

CHRISTMAS.







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# CHRISTMAS: *ITS ORIGIN AND ASSOCIATIONS,*

TOGETHER WITH  
ITS HISTORICAL EVENTS AND FESTIVE  
CELEBRATIONS DURING NINETEEN  
CENTURIES:

DEPICTING, BY PEN AND PENCIL,

MEMORABLE CELEBRATIONS, STATELY MEETINGS OF EARLY KINGS,  
REMARKABLE EVENTS, ROMANTIC EPISODES, BRAVE DEEDS,  
PICTURESQUE CUSTOMS, TIME-HONOURED SPORTS,  
ROYAL CHRISTMASES, CORONATIONS AND ROYAL MARRIAGES,  
CHIVALRIC FEATS, COURT BANQUETINGS AND REVELLINGS,  
CHRISTMAS AT THE COLLEGES AND THE INNS OF COURT,  
POPULAR FESTIVITIES, AND CHRISTMAS-KEEPING  
IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD,  
DERIVED FROM THE MOST AUTHENTIC  
SOURCES, AND ARRANGED  
CHRONOLOGICALLY.

BY

W. F. DAWSON.

At home, at sea, in many distant lands,  
This Kingly Feast without a rival stands!



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