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MERE MENTION.

Mr. Chas. Webb is in Chicago. Mrs. John Venell is visiting in Petersburg Va. Mr. John Franklin of Toledo was in the city Friday. Mr. Chas. Dorsey of Chicago was in the city last week. Mr. Wilmot Johnson returned from Toledo last Friday. Mr. James Cole, Jr., has gone to New Orleans on a business trip. Mr. Jefferson a freshman of the university spent the holidays in the city. Miss Fannie Hill left Monday to spend New Years with friends in Ypsilanti. Miss L. Evans of Cleveland is visiting her grandmother Mrs. Hall of Windsor. Miss Lizzie Beason of Columbus, Ohio, is visiting Mrs. Mills of Superior street. Charles Stewart, the ossified Afro-American is the attraction at Wonderland this week. Robert Pelham Sr., has been drawn as a juror for the January term of the recorder's court. Mr. Sherwood Hall and Miss Mary Johnson were married by Elder T. F. Scott Dec. 10. Mr. Wm. Ellis has become interested in the real estate business with Messrs. Barnes and Toliver. Mrs. Willis Sr., of Wilkins street is visiting relatives in Louisville, and elsewhere in Kentucky. Mr. Wm. Dennis returned from a trip to Chatham, Wednesday, where he spent Christmas with his parents. Mr. Ralph A. Tyler, of the Columbus Dispatch, and Miss Edna Mason of Gallipolis, O., were married last week. Mr. W. J. Kersey is slowly recovering from a sick spell which has caused him to be confined to his home during the past two weeks. Mr. Joseph W. Loomis is in training at the Olympia Club for the six days go-as-you-please race at Minneapolis sometime next month. Mr. Franklyn of Toledo spent a few days in Detroit last week the guest of Mr. Wilmot Johnson who had just returned from Toledo. The Hon. J. Madison Bell of Toledo, assisted in the musical and literary entertainment given by the Second Baptist church New Year's eve. Presiding Elder Henderson was in the city during the week. He lectured at Ebenezer church Monday and at Bethel Wednesday night. Mr. Willis Wilson and Miss Fannie Joiner were quietly married last Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's mother, on Antoine street. Mrs. W. H. Gregory of 379 Maple street entertained a number of friends Christmas, in honor of Mrs. E. E. Gregory, who is spending the holidays in the city. Mr. P. A. Barnes, of Windsor, was nominated Monday for Councilman of the fourth ward. He is very popular among the people over the river and will no doubt be elected. Mrs. R. Crosby of Mettawas, Ont. remained over in the city Monday to visit her brother Theo. Crosby of Benton street. She is on her way home from a trip to Louisville, Ky. Miss Adda Brown, formerly of this city, but who has been engaged in missionary work in the South and elsewhere, is in town again and is the guest of Mrs. Mary Lawrence of Winder street. Mrs. James W. Weems has received her endowment policy of \$300 through Mr. H. L. Toliver, from the order of Knights of Pythias, of which her husband, who was killed by the cars last August, was a member. Miss E. A. Garland, missionary for the American Baptists association returned to Chicago last Friday. She has been appointed state missionary of Virginia, and will leave for that place shortly for the purpose of taking up her work. Mr. C. Lambert who managed the cantata of Queen Esther has interested a number of the young people in the formation of a chorus. They propose to study some of the popular operas so that they may be prepared to render them whenever called upon. Mrs. Green, 88 East Adams avenue, complained to the police Aug. 25, that \$5 in cash and a gold ring had been stolen from a trunk standing in the hallway of her residence. Detectives Baker and Boehert yesterday afternoon arrested Wesley Robinson on suspicion of having committed the theft. The Second Baptist church held their Christmas entertainment Christmas night in the lecture room of the church. The program consisted of recitations and singing by the school and the distribution of presents. After this part of the program the scholars partook of the refreshments furnished by the superintendent Mr. H. T. Toliver.

Glances Here and There.

There are heroes in the ordinary walks of life whose acts of heroism are seldom brought to public notice. If they were they would be object lessons for more pretentious men. They will have their reward nevertheless although men do not accord them the merit of praise due them. One of these little acts of unobserved manliness came to the attention of the Glander. It will be remembered that prejudice still lingers among individuals in this city. Sometimes in a malignant form and too often those who hastened to do its bidding were members of the race humiliated by its practices. They sacrificed manhood and their people for greed and their profits were small indeed. Many remember when an insignificant little fellow placed in his barber shop on Antoine street the sign "no colored men shaved here," thus disgracing himself and slandering everybody. This was too much for some men to bear and soon afterward "Shorty" Johnson opened a shop in the same locality, determined to shave everybody. He sat his foot down on any proposition of discrimination and has had it there ever since. He had determined that if he could not shave his people and succeed, he would close his shop. It is needless to say that "Shorty" is still doing business and is respected while the other fellow is forgotten. So much for the man of principle.

Not all the merit belongs to him who knows how to give generously, it is sometimes as much to one's credit to receive graciously and to many people this is a most difficult thing to do. To be a benefactor ministers to their importance and is therefore pleasing to them, but to receive from another and afford him the same gratification is a strain to which too often they are found unequal, and one feels while listening to their half-hearted thanks much as though they had been subjected to a douche bath on a frosty morning as the uncomfortable consciousness is forced upon him that instead of conferring a welcomed favor he has imposed an undesired obligation. Equally with the cheerful giver the gracious receiver is worthy of praise.

Mamma need not think that I believe that Santa Claus comes down the chimney for sure" said a bright little lady of a very few summers as she regarded her generous store of presents with a satisfied air. "Why the fire never goes out of our stoves all winter and his whiskers would burn all up." Then she added in a thoughtful tone, "but don't tell her please she'd feel awful bad if she thought I did not believe the old chestnut." The Glander promised not to tell but thought sadly of the time when modern inventions and precocious youth shall have dispelled all the good old illusions and left in their stead nothing but "cold hard facts."

SOMEWHERE the Glander has read that the habit of standing in doorways is a bad one. In churches, theatres and business houses you will notice those who will not go in themselves and yet hinder those who would from entering. It must be that this same lack of decision characterizes their action in graver affairs, for there are those who stand in the doorways of life. They come up to the gate ways of the great questions of reform and stop and hesitate and look back until they have effectually blocked the way of entrance. There were great crowds of people at the Exposition ground last summer and yet there was no difficulty in gaining entrance or egress because there were those whose duty it was to keep the way clear. Public sentiment should form a moral force strong enough to quickly remove those who are either too stupid or too stubborn to adopt new ideas.

Time to Call a Halt.

NILES, Dec. 29.—I commence this letter by wishing the readers of THE PLAINEALER "A Happy New Year."

The holidays here thus far have been very quiet. Most of the young people attended the grand ball at South Bend where they had a very enjoyable time.

Recent events impress upon us the necessity of making some provision for keeping disreputable people from our entertainments. It is very unpleasant for any self-respecting man to take his wife and daughter to such places and see them brought in contact with persons who have no sense of propriety. Not long since one of our most estimable young ladies was publicly cursed and insulted at an entertainment by a low fellow who if he had his deserts would long since have been in the work house for vagrancy. It is very humiliating to a father to have his daughter insulted in this manner and some sort of a stop must be put to it or there will be no society worthy of the name here.

The Christmas tree at the A. M. E. church was a grand success in every way. It was laden with handsome and beautiful presents for the little ones and they thoroughly enjoyed the kindness of those who had prepared for their happiness. The success is largely due to the efforts of the superintendent Mrs. G. O. Curtis and Mrs. Mary Carter who managed the tree and the entertainment which followed.

Among the strangers in the city during the holidays were W. H. Snead and wife, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Misses Mary Woodfall and Opbellia Williams of South Bend. Mr. Bradley of Hillsdale visited his sister Mrs. G. Jones.

The Rev. J. McSmith received a handsome present from the trees through the kindness of Mrs. Mary Carter and other friends. The members say he preached a much better sermon after the gift. He is giving Niles one half of his time now and the church is prospering.

G. O. Curtis leaves for Lansing January 6th.

Mabel Bannister is doing good work with THE PLAINEALER. She has several new subscribers.

Mrs. H. Thomas is visiting her sister in Saginaw. Subscribe for THE PLAINEALER, the best of them all.

A Deserved Rebuke. During one of the performances at Wonderland this week J. W. Waddy, a vocalist of recognized ability, was hissed by some person in the audience as he concluded one of his songs. Stage manager, Smith Warner, did not appreciate such unkindness. He knew that it was the work of some one who had envious motives toward Mr. Waddy. Slipping before the curtain Mr. Warner said: Ladies and gentlemen, Wonderland is pained that one of its patrons has insulted this gentleman in such a manner. It cannot be because he is deficient in his profession, for he is one of the finest vocalists in the profession. He is one of the few gentlemen of his color whom I am proud to call a friend. If this insult has been offered him because of his color, let the person who did so step to the door and get his paltry 10 cents, and he will confer a favor on the management of Wonderland if he will never darken its doors again. Mr. Warner's remarks were followed by a storm of applause from the audience that had been so well pleased with Mr. Waddy's talents. J. W. Waddy is one of the foremost bass vocalists in the country today, if indeed he is not at the head of the procession. He is esteemed as a gentleman of high culture wherever he is known. He draws the largest salary as any specialist in the business.

Mr. Chas. Hill, who died last Thursday night at Marine hospital of Brights disease, was an old resident of this city, having lived here for the past fifteen years or more. He was a cook by trade, and during the Summer season sailed on the lakes, he had also been employed as cook in Tommy's restaurant on Congress street during the Winter months for the last eight years.

The deceased leaves a wife. Miss Ella Johnson who is teaching school at Harrow Ont., spent the holidays in Detroit. Miss Johnson says she appreciates THE PLAINEALER highly and looks for it regularly every Saturday.

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