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"SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT."

NOT FOUND IN ITS HIGHEST STATE WHERE RIGHTS ARE ABRIDGED.

The Lesson Taught by Ancient Nations.—Where They Failed.—Danger in the Present.

At the opening of St. Matthew's Lyceum for the season of '90 and '91 the following eloquent address was made by Prof. D. A. Straker:

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

Our churches are first and foremost in the instruction of race prejudice and the all-seeing eye is made to blink when a colored brother asks to be heard or enjoy a right with his white brother even in a Christian convention. Shame upon such a social status, shame upon a government which solves the problem so called of how justice and equal rights under the law may be enjoyed by its citizens by calling it a Negro problem and suggesting the expatriation of nearly seven millions of its subjects to satisfy the taste of prejudice in even fifty odd millions of another class.

Is it true that our social development is so high or so low that we can find no other plan to raise a class of people in our midst from ignorance and poverty to a plane of advancement than to kill and murder them, deny them their rights under the law and then offer them to leave the land of their birth? Why, this solitude for the Negro's welfare in his father's land more so than for the Irishman, German or Polester.

These are all sojourners in this land of the free from a land of oppression in the denial of their civil rights and the oppression of caste based upon rank and fortune—whence this treatment of this single class—the Negro? Is it because he was a slave? So likewise was the Jew and a large proportion of the Gentiles too. Is it because of his color, if so, in the variety of hues, how shall the proportion of prejudice be rated?

Is it because of his ignorance or poverty, or morals, then why not accept those advanced from this condition when found the equal of his critic. Is it not because our social ideas of the brotherhood of man are false and without any just reason and that the same is catered to by government in all of its estates?

Men sometimes seek for the solution of the problem of the true greatness in social development in the homes of the rich and refined whose floors are carpeted with the exquisite Persian rug, where bric-a-brac adorn every niche and corner, tapestried curtains form the medium of light through the transparent windows of oriental hues but they find it not; according to the teachings as delivered on the mount by the Great Teacher of human life its duties and obligations; it is rather to be found in the humble home as a type of peace and happiness where the love of God's creatures abounds, charity is enthroned and justice rules.

Some seek this social development in the house dedicated to God by man with its lofty spire cleaving the clouds, its beautiful architecture, its pews and soft cushions, its altars of brass or marble, its windows stained in color and decorated of antique figures of christian life and character, its pastor with a language of oratory like unto Chrysostom, its congregation of wealth and fortune, but where also the brotherhood of man is a farce and a mockery, the sacrament a privileged benefit and God's creature of a black skin an outcast. Is it to be found here? And yet the church is declared to be the foundation and support of the state.

Approach the Courts of Justice with their panoplied laws, learn of and wisdom, officers of justice, jails and other places of confinement, and what do we find? Laws for the people's protection administered for the few and stretched or narrowed as wealth or rank dictates—corporations the master of our judges and the soul of their decisions. Our convict system especially in the South is a blot upon civilization, the convict being treated as a brute instead of a human being, and so on we may pursue our search from barbarism into civilization for a perfect social development, and we see the shadow only and pursue it but never find the substance.

We enter our marts of industrial progress and find selfishness the doorway, avarice the commodity, pride the price paid for goods, distinction and discrimination the sign board against a race on account of color—we next enter upon government, or the pain of social development in the aggregate. Here in this department at once all we look for what a truly social development is or ought to be.

Algernon Sydney, to whom the world is indebted for the most independent thoughts on government has said: "No man comes to command many unless by consent or force," government is not instituted for the good of the governor but of the governed. Liberty produces virtue, order and stability. No sedition was harmful to Rome till through their prosperity some men gained power above the laws. These sentiments were uttered against the unsocial development of English government as seen in the loss of liberty to the people through the usurpation and tyranny of kings. Said Sydney: "If governments arise from the consent of men and are instituted by men according to their own inclinations they did therein seek their own good. Marius, Sulla, Cataline, Julius, Octavius or Cæsar by force and fraud usurped a do-

Continues Sydney: "Shall it be lawful for men to usurp a power over the liberty of others and shall it not be lawful for the injured party to resume their power. Shall the crimes for which private men do justly suffer exempt those who commit them with power and to the prejudice of mankind?"

Has every man given up into the common-store his right of protection, so that public power may be turned to his destruction without redress. Shall the ordinance of God be rendered of no effect on the powers that be appointed? These are some of the questions which this great thinker put to the people of the British Empire during its most unsocial condition. Are they not applicable to us today?

If such a condition as marked the decline of these cities be safe, then forests were better than cities and barbarism than civilization. I ask these reflections upon the elements of a true social condition, because we are struggling today in this country with an abnormal state of society. One class of people in power deprive another class of their just constitutional rights and excuse themselves upon the condition of an inferiority in race.

This is a question for the school of ethnology and has no place in the just administration of the laws upon the basis of equality. The true problem if problem there be, is by our government, not in expatriation, nor amalgamation, nor absorption, nor race supremacy, but how to so administer the law that all the people may be happy in the enjoyment of their rights, for though we be great in science, learned in the arts, skilled in warfare, devoutly religious, yet if we have not charity toward our brethren all our possessions are like sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

We are having many solve the Negro problem. The king of Belgium in the Congo Valley, the emperor of Germany on the eastern coast of Africa and England in the interior of Egypt and along the coasts of the Nile with Henry M. Stanley as her mouthpiece, and last but not least the Government of America has a hand to hand struggle with the monster itself.

Monster today, frightful enough to scare our Southern brethren interfere of their social existence and put our Northern friends into supineness and indifference as to our advancement in the scale of industry, yet mild enough, quiet as a lamb, for more than 250 years, admitted into the family circle, protected as property and generally regarded as necessary to the maintenance and welfare of the Republic. But alas for a name. Then the monster was called a slave, now a freeman, then a chattel, now a citizen, then having no rights as a citizen, now declared by the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution a compound part, then grossly ignorant and harmless, now educated and dangerous, then homeless and without a penny, now industrious as opportunity will permit. This seems to be the problem of the American race of the Anglo-Saxon division, it is how to keep the Negro down, how to stop his advancement ere it overtakes the Caucasian, and this is the Negro problem.

The race problem which is said to be at the bottom of all of our social troubles can best be solved by simply giving justice to the Negro. Its formula should be, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you."

Is it right and just that a colored person should live in our midst? If so let him live unmolested. Is it just and right that all our citizens, black and white alike, should enjoy the benefits to be derived under our laws without discrimination? If so find no excuse to deprive him of the same. Will the ignorance of the Negro breed corruption? Then educate him, not expatriate him. Educate him and all the ignorant classes in our midst if it takes all the wealth of the nation to do so, for safety is better than wealth.

To his objectors we say if you want help him up don't pull him down. Our social development will be advanced by educating our citizens. It is the highest duty of government.

From all these views we gather that our social development needs advancement or purification. How can this be done?

Let our young men and women study the economics of government, the moral status of our people, their needs and opportunities and agitate, agitate, agitate and educate until the strong hold of wrong totter and fall and a purer social development arises.

It is by such clubs as this where mind can be brought in contact with mind that all these questions which effect us as a race can be most effectively discussed. I would suggest that you secure the best talent from all parts of the country and let their views, under your auspices, be given to an audience of attentive listeners. While at home bestir the talent that is with us and I bespeak for your winter's work great and lasting good.

We need an organization like the Irish National League so that we can act unitedly and with the celerity almost as that of the electric spark. Beware of your leaders, let no man assume leadership of you, but once finding a true leader follow him. This Nation must do right to all of its citizens within its boundaries or anarchy and ruin will overtake it.

Politically the Negro has more power than he is aware of. It is in even our literary institutions that we may learn to concentrate this power to our advantage. Let us hope that from this Lyceum may go forth men and women equipped for the battle before us. Our future must necessarily be one of warfare. No concessions will be made in the social advancement necessary to place us as equals with our fellow white citizen, and in the develop-

ment of a truly great social standard. In the true greatness of social development which will give to this great country true greatness of spirit, the Negro will be a factor.

America will never be truly great until it is truly just. It will never reach the standard of a true greatness in social development until all of her sons and

daughters enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, so that the ladder of individual development, morally socially and intellectually will have one end in the gutter and the other in the skies, so that rich and poor, black and white, will alike climb without let or hindrance to the end of a truly great social development of all classes, races, tribes and peoples in our broad land.

Langston's Words of Advice.

Congressman Jno. M. Langston recently lectured in Nashville Tenn. before the Inter-collegiate Lecture Association, of Fisk and Roger Williams Universities, and Central Tennessee College, on "Negro citizenship," and among other things said: "As no man can plead your color against your citizenship, you can not plead your color against your duty. We love this country and the white men. Let the homes and the wives and children of the South, left in the protection of the Negroes while the men went to battle, and against whom no Negro's hand was ever raised, bear testimony to this. A higher duty lies before you. John Brown died for us. He can not die again. Let the next man to die be a Negro man. Charles Sumner nobly pleaded for us in the Senate. His voice can be heard no more forever. You must appear on the floor of the Senate yourself and win the battle with your own eloquence. Do you need education? Gain it. Do you need culture? Strive for it until it is yours. Do you need money? Make it. Every possibility is in you. Be independent and self-reliant and trust your future to God. May the young ladies of these schools seek to emulate the lofty standard of womanhood which has already been so nobly set up for them. And may the blessings of Heaven and the reward of duty well done rest with you all."

An Artist Achieves Success.

A copy of Munkacsy's world-renowned picture, "Christ Before Pilate," is now on exhibition in New York city. The interesting thing about it is that it was painted by an Afro-American, Nelson A. Primus of Boston. The canvas is fourteen feet high by twenty one feet long, and is an accurate copy of the original picture.

Primus is a black man, born in Hartford, Conn. He was early apprenticed to a carriage painter. While grinding colors he saw a carriage painter ornament a carriage, and was filled with ambition to be an artist. He painted his first picture on sandpaper. The first picture which he exhibited was given a prize by an agricultural society. Later he developed his talent and has certainly achieved remarkable success.

Lancaster's Disgrace.

The Rev. H. A. Cromartie, pastor of the A. M. E. church at Lancaster Pa., gives through the city press a barrowing account of the treatment accorded the Afro-American inmates of the city hospital. They are confined in cold, damp basement rooms, with no provision for fresh air or comfort, in striking contrast to the rooms above which are made bright and cheery for the white inmates. Mr. Cromartie has appealed to the directors of the poor in behalf of these unfortunates but so far nothing has been done to better their condition.

More Mentions.

CASBOPOLIS, Dec. 21.—We wish THE PLAIN DEALER a merry Christmas.

Carter James has received an increase of pension.

The Rev. J. C. Cross of Allegan held services in Goodwin's hall Sunday.

A Christmas tree entertainment will be held at the A. M. E. church Wednesday, Dec. 24. W. R.

Threw Caustic Potash.

Annie Crump and John Brown of New York, on the night of Oct. 31 went to the house of Mrs. Martha Edwards and burned her with caustic potash because Mrs. Edwards had gained the affections of Mrs. Brown's son, Augustus. Mrs. Brown was arrested pleaded guilty and is now serving a three years and a half sentence in the penitentiary and last week Miss Crump was convicted and sentenced to the same place.

Wanted a Freak.

Manager Geary of the World's museum, Fort Wayne, Ind., having read in the local papers of an Afro-American in Springfield, who was gradually turning white, at once telegraphed an offer of \$50 to him if he would come and sit on exhibition at his museum. He has received an answer from that particular Afro-American but any other one undergoing a gradual bleaching will probably prove as acceptable.

Charles Gillard, County Commissioner of Bastrop Texas was waded and killed on Saturday night Dec. 17. It is reported that he made a dying statement which implicates several white men in the neighborhood. Gillard defeated J. S. Shomer, a white man, at the last election.

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AGAIN THE MINISTRY.

TO AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER THEY PROTEST TOO MUCH.

What is Wanted—Help Public Sentiment—Expunge the Unworthy.

The recent reply of the Rev. John M. Henderson to Prof. Washington's rejoinder was copied in the Memphis Tenn. Free Speech and the following editorial comment made.

Elsewhere we make room for a communication from a Detroit minister pertinent to a question which has been agitated in these columns as to the general worthiness of ministers. It is a sarcastic and extreme in the main, but certainly speaks truly when it says reformation is imperative. Is the ministry which must set the standard by which the people are to be led, and not vice versa. It would seem to an impartial observer that the preachers who have protested against Prof. Washington and Bishop Payne's severe arraignment, "protest too much." It is not names and the relative percent in each conference, or community of ministers who are guilty of the charges preferred, as proof that Prof. Washington has algebraically demonstrated the exact proportion of those guilty of illiteracy or immorality; it is not whether there are not bad ministers in other races and denominations than those named—we have nothing to do with any other save our own, and our own are found in large numbers in the Methodist and Baptist churches than any other—it is whether such charges are true enough for us to consider them at all, to make any difference in the intellectual and moral race makeup; whether they are true enough for each minister to determine that so far as his own life and influence is concerned—they shall be less true. If ministers who are free from such charges, give their votes to retain unworthy men in their pulpits, they are equally guilty as the wrong doers. "Come out from among them and be ye separate," and help public sentiment and religion by so doing.

What is charged against a Memphis church, is equally true of some members of the Iowa Conference. A drunkard and gambler is one of its members; also a libertine; a minister charged with appropriating church funds. All of which is well known to each member of that conference, and each year their characters are expunged and they are sent out among the people not, "seeking to save the lost," but seeking whom they may devour and defraud. Before demanding that Prof. Washington go to the Conference books and prove his assertions, let the ministers and bishops go through them first and expunge the unworthy.

Bound to Receive Them.

New York Tribune: In a recent letter to President Wagner, of Morgan College, one of the leading colored educational institutions of Baltimore, Judge Hugh L. Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, speaks his mind plainly in regard to the action of the Maryland Law School in refusing any longer to receive colored students, but frankly advises against the opening of a law school in connection with Morgan College. He deprecates the effort to call the colored youth of the State away from the exercises of the manual labor, and says that if they want to study law there is no need for a separate law school, as the Maryland University is bound by its charter to receive any colored man who has the necessary qualifications.

Qualifying as Voters.

Two hundred Afro-Americans that have not heretofore paid their poll taxes have visited the sheriff's office at Jackson Miss., since the collection of taxes commenced and settled up. It is estimated that this number will be more than doubled in the county alone. Reports from other portions of the state are to the same effect. The reason for this is that the new constitution requires the production of the poll tax receipt as a requisite to vote and the Afro-American undoubtedly proposes to conform to the letter of the law.

Poor Old Missouri.

Kansas City Star: The electric-light company at Rich Hill, this State, employed a colored man to operate its plant. A committee of whites waited upon him and notified him that if he continued to hold the place it would be at the risk of his life. The Negro became frightened and left town, and now the company is without an engineer. It is that sort of business which makes the outside world speak of the State as "poor old Missouri."

A Slip Between the Cup and the Lip.

Chas Hamilton and a friend named Tyler opened a saloon in Minneapolis secured music and invited their friends to a grand opening, which did not come off, because they had neglected to pay for their stock of liquors or secure a license. The sheriff attached the stock, the policemen closed the doors and the friends walked sadly away unsustained by the cup which insubstantiated.

A Manly Stand Does It.

The opposition to Afro-Americans in the night school of Jamaica L. I., has died out the pupils are all at work quietly and the principal has lost nothing by his manly stand for his Afro-American pupils.

AWAKENING CHRISTIANITY.

Georgia Congregationalists Under one Head.

A new departure for the State of Georgia which places it ahead of its sister States of the South is the union of white and black Congregationalists under one organization to be known as the "General convention of the Congregational churches of Georgia." The meeting which formed this new body was held in Atlanta, Dec. 8 and was composed of 30 delegates, five of whom came from the Georgia association of Afro-American churches. The independent speaking of the courtesy and fairness which characterized the proceedings says: "The open sore in Georgia, we may believe, is healed, and a great reproach of the denomination is rolled away, and all may gratefully say, 'Ebenexer.' There only remains the approval by the churches of the Georgia association to make the action complete, and this will no doubt soon be secured."

Johnson's Prerogative.

The Washington Bee in mentioning the fact of the marriage of Henry Johnson, Afro-American and Miss Jennosky, Caucasian, gets back at a number of people in these words:

"What our own dear Henry Johnson, that self-sacrificing, last ditch Afro-American over whom so many briny tears were shed by a half dozen col. line idiots because Hon. B. K. Bruce did not make said Johnson Deputy Recorder of deeds? Shades of the mighty! These super ser. viceable liars and hypocritical race shriekers, who recently held up Johnson as Moses did the serpent in the wilderness, have been answered out of their own mouths, and confounded by their own logic. The truth is, however, that these fellows never cared a tinker for Johnson nor for any one else but themselves, but they used him simply as a convenient instrument through which to vent their own spleen against the man who had out generated them in the field of politics, and defeated them for the very office upon which they had set their whole hearts, souls and bodies. Henry Johnson had a perfect right to marry whom he pleased—and by the way, he married a most estimable lady, and Mr. Bruce had the same right to employ whom he pleased and he employed a most estimable gentleman. Each of these gentlemen exercised his undoubted prerogative. Next."

ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Afro-Americans of Greene county Alabama own 25,000 acres of land.

Ex Senator Plochback has just purchased a \$10,000 house on R. street, Washington D. C.

Mrs. Mary Ella Brown died at 19 Salem Street, Providence Sunday Dec. 14 at the age of 104 years, in the full possession of all her faculties.

St. Mary's Chapter Number 10 Order of Eastern Star of Day Mich., passed suitable resolutions of respect in honor of their deceased member Albert B. Outland.

Among the institutions which receive bequests by the will of E. Dunbar Price the Philadelphia millionaire who died recently are "The Home for the Aged and Infirm Colored Persons" and The Home for Destitute Colored Children."

The new troupe of Fisk singers who are traveling for the purpose of establishing a school of Theology at Fisk in a recent concert at Plymouth church, Brooklyn received \$1500 and a pledge for \$1500 annually for the next five years.

The Wabash Railroad Company presents their compliments of the season in the shape of a prettily tinted Calendar for 1891 containing the calendar of the months on twelve separate cards bound together with a cord, and which may readily be consulted without being detached. Each card bearing the coat of arms of a different state across whose broad acres the giant locomotive of the Wabash draw their finely equipped service.

The Annual Holiday issue of The Christian Herald, Detroit, Mich., is a superb, twelve-page, illustrated number and must have cost the publisher a snug sum. It will, without doubt, be highly appreciated by the readers and patrons of that excellent paper. By the by, this week's issue will close the twenty first volume of the Herald under its present and only management, a fact, which makes Editor Trowbridge, more veteran, than he seems.

Toledo proposes to do the handsome for the coming banquet to be given on Lincoln's birthday, by the Ohio League Republican Clubs, on the occasion of their annual convention. All the committees have been appointed, and are now vigorously at work. The banquet promises to be the greatest political banquet ever given in Ohio. The Hon. Wm. McKinley, Congressman Dalzell, of Pittsburgh, and Edward J. Wallace, of Springfield, have promised to be present. An effort is being made to secure Ingersoll, Blaine and Frazier. General Gibson will be toast-master.

If He Does and If He Don't.

Texas Reformer: In the South a Negro is lynched if he marries a Caucasian and a Caucasian is sent to the "pen" if he marries a Negro regardless of their affection or otherwise. In the North the Negro is compelled to marry the Caucasian or go to jail. Last week a wealthy German forced a Negro to marry her. What a vast difference.

To Correspondents: Don't Be Late.

We cannot insure the publication of correspondence which reaches us later than Tuesday. A number of our correspondents should pay attention to the hints below. Don't blame us if your letters are not published.—[Editor.]

All matter for publication must reach us by Tuesday noon to insure insertion in the following issue.

Write your notes on one side of paper only and on separate paper from letters on business.

Personal jokes are not wanted.

Do not write matter for publication and business orders upon the same sheet of paper.

Want of space will not permit of extended notices of entertainments, parties, receptions, etc. Send us the news. Make your letters short and readable.

Make your letters and communications as short as possible.

Sign your FULL NAME, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No matter if you have been corresponding for years, always sign YOUR OWN NAME.

Be brief, on time, and do not say Mr. "So and So" is sick when he only has the finger-ache!

Correspondents will please remember that advertisements, lists of wedding presents, lengthy obituary notices, speeches, resolutions, poetry and inquiries for relatives must be paid for. Our advertising rates will be sent you on application.

Agents, Attention!

Our agents are required to make returns and remittances for the papers of the preceding month not later than the tenth of each month—and no papers will be sent to any agent who fails to comply with the above.

No papers will be sold on credit unless the agent chooses to pay for them and run the risk of collection.

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Owing to the holidays occurring on Thursdays, the day we go to press, correspondents are requested to send their letters a day earlier. All correspondence should reach us Tuesday to insure insertion in the edition of next week.

A Noted Event.

BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 22.—One of the most noted events of the season occurred last Wednesday evening at Centennial hall a large crowd gathered to listen to an address by Sir E. A. Payne, V. G. M. of the Knights of Tabor for Illinois and Deputy Grand Mentor for the world. Mr. Payne arrived from Chicago on an afternoon train and conferred the same Merce degree upon several members of the local lodge of Tabor. The program began with music by the K. O. T. M. band. The speaker was introduced by Sir Knight G. W. Bailey. Mr. Payne gave the history of the Knights of Tabor, the only organization ever organized and conducted by colored people. The society was organized at Calina, Ill., in 1855 and now numbers 79,249 members who are found in the several states. The objects are to distribute benevolence to the members and families. After the address, the Knights and Daughters gave a short drill and all enjoyed a bountiful supper which the Daughters of the Tabernacle had prepared. This is the only order of the kind in the state. The Knights will use their utmost power to enlarge their borders.

Rev. Henderson, the presiding elder preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. G. W. Brown preached a sermon to the young people at the Second Baptist church Friday evening which was very interesting and well prepared.

After a hard struggle and earnest labor the Rev. Pope has succeeded in raising money enough to pay off the mortgage resting on the church property and once more the property is free from debt. Shall we stop? No, there is more work to be done, the property needs repairing.

Mrs. Elijah Dixon who has been sick for the past year is very ill and her death is expected ever hour.

The young as well as many adults are feeling jubilant over the approach of Christmas and hope to be kindly remembered by friends while it brings gladness to many homes, others are sad and gloomy.

Mrs. M. Davis of Lansing was in the city last week to attend the entertainment given by the Daughters of the Tabernacle of which she is a member. B. L.

A Wedding Anniversary.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 22.—Last Tuesday night at the Bethel church occurred the 10th anniversary of Elder Cotman's married life. There were a great many out and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. They received a number of useful presents.

On Friday night the Willing Workers had a Hop rabbit social at the Bethel church. A rabbit was sold by chances. Mrs. Cotman was the fortunate one to draw the animal. The proceeds will go towards putting a basement under the church.

Mrs. George Underwood, from Milwaukee is visiting in Ypsilanti, and made a flying visit to the city Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Francis Henderson left Saturday afternoon for Chicago, having been called there by the serious illness of her mother.

On Saturday night Elder Scruggs united in marriage Mr. George Turner and Miss Laura Chester. Success to them in their new life.

This week will be filled with festivities. Mrs. Jack Loney expects to leave Tuesday for Pittsburg Penn., to spend the holidays.

Miss Hattie Gibbons is expected in the city this week to spend the holidays. She will be the guest of Miss Eva Cooper.

Miss Annie Bateman has been obliged to return home, to Pittsfield, having had a hemorrhage of the lungs.

Miss Carrie Johnson has come home, and is now quite ill. Merry Christmas to all. LOTTIE.

Signs of Progress.

SAGINAW, Dec. 23.—We are much pleased with the progress being made by our church and Sunday school under the management of the pastor, Rev. C. F. Hill and Miss Minnie Lucas Superintendent.

The plan for the new church has been drawn and we expect to begin work soon. At the laying of the corner stone, March 10th the Rt. Rev. J. M. Brown accompanied by other distinguished gentlemen is expected to be present and an excellent program will be prepared by the young ladies and gentlemen of the city. The prospects seem good for an enjoyable occasion and we are anxious for the time to come.

The social given last Tuesday night by the ladies of the A. M. E. church was well attended as was the jubilee concert at the Zion Baptist church on Tuesday evening.

Both churches are preparing for their Christmas entertainments. A concert will be given in connection with that of the A. M. E. church for the benefit of the pastor.

Mrs. Hammond has returned from Ann Arbor.

Mr. Jones of Reese is in the city.

A little baby girl is a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels since Dec 15.

Mrs. John Brooks is on the sick list.

Little Harry Cleary who has been confined to his bed for the past three months with typhoid fever was out last Saturday. Every one is glad to see the little fellow out again. HENRIETTA.

Interesting Services.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 16.—Don't miss the grand exhibition at the A. M. E. church Dec. 23.

A grand fair and bazaar was held at the Second Baptist church Dec. 18, some fine specimens of workmanship was shown.

Mr. Benj Bolden is quite sick.

The A. M. E. and 3rd Baptist churches are having large and interesting meetings which are exciting unusual interest. While we are in accord with any movement tending to improve the religious or moral standings of our race, we must deplore the actions of some of our young ladies who are members of the churches and should be shining lights. Instead of standing just outside the church doors and looking for the young men, go into church, girls, act as true ladies, thus compelling the boys to seek your society while you have theirs. H.

The Baptist Council.

BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 15.—A council was called last week by the Shiloh Baptist church for the purpose of ordaining three candidates for deacons. The following gentlemen composed the council: Rev. G. W. Braumwell of the Shiloh church in this city, Rev. G. D. Smith of Sandusky, O., and the Rev. C. W. Barber and Deacons Harman Bradley and Callender of the First Baptist church in this city. Rev. C. W. Barber was elected moderator, Deacon Callender secretary and Rev. G. D. Smith catechist. The charge was given by Rev. Braumwell. This church is now holding revival meetings conducted by the Rev. G. D. Smith.

Rev. G. W. Brown of the Second Baptist church will preach a sermon to the young people next Sunday evening, subject "Industry."

Mrs. George Marshall and Mrs. P. Sanford returned home today from Oxford, Ohio, where they have been visiting several weeks. They report a pleasant time in the Buckeye state.

Miss F. Skipperth is recovering from a spell of sickness and we hope to see her face again soon in our social circles.

Rev. W. H. Gresley returned home today from Niles and will leave again Saturday for Allegan. B. S. (Write upon one side of paper only—Ed.)

The Matrimonial Fever.

ADRIAN, D. C. 23.—The Rev. Collins who left Adrian last week to attend a wedding at Wabash, Ind., has returned.

Mr. Henry Harris will leave Monday for a visit to his mother and relatives in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will leave Thursday for a visit to Ypsilanti during the holidays.

Mrs. Waters has received her pension of \$900.

The A. M. E. Sabbath school continues to grow. Miss Gay S. Lewis entertained the little ones Sunday with her sweet music and singing.

Mr. Grassum will spend the holidays in Fort Wayne, Ind., with his son and daughter.

The matrimonial fever is prevalent here. There will be two weddings soon. M. F.

The Bishop's Visit

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Bishop Brown spent a very pleasant time with the members of St. Marks church on the occasion of his recent visit here to his son and daughter in law. His sermon to the members was instructive and interesting and had a great tendency to establish pleasant relations among the members of the church. He spoke of the pleasant visit he had enjoyed and received with pleasure the fine hat which was presented to him by Messrs L. Hughes and L. H. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgett will give a children's party during the holidays for their little son.

The committee on the banquet to be given by the league have about decided to hold it at the Grand Central hotel but many members hope they will not so report to the leagues as they think a better place might be secured. At the next regular meeting of the league officers will be elected for the ensuing year. It is believed the present officers will be re-elected. Many pleasant events are fore shadowed for the coming holidays. B. B. B.

The Leading Journal.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 23.—Quarterly meeting services were held at the Methodist church last Sunday. The Rev. W. T. Minto of Guelph officiated and a large number attended in spite of the bad weather.

Miss Laura Fleetwood was baptized by the Rev. Minto Sunday evening and Mrs. C. W. Struthers was received in full membership.

Mrs. P. Johnson is writing her sister in Siltion Penn.

Mrs. S. A. Lucas has taken her two sons to Woodstock to assist her husband in a Christmas entertainment. The Sabbath school workers are making great preparations for their Christmas entertainment.

Mr. W. McComas of Hamilton made a short visit to friends in the city.

Mr. A. Jones has arrived from Buffalo where he has been spending the Summer.

Mrs. C. Jones has left for Buffalo.

Mr. S. Brown and his son Andrew have returned from Buffalo.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pryne is ill.

Every colored citizen should read THE PLAINDEALER, it is the leading Afro American Journal and keeps you posted about the race. C. W. F. S.

Broke His Arm.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 22.—Mr. Eddie Robb has returned from Chicago to attend his sick child.

Miss Lucinda Smith will spend the holidays with her parents in Pine Grove.

Many persons from here will attend the dance to be given Christmas in Battle Creek.

Mr. Jesse Ridgely broke his arm last week by falling from a load of wood.

Mr. Ben Bolden still continues ill.

Mrs. Owen is here delivering her book of the 125 ordered. She has delivered 65. H. W.

Safely Returned.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 23.—Henry Clark died on Thursday, Dec 12th and was buried from the Baptist church on Sunday the 14th. Rev. J. A. Holt preached the funeral sermon. The deceased was respected by all who knew him and the bereaved family have the sympathy of all.

Our sailors have all returned home safe which makes the old Burg liven up a little.

The Sabbath school concert held in the Baptist church on last Monday night went off very successful. The proceeds amounted to about \$10.

The old folk's jubilee concert comes off tomorrow evening in the Baptist church.

The A. M. E. Sunday school will give a concert next Monday night in the A. M. E. church.

A merry Christmas to all. L. W. (Write upon one side of paper only—Ed.)

A Successful Fair.

The Ebenezer church fair opened last Monday evening with very encouraging prospects. The booths, numbering five, were nicely arranged and handsomely decorated. The ladies in charge were as follows:

First fancy booth, Miss Estella Alexander, Miss Ida Crosby, and Mr. C. Stewart.

Second fancy booth, Misses A. and Sadie Thomas.

Ice cream table, Mrs. Mary A. Smith and Miss Gibson.

Fruit table, Mrs. D. Lancaster, and Mrs. D. Crosby.

Toy table, Misses Anna Wood, and Josie Smedley.

A musical and literary program for Tuesday and Thursday evenings adds to the attractive features of the Fair.

Mr. Edwin H. Hackley of the Denver Statesman has resigned his position which he has held in the county clerk and recorder's office for nearly seven years to return to his practice of law.

The ladies of Bethel church have decided to hold a New Year's reception at the church parlors New Year's day from 2 to 9 p. m. All are invited to call. Luncheon, cream and cake and other delicacies will be served.

Rev. C. H. Thompson, rector of St. Matthew's church, will deliver a course of ten lectures on "Ecclesiastical History" before the students of Huffman hall at Nashville, Tenn., commencing some time after Easter.

Several of the younger musicians of the city have organized a band under the caption of the "Johnson Cornet Band." Mr. John W. Johnson is their instructor. They hope to have uniforms soon and take rank among the best bands of the city.

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CONDENSED INFORMATION.

Mrs. Charles Green of Kentucky, who was twice a widow before she was 18 years old, is now 25, and has been six times married.

Louis Guyban, a blind man, identified a thief who had robbed him by recognizing the prisoner's voice.

Over 3,000,000,000 envelopes are manufactured in England annually.

The expression, "He is a brick," is over 2,000 years old. Agesilaus, King of Sparta, 880 B. C., in showing his army of 10,000 men, pointing to them said: "There are the walls of Sparta, and every man is a brick."

There are 30,000 Americans who constantly reside in London.

All birds of great and sustained powers of flight have one well-marked characteristic—they have long wings, with sharply pointed ends.

Official returns of the Canadian seal fishery show that 39,547 seals were taken the past season, an increase of 6,000 over last year. Of this number 2,341 were taken off the coast of British Columbia and 18,155 in Behring Sea.

The sun's perpendicular rays do not illumine the depths of the sea at all, or anything like it. On the contrary, they only penetrate, at the very outside, some two hundred fathoms down into the world of waters, beyond which distance all is utter darkness.

Tucson is one of the oldest as well as largest and best known towns in Arizona. In fact, it is so old that there is no record showing when it was first settled. When the first Spanish explorers visited this country, about 1530, they found an old Mexican village there, and it was then said to have been inhabited for centuries.

An increase of 296 national banks in the United States is shown by the annual report of the comptroller of the currency during the twelve months which ended Sept. 30. This is the largest number in a single year since 1865. The aggregate capitalization of these new institutions is mostly in the growing regions of the Northwest and Southwest.

It is claimed that the first silver mines worked in the United States by Europeans are situated in the mountains near Tucson, and although they are represented to have been so securely hidden by the Jesuits ere they were driven from the country that their location is now unknown, tradition states that some of them were marvelously rich.

The oyster-planters of Long Island Sound are taking limestone from the Hudson River with which to make oyster beds on which the spawn can attach itself. These planters first used all the oyster shells they could get from towns along the sound and from New York. Then they brought them by the shipload from Maryland. The oyster shells, however, broke up rapidly and were washed away, and it was found necessary to resort to limestone, which is found to make a permanent bed.

BEYOND THE SEA.

Hellgoland, through its incorporation with the German empire, has been made part of Prussia.

The one part of the world in which no native pipes and no native smokers have been found is Australia.

The great chemical trust in England has been registered as the United Alkali company, with a capital of \$30,000,000 in 450 shares.

The sort of dance which has succeeded the cancan in the Paris dancing halls is known as the chahtut. Mlle. Grille d'Exot is the leading teacher of its most prominent feature, the bounce-flinging trick, the foundation of skirting-dancing.

Baron Nathaniel Rothschild of Vienna can be seen, walking about the village of Waershofen, near Munich, barefooted, undergoing the nerve cure of the Roman catholic priest, Father Knelp. This doctor makes his patients go barefooted most of the time, take a plunge every morning into icy cold water and eschew all meat and intoxicating drink.

Now that Bismarck is a brewer the papers are digging at him right and left. The Freisinnige Zeitung quotes from a speech of the ex-chancellor delivered in the Reichstag on the 24th of March, 1881, in which he said: "Beer stupifies the drinker instead of exciting his nerves, and it ought, therefore, to be considered from an economical and national point of view as a bad drink." But Bismarck has learned a thing or two since then.

In the photograph of the heavens, in course of preparation at the Paris observatory, it is calculated that 64,000,000 of stars will be represented. In the nebulae of the Lyre M. Bailland took a photograph 4 by 5 1/2 inches which revealed to the naked eye 4,800 stars.

In Ireland, before St. Patrick introduced Christianity, there was a temple at Tara where fire burned ever, and was on no account suffered to go out.

A new electric lantern has been designed in Vienna for the use of lecturers and medical classes. By a combination of lenses the magnified image of an object is projected on a white screen in its natural colors.

Sister Maria Caprini, who was made a prisoner in 1892 by the Mahdi and remained in the hands of the Soudanese until some native Christian aided her to escape, with her face painted black in order that she might be mistaken for an African, has arrived at Verona, Italy, whether she traveled to see her mother and brother, who had given up all hope of ever seeing her again. Notwithstanding her terrible experience in that region the nun intends to soon return to the African mission.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

"How do you feel, darling?" "Like a ham." "Like a ham, dearest?" "You bet! I'm cured."

Fire has been worshiped as a divinity. The Platonists confounded it with the heavens and considered it as the divine intelligence.

Baltimore's last bank failure was in 1847—fifty-three years ago. No city in the country has such a record as that.

The punicestone was a writing material of the ancients; they used it to smooth the roughness of the parchment or to sharpen their reeds.

The speech of Claudius, engraved on plates of bronze, is yet preserved in the town-hall of Lyons, France. It was discovered in 1528 on the heights of St. Sebastian above the town.

The most ancient mode of writing was on bricks, tiles, and oyster-shells and on tables of stone; afterward on plates of various materials, on ivory, on barks of trees, on leaves of trees.

Ere the invention of recording events by writing, trees were planted, rude altars were erected, or heaps of stone to serve as memorials of past events. Hercules probably could not write when he fixed his famous pillars.

Among historic rings is one said to be Shakspeare's signet. Upon the seal, entwined with a true-lover's knot, are the initials W. S. It was lost before his death, and found many years after by a laborer's wife near Stratford churchyard. This is the only authentic piece of his personal property known to be in existence.

It takes 22,000 bonnets a year to cover the heads of the female soldiers in the Salvation Army. The army has property amounting to more than \$1,000,000 in the various countries where it is established.

Some one with a fondness for statistics has discovered that the average man drinks 175 hogsheads of liquids during the course of his life-time.

A well in Stanwood, Wash., eighty-three feet deep, sucks in air with a roaring noise that can be heard 100 yards and the next day expels the air with terrific force.

One of the Rothschilds, it is said, goes barefooted as a nerve cure. The Rothschilds are gentlemen of abnormal nerve, and it is nothing strange that they should not care to sock it to themselves as they do to everybody else.

Locks are going out of favor in fashionable French drawing-rooms. It is stated. It is now the thing to have an old watch hung on the wall with an artistic drapery around it, and the time-piece should be old-fashioned and a family heirloom.

The following advertisement appeared in the Calaveras (Cal.) Chronicle: "Stolen—The Chinese burying-ground at Jackson, Amador county, Cal. A liberal reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the crime by Yan Wong & Co."

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

A New Jersey union has a "great-grandmother" 101 years old.

"The watchword for those who believe in prohibition by woman's ballot," said Miss Willard in her annual address, "is two votes for the home where it now has but one."

Wherever the national convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union goes it leaves new unions in its wake. One of these is a new "Y" in Atlanta, Ga., with sixty members.

A white-ribbon soldier of 70 years wants to see the graves of her comrades decorated, when those of the soldiers are, by a flag and a cross, with the motto, "For God and Home and Native Land."

Among the new organizers appointed by the National Woman's Christian Temperance union is Mrs. M. B. Reese of West Washington, who will probably go during the year to Alaska in the interest of the society.

That very good "brother-in-law of the Woman's Christian Temperance union," Ferdinand Schumacher, offers \$500 toward a white-ribbon training-school to be located in Chicago, and to add to this as much as may be received from all other sources.

After hearing the address of welcome given the national convention by Georgia's governor, Northern, the Union Signal is moved to exclaim: "If he is a sample of the kind of governors farmers elect we wish they had the chance to elect all the governors in the land."

Just after the Atlanta convention the women went en masse to visit the "medicine water" at Indian Springs, Ga. It is said to be a sure cure for drunkenness, and it is proposed to erect there an inebriate asylum under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. From 1,000 to 1,200 women and men visited the springs. An arch of welcome had been erected and a barbecue was ready for the guests, and around 400 yards of tables, in a hollow square, they were served with traditional Southern hospitality. As usual with this kind of folk, they made havoc with the water and woke the echoes with a Methodist hymn. The Indians knew of this water long before the whites discovered it, and met there in powwow in early days. A singular fact is that one of their descendants, Mrs. Jane Staples of Indian Territory, is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union president of that Territory. She is the daughter of an Indian mother and a Scotch father, and in her childhood had been led to this spring to drink by her Indian mother.

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Dyers—Diagonals.
Contractors—Tweed.
Compositors—Prints.
Republicans—Worsted.
Saloon-Keepers—Corkscrew.
North River Commuters—Jersey.

ODD ITEMS.

Vulcan is said to have been the inventor of lamps.

The Romans etched their public records on brass.

On the dried skin of serpents were once written the Iliad and Odyssey.

There are now 11,000,000 men in Europe ready to be called into the field.

From the remotest times men saluted the sun, moon and stars by kissing the hand.

"How did you cure your husband from smoking, Mrs. Wings?" "I made him let me buy all his cigars for him."

In Washington, when frost comes on, and times are brisk and airy. The oyster claims that best of names. "Our steamed contemporary."

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"Get any presents to-day, Willie?" "Yes, two. Pa gave me a drum, and ma gave me a beating."

"HELLO, Brown, why on earth have you those plugs in your ears?" "To keep my wife from telling me what she's going to give me for Christmas."

JOHNNY—Nay, pa, to-day is Christmas, Mr. Squeers—That's so, my boy! Well, I'll let you go without a spanking to-day. No child of mine shall ever lack something to remember Christmas by.

SANTA CLAUS (to new deputy)—Say, see here! What sort of a break was that you made in Chicago? I hear that only one girl in the whole city found anything in her stocking. New Deputy—The dence! Why, the first house I came to, I concluded all the girls had clubbed together, so I dumped the whole Chicago consignment into that stocking.

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DETROIT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, '90.

THE MATTER of having representation in the affairs of the Columbian Fair should not be allowed to sleep. Soon the prodigious enterprise will be under way then it will be too late to clamor. Our protest is tardy now, considering the fact that we are always alighted unless we raise a row about it. The people are in earnest about being represented and their organs should let their complaints be known.

WHEN the Chicago Tribune called attention to the fact that no Democratic journal in the North had said aught against the stealing of MILLER's certificate in South Carolina although a number of Southern papers had denounced it, the Tribune forgot two things: First the Northern Democrats had been playing at that Bourbon game of stealing office themselves, second Northern Democrats are too subject in their servitude to Bourbons for the sake of place and power.

IF GOVERNOR TILLMAN is really in earnest about being inflexibly just to his Afro-American constituents, he should show it by a decided veto of the "Jim Crow" car measure that will be passed by South Carolina's next legislature. Recognition of our manhood, the finer feelings of our women, and equal educational advantages is all we ask. This much involves a great deal. It means the stopping of indiscriminate political outrages, a higher regard for the safety and comfort of our women on public carriers and a more decided resistance against an enforced robbing them of their virtue. Let Gov. TILLMAN see to this and there will be no political problems on race lines in South Carolina.

WHENEVER a Northern paper speaks of Southern political outrages, the Southern press cries "bloody shirt" and others "me too," allies of the North repeat "bloody shirt." What will these papers say to Governor Tillman of South Carolina when he says the Afro-American has grievances, wrongs, injustice and insults heaped up for eight years, that for the good name of the State and its people, should be stopped. Has Governor TILLMAN taken a whirl at the bloody shirt? or is he telling the whole truth? He further says that the frequent lynchings in the state are a blot on it. Wrong again, will say the Bourbon proteges North, anything to retain the "Solid South." Governor TILLMAN has told the truth and we trust his inauguration may work a new era in justice, if it affects only South Carolina.

It is plain now that the Election bill will not be passed. Not even in the mutilated ineffective form that a number of our quasi-Republican senators think it should assume. The Afro-American in the South must look for other means of gaining his political rights, and he might as well begin now. He must take an intelligent advantage of every split in the Bourbon element that presents itself. These opportunities promise to be frequent in the future, with the Farmer's Alliance in the field, coupled with a general murmur against the rule of an aristocracy such as has been the case in the South for the past ten years. It is a sorrowful confession yet true that the once great Republican party is now a party of finance and not of humanity. The follies the party followed in 1876 are to be practiced again. Give us less words and more deeds, senators.

SENATOR BUTLER of deportation fame has another pet measure peculiar to his ante-bellum ideas. This time it is to disfranchise the Afro-Americans of the South and to have the representation of that section reduced accordingly. The bill he proposes is the wildest bluff which he does not expect even the sensible men of his party to soberly entertain. There is no reason he can advance in advocacy of such a measure except ignorance, which fault is true of a much larger number of whites. The Afro-American never furnished a rebel, a socialist or an enemy of the public school system. The introduction of such a bill can do no harm. In fact the only regret is that the race has no Senator, who, when the measure shall have been presented, cannot amend it, to include all those who took up arms against the government or aided and abetted the same. Organized treason, though it represents intelligence, is certainly more dangerous to government than a little learning. A bill so amended would suggest itself as

favorably to all patriotic men as any proposed disfranchisement of the Afro-American only.

THERE is but very little disposition on the part of the Farmer's Alliance in the South to cut themselves aloof from the regular Democratic party. In the state of Georgia the campaign they conducted was directed chiefly against Senator GORDON. They were in a great measure successful in electing members to the legislature, in fact they controlled it. But these same members, when the election for United States senator came up, voted for and re-elected Senator GORDON for another term. In all other measures that have arisen they have acted with and as Democrats and intimidated by their action as they have since by an address to the people claiming that they were first of all Democrats and second Alliance men. As in Georgia so in North Carolina and other parts of the South. South Carolina which always leads the other states of the South for good or evil, presents a little different aspect. They waged war in that state against the Bourbon. The contest there, instead of being Alliance against the old political parties was really a fight between factions of the same party in which the faction that has always controlled the state was badly beaten. The fight was still carried on in the legislature and resulted in the defeat of Senator HAMPTON one of the wildest most inhuman and bitter of the men who have helped to control and direct public opinion of the South and attempted to control the policy of the nation. A man who was all the more dangerous because of the deceit he used to cover hidden purposes. In his place they have elected a man just as shameful and inhuman. One controlled by the popular opinion that has dominated the South, one who has been active in crushing out free government and who has been often the creature of such men as HAMPTON in movements whose purposes were murderous. A shameless leader of murderers is the man chosen by the Farmer's Alliance of South Carolina to represent their state and principles in the councils of the Nations. The country at large is thus hardly benefitted by the change.

Thus while the Farmer's Alliance of the South have been active in having old Democrats to represent them whenever possible they object and all Democratic members of the Alliance North object to the Republican members of the Alliance elected to the Legislature of Kansas voting to elect a Republican to the United States senate. Republicans are reminded of their oath of fealty and vengeance is threatened to be visited upon them if they follow their inclinations and vote as did their brethren of the South for a man of their own political principles. The paramount question to the members of the North ought and should be, are they not as free to choose men of their own political principles as freely as do the men of the South? If the people of the South choose men in harmony with its past ought not the men of the North to have liberty to do likewise? Are members of the Democratic party considering its past and present history more likely to legislate for such measures as will bring relief than members of the Republican party? If the members of Alliance in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina can re-elect the present incumbents GORDON, PUGH and VANCE ought not the Republican members of the Alliance in Kansas be free to elect INGALLS or any other prominent Republican? Does membership in the Alliance make men political freemen in one section and political slaves in another? Afro American Alliance men should study this question.

IF THE Republican members of the Senate refuse to pass the Federal Election law, they will be serving the interests of the Democratic party, rather than those of their own. If the measure be not a good one, and one that would prove disastrous to the Republican party, why do its opponents so strenuously resist its passage? If they believe the measure will prove disastrous to the party advocating it, would not political expediency induce them to offer only a slight resistance, while secretly aiding its passage, instead of using all possible means to defeat the measure? Why should Democratic papers and those independents of free trade leaning so strongly denounce the measure if they did not think it would answer the purpose for which it is designed?

It is because the Democratic press and leaders fear that this measure will give to every citizen the opportunity of casting his ballot and having it counted as cast that they so violently oppose it. It is because they fear that through the measure one or more states may be wrested from the Democratic column. It is because they fear an open decision of the whole American people freely given.

The result of the past election should not cause the Republican party to waver the least bit in carrying out the principle to which it is pledged. Not even the fear of defeat in a National campaign should cause it to swerve one hair's breadth from the position it has taken on the rights of the citizen. No lukewarmness in support

of its principles will strengthen it in the hearts and minds of the best elements of the people. Its strength, its existence lies in the support of such great measures as will best elevate humanity, and serve the best interests of the whole people. To depart now from this long established practice of trying to do justice to the whole people can only result in disgrace and defeat.

DETROIT is just now offering superior inducements to novelists of the highly inflammable type. Such subjects as the "Villain still pursued him" or "How Alderman Reick-back escaped" will be true to life. The story could be dramatized and played in our council chamber, moreover.

THE SENTINEL'S WARNING.

A San Francisco Journal Calls Attention to a Grave Question.

In a recent editorial in the San Francisco Sentinel under the heading "Clean out the Augean stables", the writer has very vividly pictured a scene that is of too frequent occurrence in the cities and towns throughout the country and as Detroit is no exception to the rule THE PLAINDEALER gives place to it that its readers can see that the situation is one that thinking people must begin to pay some attention. The Sentinel says:

The people of this community are confronted with a question, grave and important, one which affects the present and future of the youth of both sexes in this city, one which has too long been neglected. A question—which if not soon, and seriously considered will cause more pain and anguish, and ruin than any subject with which we have to deal. The social structure which has been erected, has been built in a most careless and slipshod manner, its beauties and embellishments are upon the outside and of course have been made attractive, but on entering the structure, you are shocked upon making the discovery that uniformity, precision and symmetry have been utterly neglected, and that all essentials have been sacrificed to exterior adornment. Upon a closer examination it is discovered that not alone is the structure incomplete, but that the very foundation is defective and built upon sand. That this is wrong, and means destruction sooner or later is obvious to all. That a thorough bracing and bolting, and complete overhauling is absolutely necessary none can deny. That the means are at hand for this reconstruction there is no room to doubt. Why then is this important business delayed? Why do we not attempt to save the structure before the timbers are decayed and the joints rotten? If any one doubts the miserable condition of this structure we ask that they make a careful and thorough examination that they may by observation know the truth of our assertion. We said in a recent issue of the Sentinel that all Negroes should not be placed in the same category. We attended—not long since—a social gathering and saw a mixture of people, good, bad and indifferent, which it has seldom been our misfortune to encounter. The conglomeration of vice and virtue, reputable and disreputable characters was a "sight to behold." We believe the time has arrived when some sort of distinction should be made at our social affairs. We believe that disreputable characters should be excluded from these places, and that strangers with nothing to recommend them, and without references should not be "expected." We call upon the respectable men and women of this community to commence a vigorous warfare in this direction. Throw around the mothers, wives and sisters of our little community safeguards strong enough to be impregnable. The purification of our social system has become an imperative duty. "Respecta finem."

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

Christmas and New Years 1890-91.

The Michigan Central will sell round trip Holiday tickets, good going on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st limited, to return until January 3rd for one and one third the lowest first class rate to all points on their lines in the United States, (except Toledo division) to Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mackinaw, Saginaw, Bay City and all points on the Detroit, Bay City and Alpena Railroad, also to all points in Canada, including Niagara Falls, Suspension Bridge and Buffalo N. Y. Tickets good on all trains except numbers 5, 6, 19 and 20.

The Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway have made the following special Christmas and New Years Rates. They will sell tickets to all stations on its line at one fare and a third for round trip. Tickets will be sold on December 24th, 25th and 31st, '90, and on January 1st '91 for all stations on the Chicago and Grand Trunk railway including Chicago; on the Cincinnati, Saginaw and Mackinaw railroad, including Saginaw and Bay City; and on the Toledo, Saginaw and Muskegon railway, including Greenville and Muskegon. All tickets will be valid to return up to and including January 3rd.

SPORTING NOTES.

Brown, Detroit's latest aspirant for pugilistic honors, is out with a challenge to fight any light-weight in Michigan for \$1,000 a side. Though a resident of Detroit at present he was born in England and speaks with a notable cockney dialect.

Mrs. Ella James will leave for her home in Ottawa, Ont. where she will spend the holidays.
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A MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Mr. Hunter's Statement of How it Happened.

Mr. Eliza Hunter, who was assaulted and pretty badly injured by some unknown person concealed in his house last week, is improving nicely.

The manner in which he was assailed, Mr. Hunter states as follows:

"Last week Wednesday evening I had been out visiting some of my neighbors, returning home at about 11 o'clock. On entering at the front door I passed on through the house to the kitchen for the purpose of getting a drink of water before retiring for the night. As soon as I stepped into the kitchen I received a stunning blow from some one concealed near the door with a club which felled me to the floor. While struggling to regain my feet I received another blow on the head and was kicked several times in the breast. Realizing that it was either life or death I managed to get hold of a chair which I seized and made for the cowardly assaulter who then started on a run through the house into the hall to the front door. Before I could get to him, he unlocked the door made his escape into the street. In his flight he slipped and fell, but quickly regained his feet and ran around the corner on Hastings street, and into the alley."

Mr. Hunter pursued him as far as the alley thinking that perhaps some passer by would happen along and assist in preventing his escape, but no one was in sight except two men who were several blocks away.

By this time the blood had begun to gush profusely from the gashes in his head and he returned to the house, when a physician was summoned who dressed the wound on his head. The right shoulder bone was also injured and it will probably be some time before he will have the use of his arm.

Mr. Hunter is a peaceable citizen and well liked. He is about 50 years of age and a carpenter by trade. Why he should be attacked in this manner is a mystery to him and his many friends.

NO TROUBLE WHATEVER.

The Pastor and Officers of Ebenezer Church in Harmony

THE PLAINDEALER of last week contained an item obtained through the usual channels stating that "The subject of remodeling Ebenezer church has provoked no little trouble in that society, many of the trustees were not in sympathy with the movement, claiming that it was neither politic nor charitable for two churches in the same connection to be so heavily in debt at once. Their counsel was not heeded however and in order that they might not be hindered in the work they were dismissed from the board of trustees."

As is the usual custom of THE PLAINDEALER a representative called on the Rev. Alexander, pastor of the church, for a statement and he furnished the following statement in denial of the rumor.

No trouble exists in Ebenezer church, whatever. If so, it is not known to the society, its trustees or pastor. No change has been made in the board of trustees, no trustees have been removed, perfect harmony and united action upon the part of minister, trustees, laymen and worshipping congregation has existed with them since the project began. The uncharitableness referred to exists only with the author of the article above.

J. H. ALEXANDER, Pastor.

HARRY M. KELLY Sec'y of Board.

For the benefit of those interested it may be well to state that the item was taken from the talk of members of Ebenezer who it was presumed knew the facts.

Sunday at St. Matthews.

Confirmation services at St. Matthews church last Sunday were attended by a large congregation. The services were of a very interesting character and were conducted by the rector, Rev. C. H. Thompson, and Mr. John A. Williams of Seabury hall, Fairbault Minn.

The following class of eighteen were confirmed. Mr. James T. Tines, Mrs. Victoria Tines, Mr. Reuben E. Davis, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. Eliza Page, Mrs. Julia A. Johnson, Miss Hattie E. Johnson, Miss Blanche D. Hill, Mr. Elijah Bennett, Miss Grace L. Rickards, Miss Carrie Doston, Miss Christiana Doston, Mrs. Eliza Finney, Miss Lula Wilson, Mrs. Emma Collins, Miss Lena L. Reynolds, Mr. Wm. Mumford Sr., and Miss Lulu Williams.

Mrs. A. E. Davis sang a beautiful solo and at the close of the services Mr. Alexander Walker presented the society with a beautiful communion service as a memorial of his deceased children.

More Trouble in Windsor.

Windsor suffers from a number of belligerent church people who seem utterly unmindful of the fact that "a soft answer turneth away wrath." The trials of the Baptist church has filled the public mind and ear for some time and now the Methodists are beginning to contribute their share to the confusion which has so long reigned among the brethren. Two weeks ago the minister of one of the Methodist churches left for Chatham saying there was sickness in his family. During his absence he was accused of taking away with him \$6 of the church money. One brother especially, the Rev. Gordon, was loud in opposition against him. The pastor on his return repaired to the church and prepared to deliver his sermon but brother Gordon would hear none of his preaching and started a sermon for himself. Then the war of words waxed furious. The minister preached and Gordon preached and a battle seemed imminent, when the sisters in the interest of peace led away the minister and the rebellious brother Gordon finished his sermon in peace.

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A VARIETY OF THINGS.

SECRET ORDER NOTES.

The saying that small beginnings make great endings is being verified some where every day. About nine years ago the Rev. J. B. Massiah opened a school at Cairo, Ill., with 16 pupils. He met with much opposition from other Afro-American ministers but before the year was over the attendance grew to 40 and last September the school opened with 206 children. Mr. Massiah is a firm advocate of the benefits of industrial training for the youth of the race and has provided in his school manual training classes and instruction in cooking. He is now visiting the larger cities of the North with a view to interesting the philanthropic in his work. During a recent sermon which he preached at All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee he made a plea for greater concern for the spiritual welfare of the Afro-American on the part of white christians and gave a description of his work at Cairo, Ill.

Southern doughheads have a new grievance. Some of them send their sons to Phillips Exeter Academy. One of the brightest young lads there is Harry C. Minton of Philadelphia who is this year a senior. In recognition of his ability his class has chosen him class orator and the Bourbon is disgusted and kicking, true to his nature. It is just by way of a change they could persuade themselves to stop kicking and cultivate their brains they might stand a chance to receive a few of the honors which the "inferior" race is taking.

THE PLAINDEALER acknowledges with thanks an invitation to the Calico Fancy Dress ball to be given by the Lotus Social club of Chicago Ill., Tuesday evening, December 30.

Misses Pauline Smith and Sarah Warsaw have issued the following invitations to members of their Sunday school classes: "St. Nick has lost his hat"

Our Tiny has found it. Come at 8 o'clock, on Saturday, December 27. And see if he will call for it. 125 Division street. From 2 to 4 p. m."

Helping Hand Presentation.

The cordial invitation of the Helping Hand society of Bethel church, extended to the officers, members and friends of that organization to be present at the Church parlors Tuesday evening was responded to by a large number and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. The presentation of a very fine gold combination pen and pencil bearing the initials of the club name to Mrs. Mary Ball, the retiring secretary, was the special feature of the evening. The pen was accompanied by a very complimentary letter expressive of the appreciation the members feel for her services since their organization. A gavel was also presented the society by Mrs. Jennie Martin. It bore the National colors typical, she said of the spirit of union which she hoped would always pervade their meetings.

The members and friends were then served with a delectable luncheon by the committee and the rest of the evening was devoted to social conversation.

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MERE MENTION.

Mrs. B. Nidy has returned from Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Florence Turner of Cincinnati, died last week.

Alfred Chappes is now with Col. Meyers the architect.

Mr. Wilnot Johnson left for Toledo Tuesday night.

Mrs. Eugene Johnson of Watson street, is quite ill.

Attend the Christmas entertainment at Bethel church, tonight, Dec. 28.

Miss H. Evans of Cleveland, will be the guest of Miss D. Griffin this week.

Algernon Owens of Orchard Lake is in the city and will stay until after the holidays.

Mrs. LeWright and daughter of Bay City are the guests of Mrs. Ed. Watson, of Winder street.

Miss Lu u B. Gregory left the city Wednesday, for Chicago where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Alfred Allen had her feet badly scalded last week by the overturning of a boiler of hot water.

Judge Gartner granted Mrs. Mary Buckner a decree of divorce Monday on the ground of cruelty.

The Second Baptist church lyceum is preparing for a grand musical and literary concert New Years eve.

The receipts for the entertainment given Thanksgiving by the ladies of the Second Baptist church was \$60.66.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Collins of Montreal, will visit friends and relatives in Detroit and Ypsilanti during the holidays.

Miss L. D. Newman a member of the Richard Mansfield company is at the home of Mrs. Postal Smith, 283 Antoine street.

The Apollo club of Cleveland have extended a cordial invitation to the Minuettes Social club to attend their annual party in January.

Mr. Moral Keelan came up from Toledo Monday to spend Christmas in the city. He is the guest of Mrs. Al. Deming of Hastings street.

David Brown has purchased a horse and wagon and did the bulk of the holiday delivering for F. G. Smith and Company, the jewelers.

The bell for Ebenezer church donated by Mr. Robert Crosby and others has not been received as yet. It was to have been in place last Sunday.

James Times came down from Grand Rapids last Saturday. "Jim" says "THE PLAIN DEALER is a great comfort to anyone away from home."

Dainty invitations announce the reception to be given by Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnson Monday Dec. 29 in honor of their twenty fifth anniversary.

Mr. John Williams has returned home from the Seabury Divinity school, Fairbault Minn., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. John N. Langston of Division street, left Monday for Washington, D. C., where she will spend the next six weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Thompson.

Mr. E. O. Mack and Mr. W. V. Jefferson of the law department of Ann Arbor University were in the city this week. Mr. Jefferson has been elected marshal of his class.

Mr. Chas Robinson of Pittsburg was in the city last week. He anticipated meeting his mother who was here visiting a short time since but left for home two weeks ago.

The annual election of officers of the Second Baptist church will occur the first Wednesday in January. Officers in the Sunday school will also be elected during that month.

Messrs Eisman and May, the reliable shoe merchants, on Gratiot avenue, are making an elegant display in holiday foot wear this year. Their line of fine shoes and slippers cannot be excelled by any other dealer in the city.

Mrs. J. Thompson of Beaubien street, says the report current that she was arrested and bound over on account of some trouble her son had with a neighbor is not true and there is no foundation for circulating such a false statement.

Invitations have been received by several Detroit people to attend the masked ball to be given in Ypsilanti Christmas eve, at Light Guard hall. Prof. Finney's orchestra will play and the grand march will be led by Mr. Robert Blakemore of Detroit. Handsome prizes will be given the lady who wears the handsomest and the gentleman who wears the most comical costume.

Bethel Sunday school will give their Christmas festival Friday evening in the auditorium. A program consisting mainly of exercises by the little folks has been arranged by the young ladies of Mrs. Linnard's class. Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents. Those having presents for friends are invited to bring them Friday afternoon so that the committee may arrange them.

Glances Here and There.

THE Glancer had always thought that the Afro Americans of Detroit were among the most progressive, public spirited and liberal minded of their class to be found anywhere, and was not a little surprised to be approached recently by one who said: "I never saw such people as we have in Detroit. They are jealous, selfish and envious. The very ones whom you would expect to be constantly engaged in an effort to help the people elevate themselves sit with folded hands. Those who call themselves the *arome de la creme*, seem utterly oblivious of anything save their own sweet selves. Take the Afro American League, how many of them are found in it? How many are to be found in any movement that is started to try to open up any new field of employment? How many of them use their influence to help others? How many of them occupy better relations in life than those whom they try to ignore? Surely they cannot think that they are so much more the mental and moral superiors, more cultivated and refined than the other classes among the race as to be placed far above them. If so it is not discernable by any superior relations they hold with the American people. Their contentment is dangerous to their own welfare. Progress is not to be made by reclining at ease or by ignoring and standing aloof, criticizing movements for the benefit of the whole people, without lending a hand to help eliminate and correct errors that may creep in. Then too, among the lower classes there are people so ignorant as not to know enough to come in out of the wet, who are a continual stumbling block, whose personal appearance and loud mouths are offensive where ever they go. They disgust everybody, have not a proper sense of their own manhood and womanhood. Servile, ignorant, insolent and debauched, they form a class by which the white people judge all Afro Americans, and the very best, I mean by that, the most earnest and progressive have to suffer accordingly."

"Well I must go. When I see you again I will give you some more of my ideas," and away he went leaving the Glancer to admit how true were many of his remarks, and meditate as to how these people were to be reached.

YOU have noticed of course, two people, hurrying along on the street suddenly begin to see saw back and forth on the sidewalk, in the vain attempt to pass each other, each flushes, grows embarrassed as he realizes what a spectacle he presents, darts forward to run plumb against the other, and then begins the maddening criss-cross chase again, until finally one of them grows desperate, stands still, lets the other pass and both pursue their way re-solving never to be a party to such a ludicrous performance again. In the busy rush of the past two weeks such incidents have been as common as embarrassing, simply because the participants neglected the good old maxim of "Keep to the right."

WHAT an awful bore some peoples' dignity is and what a depressing effect it has upon those with whom they come in contact. As they stalk in on their stile of superiority, their shadow entirely eclipse all the lesser lights. The thermometer falls to zero, the chairs assume an air of rigidity and the cozy comfort which had before characterized the room, gives place to an austere preciseness which freezes the faculties and causes the stream of conversation to run dry. Good, estimable people they may be but invariably we draw a sigh of relief when they withdraw themselves from our presence and wish that they might with their other attainments, learn "That a little nonsense now and then" is a good thing for "the wisest men."

THE old saying that God helps the man who helps himself has recently been made true. Until the Willing Workers were organized there was no organized effort to relieve needy and unfortunate Afro Americans. There were many quite deserving and others in need, that charity should have been kind to in their distresses, yet they were left to suffer unless relieved by individuals kindly disposed. Since the Willing Workers have been doing so much and such effective work, help has come from other sources. Warm clothes, that would otherwise have gone to the rag man to be sold again in some second hand establishment are now given to the poor. The glancer saw a barrel of clothing and a box of shoes at the home of the president of this society the gift of one charitable woman which were placed at the disposal of the society.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER suggests a beautiful sentiment about the Christmas festival. He says it seems to have a climate of its own, that it is not gauged by a barometer. It comes to us in the coldest part of the year when the days are shortest and most frosty and when the necessities of life are hardest to obtain, and yet how genial and large-hearted everybody is. Instead of contracting and growing selfish and stingy with the falling of the Mercury, the world glows with a warmth and benevolence unknown in more favorable weather and the coldest nature expands under the genial influences abroad at this season. In spite of the oft asserted scepticism of the age, the gospel of peace and good-will abounds at the Christmas tide bringing joy to the humblest dwelling.

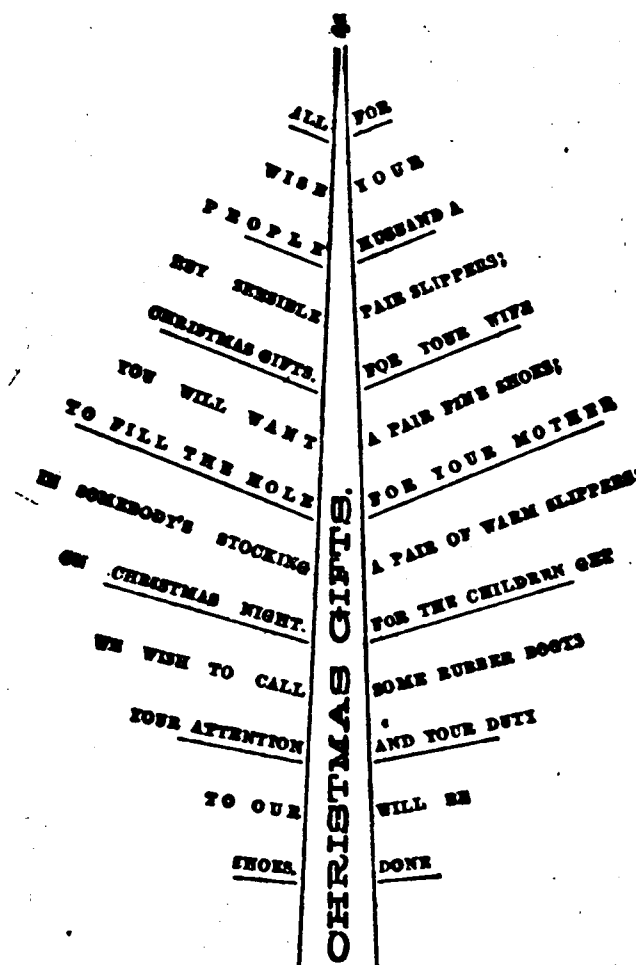
Take Due Notice.

The fifth annual session of the Right Worshipful Supreme Council of the Independent Order of the United Brothers and Sisters of Jerusalem of the State of Michigan will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday January 1-1911 at Room 15 Hills-Adgeon Block, Detroit, for the election of officers and transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting. H. C. Clark supreme councilor, S. H. Harris supreme secretary.

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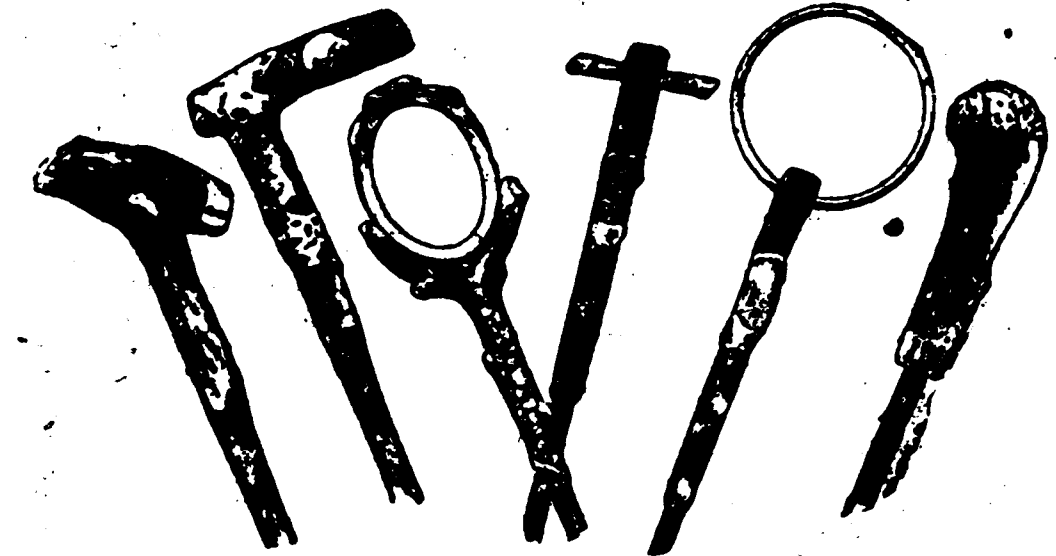
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Church News-

Bethel A. M. E.—Corner of Hastings and Napoleon streets. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. John M. Henderson, pastor.

Ebenezer A. M. E.—Calhoun street, near Beaubien. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. J. H. Alexander, pastor.

Western Ave. A. M. E.—Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Rev. N. N. Pharis, pastor.

Second Baptist.—Croghan street, near Beaubien. Services at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. E. H. McDonald, pastor.

St. Matthew's Episcopal.—Corner Antrine and Elizabeth streets. Sunday services: Holy Communion, 7:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 4 p. m. C. H. Thompson, D. D., rector.

Bethel Baptist.—Columbia street, near Rivard. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service.—Rev. Auger, pastor.

(Brief items of news will be welcome from other pastors or laymen.)

BETHEL Church is the centre toward which hundreds of feet press forward every week; it is the house at which gathers in friendly association persons of every sphere of life. A stranger who would study the inner life of the community can there find its exponent. That the people appreciate a beautiful church, that they love fine and soul stirring music is proven by the large and splendid congregations. The hands organized a few weeks ago thus far turned in \$329.83 cash, and report also two conditional subscriptions of \$100. A certain bank has also promised a donation of \$500 on favorable conditions. Excepting about \$200 all of the small floating debts are now provided for. The next great rally will be to obtain \$2,800 which is the amount within which the debt on contract falls. This amount must be in hand by Feb. 1st if the church would reap the large advantages accruing from promptness. It will be worth twice the sum to Bethel within a few years if this amount is in hand by Feb. 1st.

St. Matthew's church is free from debt, except the Mission rooms on which they still owe about \$1,000. The membership of the church has greatly increased during the past year, which will necessitate larger and more adequate quarters in order to accommodate all who attend. The deacons of the church will begin to consider plans for its enlargement sometime in the near future.

The present financial condition of the Second Baptist church is much better than it has been for many years. The indebtedness of the church at the beginning of the present year was something over \$2000 and since that time it has been reduced to about \$700. This debt was incurred by having the church remodeled, and the money was mostly raised by subscriptions.

Bishop W. J. Gaines of the A. M. E. church has published a work entitled "African Methodism in the South."

The Rev. R. S. Quarterman is building a new A. M. E. church at Deland Fla., which will be ready for dedication shortly.

A revival which had been in progress since last summer at the Baptist church, Franklin, Ky., closed last week with the baptizing of 98 persons.

St. James new Episcopal church, Baltimore, Md., was dedicated Sunday Dec. 14. The services were participated in by the clergymen of that city, the Rev. Alexander Crummel of Washington, D. C., and other visiting gentlemen of the cloth.

The Rev. J. W. Dungee of St. Paul, read a paper before the Baptist minister's meeting recently reviewing Stanley's book "In Darkest Africa." Among other things he said that Africa was the greatest missionary field in the world today.

The Rev. M. M. Moore, presiding elder of the Ocala, Fla., district of the A. M. E. conference closed a very successful term of work in that vicinity last week. Four years ago he found the district with 15 appointments and leaves it with 34 having also increased the membership from 1400 to 2200.

The Rev. W. G. Alexander, who has been the successful pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, Montgomery, Ala., for four years preached his closing sermon, Dec. 1, to a crowded house. After the services, resolutions expressing the society's appreciation of his labors among them were read and adopted.

St. Thomas new Protestant Episcopal church, Philadelphia, was opened Sunday, Dec. 14. The building is a commodious structure built in the modern style of church architecture and cost for ground, building and furnishing about \$55,000. The rector, Rev. J. Fallam Williams was assisted by Bishop Whitaker of Pennsylvania and other clergymen.

The African Mission Magazine is the name of a new periodical published at Chicago last week. It is edited and managed by the Rev. J. T. Thomas, and as its name implies aims to promote more general interest in the work of evangelizing the Dark Continent. The name of a number of able theologians of the Baptist denomination appear as associate editors, and the public may reasonably expect plenty of fresh entertaining news from Missionary fields.

For the benefit of the untitled multitude, those who are doing and daring without the display of "D. D." "A. M." or any other degree the following is clipped from the Christian Herald: "God be thanked for the people of average ability, who are doing and daring, day by day, without desire for or expectation of applause—merely taking up the duty next at hand. They, too, most frequently illustrate the fable of the snail which outran the rabbit, reaching the goal first by patient, persistent endeavor."

The Messiah Baptist church of Grand Rapids, as mentioned in THE PLAINDEALER last week dismissed their pastor, J. W. Johnson for misappropriating church funds. Have been sustained in their action by a council called at their request at the Fountain street church, Dec. 18. The council which was composed of delegates from the other churches of the city, passed resolutions endorsing their action and withdrawing from him as a Baptist minister the hand of fellowship.

WINGED MISSILES.

The one part of the world in which no native pipes and no native smokers have been found is Australia.

The great chemical trust in England has been registered as the United Alkali Company, with a capital of \$30,000,000 in \$50 shares.

Now a tunnel is talked of between England and Ireland. It will be twenty-three miles long and will cost 40 millions. This is the age of large engineering schemes.

It has been said that one of the strong strokes of nature was when she made the "loon," a bird which represents the wildness and solitariness of the wildest and most solitary spots.

There are many women doctors in Russia and they are said to do just as well as the men. There are women doctors now in all parts of the empire. They wear a certain decoration to denote their profession.

Collections of portraits are a late artistic hobby. Just now in Pennsylvania those of Martha Washington, Grant, Hancock, Webster and others are in great demand with admirers of political bric-a-brac.

The effect of the electric light current on the compasses of some vessels is so great that it becomes necessary to determine how many hours the dynamo has been running before working out the vessel's reckoning.

A shoe dealer says that girls between sixteen and eighteen have bigger feet than after twenty and twenty-four. The foot is fleshy at that time and large, but as years come the foot decreases and the muscles grow more firm.

The sort of dance which has succeeded the can-can in the Paris dancing halls is known as the chabut. Mile. Grille d'Ecout is the leading teacher of its most prominent feature, the founce-fling trick, the foundation of skirt dancing.

In the year 1200 chimneys were scarcely known in England. One only was allowed in a religious house, one in a manor house and one in the great hall of a castle or lord's house, but in other houses the smoke found its way out as it could.

The late Mrs. Astor had a lace dress which cost \$15,000, and it is stated that another was recently sold to an American lady for \$15,000. There are a number of ladies in New York who each own laces valued at from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The first water mill ever built was erected on the river Tiber, at Rome, A. D. 60. Wind mills were in original use in the twelfth century. Tide mills were operated in Venice about 1708. Saw mills are said to have been in use at Augsburg, Germany, about 1832.

The king of France had a falcon which escaped from Fontainebleau, and in twenty-four hours after was found in Malta, a space computed to be at not less than 1,354 miles, a velocity equal to fifty-six miles an hour, supposing the hawk to have been on the wing the whole time.

It is said that once a certain person asked Robert Browning as to the meaning of one of his poems. The poet started to explain and said its meaning was so and so. Then he stopped explaining and said: "I am not certain what I meant. Ask the Browning society. It knows."

The richest professional mendicant in the country is "Blind Johnny" of Philadelphia. He is 60 years of age and is worth about \$20,000. He travels from Chicago to Washington, from there to Baltimore, and ends up in Philadelphia, spending about three months in each city. He has made all his money as a mendicant.

Strictly speaking, the only precious stones are the diamond, ruby, sapphire and emerald, though the term is often extended to the opal, notwithstanding its lack of hardness, and to the pearl, which is not a mineral, but strictly an animal product. Popularly a gem is a precious or semi-precious stone, when cut or polished for ornamental purposes.

The great Lethbridge coal fields lie just across the Canadian border from Montana, and are tapped by a branch of the Canadian Pacific and the new Galt Railway from the Great Northern, in Montana. The coal company owns 65,000 acres of land in and around Lethbridge, for which they paid the dominion government \$10 an acre.

Herodotus tells of sorcerers who once in every year had the power of assuming the semblance of wolves for several days at a time. Marcellus Sidetes also tells of men who at the beginning of every year were afflicted with a form of madness, during which they believed themselves to be wolves or dogs, and spent the night prowling about burial grounds.

Three young soldiers near Warsaw returned from a debauch with blood on their clothes and the statement that they had beaten some one they did not know. At the same time a sergeant in their regiment was found murdered, and the three soldiers were tried, convicted and shot within twenty-four hours. The next day another soldier surrendered as the murderer.

The Mariposa Gazette says: "While out hunting cattle near Ben Hur last Friday William Coughran's dog bayed a large deer. Will having nothing to shoot it with resolved to kill it with a stone. The third stone he threw struck it behind the ear and killed it. This makes the third deer he has killed without a gun. About two years ago he lassoed one and cut its throat."

Sometimes the law is strangely forgetful. For instance, John Blyer, fifty-two years of age, has been a prisoner in the Vanocburg, Ky., county jail for twenty-two years on a charge of murder. By some strange chance the law has forgotten his existence, and all these years he has been patiently waiting for a trial that has never come. In the meanwhile the witnesses against him are all dead, and his identity has so completely sunk out of recollection that he is referred to simply as "the dead man in cell 2."

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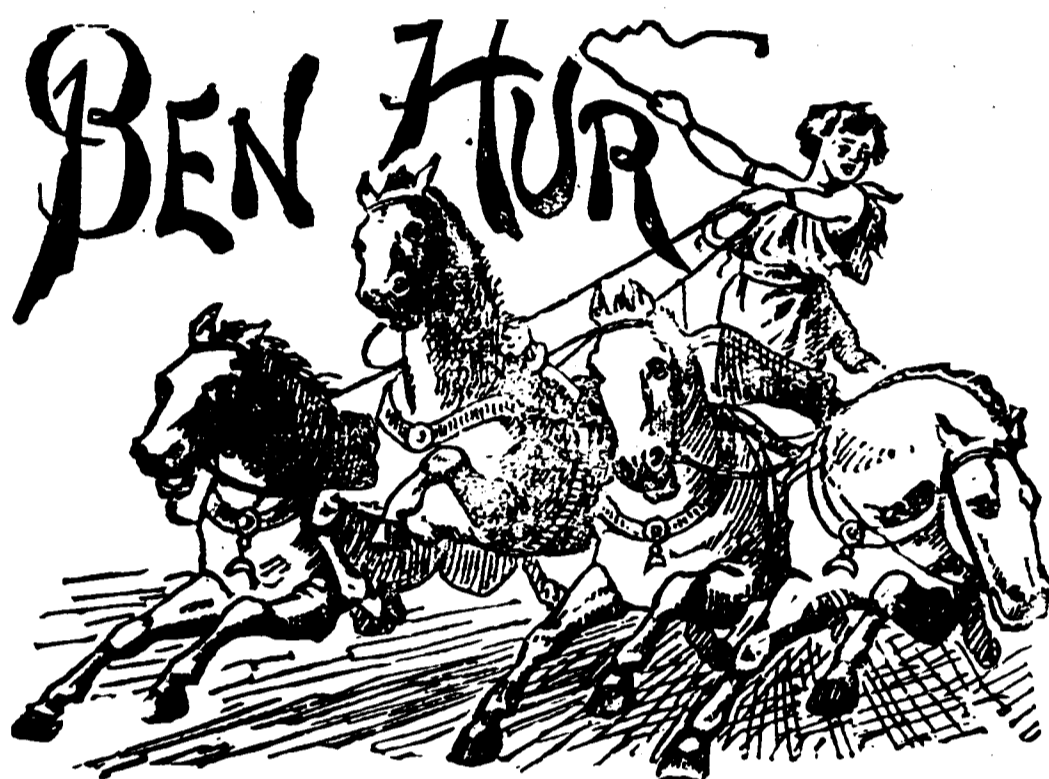
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