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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

In the midst of wars and rumors of wars, pestilences in divers places, while America's brave sons are marching towards the gory battlefields of Europe to uphold the honor and dignity of our country's flag, and while the mothers of fathers, wives and sweethearts of these brave boys have doubled their determination to fill the soil, operate the factories and munition plants, and supply the field over a Y. M. C. A. with every needed thing to give comfort and cheer to those who have gone far away, we pause to extend to our great army of faithful, devout Christian workers a most hearty New Year's greeting. Looking over the marvelous activity of the Christian forces at a time like this, comparing this with previous years, we cannot refrain from exclaiming in the words of the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Churches and Christian schools, while they have felt the effects of the terrible world war, are not abashed, but appear to realize that when it is over a greater opportunity will open for the propagation of the Gospel, and are more loudly than ever singing:

"Forward, Christian Soldiers,
Marching as to War;
With the Cross of Jesus,
Going on before."

While the heavens seem to weep at the slaughter of so many millions of human beings, let us take courage and marshal our forces for the use and service of the King of Glory. Who is clearing the deck and getting the old ship of Zion in readiness to successfully sail over the turbulent waters to sin, to the end that the banner of the cross shall be firmly planted on every continent and accepted as the ensign of peace and righteousness by every nation and people.

As we look towards the future, and reflect upon the mad rush of the nations at war, we see hope only in God. Who hath said, "Except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." God hath not and will not forget those who love, honor and worship Him."

As we pass on into the new year, leaving behind many heartaches, disappointments and bereavements, let us cherish the hope that we are nearing the time when righteousness shall rule in the destiny of the nations, when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

We rejoice that nothing has transpired in the past to shake the confidence of the Negro people in the ultimate justice of the dominant class of the American people, nor in any way affected their loyalty to the American flag, in spite of the fact that they have been oppressed, discriminated against, and members of the race have had their bodies fed to the angry flames by heathens and ungodly mobs, yet the leaders of these people have cried aloud to the race to be both loyal and patriotic, basing their plea on the unmovable rock, "vengeance is mine, and I will repay," saith the Lord. As a result of their teaching, thousands of the bravest and best young men of the race have volunteered to defend the country's honor.

"To your knees, O Israel," was a command given in olden times, and it is not the least one of place now to ask that, while our brave sons are facing a most formidable enemy on the battlefields of Europe, daily prayer be sent up to God in their behalf, and for the triumph of righteous principles. May the coming year be the most prosperous, and the nation exalted by righteousness, is our most earnest wish.

W. C. MORRIS,

Pres. National Baptist Convention.

In New York—Two hundred and seventeen Negroes who ignored the "red cards" sent to them will be "arrested on sight." These men will be taken before their local boards, which will determine whether or not they are to be treated as willful deserters."

TO TEN MILLION NEGRO CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES

Greetings of the Season:

The world is engulfed in the red ruin of war. The present Titanic conflict is not due to the inherent devilry of one nation or the innate goodness of another. The accumulative ethical charges of society for generations have been dammed up by the barrier of hatred and greed. The stored up power is now breaking through the barrier with cataclysmic outburst. The social fabric is being shaken in its very foundation. As outcomes of the war, the readjustment of the social structure, we know a radical than that effected by the French Revolution. The transforming effect upon the status of the Negro will be scarcely less momentous than the Emancipation Proclamation.

The democratization of the world, coined as a fitting phrase will be translated into actuality. The Declaration of Independence, penned by a slaveholder, sounded the death knell of slavery, although three-quarters of a century elapsed between promise and fulfillment. The democratization of the world is but a restatement of this doctrine in terms of present-day attitude of the world. Political autocracy and race autocracy will be buried in the same grave. Hereafter, no nation, however strong, will be permitted to override a weaker neighbor by sheer dominance of power; and no race will be permitted to impose a ruthless regime upon the weaker breeds of men through sheer assumption of superiority. Hereafter, England will treat the East Indians, Turkey the Armenians, Russia the Jews and America the Negroes with a fuller measure of justice and consideration than heretofore.

The peoples of all lands who are heavy laden and overburden will be the chief beneficiaries of this war. The Negro problem is involved in the problem of humanity. The whole is greater than any of its parts. The Negro will share in the general momentum imparted to social welfare.

National prohibition, which is borne forward on the wave of the world war, will immensely improve the moral status. Eighty thousand Negro soldiers have been enlisted, and seven hundred Negroes have been commissioned as officers in the army of the United States. A Negro has been made assistant cabinet officer, whose function is to adjust harmoniously the race's relation to the pending struggle.

The improved attitude of the white race toward the Negro is apparent in two affirmative decisions rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States with unanimous concurrence.

The Negro will emerge from this war with a double portion of privilege and opportunity. Every Negro should be loyal and patriotic, although there are injustices and discriminations which try our souls. If we overcome, these trials and tribulations will work out a more exceeding weight of advantage. But if we allow them to overcome us, we will win no lot indeed. To stand idly by in plaintive aloofness because of just grievances would be of the same kind of folly as to refuse to help extinguish a conflagration which threatens the destruction of one's native city because he has complained against the fire department and help put out the conflagration which threatens the world, and then make the world his lasting debtor. We must stand shoulder to shoulder with our white fellow citizens to fight, and then we must hold them to moral consistency of maintaining a just and equitable regime instead of the class or Democracy. Like charity, should begin at home or at least it should prevail there. Let us fight in the spirit so that no nation shall hereafter dare attempt to make an international treaty.

The tide of democracy is sweeping through the world like a mighty river. The race problem and other social ills are but as marshes, backwaters, stagnant pools; estuaries which have been but proper for the circulation with the main current. But the freshet of freedom is now overflowing its bed and purifying the stagnant waters in its onward sweep to the ocean of human liberty and brotherhood. Fortunately, indeed, are we to be borne forward upon its beneficent bosom at such a time as this. KELLY MILLER, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

AN OPEN COMMUNION BAPTIST

We met an open communion Baptist layman a few days ago. He asked us what was the real ground for restricted communion. In a word we said that it was church fellowship. We then asked him if the memorial supper was a church ordinance or a Christian ordinance. He said that it was a Christian ordinance. We then asked him if he would administer the elements of the memorial supper to applicants for membership in his church before they were baptized. He said that he would not. Then we said: why not? They were received as candidates for baptism upon a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they were voted into the church as candidates for baptism because the church believed they were Christians. If the memorial supper is a Christian ordinance, they are entitled to partake of it as soon as they become Christians, for certainly baptism does not make them Christians. Moreover, if the memorial supper is a Christian ordinance, then it would be proper for the memorial supper table at the association where we are now assembled to dispense with the business of the body and observe the memorial supper.

He looked puzzled for a moment, and then said that he knew the Baptist position was close baptism and not close communion. We said: "No, that is not true. For example, here is a man who joined a Baptist church upon a profession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and he was immersed by the authority of the church. Later he joined the Presbyterian church, and the Baptist church withdrew fellowship from him, and it denies him the right to partake of the elements of the memorial supper, not because he had not been baptized, but because he had broken fellowship with the church. It is, therefore, not close baptism, but close church fellowship." He said he thought the church has not right to pass on the qualifications of a Christian to partake of the memorial supper. To this we replied: "The church passes on the qualifications of persons who apply for baptism, and rightly so, because baptism is a church ordinance and the church is responsible for its administration. The memorial supper is also a church ordinance, and not a Christian ordinance, and the church has the right to pass on the qualifications of those whom it invites to partake of it, because the church is responsible for its administration." He then asked why Baptist churches do not invite members of churches of other denominations to partake of the memorial supper. To this we replied: "The reason is they do not believe that the churches of other denominations are New Testament churches. If they are New Testament churches, then Baptist churches are not New Testament churches, because they differ in doctrine and ordinances, and officers and government. The New Testament churches have no fellowship for churches of other denominations. The Baptists hold that every church should measure itself by the New Testament. If the churches of another denomination are as much New Testament churches as the Baptist church to which you belong, then why are you a Baptist? Are you as much a Methodist or Presbyterian or Campbellite or Lutheran as you are a Baptist?"

He drew out his hand for a moment and without any further remark, the brother was a mature man. (Continued on Page Three)

DON'T LET THE SO' GO OUT OF OUR LIVES

A young missionary from Africa, dying of fever, left among his papers this poem, as expressive of his soul's joyous hope in the night of African gloom and sorrow.

"Don't let the song go out of your life; Though it chance sometimes to flow in a minor strain; it will bleed again With the major tones you know."

"What though the shadows rise to obscure life's shies, And hide for a time the sun, The sunnier they'll lift and reveal the dawn, If you will let the melody run."

"Don't let the song go out of your life; Though your voice may have lost its thrill, Though the tremulous note may die in your throat, Let it sing in your spirit still."

"Don't let the song go out of your life; Let it ring in the soul while here; And when you go hence, 'Till follow you thence, And live on in another sphere." —Christian Intelligencer.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

It was at Northfield. The great auto bus was filled with people on their way to the station. The bus stopped at East Hall for another passenger. That passenger was lingering over his dinner. The bus waited. At last the passenger emerged from the dining room, saying: "Wait a few minutes until I get my bag." We waited. The driver said: "We shall surely miss that train." At last the passenger came, self-contained and unshaken. Twenty people in that bus felt obliged to catch that train, and so away we went at breakneck speed. Every life was endangered, and by a minute we caught the train.

It was on a parlor car attached to a train going from New York to Boston. We got out our books and papers, and looked forward to five hours of delightful reading and writing. A woman sat in front of us, wrapped in rich furs. She deliberately raised the window in its full height and wrapped her furs more snugly about her. Turning to us, she said: "I hope this does not make you uncomfortable. I wrap up warmly and do so enjoy the air." The thermometer on the window stood at twenty. Before many minutes had passed she had that entire end of the car to herself.

It was in the Aldine Club, New York. The writer was obliged to sit with his back to an open window. The draft became so strong that we asked the waiter to lower the window, which he did with courtesy and expedition. In a moment a woman at an adjoining table said: "Waiter, put that window up." The waiter explained. She said: "I do not care who is in the draft. I want that window up." The waiter was greatly embarrassed. We beckoned; he came. We said: "It all means put the window up. We are willing to suffer for a while as we express our thanks in God that that woman is not our wife." So we turned up our coat collar and felt grateful.

It was in a subway train in New York. We occupied a seat for which we had paid five cents, the regulation fare. A long-legged man sat next to us, or more correctly he sat on us. He sprawled out over the two seats. We wringed a bit and looked down at the seat. He scowled and sprang up still more. Finally noticing our nervousness, he bowed out: "What the matter with you? Do you want the whole car? We are the whole car, and we are the whole car." We arose, the man blurted out, and told him we would no longer keep him occupying two seats. Then first a moral combat was quickly engaged in by another car filled with spectators, and three hands.

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CURRENT EVENTS

The Interior Department has just issued two volumes of a report on Negro education. The American Baptist Home Mission Society supports 24 schools, with 129 white and 280 Negro teachers, who teach 2100 pupils above the elementary grade and 250 in college studies. Its property is valued at \$3,870,000. Methodists and Baptists almost monopolize the Negro churches, but other denominations spend much money on schools. For instance, Roman Catholics employ 334 white and 20 Negro teachers in their 112 elementary schools. Altogether white church boards have property valued at \$14,000,000, with a yearly expense of one and a half millions, with 6000 pupils. "The general average of the American Baptist and Methodist schools is very high both in their effectiveness of the educational work and in administrative efficiency." The schools conducted by the Negro Baptists are supported by their associations. Their national organizations have no schools. There are 110 such non-educational schools, with 174 teachers, all but two Negroes, with property valued at \$821,000, with income of \$182,000, with 11,000 pupils, all but 1000 in the elementary department. The devote too much attention to books and too little to teachers. Sixty-five per cent. of Negro church members are Baptists and 32 per cent. Methodists, leaving only 3 per cent. and all other denominations. In Louisiana the percentage is 72 and to Virginia 81. At New Mount, Franklin county, where Doctor Washington was born, is the Booker T. Washington Industrial School. In Kentucky and Florida 50 per cent. of the Negro farmers own their farms. In Virginia 66 per cent. own farms, valued at \$4,000,000. --Religious Herald.

Woman's Club to Give Books to Soldiers. --Following a recent visit of Mrs. Booker T. Washington and Mrs. R. R. Moran to Camp Sheridan, where they spent the day visiting the Negro soldiers in camp. Mrs. Washington reported the visit to the Tuskegee Woman's Club, and the question of helping the Negroes of Montgomery to entertain the Negro officers was discussed. The club decided to hold a tag day, the proceeds of which are to go for the purchase of one hundred copies of "Up From Slavery" to be distributed among the soldiers. It is the intention of the Woman's Club to raise at least one hundred dollars for this purpose, and already most of this amount has been collected. Mrs. Washington in commenting on the situation says: "Our country is in the soldiers' hands, black as well as white, and the members of the Tuskegee Woman's Club are anxious to show their appreciation for them by helping to make them happy and contented, and by improving their minds while they are in the country's service." --Tuskegee Student.

A great soul-saving series of meetings began Sunday, December 2, in Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, and continued until December 21, 1917. Rev. Dr. George B. Stevens, of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clayton Powell, delivered the messages. Mr. John H. Smiley, of Kentucky, the most inspiring evangelistic singer of the age, led a chorus of 100 voices. One hundred personal workers assisted in the campaign. The great song service began at 8 p. m. Every room was welcomed by polite ushers.

Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., an institution for Negroes founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church, held its 50th anniversary recently. The speakers were Dr. John Couber, Bishop J. Berry, Rev. Dr. J. H. Higgs, Bishop McDowell and Dr. J. P. Clayton. Governor Harrison presided at the closing session.

Perfection of Philanthropy. --To the Editor of The N. Y. World: I have read of Nathan Straus' selfish Negro troops to die at his home Thanksgiving Day. There would be a caption and text for an editorial in the Perfection of Philanthropy, but for the worthless and must thought of and overlooked as a man, and then given in the denunciation than the loudly said, "I have a heart and home, which means that opening pur-

strings alone. No, we praise him not as a philanthropist, for we are subject to use up definite praise, but because he is big enough to win out his color line at the feast of turkey there will be no Jim Crow spirit. His milk of philanthropy showed he had abundance of the milk of human kindness as well, and that recent dark deed stands out more brightly than the Milky Way. O. E. Freilwitz, M.D.

Memphis, Tenn. --John Thomas, a Negro, never bought any meat or flour. He worked at a wholesale house, and when in need would hide a sack of flour and a ham in the elevator shaft. After everybody had left the building John would haul up and carry away. One week John thought the load was unaccountably heavy. He was certain it when he opened the bag and a policeman stepped out. Later John occupied a seat in the patrol wagon.

Dr. J. R. Hanson wrote to Hon. Arthur Capper, Governor of Kansas, Topeka, Kans., petitioning his honor to use his good office and influence in protesting against the spirit of prejudice and distinction urged against the Negro troops to be mobilized at Camp Funston. He urged him to disregard the subterfuges which the climate is too cold for the Mississippi Negro; that there will be no way of heating his barracks; that the proper social facilities cannot be given them in play houses, restaurants, places of amusement, and the deplorable of all projects urged by the Commercial Club of Manhattan. "That the girl students of the Manhattan Agricultural College would suffer indignities on account of Negro soldiers being stationed at Camp Funston."

"Dr. Mott," said an inquiring Detroit business man to the chairman of the Niagara Falls meeting on the World Program, "Dr. Mott, the Young Men's Christian Association is asking for funds. To which should give the preference, the Church or Young Men's Christian Association?" He replied unhesitatingly given was "The Church. That is fundamental. I always tell people that without the Church there could be no Young Men's Christian Association."

The Lutheran Church in America in 1917 numbered all told 33,710 communicants, served by 604 pastors. At present the numbers are approximately: communicants, 2,600,000, and pastors 10,000. During the past twenty-five years the Lutheran Church has made a gain of 97 per cent, while the average of all denominations in America has been only 50 per cent. The Lutheran Churches claim 71,393,652 members and adherents in the world. The Lutherans have gained a marked foothold in Roman Catholic countries. In Austria-Hungary, 2,720,000; in Roumania, 2,500,000; Italy, 2,000,000; Brazil, 600,000; Argentina, 500,000; West Coast of South America, 600,000; France, 100,000, and Belgium, 25,000.

Miss Helen Hickson, a talented young lady from Arkansas City, Kan., has been added to the staff of trained nurses at Freedman's Hospital.

It is stated that \$50,000 is in hand for the erection of the proposed Negro hotel and apartment house in Washington, D. C.

At the annual convention of the B. Y. P. O. of Arkansas, Rev. T. W. Chiles, of McMinnville, presided, and said in his opening address that it was the duty of every American Negro, as every other American citizen, to serve his country, whether it was in prosperity or adversity; in peace or in war. "We believe in loyalty to God, to country, to race and to family. This is one of the things which stand in favor of the Negro. We have never furnished to

our country a traitor. The Southern white man will tell the world that he can rely on the American Negro." Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. J. H. Higgs, S. M. Jones, M. A. J. Leary, D.D., W. J. McDowell, J. W. McFarley, R. A. Adams, D.D., and H. W. Savage.

It has become increasingly evident that if the Protestant people desire accurate information concerning the activities of the Church and certain vital issues at stake it can only be obtained from the Church papers.

A correspondence of The Record suggests in a letter to "The Mail Box" editor that the reports of lynchings which the daily press publishes be forbidden publication in the papers because of the feelings they generate. The expedient of the poor terrified ostrich which buries its head in the sand as a device to deceive the hunters is just as brave and wise as such a device. As a means of lessening the evils of gross violations of the law by the adherents of Judge Lynch let us have the publication of the news far and wide that Uncle Sam will have none of him and his usurpations, but will hold the scales in his own hands until he shall have achieved as proud a reputation as Aristotle the Just. "No fact and fear not" is the true complement of the high national motto "In God We Trust." --Catholic Standard and Times.

It is not an overstatement to say 15,000 Negro children are in Baltimore, Md., who ought to be in attendance in our local Sunday schools. This estimate is a serious one, and it is given with the hope of bringing the Sunday work to the attention of the B. E. workers. --Maryland Voice.

William H. Maxwell, of Newark N. J., in a letter to the New York Globe, makes a strong plea for fair treatment of the Negroes of the United States by the Federal Government. Mr. Maxwell says: "The American people have acquiesced in the idea that the world must be made safe for democracy. But may we say to the American people that the world must also be made safe for the Negro? The Negroes in America are sorely distressed because of the unfair treatment dealt out to them at the hands of the world's greatest democracy."

The Navy is in need of a number of Negro mess attendants. Applications can be entered at any naval recruiting station. Age limit, 18 to 35. The pay at starting is \$37 per month. Applicants are to furnish references from former employers as to ability as waiters. Those accepted will be sent at Government expense to the training school for mess attendants at Norfolk. On leaving the school they are to attend officers only on shipboard. There is promotion and good pay for the right men.

In America, the Presbyterians have 103 churches and missions among the Italians with 4,800 members and 8,000 pupils in the Sunday schools. The Congregationalists support 12 missions and 17 preaching stations with 1,000 members. The Baptists have 65 churches and missions with 3,000 members. The Episcopalians maintain several churches with 1,000 communicants, and special Italian services in the large New York churches. The Methodists have 35 churches with over 2,000 members, 47 Sunday schools with 3,100 pupils and 60 Italian-speaking pastors.

The football team from Union University, Richmond, Va., fairly slaughtered the Howard University eleven in a recent game on Howard's campus, in the time of 30 to 0. Howard is having a awful slump this year. A reorganization of the team is probable.

The thirteenth annual session of the General Association of Baptists of Kentucky, met with First Baptist Church of Paducah in 1917.

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Young People

THE BROKEN VASE

The "Biblean Museum" tells of a schoolman of disolute habits who visited the famous Wedgewood pottery...

The owner of the pottery, who was a devoted Christian, a little later showed the visitor a wonderful vase explaining the process of making.

"O, you forget, my lord, that the soul of that lad who just left us came into the world innocent? The parents, friends and all good influences have been at work during his whole life to make him a vessel fit for his Master's use...

JERKS OF SCHOOL DRIVE BACKWARD GIRL TO POISON

Unable to bear the derisive comments of her smaller schoolmates, Helen McCarthy, fourteen years old, drank iodine early this morning in the hallway of her home...

The girl, who is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Adair, is very large for her age, and because of poor health has been backward in her school work.

When the British recruiting mission opened its office here last week, Mr. Helen's stepfather, Hugh Adair, a Scotchman, attempted to call it if his wife could take care of herself during his absence.

"If your country needs you, and you don't go, I'll despise you," said Mrs. Adair, and set about finding employment as a waitress.

Two weeks ago Helen stayed out of school to work and a front officer made her return. Yesterday her mother gave her 10 cents for lunch money and sent her to school.

Oh, children, let this story in a warning to you. Never mock at any one. Never make fun of anybody, unless it is in fun, and in a friendly way that cannot give offense, or cause annoyance.

It is cruel, cruel, to jeer at a boy or girl because he or she is less clever, or less good-looking, or less attractive in some way than others. How would you like to be asered at if you were not getting on well?

DEBT AND ITS DANGER

Pay as you go, boys. No matter how earnestly you long for the possession of a gun, a boat, a bicycle or what not, nor how certain you may be that at the end of the week or the month you will have the money to pay for it, do not run in debt.

Lyman Abbott, the man who occupied Henry Ward Beecher's place in Plymouth Pulpit, has this to say on the spending of money before it is earned: "Hope inspires the man who is earning for future expenditure; debt drives the man who is earning for past expenditure, and it makes an immeasurable difference in life whether one is inspired by hope or driven by debt."

A man—or a boy—in debt is like a swimmer with a stone around his neck. However expert he may be, his onward progress has a continual drag put upon it that not only hinders him from reaching the goal, but discourages him in his efforts to even keep his head above water.—Clipping.

Enlist in the campaign for subscribers to The Christian Banner. Make up your mind to win a prize.

The Negro Press

JOBLESS PREACHERS

When speaking of "jobless preachers," we do not mean that it is a profession to be without a job, because some of our best men go along without jobs. Some men are too honest and refused to stoop to low methods to become pastors of congregations. There are others who will wallow in muck and mire to get a church, and when they get it they have to keep on wallowing to hold it.

WE ARE DISPARAGED

Negroes are not sulking behind closed doors to avoid the conscription act. They have enjoyed benefits like others, even aliens, and they would defend the country that has sheltered and blessed them, and the country they have blessed. Unlike aliens from other lands whose citizenship remains abroad and who seem to feel no gratitude or obligation for benefits received...

MORE NEW TESTAMENT PREACHING

Recently we heard a reputed leader say, what our people needs is less preaching and more teaching. This statement we regard as a half truth. Our people do need very much more teaching, and teaching to things that make honest and industrious and intelligent men and women. They need the education that will prepare them to differentiate between the true and the false, the permanent and the fleeting, the things that help and satisfy, and the things that tickle, but leave us poor and forlorn.

The rude and boisterous conduct of some of our people on the railway trains and other public carriers is not in any wise commendable. Unusually loud talking, standing continually in the passage ways, raising the windows in order to yell at people on the outside; all of these things degrade the race and make associations with it objectionable. Order and decorum, civility and common sense are not costly possessions, the average man may have them all, and have his race much improved, in reverence and criticism by the exercise of them.—Nashville Clarion.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

(Continued from Page One) strap, we thought out an editorial on "How To Keep One's Temper."

These are commonplace and everyday illustrations of selfishness and thoughtlessness. Our readers will supply still other and more striking illustrations out of their own experience. What can we do about it? Well, it is certain that we cannot reform the world. In our association with those whose social instinct is not highly developed or whose manners are obnoxious to people of culture and refinement, we must be patient and long-suffering. To rebuke the churlish is to provoke unseemly wrangling. There is something in the Scripture about the usefulness of having even a fool in a mortar.

AN OPEN COMMUNION BAPTIST

(Continued from Page One) and a messenger from his church to the association. Since having the conversation with him we have learned that his pastor believes in restricted communion. We have also learned that during the past year he entertained a visiting Baptist preacher in his home, and we have learned on good authority that said Baptist preacher is an open communionist.

He who attempts to discredit the Bible is a fit companion for the man who applies the torch to the home of your childhood.—Journal and Messenger.

JIM CROW HOSPITAL IN FRANCE

Can It Be True? Negroes Are Trying to Induce the U. S. Government to Establish a "Jim Crow" Hospital in France

We hope there is no truth in the report that the United States military authorities propose the establishment of a Negro military hospital in France.

The doctrines of Jim Crowism and segregation, however common they may be to certain sections of the Constitution of the United States, diametrically opposed to the democratization of the world, as President Wilson says, making it safe for democracy.

They have brought to this country both rebuke and ridicule whenever she has attempted to enter the racial affairs of European countries. In our opinion, the establishment of a segregated hospital in France will do our race insalubrious damage; do the United States no good, and confer a questionable benefit to a few Negro doctors and nurses.

The black soldiers of France (inhabitants of Africa) are fighting on the battlefields of Europe, thousands of them. They are not segregated. They enter the same hospitals and are treated as are the white soldiers of France. Why should the United States adopt a course that will cause foreign nations to feel that Negroes are so different, so unlike other people, that they are unfit for association, are a class of racial lepers, so to speak? The fact that some of our people are moving heaven and earth to establish such Jim Crow institutions on European soil to further their desires for personal gain or selfish aggrandizement should in this matter carry no weight with the ruling powers of this great country.—Debaty, in Cincinnati, O., Union.

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITY NOTES

President Amiger's Itinerary

Rev. W. T. Watkins, president of the New Jersey State B. Y. P. U. Convention, and his good board deserve congratulations and praise for the good meeting and the fine program rendered at their semi-annual session held with the North Union Baptist Church, East Orange, N. J., December 26. Rev. K. H. Samuels, pastor, (good fellowship, an aggressive and a progressive program characterized this meeting. President Watkins knows how to put the young Christians to work. Pastor Samuels and his good members did everything for the comfort and pleasure of delegates and visitors. As was expected, the convention made a generous donation to Northern University after an address by President Amiger.

Sabbath, December 29th, we were in New Haven, Conn., and preached for our friend of many years, Rev. D. S. Klugh, pastor Immanuel Baptist Church. This church has been well established in missionary and educational work. Pastor Klugh has done a fine, substantial work in New Haven.

Sabbath, December 10, we preached at the First African Baptist Church, Philadelphia, where we were once a member, for Rev. W. A. Harrod, pastor. Brother Harrod and his good of members know how to make visitors feel at home. This church contributes to Northern University. Pastor Harrod is a true saint.

On the evening of the 16th we worshipped with the St. Paul Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and heard Pastor E. W. Johnson preach a great sermon on "The Signs of the Times." The St. Paul Church is unexcelled for church and denominational pride, for spiritual enthusiasm and for vision of service. Pastor Johnson is a trustee of Northern University.

Monday, December 17, we attended the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Philadelphia and vicinity, which was held at the Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church by special invitation from church and pastor, Rev. H. H. Mitchell. After a fine sermon by Rev. C. C. Beaton on "The Signs of the Times" the brethren, upon the suggestion of President of the Conference, Dr. Hall, took the opportunity to say congratulatory words for Zion Church and Pastor Mitchell, and to express their good wishes for a God-sent pastorate. Pastor Mitchell in his chosen words responded to the words that had been spoken. At the conclusion of the program the members of the church, under the leadership with a nice luncheon. Pastor Hall and Mrs. Mitchell acted as host and hostess. Dr. Mitchell enters

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upon his new field with every encouragement. The following churches have responded to the appeal for campaign funds and have sent in each \$5: Mt. Calvary Church, Ardmore, Pa., Rev. F. S. Hodgman, pastor; Bethesda Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Rev. J. D. Huddle, pastor; Embassy Church, Newark, N. J., Rev. H. H. Mitchell, pastor; Ebenezer Church, Plumbing, N. Y., Rev. T. W. Rice, pastor; Mt. Olivet Church, Newark, Rev. W. W. Fleming, pastor; Selwyn Church Jersey City, Rev. R. C. Judkins, pastor; Immanuel Church, New Haven, Conn., Rev. D. S. Klugh, pastor; First African Church Philadelphia, Rev. W. A. Harrod, pastor; Mt. Zion Church, Holmesburg, Pa., Rev. C. A. Clayton, pastor; Kalmia Ave. Church, Camden, N. J., Rev. George E. Morris, pastor; Central Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. O. D. Howard, pastor.

Calvary Baptist Church, Elmwood, Pa., Rev. G. L. Robinson, Pastor.—The intense cold did not affect the few kind-hearted children who followed their way to the house of the Lord on Sunday morning.

At 11 A. M. the Rev. N. Robinson of Philadelphia, preached a helpful sermon from St. Matthew 5:16; subject, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." This was a very delightful sermon and was enjoyed by all who heard him.

The Sunday school convened at 9 P. M. and was largely attended. The lesson was taught with much thought and interest.

At 3 P. M. communion service. The service was well attended and many testimonies for the Lord. We were pleased to have visiting ministers and friends present. The right hand of fellowship was extended to one.

At 7 P. M. the B. Y. P. U. convened with a goodly number present. At 8 P. M. our pastor preached a soul-stirring sermon; text, Mark 6:28; subject, "And brought his head in a platter and said to the damsel, and the damsel gave it to her mother." The sermon was wonderfully delivered. All present rejoiced and went home with glad hearts.

We are sorry to announce that Mrs. Nathaniel Williams, one of our deacons, is on the sick list.

We all expect a great revival here beginning Monday evening, December 31.

Prayer meeting held on Wednesday evening. All saw welcome.

Confession for the day was good. Pray for us. H. P. W., Reporter.

Heartfelt Note.—You will have finished your Christmas celebrations by this time. How many of you will have received many valuable and costly gifts, others few and cheap ones. Will others will have received none. To this last class we would send this word of cheer: You have the "Gift of Gifts," the "Unpurchasable Gift." Having Him, you have all things—wisdom, understanding, freedom and power. But have you got Him in the truest sense? Does His rule in your heart? Does He control your life? If He does, then you have all things. First, seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Reject none the less because you have not received presents; but rejoice the more because you have Him through whom all the presents come. The rallies of the season are over. Union has paid \$1000 on the mortgage and all interest six months in advance, and a little left for emergencies during the winter.

The talented, "Queen Esther," rendered under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. of Shiloh Church, Thursday evening, was good. The attendance was also good. It is a blessing to the minister as well as to the church when the minister's wife is not only capable but willing to lend a helping hand in the work of the church. No one knows his better than Pastor Harrod and Mrs. Fisher. The people will not soon forget "The Festival of Happy Days" given by the Junior Choir of Union Baptist Church, Mrs. C. L. Fisher, director.

Mrs. Alice T. Waynes, lecturer and evangelist, passed through the city Sunday evening. She spent a few minutes in the service at Union Baptist Church.

Mr. Bennett T. Hill and Mrs. Letitia Miller were married at 12 Central Church, Thursday, December 28th. Mr. Rev. C. L. Fisher officiating. Mrs. J. H. Diggs, the amiable hostess, served refreshments of the season to

the waiting guests, who spent a few minutes in merriment and joy-making after the ceremony.

Little Carrie August, the baby, and only child of Mrs. Rhoda Diggs, after an illness of six weeks or more, died at its home, 35 Mather street Saturday morning, December 22, 6 o'clock. Funeral attended at the home, Monday, December 24, 2:30 P. M. Baker and Johnson in charge. The many friends of Mrs. Diggs sympathize deeply with her in her bereavement.

The Sunshine Band of the Union Baptist Church held early morning services Christmas, and the Sunday school gave a concert Christmas evening. Collections of money and merchandise were taken at both exercises for the sick and distressed.

She does not complain about having to go with one boy all the time now for since her beau left for the camps so many boys come that she complains of not having a chance to talk to one because the other fellow is always on hand.

The Girls' Calendar Club of the Union Baptist Church rendered a wide awake program on the 27th inst. Everybody enjoyed it. The pastor was much pleased with the decorations by this club for Christmas, Sunday, though he forgot to mention it.

The farcical service for the drafted boys at the Talcott Street Congregational Church, Thursday evening was well attended as it should have been. The songs were well for the people, who love their boys and their country. Mayor Hagarty gave a splendid talk, and though Rev. Fisher, who was to respond, could not be present, he sent a written message, which was read by Rev. J. A. Wright and served as a response. "Long live our boys in khaki!"

We are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of Mrs. Mary (Carr) Terrell, who speaks at Union Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Women's League, the first Sunday in January at 8 P. M. There will be union service, and all the churches will rally for the new home for girls to be opened in the month of January. Everybody to the front, and let us make this a great day and a great collection.

Calvary Baptist Church, Chester, Pa., Rev. J. R. Bennett, Minister.—Services were largely attended yesterday evening to the very good worth that prevailed throughout the day.

At 11 A. M. Pastor Bennett called the service to order. The usual devotional service was gone through after which the pastor submitted a report. Having been to Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., on Saturday on a visit, he told us many things in his talk that thrilled the audience and caused the fire of patriotism to burn in every vein, so the entire service was given over to his masterly address. Then the great date was on for the reception of the members. Up to the writing 13 members have laid their dollars on the table as members of the Red Cross. It will not permit to give all the names and the age is not yet in sight. At night there was still the large audience present. The B. Y. P. U. carried out their program. At 8 P. M. the choir poured off their Christmas carols under the direction of Dr. P. M. Marlin, after which the writer preached from Luke's Gospel, xliii, 43, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." The writer dealt on the importance of keeping a promise. It was a fair good sermon. Christmas bells are ringing now. All hearts are aglow looking for Santa Claus to make his rounds. Mr. Robert Wright and Miss Mary Jones were happily joined in holy matrimony by Pastor Bennett on the 27th inst. Miss Jones is one of the church members. A few congratulatory words to them, William Evans Jr., the writer's son, who was on a party buried in August, is at home

once more, to the delight of the family, after being in the Chester Hospital since August. No sickness to report. Everybody well so far as we know. WILLIAM EVANS, Reporter for Church.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa., Rev. Morton Winston, D. D., Pastor.—Services were held all day at Mt. Zion. Doctor Winston preaching morning and evening, and at 3 P. M. the Rev. Doctor Whitfield, of the Penn Memorial Baptist Church preached to the Ladies' Auxiliary. At 11 A. M. Doctor Winston preached from Luke 1:32. Subject, "The Perpetuation of His Kingdom." At 8 P. M. the pastor subjected as the text Mark 1:40, 41. Subject, "The Connection Between Faith and Hope." Services were well attended all day. The anniversary celebration has been a success so far. The meetings will continue through the week and close on the 27th. Sick list—Sister White, of Kenyon street, is still ill. Little Louisa Robinson, of Duval street, is confined to the bed seriously ill. The usual Christmas morning services were held and the Sunday school had their celebration Christmas night.

The Frenchman did not like the look of the barking dog baring his way. "It's all right," said his host, "don't you know the proverb, 'Barking dogs don't bite'?" "As, yes," said the Frenchman, "I know no proverb, you know no proverb; but so does he know so proverb?"

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Gray's Ferry Baptist Church, Rev. C. F. Dingus, Pastor.—At 11 o'clock our pastor spoke from Romans II, on "Faith." The B. Y. P. U. at 7 o'clock was thronged with young people, giving their special attention to the lovely topic, "Christmas Gifts." A crowded house at 8 o'clock witnessed the excellent sermon, "Let us die the death of the righteous" (Num. xxiii, 10), preached by the pastor. The finances for the whole day were good. On Christmas morning the fra of the Holy Spirit sparkled and burned in every one's heart. Never had we witnessed such a meeting as this. Dear friends, in making your New Year's resolutions, do not forget that your prayer meetings (not in thinking about them, but attending them more regularly) should not be omitted.

MARY SCOTT.

Newark Notes, Rev. J. N. Burton-Whitely.—The spirit of old Kris Kringle seems to have lost as strong a hold on the people as ever, notwithstanding the war-tight times. You can see and hear the footstep of a steady tramp of a mighty rub of a traveling populace on the busy highways of our Commonwealth. All seem to be happy and are making their fellow comrades happy as they greet on another Xmas morn. Rev. Dr. H. H. Mitchell, the acting pastor of the great Bethany Baptist Church, this city, was the order of the day at the pastor's conference last Monday. The Rev. Doctor preached as a Christmas sermon such as possibly but a few, if any, could come up to from a standpoint of scholarship in delving into the verdant resources of a Chaldean view-

point as to the astrologers. Text, Mt. II, 1, 2. Subject, "The Wise Men of the East." His great introduction was something unsurpassable. Many brethren spoke words of high commendation on the sermon and the man who preached the sermon. There will be a conference next Monday, as usual, at 12 M. Rev. Dr. William Jones, our beloved and honored president, wants all to be present on business of importance. Rev. Dr. W. T. Amiger, Mrs. H. H. Mitchell and Mrs. Mattie Morris, of our Orphanage Home, at Newark, were introduced and spoke briefly to everybody both North and South and East and West bear in mind that the Working Girls' Christian Home, at 73 Warren street, Newark, is one of the best homes and places to be found for our girls to get safely and employ ment. Don't fail to call on Miss Francis Bell, the president, who will safeguard and protect our young women. The writer preached for Rev. Dr. H. H. Waring, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church, last Sunday. Doctor Waring is a great man, and has a great church and people. They have just installed one of the largest and finest pipe organs to be found in New Jersey, and they also have one of the best choirs that can be found among the people. This great choir is led by Prof. E. J. Young, who helped to play one of the most conspicuous parts in helping to install such a great church organ. Miss Flander Thrown, the great church and pipe organist, is, indeed, a great star of attraction among that great church pastor and people. She is also a graduate of the Hartshorne College, of Richmond, Va. The Banner wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

BAPTIST CONGRESS MEETS IN GALVESTON

At a recent session of the Executive Committee of the National B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress, held in Memphis, Tenn. It was agreed to change the time of meeting of the Congress to June 12-23, 1918. This change was made because the public schools and colleges are closing the first week in June and many B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School workers are prohibited from attending for that reason. The expert lecturer and ministers to preach the annual sermons were selected and the committee organized for the purpose of thoroughly advertising the Congress. The committee was informed that not only Galveston but the whole State of Texas is bent on making the Congress the best that has ever assembled anywhere in the United States. Pastor Barbour is enthusiastic and urges the Baptists to come in great numbers so he can show them how to entertain strangers. Rev. D. A. Scott, Superintendent of Sunday School Missions, has asked for a Texas Day, on which he promises to put the Texas people on record as the most liberal and enthusiastic supporters of the Congress movement. Each Union, Sunday School and other Baptist organization is requested to select messengers at once and send their names and addresses to the Congress headquarters, 409 Gay street, Nashville, Tenn.

One thing I have desired, that will I seek after; that is—in my study; I, in my shop; I, in my parlor, kitchen or nursery; I, in my studio; I, in my lecture hall—"may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." In our "Father's house are many mansions." The room that you spend most of our lives in, each of us at our tasks or our work-tables, may be in our Father's house, too, and it is only we that can secure that it shall be.—Alexander MacLaren.

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest.—J. O. Holstead.

Tact in Effort for Others
Christ said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." He would have us follow His example. He sought individuals in His great ministry and was master of the art. If He sat at the wayside well, weary with His journey, it was to use the prosaic request, "Give me to drink," that He might lead the sinful woman of Samaria to a pure and holy life. The door of opportunity is open before you, will you enter and enter now, this very day?—Western Methodist.

It is said of Jesus that He "beheld the city and wept over it." Well may his followers shed tears over many of the sad facts in our American city life—the vice, the crime, the hatred of religion, the broken hearts, the shattered hopes, the stagnant miseries, and the wild despair.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

In regard to moral purity there is one law for both men and women, and until this is recognized in the Church and general society, the kingdom of God has not fully come.—United Presbyterian.

It is not wisdom, nor knowledge, nor learning, which fits a man for God's service, but a contrite heart, a pure mind, a humble spirit, a lively faith, and a devout charity.—Selected.

In all things throughout the world the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the men who look for the straight will see the straight.—Rushie.

It is one thing to see the Almighty in the stupendous; it is a greater thing to see Him in the commonplace.—John Henry Jowett.

One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth.—Dulwiler.

Every life that is worth living is a continuous struggle.—Dean Stanley.

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CURRENT EVENTS

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magnified by many not acquainted with affairs. The truth is, Kentucky Baptists air their differences...

Once upon a time a newspaper editor George Ade if he had ever been taken for a minister...

The Harvard plan of entertainment, if we understand it, is that the homes furnish bed and breakfast...

Francis M. Dent, a brilliant young Annapolis College graduate being trained at Fort Myer, Va...

Mr. D. W. Thompson, the noted Negro correspondent, is still at Freedman's Hospital...

The Western Recorder says: The account of negroes contributed and the visible results attained...

I had a growing complaint from mothers and parents that in many cases their boys and girls return from college no more...

PRACTICAL HELP HINT

Well babies do not cry. When a baby cries and cries it is invariably an indication that it is ill...

ORIGIN OF METEORS EXPLAINED

An old hypothesis as to the origin of meteors has recently been revived by M. Emilie Deloit...

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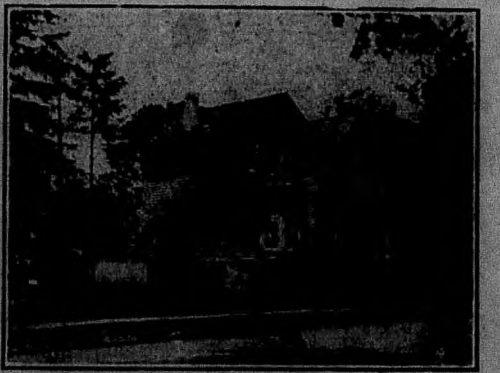


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Things of the Week

Dec. 21st to Dec. 26th

London Times warns that "warfare weeks as the war" are coming for England, since it is out of the conflict and America is not yet in it, and says labor unions will be asked for fresh drafts of men to "hold the gap."

General Pershing bans strong drink from districts in France occupied by American troops.

Ricting in Buenos Aires marks publication of the secret telegrams of Count von Luxburg, the former German Minister to Argentina.

Y. M. C. A. next week to wage evangelistic campaign in all camps and cantonments.

Opposition arises in some Administration circles against any effort to increase the country's trade with South and Central America until after the war.

Canada going dry: Premier announces preliminary basis on imports of liquor, liquor to go into effect on Monday and says it will be extended to cover manufacture of spirits in the United States.

Krupp Gun Works at Essen reported in losses for 1914 for first time.

Withdrawal of Russia seriously affects its available status for exchange of territory after the war, according to the view in Washington diplomatic circles.

Cay messages in invisible ink: discovery to have been carried to diary many by members of ship's crew in many cases Sweden and Norway.

Government interest born in conference of Latin American countries in Buenos Aires.

Russian peace parley with Teutonic Powers formally opened; Vor Koebmann, chairman, Bolshevik state program and Germans agree to examination.

German Government suspends Vor works for three days for attack on Government policy.

German soldiers are told New York has been captured and Kaiser's army is marching on Washington according to a prisoner in France, as told in a letter of an American soldier.

Suffrage strength in the House growing as both parties line up for vote on January 10.

Suit to test constitutionality of Federal farm loan act soon will be started by foes of the system, says Secretary McAdoo in a statement.

American National Guard in France raises 10,000 francs and take over care of 600 orphans for the year.

Neutral observer, returning to Holland reports Germans are holding out with the hope of an early peace, for which the civil authorities are so anxious that they are willing to yield cherished designs. Food rations are reported to have improved though still inadequate for working classes.

Secretary Baker says Germany's new peace proposals may be viewed as a forerunner in an offensive to the west, unless a German-made peace is accepted by the Allies and the United States.

Newly-drafted war board in guide Baker expected to herome vital part of war agencies; Secretary soon may outline to Congress definite policy of action.

Roosevelt appeals for total abstinence in all branches of the war service. United States soldier brutally slain after his capture by Germans, first official report of atrocities against Americans.

6000 Italians captured, according to Berlin, in recent fighting on Asiago plateau.

Bolshevik cut Trans-Siberian Railway; heavy fighting reported both in Siberia and in Russia proper.

Russia can further Germany's aims in the East by providing access to the Boreas Gulf by an all-land route, says H. Charles Woods, a British

authority. Before the war Von Koebmann, the German Foreign Secretary, sought an agreement with England looking to the same end.

United States agents find plot to overthrow world's social orders, in which it is asserted the Bolshevik, I. W. W., Irish agitators and other revolutionists are concerned.

Herbert Hoover's statement, issued by the White House, says sugar shortage in United States was caused wholly by Allies' needs and base shipments in response thereto.

President's action in giving out statement reported by Senator Reed's committee as "of no value for interest," indicates Wilson considers Hoover was treated unfairly.

Henry Ford at work on plan to revive fabricated shipbuilding by United States, through having vessels assembled on running belts, like construction scheme of his cars. He favors having assembling plant on the South Atlantic coast.

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One of the results of the war will probably be the rise of universal democracy. This will necessitate universal education. Monarchies may flourish with ignorance, but a democracy demands an intelligent citizenry. With a democracy, it is educate, or perish.

When you cheerfully bear and disdard, any annoyance, any irregularities or unpunctuality of which you are not the cause; that is victory.

One does not need to be a great singer to drown out the voice of the spirit; one needs only to open the mind to a flood of worldly thoughts. E. L. Pell.

"The trouble with this world is not a skin disease, but a serious infection of the heart. What it needs is not a Socialist, but a Saviour."

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The reckless handling of reputation is one of the flagrant sins of our times. It is worse to break down a man's reputation than to burn his house. One of the most damnable things of which any human being can be guilty is that of unrighteously blackening the good name of another. Michigan Christian Advocate

There must be hope and vigor in every mind that successfully strives to amend. Even brooding on the past brings nothing but despair. The difficulty of a new life is almost hopeless if you remember nothing but past ill success, broken resolutions, and resisted motives to go.—Selected.

If a man is impassionate, malicious, resentful, sullen, or morose, after his conversion, before he, what is he converted from or to? John Angel Jones.

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This week and hereafter we go to press one day earlier. Gospel news that comes to us Wednesday morning will be too late for the current issue. Please send so as to reach us Tuesday mornings. In order to reach subscribers on Saturday for Sunday distribution, we will have in mail Thursday mornings instead of Friday mornings.

PROHIBITION

Congress has not passed such an important and far-reaching bill in the last fifty years as the Prohibition bill that it has just passed. This will mean more than the manufacturing of ammunition and arms for the prosecution of the war that is now going on; it will be the making of men, not only in helping the war, but it will be the making of men to help preserve and perpetuate this Government of ours. It will produce a new man in the future who will take hold of the problems and deal with them justly for the benefit of every man.

There is no doubt that in less time than seven years that two-thirds, yea more of the States, will have ratified this act by large majorities and this bill will have become a part of the Constitution of this United States; and then we will see a new order of things in Congress. Instead of men standing in the halls of Congress pleading the cause of liquor men, we will hear men pleading for equal justice to all of the citizens. The day is coming and not far in a distance when labor and capital shall have due regard for each other and when all differences will be adjusted on the plans of equal justice to the rich and the poor. Many of us now active may not see it, but prohibition is hastening the day. The men who voted for this bill in Congress should ever be remembered and their names should be repeated in every home throughout the nation until every child learns to admire these men who have done so much to bless the world.

"THY POOR BROTHER"

We have all sorts of benevolent associations, and all sorts of anti-poverty societies, but the word of the Lord still holds good, "The poor shall never cease out of the land." They are not likely to cease out of any land; for one reason, if no other—because those who have the money will not adequately relieve their poverty.

It is easy for a man who has no money of his own to be very liberal with somebody's else's. When we speak so self-sacrificingly of the entire sanctification of the purse, we mostly have reference to the purse in that other man's pocket. Perhaps we would not dwell so clearly, so emphatically, so frequently, upon this department of entire sanctification, if we had a good, big, fat purse in our own pocket.

It is against human nature, it is against many of the exhibitions of professedly gracious human nature, and it is even against many of the manifestations of positively asserted entire consecration, to suppose that any great number of the rich, even those who make "the highest professions," will accommodate themselves very seriously in helping out the poor. "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever." But we will hope for the good time coming when once more the church will have all things common and when the poor will be a thing of the past, and then that prophecy is never to fail. "The poor shall never

cease out of the land." If you believe that it ever will fall, what are you doing by word and deed to bring about such a consummation?

But we did not commence this editorial for the express purpose of discussing whether the poor will ever cease out of the land, but to call attention to the directions for our behavior toward our poor brother as those precepts are set forth in Deuteronomy 15: "Thou shalt surely give him." "Thou shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth." "Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him." "Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from the poor brother." "Thou shalt not be grieved when thou givest unto him." "Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him naught." Observe carefully the words "sufficient," "wide," and, on the other hand, "harden," "shut," "a thought in thy wicked heart," "thine eye be evil" and "thine heart . . . grieved." Of what avail, as far as the divine approbation is concerned, for us to heed the words "sufficient" and "wide," if we are reluctant, sullen, ungracious, harboring grievous thoughts in our hearts, and regarding him whom we relieve with an evil eye?

Some motives are also here suggested why we should heed these divine commands. One of these motives is, "And he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee." True, "the curse causeless shall not come," but the agonized cry of the suffering poor may call the attention of outraged heaven to thy hardness of heart and to thy closed-mindedness. Another motive here mentioned is, "When thou givest . . . for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all thou puttest thine hand unto." Could anybody ask anything better than that?

That we do not hasten to hurry the money out of our purses into the bony fingers of our starving brother only shows that we do not believe that God's words are true—only shows that we do not believe that the prayers of this poor, shivering shadow of a man will bring our sins of selfishness down upon our own heads—only shows that we do not like the security, and therefore, we will not down with the dust—only shows that we do not believe that God, in return for our liberality, will bless us in all our works, and in all we put our hands unto. If we really and fully believed God in these matters, benevolence would be considered our best bank and the poverty of others our very best place of investment.

"But of course you do not mean to say that we should give away all our means indiscriminately to all sorts of people." No, we do not mean anything of the kind. We believe that there should be wisdom and discrimination in this as much or more than in other matters. But crulence in giving money is not a hard heart, nor an evil eye, nor a grieved soul, nor a shut hand, nor a wicked thought. The main point is that we are to give—to give liberally—to open our hands wide—to trust God for repayment at the same time that we see well to it that our money is not wasted, that we see that it does not go into the till of the next tavern, that we see that it goes where it is likely to do the most good. When the Devil finds that people have resolved no longer to be "fish" when he sees that they feel the duty of giving as they never have felt it before,

when he sees that they are determined to do their duty, then he tries to inveigle them into throwing their money into the streets. Give graciously. Give without grudging. Give generously. Give not as the fool giveth; but be sure to give, and it shall be given unto you.—Irene.

"NO HALF-WAY HOUSE."

Lloyd George the other day in a speech touching war conditions said: "There is no half-way house between right and wrong."

He urged the importance of fighting this war to the finish because it is a conflict between right and wrong. We have known all the while that there can be no compromise that will bring permanent and lasting peace.

Lloyd George also said "There can never be any safety for a state where the criminals in that state are stronger than the law." This is an interesting expression, to say the least, and it explains why so many lynchings and burnings are so common in the United States. It is because these leading these mobs are stronger and more than they who administer the law; hence there is no safety for any one that give offence to this powerful force which rules things in these communities where these black crimes so frequently occur. The Lord hasten the day when the criminal element shall not be stronger in any community than the law. In making the world safe for what he did all humanity if the spirit of democracy is to be preserved. We agree with Lloyd George, "There is no half-way house between right and wrong."

There are not a few Christians who, if they would take their fingers off their own spiritual pulse and lay both hands to gospel work, would realize the most delightful sensation they have had since their day of conversion. To be continually feeling for feeling is a poor exhibition of true religion.

"If I were called upon to preach to ministers," remarked one in our hearing, "I would discourse on the Christian law of kindness. Preachers are not as kind as they ought to be to one another."

The deepest peace is to rest in the thought that to be true to duty is more than all earthly gains or honor, and to have a consciousness of having chosen that better part.

The world is full of Christian men doing only little things when they could do great things. A man must forget himself, or he will never feel rightly nor act nobly.

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