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News, Incident, Social + and + Personal Activities

Who is the most popular minister?

JEFFERSONVILLE.

Rev. Geo. Loving recently called pastor of Rose Hill church, is critically ill at his home on National avenue. Death is momentarily expected. Miss Blanche Parker is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowen of Newburg, Ind., were the guest of her cousin, Miss Mattie Grandison. Rev. S. C. Manual, former pastor of Third Street Church of New Albany, has been called back there. Dr. O. Manual and wife are preparing to leave for Oklahoma, where he will locate. Rev. Redd, pastor of Indiana Avenue church, preached a soul stirring sermon Sunday morning. He pleaded with the church in general to put on their war boots to wage into war with sin and Satan.

NOBLESVILLE.

Rev. Russell was in his pulpit last Sunday, and preached two very able sermons. Mrs. Lucy Dokes, after spending a delightful three week's visit with her folks, returned to Detroit, Mich., the first of the week. Miss Hazel Hedge path was in Sheridan last week, attending the house party of Mrs. Dan. Robbins. The services at Bethel A. M. E. Church are being well attended, under the leadership of the Rev. P. H. Lewis, the newly appointed pastor. The people seem to be very well pleased with his preaching. The first quarterly meeting will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Nov. 29 to 31. Rev. Lewis is very well pleased with the beginning in his new field of labor. At a meeting called for that purpose, Oct. 5, the following persons were elected trustees of Bethel A. M. E. Church: Messrs. Francis Frieze, Isaac Scott and Luther Halsey.

CEMENTVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Garnett held services at the Baptist church Sunday, and the visiting preachers were the Rev. Hayden and Rev. S. Lawson of Louisville. Mrs. Adline Stokes died early Thursday morning and was buried Sunday morning at the Union cemetery, a few miles north of Watson. Her funeral sermon was to have been preached by Rev. Thomas Holiway of Jeffersonville, at the M. E. Church, Watson, but owing to the absence of Rev. T. Holiway the sermon was put off until some future time. Christian Culture exercises were observed Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, by the members of the B. Y. P. U. Some very interesting features were brought out. The Taft and Sherman Republican club met here with the Cementville Republican Club Thursday night, and a very interesting political speech was made by a colored politician from Jeffersonville. An entertainment will be given at the M. E. Church tonight, and there will be also one at Mrs. Ella Sanders' near the Baptist church. Mrs. Geanie Momen and her daughter Hattie spent Friday with Mrs. Fannie O. Jones and family.

HAUGHVILLE.

Rev. Thomas A. Fenderson, the newly appointed minister of Caldwell Chapel, was in his pulpit last Sunday, and delivered an able sermon and made a good impression on his congregation. Mr. Oscar Boclair who has been seriously ill for some weeks past is convalescent. The Stewards Board will give a grand reception Saturday evening, Oct. 17th, at the residence of Mrs. E. Mitchell, 1149 N. Belmont Ave., for the benefit of the church. One and all are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Paul P. Grandison, formerly a thrifty young tailor of Louisville, Ky., is visiting his brother, Mr. Nelson Grandison of this place. The Woman's Westside Culture Club meets Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Bailey, 1029 N. Belmont

Ave. Mrs. Gus Pope who was taken seriously ill a few days ago, is slowly improving. The boys and girls New Moon Society Club met Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Rolette, on Tremont Ave. Rev. H. H. Palmer, former pastor of the Second Baptist church of New Albany, was visiting in this place Monday.

IRVINGTON.

Miss Jetta K. Baker of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of her father, Jos. Baker, for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Susie Hill Miller of Edinburg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Baker Friday and Saturday of last week. Mrs. Belle Rein of Frovova, Ky., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Hanley, returned to her home Sunday. Mrs. Belle Merriwether, who was called to Chicago by the illness of her sister, returned home Tuesday. Tomorrow will be communion services at the First Baptist church. You are cordially invited to attend.

FT. WAYNE.

Mr. and Mrs. Branigan entertained Mrs. S. A. Dickerson and daughter, Mrs. Lou Dickerson, Sunday, at her residence. B. C. Marshall of Logansport, spent Sunday in the city. Mr. John Kennedy of Kokomo, was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Lettie Smith, Sunday. Mrs. Ben Finley, on Madletta street, is very ill. Mr. John Rhodes of Detroit, Mich., attended the funeral of Moses Morton. Mrs. O. B. Taylor will be home from St. Paul Thanksgiving, to visit her parents. Mr. Moses Morton, a well known colored man of this city, fell dead at the Murry iron plant last Saturday morning, while attending to his duties. He had been with firm for over 26 years, acting in the capacity of foreman, engineer and policeman. He was a member of the Eastern Star, Masons and K. of P. The Masons and Eastern Star had charge of the funeral service. He was laid to rest at Lindenwood cemetery. He leaves a wife, son, John Morton, daughter, Mrs. Mary Mith, and grand daughter, Miss Merle Morton, and two nieces from Finley, O. and two from Cleveland, O.

VINCENNES.

Miss Maude Dobbs of Crawfordsville, was the guest of Miss Minnie Nelson last week. Miss May Embers of Chicago, was the guest of her aunts last week. Mrs. Lettie Nash is greatly improving. Rev. Garfield Brewer and wife of Shelbyville, Ill., are the guest of his father, Mr. Mr. George W. Brewer. Mrs. C. C. Gordon of Terre Haute, was the guest of her father, Mr. Martin Gordon, the first of the week. Mrs. E. Carter entertained Rev. Garfield Brewer and wife, Misses Maude Dobbs, May Embers and Minnie Nelson at six o'clock dinner last Sunday evening. Rev. Garfield Brewer preached an excellent sermon at the A. M. E. church last Sunday night. The Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Rev. Mrs. Amsey Thursday evening. Miss Lottie Gordon left Monday for Indianapolis. Miss Bessie Savan of Sumner, Ill., was the guest of Miss Alice Clinton last Friday.

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Now therefore, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 10th day of November, 1908, the same being the 8th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in November, 1908, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson III.—Fourth Quarter, For
Oct. 18, 1908.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, II Sam. ix.—Mem-
ory Verse, 7—Golden Text, Eph. iv,
32—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D.
M. Stearns.

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In today's lesson chapter we find the king showing the kindness of God to the poor and needy, and we read that the coming King shall judge the poor of the people and save the children of the needy and shall break in pieces the oppressor (Ps. lxxii, 4, 12-14). David did not forget his covenant with Jonathan and began to inquire if any were yet left of the house of Saul that he might show them kindness for Jonathan's sake. Learning that there was a son of Jonathan who was lame on both feet, he sent and brought him into his presence, restored to him his father's possessions and had him dwell in Jerusalem and eat at his own table continually. This story of David and Mephibosheth, while literally true, is a wondrous picture of the kindness of God to sinners, "the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man" (Tit. iii, 4). The same is seen in the story of the young man of Egypt in I Sam. xxx, in the vision of the filthy garments and the change of raiment of Zech. iii and in so many of the Old Testament stories, the whole of which, while pointing onward to the coming kingdom, might be called God's picture book of redemption.

The Lord says of Himself, "I am a great King" (Mal. i, 14). He is not only King of the Jews, but King of kings and Lord of lords. All kings shall fall down before Him, and all nations shall serve Him (Matt. ii, 2; Rev. xix, 16; Ps. lxxii, 11). All that He does He does royally as a king and for His great name's sake. In Mephibosheth we see a picture of every sinner. His name signifies shame proceeding from the mouth and suggests the picture of the sinner in Rom. iii, 12-14. He was lame on both feet, and that is the condition of all, for no one is able to walk with God or of his own power take one step toward Him. The impotent man at Bethesda and the lame man at the temple gate (John v, Acts iii) are illustrations. He was lame through no fault of his own, for when tidings came of his father's death his nurse picked him up to flee, and in her haste she let him fall, and he became lame (chapter iv, 4). When Adam fell the whole race fell in him (Rom. v, 12), and so we are by nature children of wrath (Eph. ii, 3). He was at Lodabar (verse 4), which means a place of no pasture, and that is surely the condition of all who are not in Christ, and of them the question might be asked, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" (Isa. lv, 1). All who live at Lodabar shall thirst again (John iv). David sent to the place where he was and fetched him from thence. The Son of God came from heaven down to where we are, became one of us, sin excepted, and then bare our sins in His own body.

Like the good Samaritan, He came to the helpless just where they were. He finds us in our lost condition and brings us to Himself, as He did Israel from Egypt (Ex. xix, 4). He suffered, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God (I Pet. iii, 18). The kindness of David broke Mephibosheth down, and he fell on his face and did reverence (verse 6), so the love and goodness of God when once seen work true penitence in the sinner's heart and also give the saint a true view of himself (Rom. ii, 4; Job xlii, 5, 6). Then comes the great word, "Fear not" (verse 7, as in Rev. i, 17, and like the "Be of good cheer" of Matt. ix, 2, and the welcome to the king's table to eat bread continually. Contrast Lodabar, the place of no pasture, with the King's table and its bounty and the invitation, "Eat, O friends, drink—yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." "Eat ye that which is good and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Song v, 1; Isa. lv, 2). Then think of the inheritance that becomes ours, lost in the first Adam, but more than fully restored in Christ (verse 9, I Pet. i, 3, 4; Eph. i, 13, 14). Note the phrase "I have given" and remember Rom. viii, 32, "With Him freely all things." Think of the outcast from Lodabar dwelling in Jerusalem (city of peace) eating continually at the king's table and yet continuing lame on both his feet (verse 13).

We will never lose our lameness, our sinful nature, but the divine nature given us in Christ when He saves us may have control and the old be continually reckoned dead. When we are filled with thoughts of the King and His great love we will not be found contemplating our lame feet, much less speaking of them, as many do, from whom we are always hearing about their unworthiness, their weak faith, their lack of love and zeal and devotion. Rather let us be telling of His salvation from day to day and be occupied with His loveliness, for He is altogether lovely. The devotion of Mephibosheth to David is seen in his mourning for him all the time that he was absent because of Absalom's rebellion and in his wanting no portion of the inheritance so long as David had returned in safety (chapter xix, 24, 30). When the love of Christ constraineth us after that fashion we shall not be found conformed to this world nor seeking any satisfaction from it.

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