

OUR CORRESPONDENTS,

News, Incident, Social and Personal Activities

VINCENNES.

The Second Baptist church will give a rally Oct. 27. Rev. Ampey preached two splendid sermons last Sunday morning and night. Mrs. Lettie Nash is quite ill at her home on south 4th street. D. R. Turner held a week's service last week. Rev. Ampey of the A. M. E. Church, preached Tuesday night and Rev. Green of Washington, preached Wednesday night. Rev. Geo. W. Brewer and wife spent Sunday in Terre Haute, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Ida Brooks. Mrs. Eva Barnett spent Sunday in Paris, Ill., the guest of her friends. Mrs. Mollie Hill is on the sick list. Miss Sadie Howard left last Saturday for Terre Haute, to visit relatives and friends. The household of Ruth will give a Leap Year supper Friday night, Oct. 30th. Each lady is expected to bring a gentleman.

PORTLAND.

The A. M. E. church welcomes the new pastor, Rev. Ratliffe and wife. Rev. Charles Hunter, Presiding Elder, was in Portland to attend the first quarterly meeting last Sunday. It was a grand success, and a sum of \$30 was raised. Mrs. Malisa Boyd entertained the following guests last Sunday: Rev. Chas. Hunter, P. E., Rev. Ratliffe and wife, Mrs. Gertrude Eaton. Miss Bessie Smith returned to her home in Franklin, Ind., the first of the week, after a visit with her cousin and family, Mrs. Lolo Smith. Miss Golda Smith is improving after an illness of a few weeks. Mrs. Ola Boyd is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Alfred Smith. Mrs. Agastus Carter entertained the following guest at dinner Monday: Rev. Chas. Hunter, P. E., Rev. L. W. Ratliffe and wife, Rev. M. White and wife, and Mrs. Malisa Boyd. The choir of the A. M. E. church which has been at a stand still for some time was reorganized Oct. 9th by the new pastor, under the leadership of the following new officers: Pres., Herman Robinson, Sec., Miss Ethel Dyer; Ass. Sec., Miss Flora Boyd; organist, Miss Maud Cotman; director, Mrs. L. W. Ratliffe; treasurer, M. L. Smith. The people of this place are anxious for their new pastor to win the \$50 suit of clothes. Mr. and Mrs. James Jones are the proud parents of a fine baby. The Women's Improvement Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Alfred Smith, on W. Arch street, Friday, Oct. 23rd. The following is the program for a reception which was given Monday evening, October 19. Organ solo, organist; Invocation, Rev. J. H. Tate; selection by choir; on behalf of the Official Board, Linzy Collins; On behalf of Trustee Board, Herman Robinson; selection by choir; On behalf of Sunday school, Miss Florence Boyd, solo, Miss Ethel Dyer; On behalf of Local Church, Rev. Mordacia White; On behalf of Woman's Improvement Club, Mrs. Gertrude Eaton; Response, Rev. Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe; Selection by choir; On behalf of Ecumenical Club, Mitchell Smith; on behalf Ministerial Association, Rev. S. A. Stewart of the Presbyterian church, on behalf of Richmond district, Rev. Chas. Hunter, P. E.; Response by Rev. Ratliffe, closing selections by choir. Mrs. Linzy Collins, Mistress of Ceremonies.

RUSHVILLE.

The social given at the Second Baptist church Wednesday night was a great success. Rev. A. H. Shumake is attending the convention at Bloomington, Ind. There will be a tea social given at the Second Baptist church, Nov. 11th. Regular services at the Second Baptist church, Sunday, Sunday school at 9 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

IRVINGTON.

Mrs. Julia Middleton is ill with typhoid fever, at her home in S. Ritter Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Mont Harris moved to Dayton, O., Saturday for permanent residence. Mrs. Alice Baker returned home Thursday, after a week's visit with relatives in Bardstown and Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Carrie Young visited in Spiceland and New Castle part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Camera Merriwethers left for Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, for permanent residence.

FR. WAYNE.

Miss Helen Sanders of Kendallville, was married to Mr. James Abbot of this place, at the parsonage, and later returned to the home of Mr. J. Calico, where they will spend some time. Mrs. Haddox left Tuesday for Indianapolis, to visit her mother. Miss Hazel Walters and brother have gone on a short visit in Ohio. Mrs. Rosa Moore is visiting her husband in Warsaw. Mrs. Dair of Greenfield, O., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Veda Curry. Mrs. Nena Black and children have taken up their quarters on State street, Chicago. Mr. John Black, Jr., left Sunday morning. Mr. Black, Sen., will remain in the city until spring. Mrs. Nellie Young of Van Wert, paid Mr. John Green a short visit on her way for a tour in Michigan. Mrs. W. Smith is recovering since her return from the hospital. Mr. C. C. Powell left Tuesday for Michigan. Mr. Clarence Young, the son of R. H. Young and wife has gone to the Phipps Institute. He graduated last June at Obeylin, O., with high honors, and was sent for by Major Young.

FOWLER.

James Wilson was in Lafayette Tuesday. Dave Blakely left last week for Gracie, Ky., to visit his father, who is in poor health. Laura Motley of West Lafayette, was the guest of Zell Wilson from Friday until Monday. Mr. Rankin Johnson left last Tuesday for the home hospital in Lafayette where she is to undergo an operation. Rankin Johnson visited his wife at the home hospital Sunday.

Big Vernon Rally



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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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Lesson IV.—Fourth Quarter, For Oct. 25, 1908.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Ps. xxxii.—Memory Verses, 1, 2—Golden Text, Ps. xxxii, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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We turn today to this psalm for a lesson on the joy of forgiveness, and the fact that there is so little joy on the part of those who profess to be forgiven may indicate that there has never been a realization of what sin is or possibly no assurance of forgiveness, for when such a word as (Isa. xliii, 25) "I, even I, am He that blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins" fails to produce great gratitude and gladness it indicates a sad indifference to one's guilt or to the great cost of the redemption which takes it away. Our lesson begins with "Oh, the happiness of him whose transgression and sin and iniquity has been put away." In Ex. xxxi, 4, 7, the Lord proclaims Himself as the one who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin, and in Lev. xvii, 11; Heb. ix, 22, it is very clearly taught that this forgiveness can only be by the shedding of blood, and what or whose blood is stated in Eph. i, 7, and many parallel passages—"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." In verse 5 of our psalm we see that in order to obtain forgiveness there must be an acknowledgment, an uncovering, a confession of sin, iniquity and transgression, for he that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but he that confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (Prov. xxviii, 13), or, as in Ps. xxxviii, 18, "I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin."

God is ever ready to forgive if only the sinner will confess his guilt. He says, "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God (Jer. iii, 13). Again, it is written, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John i, 9). The result of attempting to cover our sins from God is seen in verses 3 and 4 of our lesson. That men should be so deluded as to think it possible to hide anything from Him to whom all things are naked and open and to whom darkness and light are all alike seem hardly conceivable, but as soon as Adam and Eve sinned we see them attempting to hide from God (Gen. iii, 8), so blind and so foolish does sin make people. In one place the psalmist says, "So foolish was I and ignorant I was as a beast before thee" (Ps. lxxiii, 22).

In verses 6, 7, the safety of the forgiven is spoken of as a hiding in God and thus preserved from trouble and compassed about with songs of deliverance, reminding us of the gracious words of Isa. xliii, 1, 2, "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine," and then the assurance that neither flood nor fire can really harm those who are truly His. "Our life is hid with Christ in God," "preserved in Jesus Christ" (Col. iii, 3; Jude. 1)—we know that these things are written in the book, but how few comparatively seem to so appropriate them as to cause them to be filled with joy and peace! There seems to be a great failure to possess our possessions (Obad. 17), a slowness to believe that God means what He says and that He means you or me or any one who humbly and persistently comes to Him. We should be like the man in John iv who believed the word which Jesus had spoken and went his way expecting to find his son well. Being forgiven by His great work without any of ours (Rom. iv, 5; Tit. iii, 5) and safely hidden in Himself, we are now free to serve Him, to live unto Him and to walk in the good works He has prepared for us (Eph. ii, 10; Tit. iii, 8), but this also must be His working in us, and for every step we need His sure guidance, which is vouchsafed to us in verse 8 of our lesson. The margin is very helpful, "I will counsel thee; mine eyes shall be upon thee," or I will tell you how to go and watch you to see that you get there. This, however, implies nearness and intimacy, for we can only tell anything by a look to those who are near to us and know us. See this sure guidance clearly and fully promised in Isa. xxx, 21; Ex. xxiii, 20, and illustrated in Israel.

If Israel had wanted to stay when the cloud said go or to go when the cloud said stay, it would have made it very hard for them. It is only when there is perfect submission that all is at rest. The exhortation in verse 9 not to be as the horse or the mule must be taken in the light of the last clause of the verse, for there are horses and mules, too, which put to shame many who drive them. In Isa. i, 3, God says that the ox and the ass had more intelligence than His people Israel. Even from the birds and the flowers He would have us learn lessons of trust in Him who has assured us that we are of more value than many sparrows. The righteous may have sorrows here, but they shall all be turned into joy (John xvi, 20), whereas the sorrows of the wicked shall be forever. The psalm ends with gladness and rejoicing and even shouting for joy, but it is all in the Lord, for there is no abiding joy apart from Him. See Hab. iii, 17, 18; Phil. iv, 4, and remember Rom. xv, 13.

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