

OUR CORRESPONDENTS,

News, Incident, Social + and + Personal Activities

PLAINFIELD,

Our pastor, Rev. Cottman, who lives in Indianapolis, was accompanied last Sunday by his son Howard, who joined our church. Rev. Alex McCulley filled his pulpit in Danville Sunday. Mrs. Cora Kellar visited in Indianapolis Thursday of last week. Cary and Roy Swan, John Dautley, Rob. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Poston, Mrs. Carrie Churchfield, Mrs. Lotie and Eugene Patton heard Mr. Vernon last Tuesday evening, a week. Rev. W. R. Hutchison spent last week in Lost Creek. He preached to a large audience Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Carrie Davis Dandridge entertained Rev. Cottman and son last Sunday at dinner. Mrs. Lucy Minor attended the monthly meeting at Bridgeport Sunday afternoon.

FT. WAYNE,

Mr. Lawrence Levi, a student of the Duokirk high school, composed a beautiful new piece, entitled "Peaceful Ocean," meditation for the piano. It is the latest out. Mrs. Minnie Adams entertained Mrs. Sadie Wallace and Mrs. R. K. Jones and daughter at 4 o'clock dinner, Oct. 24th. Mrs. Dora Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., was taken to the St. Joseph hospital last Monday to be operated upon. Mrs. Noah Green died suddenly last Tuesday morning. The physician was unable to tell what caused her sudden death. She had been a resident of this city many years. Rev. Allen, the new Presiding Elder, was in Ft. Wayne last week and held conference Tuesday evening. Rev. Allen delivered a splendid sermon. The Young People's Society Beta Delta Byways, gave a Halloween progressive party, Friday evening, Oct. 30th, their center being the home of Mrs. Katherine Smith, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Odos Ward. Miss Williams of Springfield, O., is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. Roaland. The Fall Festival, given by the ladies of the order of Eastern Star the 22nd, was a grand success. Mrs. Theodora Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away at St. Joe hospital of this city at 8:15 p. m. Saturday, where she was operated upon for tumor. Her home was at Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Smith was a member of the M. E. Church of Grand Rapids and a member of the Household of Ruth. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. Church Wednesday morning at 10:00, from thence the funeral proceeded to Cherubusco. Miss Pearl Redwood of Lodis, O., and Mr. Alfred Fox of this city, were married at Paulding, O. Monday, Oct. 27th. Mr. C. C. Powell has returned from a business trip through Ohio the first of the week. Mr. J. Brown has been suffering lately from rheumatism in his feet. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown last Sunday. Mrs. Franklin had a delightful time on her trip to Cincinnati last week. The first entertainment of the Willing Workers society met with crowning success last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Nettie Davis. The Willing Workers gave a reception Thursday night, Nov. 5th, in honor of the return of Rev. C. L. Pettford and wife to this city for the ensuing year, at the church. Miss Ada Williams and mother are in the city visiting Mrs. Roland of E. Washington, Bl., where they expect to spend the winter. Mrs. Daisie Boon of Van Wert, and Mrs. Kaper of Des Moines, were entertained by Mrs. Allen Wilson last Saturday, Oct. 31st. The Calanthe Court will give a supper at their hall, Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th. The young men's fraternity B. D. B. will give a party at the home of Mrs. M. Tabbott, tonight, Nov. 7th.

CHARLESTON,

Misses Lula B. Smith and Bessie S. of Princeton, and Mr. Harper of New Albany, were the guests of Miss Musetta Smith Sunday. Mr. Smith's Briscoe spent Saturday in Louisville. Mr. Frank Roodus was the guest of Miss Clara Green Sunday. The A. M. E. Church and Sabbath school are progressing nicely. Rev. Crossland, the pastor, is doing good work here. Elder Michem, the pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Madison, spent Monday here. Miss Musetta Smith spent Saturday in Louisville. Mr. George Paynter of Louisville, was up to see his parents and children Sunday. Mrs. Fannie Parker and Miss Mary Montgomery spent Sunday in Watson. The young folks of the A. M. E. Church are preparing to give a concert Thanksgiving night. Supper will be served at the church. Mrs. Fannie Green and her little son Robert, spent Sunday in Watson as the guest of Mrs. Pitts. Mr. Thompson, the principal of the Charlestown school left Monday evening for Lexington, the home of his father, to vote. Mrs. Cora Caldwell and Cora Johnson are on the sick list. Mr. Bailey of Cincinnati, was the guest of Miss Serena Douglas Sunday. Mr. Josh Tricker of Indianapolis, is visiting his family this week.

NOBLESVILLE,

Mrs. Lydia Brown of Ft. Wayne was the guest of Mrs. Lizie Townsend last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Lewis and wife and Mrs. S. R. Roberts attended quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, last Sunday. Rev. Lewis preached the communion sermon. Rev. Evert of Indianapolis, conducted services at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Mr. Brown of Alexander, state organizer of the B. Y. P. U., was in the city last Sunday. Miss Ida M. Williams was visiting in Indianapolis last Sunday. Don't forget the harvest home and fall festival, to be given by the ladies of Bethel A. M. E. Church, at the K. of P. hall, the 25th and 26th of this month. Each person purchasing an admission ticket will be given a chance on a half barrel of flour. Mr. Thomas Phelps and Mrs. Author Kelly were visiting in the city last Sunday. Mrs. Woodard Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scott are on the list. The services at Bethel A. M. E. Church are quite interesting, and are improving. All persons who are interested in the work of the young people, are requested to meet the pastor at the Bethel church tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Harry J. Carter was visiting in the city last Sunday.

CEMENTVILLE,

Mr. Enoch Kellar of Muncie, arrived home Sunday night, and remained until Wednesday. Rev. J. Bowen held services at the M. E. Church Sunday morning. A Halloween mask house party was given by the Misses Jones Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Mrs. Lucinda Jones, Sen. is convalescent. Miss Fannie L. Jones spent Wednesday in Jeffersonville. Mr. George Fox has gone to Horse Cave, Ky., to spend the winter. Mr. James Mackie of Louisville, has moved here since Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. George Herford entertained guests at dinner Sunday.

VINCENNES,

The Household of Ruth gave a leap year social last Friday night. The Second Baptist church gave candidate supper last Saturday night. Quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. Church, Sunday, Nov. 8th. The Odd Fellows gave a candidate supper Monday night, also the S. M. T.'s at their hall, on 1st street. The B. Y. P. U. of the Second Baptist church gave a campaign social last Tuesday night, which was a great success. The stewards of the A. M. E. Church gave a social last Tuesday night for to help raise the money due the Presiding Elder. Little Helen Anthony, who has been quite ill, is improving. Mrs. Maggie Gordon is on the sick list. The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Elvira Carter Thursday evening.

NORWOOD

One of the sadest incidents that has shocked the suburb of Norwood for some time, was the sudden death of Mrs. Josie Mayes. She died with a very virulent case of diphtheria having been in bed only one day. She leaves a husband, two children, a mother and a host of friends, both white and colored, to mourn her loss. She was 39 years old, and belonged to the charitable and the Western Star Temple No. 11, and was buried under her own name. Mrs. Emma Shirley has left her home on Maderia ave. to Mr. Hunter and wife. She will reside in Indianapolis this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Walker Durett have purchased a five room cottage, with large grounds in Earhart street. Mr. Thomas Twyman, who was seriously hurt by an interurban car, is convalescing. Mr. Theodore Trubue has opened a first class barber shop at 326 Prospect street. Mrs. James Mitchell will entertain the children and parents today Saturday, Nov. 7th, afternoon and evening at the Gymnasium hall, with a donkey party. Retirements will be sold and ice cream given away. The board of managers of the Boys' Club and Miss Ada B. Harris extend thanks to the public for their support at the Halloween entertainment, which cleared \$30. Mr. Minger Kennedy and Mr. Edward Smith were the two colored men employed in precinct No. 4, Center st., outside as inspector and poll book keeper, respectively.

RUSHVILLE

The young ladies of the Second Baptist church will give an entertainment Thursday night, Nov. 12th. Mrs. Jane Overton continues quite ill at her home, on east 7th street. Mrs. J. T. Leggett left Oct. 21st to attend the Woman's Home Missionary Convention at Philadelphia, Penn., and from there to Washington, D. C., to visit her sister. Mrs. A. H. Sumake returned home Tuesday night from an extended visit in Kentucky. The Second Baptist church will give a rally Sunday, Nov. 8th. The Second Baptist church of Connorsville and the 2nd M. E. Church of this city are invited to attend. Mr. Harvey Pruitt and Nona Mitchell of this city, were quietly married Thursday night, Oct. 28th. Mr. Jones of Connorsville, and Mrs. Lucinda Pettiford of this city, were united in marriage Wednesday night. Our Rushville boys who are employed in other parts of the state, returned home to vote Sunday school at Baptist church at 9:00 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. Speaking meeting 3:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. Services at 7:50.

KOKOMO,

Mr. Otis Braboy returned home Tuesday from Ft. Wayne, to vote. We have on our sick list Mr. Thomas Gaskin, Mrs. Mattie Griffin and Mrs. Horace Johnson. Mrs. Housy Huper and Chas. Haper spent Sunday with home folks in New London. Mrs. J. Gospin is the guest of her parents in Carthage, Ind. Mrs. William Gaikin will enter in the Zenith Club Wednesday afternoon. Rose of Sharon Tabernacle gave a supper at Palmer hall Wednesday evening. The ladies of the A. M. E. church held a market in the lecture room of the church Saturday evening. The Zenith Club is preparing to give a grand musical cantata in the near future. Miss Sadonia Bird returned to her home in Indianapolis, the first of the week, after a brief visit with Chas. Winburn and family. Messrs. Kennedys gave a dance.

JEFFERSONVILLE,

Miss Nannie Burroughs, the great missionary, gave an interesting talk at the Indiana Avenue church Wednesday evening, in behalf of the missionary society. Miss Blanche Parker continues on the sick list. Rev. H. H. Palmer preached at Rose Hill Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. G. Redd and members hope to begin a ten days meeting, beginning Nov. 9th. The hobbles proved quite enjoyable Halloween night, as the young ladies and gentlemen lined up moved onto Spook Hollow. Miss Sophronia Johnson is on the sick list. Mr. Cole is seriously ill at his home on Illinois avenue. The B. Y. P. U. of the Indiana Avenue church had an interesting topic Sunday afternoon. It was, "what is sin?" It was ably discussed by the workers of the Union. The Sunday schools of the city are preparing for Thanksgiving exercises.

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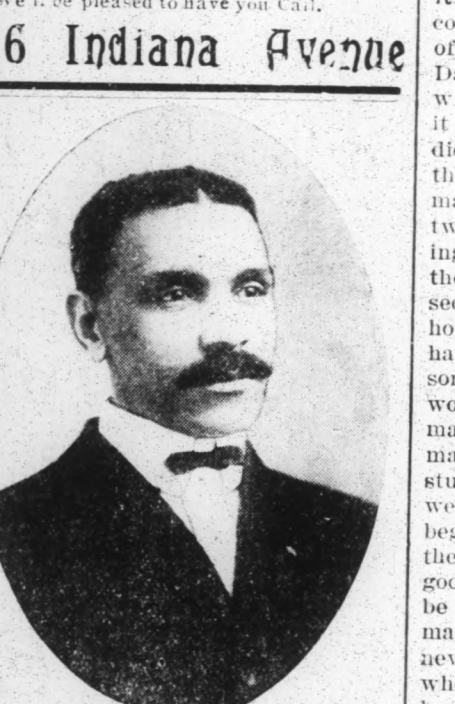
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Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Lydia
Smith. Rev. A. Adams of the
Second Baptist church, has tendered
his resignation, to take effect
immediately. Mrs. Carrie Tay-
lor has returned from a pleasant
visit in Terre Haute. Mrs. Mil-
lie Webb is visiting her sister, Mrs.
M. L. Huffman. Rev. Samuel
Andrews gave a very delightful
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Lesson VI.—Fourth Quarter, For
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Text of the Lesson, II Sam. xviii, 24-33
Memory Verse, 33—Golden Text
Prov. xvii, 25—Commentary Prepared
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In the last lesson we left David fleeing from Absalom because of the rebellion, but it was still manifestly true "the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went" (viii, 6, 14). The counsel of Ahithophel, who left David to join Absalom, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God, but in answer to David's prayer that God would turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness God saw fit to do it through Hushai, David's friend (xv, 31, 34, 37; xvi, 23; xvii, 14). There is great comfort to a believer in the words of Ps. xxxiii, 10, 11, "The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." See also Isa. xiv, 24, and it is our privilege to rest in the assurance of the "all things" of Rom. viii, 28; II Cor. iv, 15, and to take even the cursing of a Shimei (xvi, 5, 12) as permitted by God to show His power in due time and change the curse to a blessing. See the sequel to this event in chapter xix, 16, 20. If we would have perfect rest we must believe firmly that the Lord is roundabout His people, as the mountains, as a hedge, as a fire, and that nothing can possibly come through without His permission, not even the barking of a dog (Ex. x, 7).

The phrase "David's friend" (xv, 37, xvi, 16) reminds us of Abraham, the friend of God (II Chron. xx, 7; Isa. xli, 8; Jas. ii, 23), and of the Lord's words, "I have called you friends" (John xv, 15). Why not be more worthy of such a royal friend? The friendship of this world is enmity with God, and it is impossible to be a friend of the world and of God too (Jas. iv, 4). The manner of Ahithophel's going out of this world (xv, 23) has grown to be the common thing in our day, not hanging, but the taking of his own life, another indication that the return of the King draweth near. Mahanaim, where Shobi and Machir and Barzillai met David and his people with so much kindness, makes us remember the kindness of God to Jacob in some of the dark days and that we, too, have the ministry of angels as well as of visible friends (xvii, 27, 29; Gen. xxxiii, 2).

Our lesson chapter opens with the going forth of David's army under Joab, Abishai and Ittai, with the words of David ringing in their ears, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom" (verse 5). The armies met, and David's followers were victorious. There was a great slaughter of Absalom's followers, and Absalom himself was slain miserably by the hand of Joab and thrown into a pit and covered with a heap of stones (17). His beautiful head of hair was seemingly his ruin (verse 9, chapter xiv, 26). How often it is that what one prizes most becomes the undoing of such a one! Pride of any kind always leads to a fall. David was prevented from going out with the army, the people saying that it would not matter if half of them died, but that David was worth ten thousand of them (verse 3), so he remained in the city and sat between the two gates to wait and watch for tidings, while the watchman went up to the roof over the gate that he might see afar off and advise the king. David hoped for good tidings, but it must have been with a sorrowful heart and some forebodings. The two prominent words in our lesson verses, "watchman" and "tidings," suggest to us many things and give us a whole study in themselves. Because of a well beloved Son given for us, the only begotten Son of God, the angel said to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke ii, 10), but the majority of those to whom the good news has come seem not to care whether others hear or not. The lopers outside of Samaria put us to shame, who said in the midst of plenty, while others were perishing, "We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace."

A common question asked by those who hear for the first time of the wonderful love of God, as to how long we have known it and why we did not come sooner to tell their friends who have died without hearing, ought to search us to the very heart. Do we believe the cry of the watchman, "The morning cometh, and also the night," and, as we think of Israel's blindness, what about obedience to the command in Isa. xl, 9, margin? Alas, there are many who, like Ahimaz, the son of Zadok, insist on running, but have no tidings, and therefore their running is in vain. The message is plain, but we must receive it before we can run and tell it. See Hab. ii, 2, "Make it plain that he may run that readeth it," not, as often quoted, that he that runs may read, which is not in the Scripture. We see in our lesson the grief of a loving father over the untimely death of a wayward son, and our hearts are touched by the cry of the broken hearted father.

What about the heart of God as He gave up His only Son, the holy one, to become a sacrifice for our sins, a sin bearer, a curse for us? Let each one say "bearing my sins in His own body on the tree." Might he not say to us as He beholds our indifference, "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?"

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