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THE secrets of that wonderful treasure house of J. Pierpont Morgan in New York city have at last been revealed to the outside world. From time to time hints of the marvels of this famed library—easily one of the architectural achievements of New York—have been permitted to reach the general public, but few have even dreamed of the extent of the collection formed by the millionaire financier, who is considered by the writer of this article to be the greatest collector of things beautiful, rare and splendid who has ever lived.

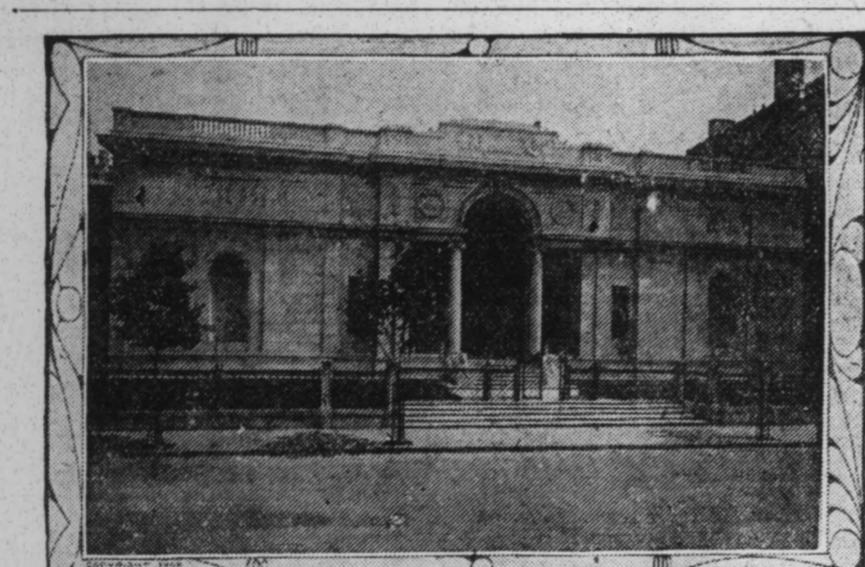
It was known, for example, that the Ashburnham gospels and other famed bindings were there, while there were Caxtons that could scarce be matched the world over. Here, also, were original manuscripts of Byron, Blake's original drawings for the book of Job, as well as the originals of the "PICKWICK" illustrations. Besides, there were Shelley's notebook and manuscripts of Burns' poems, Scott's novels, to say nothing of papers that the hands of Swift and Napoleon and a score more had left their thoughts upon.

Now, according to the New York correspondent of the London Times, mere enumeration almost staggers one. To begin with the Bibles. There are thirty shelves of them—two Gutenbergs (Mazarins), one on paper, the other on vellum; the Hebrew Bible of 1482; all the English Bibles from the Coverdale onward; Bibles owned by celebrated personages, such as Coleridge's (in thirty-two volumes, with the statesman's arms on the covers), Mme. de Maintenon's, Sir Walter Scott's, Bibles in Icelandic and other strange tongues; a set of the gospels in ten volumes, exquisitely bound in Padeloup.

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To describe the contents of the treasure room with any semblance of or-



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Volumes Not Behind Glass.

The books are all on glass shelves, but are not inclosed in glass, the only protection being a light ornamental grill, which permits one to read the titles with ease. Some of the most precious volumes are in asbestos lined cases, and, as the building itself is believed to be absolutely fireproof, there seems little likelihood of disaster. In the case of the most valuable books of all a still more elaborate precaution has been adopted.

Mr. Morgan's own library room is a marvel. Stained glass was his hobby before almost anything else, and the glass in the library is the result of years of collecting. Every scrap of it is old, mostly Swiss and German, and the windows have been made up with remarkable skill.

A prominent place in the library room is taken up by a Madonna by Franchi. Another object that stands out is the well known marble bust of one of the Strozzi women by Desiderio da Settignano, while an exquisite terra cotta by Verrocchio adorns another side of the room. On the low book shelves are many brilliant pieces of Italian pottery, including some iridescent Gubio ware. In this room are Mr. Morgan's French books, many of his books bound by celebrated binders and books that belonged to notable personages. In one bookcase, for instance, are first editions of every one of Moliero's works. There are also full sets of first editions of Cornille, Racine and other authors. A most unique

original of Ruskin's "Stones of Venice" is here, the originals of George Sand's "La Vie Noire," Dumas' "Three Musketeers," Lytton's "Harold" and "Last Days of Pompeii" and Zola's "Nana." Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" is imperfect, but is all that exists of the script. The manuscript of Bronte's "The Professor" is in the collection, as well as that of Reade's "Hard Cash." One of the most precious things is Scott's diary in two large volumes.

Letters of Thackeray and Lamb.

Another treasure is the volume containing Thackeray's Brookfield letters, and still another the manuscript of Pope's "Essay on Man." There are many letters of Charles Lamb, there are the Du Maurier manuscripts and drawings, there is the book on mathematics Napoleon used as a schoolboy, besides that letter to his uncle written in 1784, which is his earliest known letter. Besides these such things as Martha Washington's will and Neil Gwynn's title deed to her house in Pall Mall seem commonplace. The original drawings for "PICKWICK" include the suppressed Buss plates. The much discussed manuscript of "Paradise Lost" is in the collection. There are many Haitian letters. The Walpole letters, dated from 1735 to 1796, are in four large volumes. Macaulay is well represented.

There are, of course, many autographs of well known Americans, including all the signers of the Declaration of Independence. There are letters of kings and queens and of other notable persons, any one of them beyond the possibilities if not beyond the desires and dreams of the ordinary collector. The manuscript of Poe's "The Bells" is here, while of unique interest is the complete manuscript of O'Meara's diary, containing the portions of this remarkable Napoleon document that were not printed.

Treasure Room of Prints.

In one apartment upstairs are placed Mr. Morgan's prints. In this room an amateur of engravings finds himself as greatly wondering as does the bookman in the halls below. Many hours could be spent in an examination of the Rembrandts alone. Drawer after drawer full of perfect impressions is displayed, and practically all the rare prints are in the collection. Often two or three states of the same etching are to be found. Mr. Morgan confines his print collections to Rembrandts and English line engravings and mezzotints. The mezzotints are superb, and the collection can only be com-

pared to Lord Rosebery's. All the masters of this art are represented.

In this room are also placed extra illustrated books, including nine folios, the beginning of a collection of English portraits that will, it is expected, reach an astonishing number of volumes. Another tremendous extra illustrated book is "The Siege of York and the Surrender of Cornwallis," full of prints of the Revolutionary period.

When the courteous librarian had opened some cases in a corner of the room and shown me a number of Chaldean, Assyrian and Babylonian tablets the examination (if it can be called an examination) of the Morgan library was completed.

Railroad Stamps.

With the consent of the government the Pennsylvania railroad has adopted an innovation which is expected to aid materially in the tracing of lost mail, says a Philadelphia dispatch. It is a perforated postage stamp made especially for the railroad and bears across its face in perforations the letters "P. R. R. Co." An order for several thousand of these stamps has been placed. Incidentally these stamps are designed to prevent employees of the railroad using them for private purposes.

Timely Ballad.

On sealing wax and kings
The talk perhaps will wear.
Some change your wife then rings
Falls strangely on your ear.
Connection is not clear?
Don't knit your brows or squint.
The meaning will appear.
It is the Christmas hint.

On Wall street, stocks and things
You may discourse with cheer.
At bulls and bears take flights
To your wife with cunning queer
To find her in the steer.
You may not speak for print,
But realize with fear
It is the Christmas hint.

Sometimes the sprouting wings
Or sprouting man in dream
To mind the object dear,
No words you need to hear.
You quickly catch a glint,
It does not take a seer.
It is the Christmas hint.

More man, the time draws near.
You're better get your mint.
What comes to close the year?
It is the Christmas hint.

—McLandburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

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Racial Identity

Defining the Term Negro Collective-
ly and Individually.

Richmond Reformer.

The most important phase of the Negro race problem is first to define the Negro, individually and collectively; tell what the term means and to whom it applies.

Since authorities concede the identity of a race by its color, it implies that all people of the same color are of the same race, and these of a different color to different race. It also refers to Negro as the name of a person or race, which is false from the beginning.

Niger, Negre and Negro are all synonymous terms, used by different nations to distinguish the color of a people, whether classified or unclassified, and has no more reference to the nativity or nationality of the black people, as a race, than Albino has reference to the nationality or nativity of the white people as a whole. Negro and Albino are Portuguese terms for black and white. The Portuguese were the first nation of Europe to circumnavigate the African continent and apply these terms to distinguish the extreme black and extreme white tribes, which they discovered along the coast.

They describe the Negroes as handsome in form and features, with straight black hair and skin, and the pink eye or iris. They discovered many distinct tribes and patriarchs of intermediate colors, which clearly demonstrates that all Africans are Negroes; nor all Negroes are not Africans. However distinct as patriarchs, tribes nations and tongues, however numerous and various in color, the true African, like the true Israelite, can trace his genealogy as a distinct race to its remotest origin and their one blood to common progenitor.

The sons and daughters of Ham, like the sons and daughters of Israel, have produced all of the varied colors peculiar to the human family, with necessarily intermingling their blood with alien races or nations.

Alexis pursued his enemies without mercy, and finally last March twenty-seven alleged conspirators against his government were slaughtered, and international attention was directed to Haiti by political refugees seeking asylum in the French and other legations.

It is said to have been Alexis' ambition to proclaim himself emperor of Haiti. Whether this be true or not, he surrounded himself with considerable military panoply of a character which would excite the ridicule of an American, but which nevertheless was taken very seriously in Haiti. The president's mansion was strongly guarded. Soldiers were stationed inside and outside the compound around the mansion. Within the building there was usually a picturesque display of officers, most of whom were uniformed brilliantly, but in various styles and colors. No two officers appeared to be dressed alike.

There is no reason to believe that General Alexis has done anything in six years of rule with an idea less commendable than the improvement of his country and its standing with the rest of the world. He was firm in the persuasion that the proximity of white people was, on the whole, dangerous to the independence of the country, and, although he did nothing on the offensive, he was ever careful of granting to the colored.

Such is the crowning honor and glory of popular ignorance from the jungle to the throne.

National Business League

The Local Negro Business League of Louisville, Ky., is beginning to make preparations for the entertainment of the National body next August. There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the leading business and professional men on the night of the 12th of November. In this meeting the officers of the league, who are to have charge of affairs during the session of the National Organization were elected. Mr. D. L. Knight was made president, Rev. Dr. L. G. Jordan, corresponding secretary, and Mr. C. B. Lewis, publicity agent. Mr. Lewis is correspondent of the Courier Journal. The citizens and press, both white and colored, are with the local League; and as soon as President Knight appoints his different committees, the real work of the local League for the entertainment of the National body will begin. The people of Louisville will undoubtedly be equal to the emergency, as their reputation for hospitality and entertainment is national.

Alexis took his particular view of the case. "I don't mind giving you a concession," he said, "but I don't want to run the chance of giving you the whole island." He had evidently heard something of concessions.

The Germans spent a good deal of money in Haiti over this matter, it is reported, but finally Nord Alexis, after an interview in which he showed a keen business sense, though asking nothing for himself, granted the concession. He signed the papers and sent them to congress. The gentlemen in the legislature, however, had been "seen," and though they did not care to involve themselves with the president, they delayed and delayed until they found a way out. Enough of them to break the quorum left the capital and went down the coast. Nord Alexis merely sent his gunboat after them, with a courteous request to come back. They came back. They knew Nord Alexis.

In appearance General Nord Alexis is at least very striking. Forty years ago he must have been a mighty warrior, over six feet in height and powerful in build. His features are those of a central African, his color coal black.

Nord Alexis has been frequently described as a believer in woodooism. His wife died a few weeks ago.

It is the Christmas hint.

—McLandburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

NO RACE WAR

Co-operation Between Races
Proves Beneficial

Atlanta Riots Causes Whites and
Blacks to Get Together

Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal.

"The most important point in the southern situation now is the movement for the co-operation between the races," said Rev. Dr. H. H. Proctor, pastor of the colored Institutional church at Atlanta, today. "There will be no race war if we can keep this movement going. You cannot solve the Southern question without the consent of the Southern white man and the Southern negro."

Mr. Proctor charges the first trouble between the lower classes of the two races to whisky. This trouble spreads to the better classes. He, therefore, seeks co-operation between the races for the removal of the first cause and then succeeding uplift of the lower people of both colors.

"Historically, there have been three attempts to solve the racial situation in the South," says Mr. Proctor. "The first was just after the war when the black men tried. It himself and failed; and yet there were some things of importance done in that period. There was the granting of the ballot to all and the establishment of the free school system for black and white; but this failed of its highest achievements. The reason is clear. You can't solve the Southern situation without the consent of the Southern white man.

IN GRADY'S DAY.

"There was a second attempt twenty-five years ago, when Mr. Grady sang of the new south. In this period we had the industrial revival, when great factories were established throughout the south. But Mr. Grady's prophecy of the New South also failed; there was no place in it for the educated black man. You can no more solve the Southern situation without the consent of the black man than you can without that of the white man.

"Now there is another attempt being made, not by the black man alone, nor by the white man alone, but by both working together. This is reactionary from the Atlanta riot. In that catastrophe it was clear that if southern civilization were to be saved, the best of both races must get together to put down and transform the bad of both races. In view of this, several movements grew up after the Atlanta riot. The first of these was for law and order. The Atlanta Civic league comprising hundreds of leading men of both races, was organized to restore law and order, and this organization brought out of confusion.

What Colored People Have Done

It would be interesting to know what our forefathers would say were they to awaken to life here on earth, and be given statistics of what the colored people have accomplished since their emancipation from slavery.

In every city of the United States may be found educated and successful colored people, poets, artists, orators, actors, musicians, attorneys, editors, elocutionist, teachers, clergymen and scholars, besides good business men and women.

And yet the majority of white people in our country, even those of kindly interest in the colored race, persistently talk about the failure of the Negro to make progress and the problem which this failure presents to our country.

The Negro has not failed; he has not proven himself incapable. He has on the contrary, shown amazing power to rise out of the awful ignorance imposed upon him first by the savage conditions of his native land, and later by the fitters placed upon him by the white race.

And now comes the discovery, by an archaeologist, of a buried city in Abyssinia which brings to light treasures of art and shows indications of a high state of civilization once enjoyed by the Negro races of prehistoric times.

It is the first ray of light which history or science has ever offered the colored race regarding their inherited qualities. Always has it been insisted upon that they were hopeless savages from the earliest start, and that any exception only proved the rule.

It should give the colored race new hope and courage to know that its original state was one of culture and achievement. Meanwhile, the work important for the rank and file of the race today is that of being satisfied to do humble and simple duties well until they can do more ambitious ones and to cultivate the homely virtues and to take more pride in their homes, and to all over America, wherever the colored people have settled in communities, there is a painful evidence of their lack of pride in the making of an attractive home. Well dressed men and women come forth from dingy homes, ugly from the lack of a little paint or whitewash, and where the light of day struggles through unashed and uncurtained windows.

Clean up and brace up, good people, and realize how great have been your achievements in the past, and how wonderful they are in the present!

An success to you!—Miss Ella Wheeler Wilcox in American-Journal Examiner.

RACE ISSUE AT ALTON.

St. Louis, Mo., Star.

The old fight of the negroes of Alton to force Mayor Beall and the Board of Education to allow their children to attend the white schools has been reopened. The white people declare the negroes shall not attend the white schools despite the ruling of the Supreme Court.

Through their attorney, William Cross, forty of negroes filed a mandamus suit Tuesday at Edwardsville against Mayor Edward Beall and the Common Council of Alton, asking to have them answer why they have not obeyed the mandate of the Supreme Court of Illinois and allowed the negro children the privilege of the white schools.

After fourteen years of fighting the negroes finally won a decision in the Illinois Supreme Court last June. Before school started last September many negroes were visited and induced to send their children to the four negro schools built in Alton. The schools are good ones and well attended. This led the whites to believe that the negroes had accepted the situation, and the filing of the new suit comes as quite a surprise.

The Mayor is absent from the city Wednesday, and no statements regarding the case could be procured regarding the defense to be set up by the municipality. The action of the negroes shows a new determination on their part to gain this equality with the whites, and the prediction is made that another long and hard fought legal battle will result.

The following Indiana reservations are to be opened to homesteaders in 1909 and 1910. Blackfeet, Montana, 500,000 acres; Cheyenne River and Standing Rock, in South Dakota and North Dakota, 2,600,000 acres; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 310,000 acres; Colville, Washington, 1,000,000 acres; Flathead, Montana, 1,000,000 acres; Fort Peck, Montana, 1,776,000 acres; Lemhi, Idaho, 64,000 acres; Spokane, Washington, 153,600 acres; Yakima

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The True With Japan.

If the new understanding between this country and Japan merely puts a quietus upon the war talk of the Japones of both nations it is well worth while. While not a treaty nor even an agreement in the true diplomatic sense, it may be all the better for what is lacking in the way of definiteness and guarantees. Agreements and treaties sometimes lead to serious quarrels. Any one who seizes upon some incident like the San Francisco school affair, the sailing of the fleet or the bar upon Japanese immigration to predict war will be laughed down so long as the word given by the two nations that a conference shall be had before either takes the initiative in any important movement involving the other stands unrevoked.

As world politics is today, a treaty of alliance or any formal agreement with Japan might turn out a handicap. The British ministry received many a knock for elevating a yellow race to the dignity of alliance with a foremost white power. But Japan is formidable. She cannot be ignored or slighted. And it is not a sign of truckling fear when this country gives its word of honor to meet the Japanese half-way in certain emergencies which call for prompt action. Agreement not to disagree before taking it over is a long step toward ultimate harmony. We will stand by it, and our growing navy will be a reminder to Japan that it takes two to "keep" a bargain also.

With net earnings making a better showing than a year ago, when the railroads of the country were swamped with freight, and with the brightest outlook for business just ahead, the common carriers have no sound reason to court trouble with shippers, consumers and the government by putting up rates. The plea of poverty won't go, for the roads will soon be faring well with the old rates in force.

It seems that neither General Gordon, Roosevelt nor any other American coined that word "frazzle," for it was current in England before Columbus even discovered himself. At least this is the claim of the Westminster Gazette.

The country now has "congress on its hands," but hopes it will soon be reversed and that the other fellow's hands will make a good job of it.

Many a poor man would accept Carnegie's \$1,000,000 a month income and give a substantial guarantee to die as poor as when he began on it.

Red Blood In Fiction.

Harper's Weekly recently sounded a reactionary note against the present day demand among American readers for novels of action. The editor declares that sensibility is the greatest possession of the truly modern novel in contrast with the old novel of action. The argument sets forth that an act in itself is nothing. It becomes something only when thought interprets its intent and effect. Yet we have often been told of late that to depict life as it is and as it might be is the highest achievement of fiction. Life is action.

Novelists of today are not barred from moralizing on the side, but they are asked to portray life that is within range of the reader's experience. This makes the story readable anyway and may make it helpful. Perhaps it would be better for us all to think out our acts and their probable effects beforehand. But we don't do it, and few of us can grasp characters in novels who always "hew straight to the line." Something in the blood impels our actions day by day, and the average novel reader enjoys stories of blood compelled experiences and adventures above all other kinds.

How fate plays pranks with mortals is again demonstrated by the experience of Miss Peck, who made a record by climbing 25,000 feet to mountain top in Peru a few months ago. Recently she was disabled by stepping on a nail. Conway, the famous English climber, broke his leg by a misstep while lecturing about his mountain exploits. And there was Lord Cardigan, who led the Light brigade "into the jaws of death" at Balaklava and survived to be killed by the fall of his horse when taking a quiet morning ride at home.

That 365,926 cubic feet of rock piled upon Gatun dam's "south toe" by the cruel Colonel Goethals suggests that the uplift commission might do a human stunt down in Panama.

St. Louis' claim for distinction as "the best place in the world for aeronauts to sail away from" could well have been censored by the population boomers before publication.

The "shrike" of the green hat is declared to be the warcry of mankind. But often a warcry "peters out" into a yelp.

It is easy to let the other fellow do the worrying after you once get the happy-go-lucky pace.

Anyway no trust will ever "control" Roosevelt either as editor or senator.

In a conference with a number of representative colored men in this city yesterday President W. G. Frost of Berea College in a clear and comprehensive statement made the policy of the New Berea college for colored youth plain and definite. It will be located on a tract of land covering about 200 acres accessible by railroad the buildings being entire new and convenient. The present Board of Berea will be in control, with a new Board to be composed of both races to be subsequently appointed. The faculty will be mixed and the instruction will be entirely Normal and Industrial for the present. The name of the new school has not been decided upon, it will be religious but non-denominational with the several denominations being represented on the Board and in the faculty. The canvass for the \$50,000 to be raised in Kentucky is now in progress and colored people have already subscribed \$7,000 of this sum.

MCKINLEY TO NEGROES AID. Washington.—Representative Wm. B. McKinley of Illinois, has consented to befriend the negroes in the coming session of Congress to the extent at least of introducing a relief measure for the depositors in the Freeman's Savings Trust Company, carrying an appropriation of \$1,000,000. The president was asked last week by Rev. Jas. L. White to recommend such an appropriation in his forthcoming message to congress. The bank was incorporated just after the civil war and failed in 1874. The minister who called on the president has in his possession about 500 pass books belonging to depositors in the defunct institution, the affairs of which Rev. G. C. Sampson is chairman, was empowered to confer with

CHURCH NOTES.

Special sermon will be delivered next Sunday evening at the Witherspoon United Presbyterian church, on the subject, "Temperance," by the Rev. D. F. White. Special music.

Quarterly meeting Sunday at Simpson's chapel. The newly appointed pastor of Phillips C. M. E. Church will preach at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Rev. Bailey, pastor.

Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, corner North and Blackford streets. The first annual fair closed last Friday night. Received from all sources thus far \$181.77. It is hoped that the tickets unreported for, and other moneys will bring the results to \$200.00. The trustees and the pastor desire to express their appreciation to the friends who have contributed to the success of this effort. They are especially grateful to the Y. M. C. A. orchestra, which gave the opening concert, the friends who assisted with the program Thanksgiving night, also Mrs. Ada Higgins for the splendid program rendered Thursday, Dec. 3rd.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell will preach at this church, Sunday, Dec. 13th, mornide and evening.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance held its monthly meeting during the week and considered the emancipation day celebration question. The emancipation day committee, of which Rev. G. C. Sampson is chairman, was empowered to confer with



Rev. Geo. C. Sampson

several persons, with a view to obtaining a speaker for the occasion.

The quarterly election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. L. Herod; vice-president, J. S. Bailey; secretary, Thomas E. Taylor; treasurer, H. J. Callis. The Rev. K. Warren, pastor of Olivet Baptist church, was presented for membership. E. S. Schumacher, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was a visitor at the meeting. The following resolution presented by the Rev. E. W. McColl was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the Interdenominational Meeting of Colored Ministers of Indianapolis and vicinity, recommend and request that no meetings, except those of a revival nature be held in the colored churches of all denominations in Indianapolis and vicinity during the first ten days of the year 1909, and that each pastor conduct a series of revival meetings in his church in any manner he sees fit during these ten days."

The ladies of St. Phillip Episcopal church will give a Xmas bazaar and doll sale at their church, corner West and Walnut street next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. All children holding cards will please return them Thursday evening. Admission, 5 cents.

The Bethel Gleaners Mite Missionary will meet Saturday afternoon, Dec 19th, at 3 p. m., at the residence Cora Jones, 917 N. Carolina street. All members are urged to be present. An excellent program has been arranged, and the meeting promises to be interesting. Selma Beck, Pres.; Florence Lewis, Sec.; Mrs. Delia McCann, Supt.

On the evening of Dec. 16, the steward board of Bethel A. M. E. church and the Mary Campbell Missionary society will hold an entertainment and Rev. Morris Lewis will lecture, subject, "The Patched Coat."

Bishop Francis will confirm a class of ten at the Episcopal church on N. West street, Sunday at 4 o'clock. The public is invited to these services.

Rev. B. F. Lowe president of Bethel Christian Endeavor society, state organizer and instructor will go to Terre Haute Sunday to assist in organizing a C. E. at the Spruce st church.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs a juvenile cantata in four scenes will be given at Corinthian Baptist church Dec. 24th, by two large choruses and a full cast in full costumes.

Freemont Free Baptist church 2124 Martindale ave. Sunday services Sundays at 9:30 a. m.; preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening. Communion, fourth Sunday in each month. A cordial invitation is extended the public. Rev. Joseph Anderson, pastor; Mrs. Emma Brown, clerk.

Tomorrow morning Rev. Beecher of the First Free Baptist church will be the speaker. At night Rev. M. W. Turner will preach; the text being "The Orphanage of Moses." Thanks giving dinner was served 22 scholars

K. of P. Quarterly Report.

The first quarterly report of the Knights of Pythians of Indiana, now in the hands of the lodges show that this order is still working a commendable progress. All departments are on the move and additions in membership as well as finances, seems to be the watchword. The Endowment Board with R. N. Powell as chairman, the Uniform Rank under the command of Gen. John J. Buckner, and the Calanthe Court with Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey as Grand Worthy Counselor; all of these departments assisted by and under the watchful eye of Grand Chancellor, all seem to be right people in the right place. The regular fees for joining the K. of P. has

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+OUR CORRESPONDENTS,+
News, Incident, Social + and + Personal Activities

GREENSBURG.

Sunday was quarterly meeting. The services were well attended. Rev. Hunter, the Presiding Elder, was present. Rev. Smith, the new pastor, has entertained the work with a zeal which proclaims success. On Tuesday evening the Sunday school teachers class studies and have some interesting meetings. Miss Mae Wilson is home with her aunt, Mrs. Thurman, after an extended stay in Springfield, Mo. Messrs. Hays and Motley of Shelbyville, spent Sunday in the city, guests of friends. The Sunday schools are making preparations for Xmas entertainments. Rev. Hunter and Smith spent Tuesday in Columbus. Messrs. Hayes of Shelbyville, and Pyror of St. Joe, were here Tuesday.

PLAINFIELD.

Rev. Chas. Hunter was in our town, and gave a lecture at the A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Carrie Davis Dauprige entertained the U. S. C. club of Brightwood last Thursday. Last Sunday was rally day at the A. M. E. church. Quite a neat sum was raised. Rev. Brookfield pastor of Bridgeport Baptist church, preached in the afternoon. Miss Hattie Kellar died at the home of her father near Bridgeport. She had been a long from consumption. Mr. Fisher, an old gentleman of this place, when to Indianapolis last Saturday with a load of produce. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Nora Vick of Indianapolis, spent Thanksgiving here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poston, also Frank Allume and other friends. A large crowd of Danville people attended the supper at the A. M. E. church, Thanksgiving night. Rev. Hutchinson preached last Sunday evening for Rev. Cottman. Rev. McCulley pastor of Danville A. M. E. Church, was here last Sunday and assisted in the rally.

ANDERSON

The revival meeting at Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church is in progress. There has been one accession to the church and five to the altar. The pastor, Rev. Coleman, is being assisted by an evangelist, Rev. T. A. Edwards and wife. Rev. J. H. Hill an evangelist of the A. M. E. Indiana conference, called at the parsonage Monday on his way home to Wabash. Mrs. Brown of Dayton, O., left for her home last Sunday, after a visit with her son, Mr. Peyton and family. Mrs. Porrell is visiting in Ohio. Rev. B. S. Ivory of Second Baptist church, resigned his work here to accept a charge in Springfield, Ill., and will leave in a month for his new work. Mrs. Anna Mollory, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving. The Kalno Club is preparing a program to be rendered Dec. 22d, at the 2d Baptist church. Mrs. James Kirtley is visiting in Detroit, Mich.

During the 11 days meeting at Fairmount, under Evangelists Edwards and wife, there were four converts, and at Alexandria three converts. Mrs. A. Artist, state organizer of colored women clubs, lectured to the ladies of the Culture club, Friday.

SHELBYVILLE.

Miss Ella Miller spent Thanksgiving at her home, in Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Cora Rodney of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Boston and daughter Sadie, Mrs. Mealey Williams and Mrs. Ella Simpson of Indianapolis, were the guests of Mrs. Hattie Boston one day last week. Mr. James Burbridge and Mrs. Elizabeth Guggs were married Nov. 30th. Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis have returned to their home in this city. Our committee are working hard to have a Christmas cantata Christmas night. Mrs. Mattie Carter will do shopping at Indianapolis. Miss Ella Martin has returned to her home in Indianapolis. Mr. B. R. Martin has started in the restaurant business, at 58 S. Harrison st.

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SEYMOUR.

Rev. D. D. Lucallen pastor of the A. M. E. church, went to Bedford Sunday to hold services. The drama, in three acts, entitled, "The Face of the Window," was given by the Oak Leaf Club Dec. 8th. It was a success. Our people under the leadership of Pres. Jerome, are trying hard to pay at least \$100.00 on a \$300.00 church debt by March 1st. The Misses Majdor and King are working to revive the Christian Endeavor, and should have the encouragement of every one. Mrs. Sadie Payne of Indianapolis, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Lamb. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burnet of Indianapolis, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Narve Mitchell, Thanksgiving week. Mr. Otis Mitchell is at home visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Champion. Mrs. Caine Lamb on Brown street, has about recovered. Mr. D. D. Mitchell who has been seriously ill, has about recovered. There will be services all day next Sunday. Everybody invited. The A. M. E. and Baptist Sunday schools are preparing for an Xmas entertainment.

RICHMOND.

The ministers of the city are requested to meet at the parsonage of the Wesleyan M. E. Church, Monday, at 1 p.m., to organize a ministerial alliance. Rev. H. E. Stewart, D. D., of Chicago, pastor of the Institutional church, preached an able sermon at the Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday night. The Finger of Scorn company was greeted with a crowded house last Saturday night, at Fountain City. Friends will be pained to learn that Mrs. Jennie Warfare of 3rd street, fell Friday night of last week, and dislocated her shoulder. Richmond has another physician added to its list—it is Geo. W. Minor, a talented gentleman. He has license from Marion county. He will occupy the office to fully used by Dr. J. Robert Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goens entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening Dr. H. E. Stewart and Rev. N. W. Williams.

VINCENNES

Mrs. Francis Whyte, wife of Mr. Z. White, one of the oldest settlers of Vincennes, passed away Dec. 3. She was a member of the A. M. E. Church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Amphy, assisted by Rev. M. V. Saunders of Washington, Ind. Last Friday evening Mrs. Susie Miller elaborately entertained a number of friends at her home. Mrs. Miller is a charming hostess, and the evening was enjoyed by all present. Miss Sidie Howard entertained a few friends at dinner last Thursday evening at her home in Seminary street. Miss Estella Allen is convalescent. Mr. Jenkins of Terre Haute, is in the city for a few weeks, and is stopping with Mrs. E. Carter on E. Seminary street. Mrs. Cora Hart of Chicago, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Frank Crosby, in N. 2d street.

NOBLESVILLE.

Geo. H. Ganaway, a lawyer of Indianapolis, was in the city last week on business. Mr. Edgar Williams returned last Tuesday from Columbus, where he spent a few days visiting. Mr. Lennual White of Arcada, and Raleigh R. Carter of Westfield, spent last Monday evening at the rink. Mr. Harry J. Carter passed through this city last Saturday evening, on his home from Tipton. Miss Beulah Stone is expecting to spend Xmas with her sister, Mrs. Lucile Dopes of Battle Creek, Mich. Miss Ida Mae Williams was in Indianapolis last Thursday. Mrs. Woodard who has been sick, attended church last Sunday. Mr. Steven Roberts was in Chicago last Sunday with two car loads of stock. The 1st Baptist church is arranging for a Christmas eve program. Mr. Henry Hurley and Mrs. Georgia Hurdle were united in holy wedlock last Sunday evening by Rev. P. H. Lewis. The A. M. E. Church is preparing a fine program for Christmas. Give your items to Miss Hazel F. Hedgepath, 91 W. Hannibal street, new phone 231.

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FRANKLIN.

The Webster Literary Society was organized on Thursday night with John Montgomery Pres. and H. C. Williams Secretary. Much benefit to the young is promised. Dr. C. E. Fassett of Muncie, is the guest of his parents. Mr. Best, a teacher in the Rockville schools, was the guest of Miss Artist last week. The sermon on the "Unknown God" was a masterly effort on the part of Rev. Hardiman. Many persons seemed deeply impressed. Mrs. Emma Pryor is reported better at this writing. The condition of Rev. Ferguson remains unchanged. A free will offering of \$2.25 was given as a token of esteem and respect for one who has so valently stood for right, and the methods of the grand old church.

The trustees, notwithstanding the rainy day and other demands, met with success in lifting their collection. The Sunday school clubs, literary and other auxiliaries are lining up for the holidays.

Rev. Patterson has returned from Terre Haute. The K. of P. had election of officers last week.

Mr. Homer Edwards of Columbus, was the guest of friends last Tuesday evening, and attended the meeting of the "True Blues" of which Miss Evans is president, which met at the home of the secretary, Miss Fosset.

Miss Ruth Pettiford has returned from a visit to Indianapolis. Miss Fannie Freeman surprised Rev. Hardiman with a beautiful gold watch, for which she has his grateful thanks. Miss Freeman was a member of his father's church some years ago at Seymour, and is now one of the substantial members of the son's church in this city.

The congregation also appreciated this mark of kindness and respect.

FT. WAYNE.

Mrs. Ida Davidson has returned from Chicago. Mrs. Fox of Dayton, O., visiting her sister, Mrs. Williams, on Grand street. Rev. Evert was here last week trying to organize a Baptist church. Mrs. James Abbott returned from Anderson, her former home Monday.

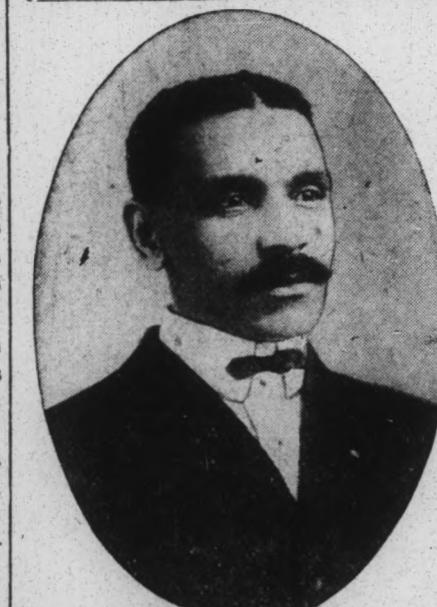
Mrs. James Rice is to visit her sister at River Falls during the holidays. Mrs. Ida Matthews is visiting Mrs. Rhodes Bass of Richmond, formerly of this city. Mrs. James Carter visited Mrs. Bertha Johnson at Chicago, the first of the week. Mrs. A. J. Matthews went to Chicago Saturday to visit Mrs. Nena Bach. Mr. Scott went to Chicago this week to secure employment. Mr. Jerry Aude son of Kendaville, visited his niece, Mrs. Stelias, last week. Mrs. R. R. Jones entertained in stewardess board last Wednesday afternoon. The Y. P. I. society met with Miss Kate Smith last Friday evening, Nov. 27. The dinner, supper and entertainment given by the stewardess board was a grand success. Mr. Military Young visited his sister, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, at Chicago, Sunday and Monday.

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PORTLAND.

Mrs. John Dyer is still on the sick list. Mr. R. Mitchel was in Muncie Tuesday, on business. Mrs. M. Boyd on east Water street is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. White, W. Water are entertained at Tea Wednesday, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ratcliffe. The Woman's Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. Church held its monthly meeting last Wednesday, with Mrs. O. W. White, Rev. J. H. H. preached for Rev. Ratcliffe last Sunday. He is an able speaker, and will assist Rev. Ratcliffe in his revival meeting, which begins Jan. 3, 1909. The York Masons are holding their Grand Lodge here this week. Mr. Albie Reed of Anderson, visit A. Fleming last Sunday. The board of trustees gave the the following ladies a reception for their efficient work, woman's rally day, Nov. 15th. Mrs. G. A. Ratcliffe, Mrs. Mary Collins, Mrs. Millissa Boyd, Mrs. Almira Mills and Mallie Tate. The children of the Sunday are looking for Santa Clause Christmas eve. Miss Bessie Evans entertained the ladies improvement club last Friday night, Dec. 4th. Mrs. Carrie Smith entertained Dec. 11th.

CEMENTVILLE.

The Indiana Baptist Southeastern District convention of the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. were in session Thursday and Friday of this week, at the Howard Chapel Baptist church, New Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dain arrived here Wednesday of last week to spend the winter with their mother, Mrs. Eliza Dain. Miss Lucy Dain, and her mother and father of Louisville, spent Thanksgiving, as the guests of her aunt, Mrs. Lu Jackson. Wm. Tuckr continued very ill. Mrs. Fannie O. Jones entertained guests at dinner Thanksgiving and Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Long and Jno West of Watson and Loch Kellar were the guests of the Watson girl Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gravas of the Flatwoods, entertained quite a number of guests at dinner Sunday.

NORWOOD.

Mrs. Ercie Johnson will spend the holidays in Louisville, the guest of her cousin Rosella Johnson. Owing to the inclement weather three numbers on the program for the Sunday Forum were omitted on account of the non-attendance of the participants. They will give their numbers Sunday, Dec. 13. James N. Shelton gave a forceful talk on "The Fruits of Industry." He applied the theme to our race. Depicted our beginnings from 1619 to the present dwelling largely on the race since 1865. He talked of the progress, along lines of literature, science, art and philosophy, man's end and invention. Mrs. Robert Morris in New York on account of the continued illness of her daughter. Mrs. Emma Winlock is quite ill at her home, in Vandalia, Va. The attendance at the Sunday Forum is increasing and much interest is being manifested in the willingness which the participants accept being put on the program.

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If we take the Christmas lesson next week instead of the story of Solomon's downfall, this will be our last Old Testament study for two years to come, as 1909 will be given to the Acts and the Epistles and 1910 to the gospel by Matthew. May the Lord therefore give us a special blessing in this meditation. The lesson verses assigned tell of the bringing of the ark of the covenant from the tent which David had pitched for it to the holy of holies in the temple which Solomon had just finished, and they brought the tabernacle and all its furniture from Gibeon, not for use, but to care for it somewhere in the temple (verse 4). All the temple furniture was new and grand and on a larger scale except the ark of the covenant, mentioned seven times in our lesson verses, and which contained at this time only the two tables of stone which Moses had made and on which God had written the Ten Commandments (verse 9), although at one time it seems to have contained the golden pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded (Heb. ix, 4). They made no mistake this time in having it carried in any other way than that of God's appointment (verses 3, 4).

When the priests had come out from setting the ark in its place, then the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, and no man could stand in His presence (verse 11). "The fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house" (II Chron. vii, 1). At first God walked with man in Eden, then in a tent with Israel, at the time of our lesson in the temple, later in the body prepared for Him, even in Christ; now in the bodies of all believers, for we are His temple (I Cor. vi, 19, 20; II Cor. vi, 16). And the time is coming when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory and there shall be neither adversary nor evil occur (Num. xiv, 21; Isa. xi, 9; Hab. ii, 14; I Kings, v, 4). Then shall the holy city, the new Jerusalem, have descended from God out of heaven, of which the seer said, "I saw no temple herein, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it; * * * the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (Rev. xxi, 22, 23). Then shall the temple of God be opened in heaven and there shall be seen in His temple the ark of His testament (Rev. xi, 19).

Very many are the interesting facts concerning the temple of Solomon and the lessons to be learned from it. It was built on Mount Moriah, on the place which David purchased from Aranah, the Jebusite, the former reminding us of the death and resurrection of Isaac and the latter of salvation by blood and the Lord's word, "It is enough" (Gen. xxi; II Sam. xxiv; II Chron. iii, 1). The house was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building (I Kings vi, 7). The foundation, like that of the tabernacle, suggests atonement, for every board of the tabernacle stood on sockets of silver obtained from the ransom money of the people (Ex. xxx). As we saw recently in Isa. xxviii, 16; I Cor. iii, 11, there is no possible standing ground for any sinner but the foundation which God has provided, even the precious blood of Christ. When we are redeemed by that precious blood, then we are stones for the building, but here in the quarry where we were found we are being made ready for our places in the building, and the great Master Workman (Prov. viii, 30, R. V.) is too wise to spend too much or too little labor on any stone. Let us therefore trust Him for grace to say under all circumstances, "This is fitting me for my place in His building."

Within the building all was covered with gold and cedar. "There was no stone seen" (I Kings vi, 18). The Lord alone must be exalted. No flesh shall glory in His presence. Note for study the cherubim and palm trees carved on walls and doors, the pillars Jachin and Boaz in the porch of the temple, the two large olive wood cherubim covered with gold which in the holy of holies overshadowed the ark with its cherubim of pure gold, the 480 years from the exodus until Solomon began to build the temple, the seven years in which he was building it, the thirty-four years until it was first plundered, the 153,000 strangers who helped.

Study the prayer of dedication, each section of it, and notice I Kings viii, 43, 60. "That all the people of the earth may know thy name, may know that the Lord is God, to fear Thee as do Thy people Israel." Note especially verse 56, "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise which He promised by the hand of Moses, His servant." Compare Josh. xxii, 14. Notice the word of the Lord to Solomon concerning his prayer, "I have hallowed this house which thou hast built to put My name there forever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually" (I Kings ix, 3). That being true of a mass of wood and stone, we who are living temples may surely appropriate the words and rejoice greatly in I Pet. v, 7.

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