

Morgan Library
A Book Paradise

Secrets of Millionaire Financier's Wonderful Treasure House
In New York Now Revealed—Four Volumes of Burns'
Manuscripts, Originals of Ruskin's "Stones of Venice,"
Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," Pope's "Essay on Man"
and Poe's "The Bells"—Thirty Shelves of Bibles.

THE secrets of that wonderful treasure house of J. Pierpont Morgan's 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 Gutenberg (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 Colbert's (in thirty-two volumes, with the statesman's arms on the covers), Mme. de Mainten-

ance impress of "Le Cid" is also here.

Most Charming Collection of All.

The most charming collection of all are the books that once were owned by kings and queens and princesses and statesmen. Here is a "Heures de Notre Dame" covered with death's heads, bound for that picturesque personage Henry III. Here are volumes that belonged to "Grailles," "Coche" and "Loque," poor Adelaide's in red, Victor's in olive, Sophie's in citron. The princesses' dainty little bookplates are in some of the volumes. Mme. de Pompadour is of course represented, while there are fifteen classical works bound for Marguerite de Valois by Clovis Eve. One charming and unique little book was bound for Henry VIII. and Catherine of Aragon. Malot's and Grollier's libraries have given many books for the Morgan collection, as have also Canevari's and "stately De Hhou's," while Richelieu's arms are to be found on two or three volumes. Colbert's on others and the Golden Pleece of Longepierre on still others. The works of the great blinders are naturally placed near the books that famous (and infamous) persons owned—the two Biblical excellencies are so often combined, the result, of course, being ideal. Practically every master of the binder's art is represented by one or more volumes—usually more—while the collection of books in tooled vellum is a remarkable one. There are specimens of the workmanship of Derome, of Le Gascon, of Padeloup, of Nicolas and Clovis Eve, of Roger Payne and of the blinders of more modern days.

Everything Here Is Precious.
To describe the contents of the treasure room with any semblance of or-



J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

non's, Sir Walter Scott's, Bibles in Icelandic and other strange tongues; a set of the gospels in ten volumes, exquisitely bound in Padeloup.

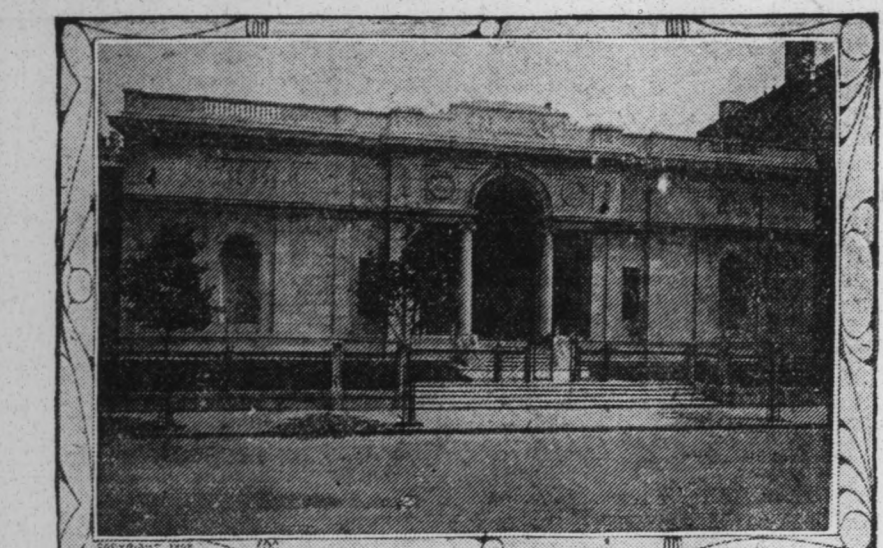
Turn from the Bibles and the Elzevir "Pastissier Francois" and the Aldine "Hypnerotomachia Poliphili" to the other side of the room. Caxtons and Wynkyn de Worde are there, two-score of them, including several that are unique. Are you attracted by Elizabethan and Jacobean first editions? Practically everything is here—Shakespeare folios and quartos, Milton, Sidney, Spenser, Jonson, Drayton, Sir Thomas Browne, Marvell, Waller, Burton and hundreds of others.

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 Francia. 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 bookshelves are many brilliant pieces of Italian pottery, including some trident Ghibo ware. In this room are Mr. Morgan's French books, many of his books bound by celebrated blinders and books that belonged to notable personages. In one bookcase, for instance, are first editions of every one of Moliere's works. There are also full sets of first editions of Corneille, Racine and other authors. A most unique



MR. MORGAN'S TREASURE PALACE THAT SHELTERS HIS GREAT LIBRARY COLLECTION.

der, any pretense to enumerate them according to their importance, would be impossible. Everything is precious. Besides the manuscripts, the "Golden Gospels" is a fascinating volume. It was given to Henry VIII. by Leo X. about the time the title "defender of the faith" was conferred on the king, and the superb binding is supposed to have been designed by Holbein. It is not the cover, however, that is the most glorious feature of this great tome. It is the purple vellum on which the gospels are inscribed in letters of burnished gold. The secret of preparing this vellum is lost. The color ranges from royal dark purple to purple of a rosy tone, every imaginable hue being found on one page or another. It is now fairly well established that the work was done by an Anglo-Saxon scribe for Archbishop Wilfrid of York about the year 670.

Wonderful Piece of Workmanship.

The "Naples Offices," which took the great Clovis nine years to complete, was made for Cardinal Alessandro Farnese. The binding, in silver gilt, a wonderful piece of workmanship, is ascribed to Benvenuto Cellini. There are other illuminated manuscripts of equal interest. Here is the prayer book of Charles VIII.; another is a Greek Aesop of the ninth century; a third is a "book of hours" made for Mary Stuart and her boy husband; a fourth, a book written and bound by Padeloup for Louis XV.; another, it was the lesson book of Louis the Grand Dauphin, on vellum, "Ecrit par E. Damoiselet a Paris, 1693." Damoiselet, by the way, was a pupil of Jarry, who is represented by a similar manuscript.

One also finds Mary Stuart's "Ptolemy" in a Le Gaccon binding, then an extraordinary Tibetan manuscript, an epic poem and then a missal of Juan II. of Aragon, his blazoned pages a marvelous piece of illumination. Another work is an "Apocalypse" of the twelfth century and still another a Syriac Bible of about 750, English manuscript, the rarest of all illuminated books.

Letters of Burns.

There are four volumes of Burns manuscripts, mostly letters, but the letters contain the first copies of many of the poet's best known works, including the "Cotter's Saturday Night." The

original of Ruskin's "Stones of Venice" is here, the originals of George Sand's "La Ville 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 Nell Gwynn's title deed to her house in Pall Mall seem commonplace. The original drawings for "Pickwick" include the discussed Buss plates. The much discussed manuscript of "Paradise Lost" is in the collection. There are many Shelley 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 being 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 Napoleonic 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. Drawers after drawers 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, by the time it is completed reach an astonishing number of volumes. Another tremendous extra illustrated book is "The Siege of Yorktown 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.

A Timely Ballad.

On sealing wax and kings
The talk perhaps will veer.
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 flings.
Your wife with cunning queer
To Persian lamb will steer.
You may not speak for print,
But realize with fear
It is the Christmas hint.

Sometimes 'tis sprouting wings
Or martyred manner dears
Or pointed silence brings
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'd better get your mint.
What comes to close the year?
It is the Christmas hint.
—McLamburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

ALEXIS HONEST

Even the Ex-Presidents Foes
Admit He Is No Graft

Represents Racial Characteristics of
Haytians Crafty and Progressive Ideas.

General Nord Alexis, the deposed president of Haiti, being a product of a turbulent country with frequent revolutions, a steady stream of political assassinations and a perfect sea of corruption and intrigue, represented in himself the principal characteristics of the Haytian people. He climbed to the presidency by force. He is half savage, but even his enemies admit that he is patriotic and honest, exceptionally so, according to Haytian standards, says the New York Herald. He always posed as the opponent of graft, and by this he is distinguished from most of the Haytian leaders who assailed him all the time he was in power.

There has been much speculation about the age of Alexis. It has been placed between eighty-five and 100. According to a biography published in Haiti, he was born in 1820. His father was a so called prince of Cape Haitien, the northernmost part of the country. The parent held a high position in the household of Emperor Henry Christophe, a barbarian, who left behind him when he committed suicide in 1820 a long trail of political crimes.

General Alexis in 1806 rebelled against Hippolyte, who previously had overthrown President Legitime. Hippolyte died in a fit of rage the same year while preparing to march against the rebels, and he was succeeded by General Sam in March, 1806. When that leader fled from the country after the people had risen against him in 1902 General Alexis, who had been the most formidable spirit in the revolution, assumed the presidency. He plunged at once into a reorganization of the departments of the government. His policy was to remove as far as possible French and German influence from the affairs of state in their bearing upon the finances and development of the country.

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 trade concessions.

Here is an instance of a craftiness combined with a real feeling toward progress. A mining expert in Philadelphia, who had assayed a lot of copper bearing rock said to have come from Haiti, went down there to look over the ground. He found a fine ore and quite inaccessible for business purposes unless a railroad could be built. The Germans had a railroad from Port au Prince to the salt lakes and naturally wanted no competition, and a German steamship line saw possible rival steamships connecting with the rail end. They began to work on the president.

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 voodooism. His wife died a few weeks ago.

Racial Identity

Defining the Term Negro Collectively 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 implies.

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.

The philosophy that observes these color distinctions for the purpose of contending that all of the members of the human family of the same color are of the same race, is founded on race prejudice and color discrimination, pure and simply. It has endeavored to put asunder the one blood with which God has joined together all children of men and to sever the domestic shreds and social cords that bind them into a common brotherhood. It has proved the destruction of the black nations of antiquity as a world power, and is now proving the same destruction to the white nations of modern times. Color and race prejudice must give away before the onward march of human progress, which will convince the nations of the earth that character and capacity cannot be determined by the color of the skin.

The standard color of any division of human beings is derived by the fixed climate of the country in which they live, and varies only with immigration to different climates or the amalgamation of a people distinct in color, who may be of the same race or of a different one. Colored prejudice has no regard for the relation of blood. It has often decided that some of one mother's children were Negroes and the others white people.

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. Cary B. Lewis, publicity agent. Mr. Lewis 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.

THE MOST POPULAR MINISTER CONTEST

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" of Church.....

City or Town.....

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The Indianapolis RECORDER is conducting a voting contest to decide who is the most popular minister of the race in Indiana. Ballots will appear weekly and are good for one vote, if received at the Recorder Office before the first of next month.

SPECIAL BALLOTS will be given with all subscriptions as follows: 1 year, 100 votes 6 months, 50 votes; 3 months, 25 votes. A \$50.00 suit of clothes will be presented to the successful minister by the Recorder. Watch the vote each week.

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. Procter, 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. Procter 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. Procter. "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. It is 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 able, educated and successful colored people, poets, artists, orators, actors, musicians, attorneys, editors, elocutionists, 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 fetters 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.

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 straggles through unwashed 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 or 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, 133,600 acres; Yakima, Washington, 1,145,000 acres.

Have You Voted?

Standing In The Most Popular
Minister Contest.

Rev. Lemuel Stokes, city.....	6263
Rev. G. W. Ward, Mt. Zion Baptist church.....	5140
Rev. Chas. Hunter, Presiding Elder.....	5110
Rev. R. D. Lenard, Union Tabernacle Baptist Church.....	4955
Rev. Noah W. Williams, Richmond A. M. E. church.....	1030
Rev. C. H. Shaffer, Bethel A. M. E. Church.....	710
Rev. G. C. Sampson, Allen Chapel Church.....	604
Rev. H. J. Callis, Jones Tabernacle.....	501
Rev. James Roberts, Antioch Baptist Church.....	225
Rev. Chas. Johnson, city.....	225
Rev. G. A. Martin, Corinthian Baptist church.....	177
Rev. H. L. Herod, 2d Christian church.....	152
Rev. K. Warren, Olivet Baptist church.....	133
Rev. J. S. Bailey, Simpson Chapel ch/rch.....	136
Rev. H. H. Hinton, M. E. Church, Conville.....	125
Rev. J. C. Patton, Shiloh Baptist ch/rch.....	125
Rev. Chas. Williams, Cavalry Baptist church.....	75
Rev. White, Witherspoon Presbyterian.....	205
Rev. C. E. Hardmon, Franklin, Ind.....	100
Rev. Morris Lewis, Presiding Elder A. M. E. Church.....	75
Rev. W. M. Winfield, Penick Chapel.....	50
Rev. B. F. Farrell, Mt. Paron Baptist Church.....	50
Rev. P. Lewis, Noblesville.....	25
Rev. Mitchell, Metropolitan Baptist church.....	50
Rev. J. Francis Robinson.....	50
Rev. J. C. Campbell, City.....	50
Rev. J. P. Wallace, Terre Haute, Ind.....	50
Rev. N. A. Seymour, New Bethel Baptist church.....	50
Rev. Patterson New Hope Baptist.....	25
Rev. Jonsson, Irvington Baptist church.....	25
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The Truest With Japan.

If the new understanding between
this country and Japan merely puts a
quietus upon the war talk of the Jin-
goes 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 definite-
ness 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 immigra-
tion 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 initia-
tive in any important movement in-
volving 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 talking 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 swamp-
ed with freight, and with the brightest
outlook for business just ahead, the
common carriers have no sound reason
to court trouble with shippers, con-
sumers 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 Gor-
don, Roosevelt nor any other Ameri-
can coined that word "frazzle," for it
was current in England before Colum-
bus 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 Cor-
negie'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 de-
clares that sensibility is the great pos-
session 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 some-
thing 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 before-
hand. 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 ac-
tions 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 experi-
ence of Miss Peck, who made a rec-
ord by climbing 26,000 feet to a moun-
tain top in Peru a few months ago.
Recently she was disabled by stepping
on a nail. Conway, the famous Eng-
lish climber, broke his leg by a mis-
step while lecturing about his moun-
tain exploits. And there was Lord
Cardigan, who led the Light brigade
"into the jaws of death" at Balaclava
and survived to be killed by the fall
of his horse when taking a quiet morn-
ing ride at home.That 365,926 cubic feet of rock piled
upon Gathum dam's "south toe" by the
cruel Colonel Goehls suggests that
the uplift commission might do a hu-
mane stunt down in Panama.St. Louis' claim for distinction as
"the best place in the world for aero-
nauts to sail away from" could well
have been endorsed by the population
boomers before publication.The "shriek" of the green hat is de-
clared 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 compre-
hensive 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 facul-
ty 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 undenominational
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 al-
ready 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 Sav-
ing Trust Company, carrying an appro-
priation of \$1,000,000. The president
was asked last week by Rev. Jas. L.
White to recommend such a propo-
sition 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 have been administered by
the comptroller of the currency. It
is claimed that the failure was due to
the lack of supervision by the Federal
Government, promised when the bank
was established, and upon which the
depositors relied when they put their
money in the keeping of the institution.
The president made no definite
promise of assistance.The Parents meeting of School 42,
held at the First Baptist church, Dec.
3, was largely attended and produc-
tive of great good in its results. Ad-
dresses were made by Prof. G. A. Mir-
ick, assistant Supt. of the schools and
Prof. D. T. Weir supervisor; Dr. A. J.
King also spoke encouragingly of the
benefits of the meeting. A solo by
Mrs. Samuel Ratcliffe and a chorus by
the school children were enjoyed. The
next meeting will be held at Barnes
Chapel, Jan. 7th. The public is invited.Services at Wayman Chapel Sunday
with preaching at 10:45 and 7:45 by
pastor, Rev. A. Jackson. David Adam
class leader and Mr. Comer, Supt. of
the Sunday school at 2:30. Tuesday
night Official board and Chass with W.
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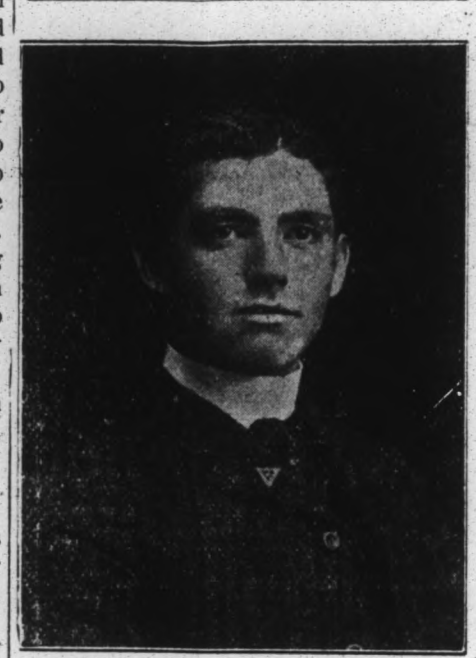
CHURCH NOTES.

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 Simp-
son's chapel. The newly appointed
pastor of Phillips C. M. E. Church will
preach at 3 o'clock. A cordial invita-
tion 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 pro-
gram rendered Thursday, Dec. 3rd.
Bishop G. L. Blackwell will preach
at this church, Sunday, Dec. 13th,
mornind and evening.The Interdenominational Minister's
Alliance held its monthly meeting dur-
ing the week and considered the eman-
cipation day celebration question.
The emancipation day committee, of
which Rev. G. C. Sampson is chair-
man, was empowered to confer with

Rev. Geo. C. Sampson

several persons, with a view to obtain-
ing a speaker for the occasion.The quarterly election of officers re-
sulted as follows: President, H. L.
Herod; vice-president, J. S. Bailey;
secretary, Thomas E. Taylor; treasur-
er, H. J. Callis. The Rev. K. Warren,
pastor of Olivet Baptist church, was
presented for membership. E. S. Schu-
macher, 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 Interde-
nominational Meeting of Colored Min-
isters of Indianapolis and vicinity, re-
commend and request that no meet-
ings, except those of a revival nature
be held in the colored churches of all
denominations in Indianapolis and vic-
inity 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 dur-
ing these ten days."The ladies of St. Phillip Episcopal
church will give a Xmas bazar and doll
fair at their church, corner West and
Walnut street next Tuesday, Wednes-
day and Thursday nights. All child-
ren holding cards will please return
them Thursday evening. Admission,
5 cents.The Bethel Gleaners Mite Mission-
ary will meet Saturday afternoon, Dec
19th, at 3 p. m., at the residence Cor-
dia Jones, 917 N. Carolina street. All
members are urged to be present. An
excellent program has been arranged,
and the meeting promises to be inter-
esting. Selma Beck, Pres.; Florence
Lewis, Sec.; Mrs. Della McCann, SuptOn the evening of Dec. 16, the stew-
ardess board of Bethel A. M. E. church
and the Mary Campbell Missionary so-
ciety will hold an entertainment and
Rev. Morris Lewis will lecture, sub-
ject, "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 servicesRev. B. F. Lowe president of Bethel
Christian Endeavor society, state or-
ganizer 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
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching
10:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Prayer
meeting Tuesday evening. Commu-
nion, fourth Sunday in each month. A
cordial invitation is extended the pub-
lic. 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 commend-
able progress. All departments are
on the move and additions in member-
ship as well as finances, seems to be
the watchword. The Endowment
Board with R. N. Powell as chairman,
the Uniform Rank under the com-
mand of Gen. John J. Buckner, and
the Calanthe Court with Mrs. Sadie
B. Dungey as Grand Worthy Counsel-
lor, 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 regu-
lar fees for joining the K. of P. hasbeen raised to \$10.50, and a higher
tone and greater efficiency is expected
to result therefrom. The Endowment
department which is the brightest
spot in Pythianism has set its mark
to a fund of \$20,000 this year, and bids
fair to reach it. The total collections
for the past quarter were \$1,776.25.
The total amount in the Endowment
treasury on Nov. 1, '08, was \$15,853.80;
deposited as follows:
American National Bank
Frankfort.....\$ 900.5
Wamwright Trust Co., Nob-
lesville, at 4 per cent..... 545.70
Union Trust Co., Indianapo-
lis, at 4 per cent..... 323.10
American Trust Co., Indian-
apolis, at 4 per cent..... 3,043.85
Farmers and Traders Bank,
Lafayette, at 4 per cent..... 1,040.56
Municipal bonds, Shirley, Ind
at 5 per cent..... 5,000.00
Loan on G. W. O. O. F. build-
ing, Indianapolis, at 6 per cent 4,000.00
American National Bank, at 3
per cent..... 1,000.00
Total.....\$15,853.80Grand Chancellor Tidrington an-
nounces the following itinerary on a
tour of inspection: New Albany, Dec
13; Jeffersonville, 14th, Mitchell, 15th;
North Vernon, 16th, Columbus, 17th;
Shelbyville, 18th, and at Indianapolis
for the monthly Endowment Board, on
the 19th and 20th. After Jan. 1st, he
will make a complete tour of the state,
visiting each lodge in the Grand Juris-
diction.

Tuberculosis Congress at Tuskegee

One of the most progressive, as
well as one of the most interesting
steps in the campaign against tuber-
culosis, which is being at present
waged with especial vigor through-
out the south, is the Negro Congress
on tuberculosis which will be held at
Tuskegee, Ala., from December 14th
to 19th. The meeting which is being
held under the joint auspices of the
Tuskegee Institute, of which Booker
T. Washington is the head, and the
National Association for the study
and prevention of tuberculosis, will
be attended by representative colored
men and women from all over the
United States. The object of the con-
gress is to discuss means for check-
ing the enormous mortality from consump-
tion among the negroes.In connection with the congress, an
exhibition showing the ravages of tu-
berculosis, and the methods for treat-
ing and preventing it, will be held.
Among the striking features which
will be demonstrated by the exhibit
will be the fact that the mortality
from tuberculosis is 150 per cent high-
er in the colored population of the
country than in the white.The week of December 15th has
been set apart in almost all of the col-
ored communities in the south, and in
many in the north, as "Health Week."
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ic and social bodies will unite at that
time to spread the gospel of health,
particularly as relating to tubercu-
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cording sec'y.; Viola Garvin, treasurer;
C. M. C. Willis, president; Mary J. Scott,
chairman trustee board and Jennie
Miller, chaplain.

OBITUARY.

Wilbur A. Brandy was born in Wau-
kesha, Wis., Oct. 17, 1888, and died at
Chicago, Nov. 7, 1908. His early life
was spent in Indianapolis, where he
attended school. Going to Chicago in
1903 he entered Webster School gradu-
ating with honor. At his death he
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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 Pyron 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 Daudridge 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 Keller 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 Allums and other friends. A large crowd of Danville people attended the snapper 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. Rex J. I. 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. Portell 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 Melory, 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 or prize 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.

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 Maddox 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 Burnett of Indianapolis, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Narve Mitchell, Thanksgiving week. Mr. Oris Mitchell is at home visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Champion. Mrs. Caine Lamb on Brown street, is about recovered. Mr. D. N. 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, 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 Fourteen City. Friends will be pained to learn that Mrs. Jennie Warfield 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 formerly used by Dr. J. Robert Morrell. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goetz 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 Sadie Howard entertained a few friends at dinner last Thursday evening at her home in Seminary street. Miss Estella Allen is convalescent. Mr. Jinkins 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. Lennal White of Arcadia, 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 23.

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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 valiantly 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 lying 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 Fossett. Miss Ruth Pettiford has returned 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 appreciate this mark of kindness and respect.

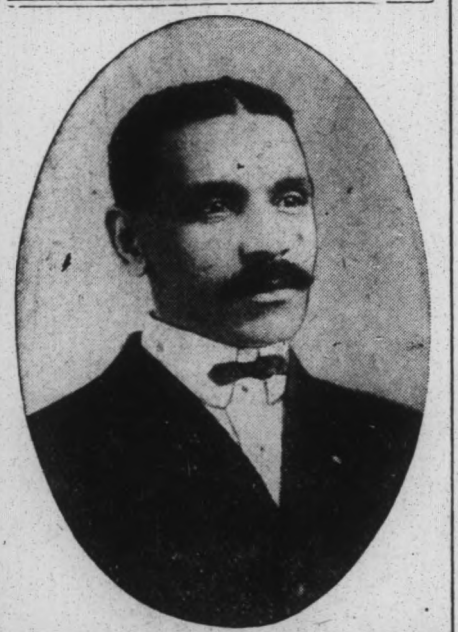
FT. WAYNE.

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 Rive is to visit her sister at River Falls during the holidays. Mrs. Ida Matthews is visiting Mrs. Rhodes Biss 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 Beach. Mr. Scott went to Chicago this week to secure employment. Mr. Jerry Anderson of Kendallville, visited his niece, Mrs. Stellas, last week. Mrs. R. R. Jones entertained the 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 Thanksgiving day and evening was a grand success. Mr. Millary Young visited his sister, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, at Chicago, Sunday and Monday.

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Mrs. John Dyer is still on the sick list. Mr. R. Mitchell 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 street, entertained at tea Wednesday, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ratliffe, he 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. preached for Rev. Ratliffe last Sunday. He is an able speaker, and will assist Rev. Ratliffe in his revival meeting, which begins Jan. 3, 1909. The York Masons are holding their Grand Lodge here this week. Mr. Althe Reed of Anderson, visit A. Fleming last Sunday. The board of trustees gave the following ladies a reception for their efficient work, woman's rally day, Nov. 15th, Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe, Mrs. Mary Collins, Mrs. Milliss Boyd, Mrs. Almira Mills and Mallie Tate. The children of the Sunday are looking for Santa Claus 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's and S. S. were in session Thursday and Friday of this week. At the Howard Chapel Baptist church, New Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Drain arrived here Wednesday of last week to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Drain. Miss Lucy Drain, and her mother and father of Louisville, spent Thanksgiving, as the guests of her aunt, Mrs. Lu Jackson. Wm. Tucker continues very ill. Mrs. Fannie O. Jones entertained guests at dinner Thanksgiving and Sunday. Messrs. Wm. Long and Jno West of Watson and Enoch Keller 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. Ernie 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 forcible 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 and philosophy, fiction 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 Vandeman ave. The attendance at the Sunday Forum is increasing and much interest is being manifested in the will-ignness 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 occurrent (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 therein, 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 Aramath, the Jebusite, the former reminding us of the death and resurrection of Isaac and the latter of satisfaction by blood and the Lord's word, "It is enough" (Gen. xxii; 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. xxiii, 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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