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## Lincoln

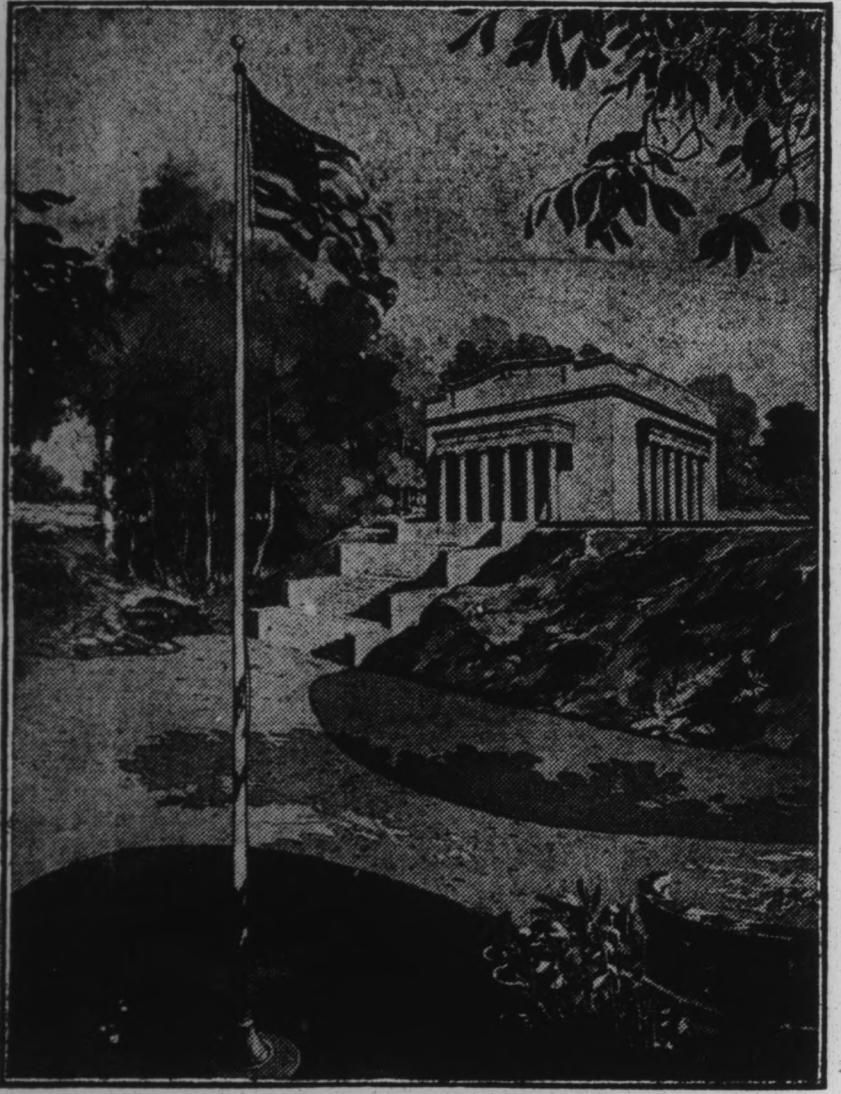
### Birthplace Farm Memorial

Simple Structure Near Hodgenville, Ky., to Be Dedicated in Honor of the Great American Immortal.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.  
ROM the days of his debates with Stephen A. Douglas, fifty years ago, until this hour Abraham Lincoln has been growing in the estimation of his country and of the world. It was that forensic battle which first brought him into national prominence. Never since then has he been out of the public eye, which has scrutinized him as it has scrutinized few other characters in history. In even its minutest details his strange, sad, but triumphant life has stood the ordeal of the world's critical judgment, the acid test that destroys so many reputations and that separates the false from the true. This merciless process diminishes most men. It has expanded Lincoln. Out of the investigation has emerged the figure of a man, a gigantic figure made of fundamental stuff. Gnarled, homely and almost grotesque upon the surface, he is seen to have been loving, patient, clean and beautiful within, one of those utterly true souls that give us some measure of what man is to be at his best.

Today the name of Abraham Lincoln is the only one adjudged worthy to stand beside that of George Washington. There are scores of American immortals, great in war, statesmanship, literature, science, invention and art, but of them all there is none of sufficient stature to measure with these two. It will be a great and crucial hour in the republic when the third figure emerges, if it ever does.

The marvelous growth of Lincoln's fame is shown by the universal preparations to celebrate the centenary of



THE LINCOLN FARM MEMORIAL.

his birth. This will occur on Feb. 12, and already plans are completed for the dedication of a memorial building at the birthplace farm in Kentucky, at which President Roosevelt intends to make the greatest speech of his life; for exercises in Springfield, including the reading of famous Lincoln utterances at a certain hour and the concurrent reading of these same utterances by people in distant cities all facing toward the tomb, and for elaborate ceremonies in New York, Washington and throughout the earth. Moreover, a movement is now going forward in the nation's capital to erect there a shrine to Lincoln which in dignity and impressiveness will be a companion piece to the Washington monument. The form which this shrine is to take has not yet been fully determined. It would be fitting if the plans could be adopted and given to the world while the centenary is in progress. It is a burning shame that there is not some adequate memorial of the martyr president in the city in which his great acts were performed and in which his tragic death occurred. Lovers of Lincoln everywhere should urge their congressmen to bring this matter to a head and to see that the definite announcement is not deferred later than Feb. 12. It is the one thing needed to complete and round out the chorus of praise and gratitude sung by a reunited nation on the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of him who was preserved and made fit for. Without it a chord will be lost from the har-

mony.

An **Imposing Sight.**

The plans for the memorial building on the birthplace farm and grounds have been finally accepted, and a photograph of the architect's drawing of the memorial hall is here given. It is a simple structure, in keeping with the character of the man. Practically the

into a national park and dedicating it on the centenary of Lincoln's birth. President Roosevelt will not only deliver the chief oration at this ceremony, but it is believed will make the effort of his life. The event comes so near the end of his term in the presidency that it would be but natural for him to give here his last important utterance. It is also believed that he will make his address short and that he aspires to have it the nearest thing to the immortal Gettysburg classic that has been delivered since that day. Judging from the length of his messages, it will not be exactly easy for Mr. Roosevelt to hold himself down to an utterance no longer than that of Lincoln at Gettysburg, but if he succeeds it will be an accomplishment worthy of being celebrated in song and story.

There will be several other speakers in addition to President Roosevelt. Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri will speak in behalf of the Lincoln Farm association, of which he is the official head. Governor Augustus E. Willson of Kentucky will deliver an address for that state. Cardinal Gibbons will be there to give his blessing. The Union soldiers will have a spokesman, probably in the person of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the United States supreme court. It is a fact not without interest that the father of Justice Holmes, the famous poet and essayist, who has told so touchingly of his son's experience as a soldier, was born, like Lincoln, in that year of genii, 1809. The Confederate soldiers, too, will have a spokesman in the person of Secretary of War Luke E. Wright.

The birthplace farm is situated near the little town of Hodgenville, where a fine statue of Lincoln is being placed. This, too, will be unveiled on Feb. 12. Hodgenville is the county seat of La-

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### THE PRESIDENT GROWS LENIENT

### Executive Willing Innocent Soldiers Shall Be Reinstated.

### PROVIDED THEY TELL TRUTH

In Special Message to Congress Dealing With Brownsburg Affair, the President Concludes Punishment of That Portion of Colored Troops Not Actively Concerned in Shooting Has Been Sufficient—Recommends That All Who Give to the War Department Proper Evidences of Contrition Be Taken Back.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Brownsburg affair consumed nearly the entire session of the senate Monday. Senator Foraker obtained the floor early in the day and read letters from a former soldier of the Twenty-fifth regiment telling of the procedure of government detectives in attempts to get a confession from him. Mr. Foraker introduced an amendment to his original bill for the re-enlistment of these soldiers providing that a commission of three retired army officers be created to determine whether discharged soldiers are innocent of complicity in the shooting up of Brownsburg as a pre-requisite for their re-enlistment was instead of leaving that duty with the president as provided in the Warner bill.

#### President's Special Message.

The president's message, giving the results of the war department's investigation of the Brownsburg affair, was read, and Mr. Foraker again took the

floor to speak upon the message.

In transmitting the report of the war department, the president said: "This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsburg. It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting; but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has not gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it; but it has gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you. It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants. As to Companies C and D, there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that they were probably cowed by threats, made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting, as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial. I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men, who, after the event, thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and impropper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for the misconduct. In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty, and show that they themselves had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were in no way implicated in the affair, save by having knowledge of it afterward and failing and refusing to divulge it. Under the circumstances, and in view of the length of time they have been out of the service and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by continuous long-time service, we can afford to treat the men who meet the requirements given above as having been sufficiently punished by the consequences they brought upon themselves when they rendered necessary the exercise of the disciplinary power. I recommend that a law be passed allowing the secretary of war within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers whom he, after careful examination, finds to have been innocent and whom he finds to have done all in his power to help bring to justice the guilty."

"Meanwhile the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the war department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating not the innocent, but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous."

### CONDENSMS MOBS

### Southern Paper Pleads For Law and Order.

South Is Sure to Reap a Harvest of Destruction and Hell Says Journal

Memphis, Dec. 7.—Since the recent publication of an editorial by the Commercial Appeal under the caption, "Stop Killing and Stop Lynch Lest We Ourselves Perish," the Negroes of this city and State are amazed at the stand taken by that paper on lynching, and particularly on the Negro question.

For years Commercial Appeal has been one of the strongest and bitterest anti-Negro newspapers in the South. The Fear of Negro domination has been one of its principal themes from week to week. Even when Negroes have been lynched, whether the victim was innocent or guilty, the Commercial Appeal has seldom, if ever, deplored the reign of mob law and urged that the lawbreakers be severely dealt with by the authorities.

In the editorial the paper pleads for law and order and urges the citizens of the State to give all a fair trial, whether they be white or black, adding that the whites will finally have to answer for the lynching of Negroes and pay the penalty for crime, whether it be shooting, killing, lynching or otherwise. The editorial:

"Shall we have the reign of the mob or the reign of the law in Tennessee? Shall we have mob rule or law rule all over the South and all over the United States?"

"Have we come to the time when we can predict that some future historian will cite this country as having, after a fair trial, proven by its collapse that a free government by a free people cannot exist?

"We had night riding in Obion county for months. Then the night riders committed the most infamous crime that was ever done in Tennessee. They overpowered an unoffending citizen, an eminent man, one who had never by word or by act criticized them or wronged them, and in the dead of night they hanged him like a dog."

"Rankin did know his assailants. Rankin is a lawyer and he trusted to the law. He was unarmed, for he believed that law and justice were as living things and would protect him in all of his rights and of his liberties.

"Troops were thrown into Obion county. The ringleaders of the mob that killed Rankin were captured, and they have confessed. Whether the law with twelve men will be able to convict them remains to be seen.

"Yesterday three Negroes were taken away from the officers of the law, by a mob in Lake county, adjoining Obion county, and they were hanged."

"The crime of this mob is not solely against three Negroes; it is against the State. When they murdered these Negroes, they lynched the law in Lake county."

"Gov. Patterson made a supreme effort to save the State from this additional exhibition of lawlessness, but he failed."

"A judge and an attorney-general started over from Union City to Tiptonville. Soldiers were hurried over from Union City toward Tiptonville. An impromptu session of court was held; the Negroes were tried before a magistrate and he, in order to preserve the form of the law in so far as possible, sentenced them to be hanged.

"Even this did not suit the mob. The carrying out of the magistrate's order would have saved justice from a humiliating insult, but when the sentence of the magistrate had been barely passed, the mob began work.

"These Negroes were bad men. They made a disturbance at a religious meeting held by their own people. Officers were sent out to arrest them, and one of them killed an officer.

"Just as sure as the sun rises and sets, a legal trial would have resulted in a death penalty for these men, but the mob would not wait.

"You cannot excuse it by saying the men hanged were Negroes and should have been hanged. It will not answer the law to say the black murderers got their desserts. The Negroes could have been killed, and the law could have done it.

"The result is that the Negroes are dead and the law itself has been lynched.

"Did the sheriff do his full duty? Did he exhaust every means to prevent the lynching?

"He took an oath, when the people elected him, to serve the State and the law. Did he keep that oath regardless of passion and of prejudice?

"We have got finally to answer for this whole miserable business. We ourselves will finally have to pay the penalty for crime—shooting and killing, whether it be assassination or mutual combat—whatever you please to call it—in the streets of Nashville, night riding, murder in Obion, Negro lynching in Lake, pistol carrying everywhere, and the disposition of every man when his blood is up to be himself jury, trial judge and executioner.

"We cannot denounce crime to day and condemn crime to-morrow.

"Meanwhile the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the war department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating not the innocent, but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous."

### PRAISES NEGRO CADETS

Washington, Dec. 4.—Whatever may be the attitude of other communities toward the colored troops in the United States Army, West Point has only words of praise and appreciation for the colored cavalry detachment at the United States military academy. Colonel H. L. Scott, superintendent of the academy, voices this attitude in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public to-day.

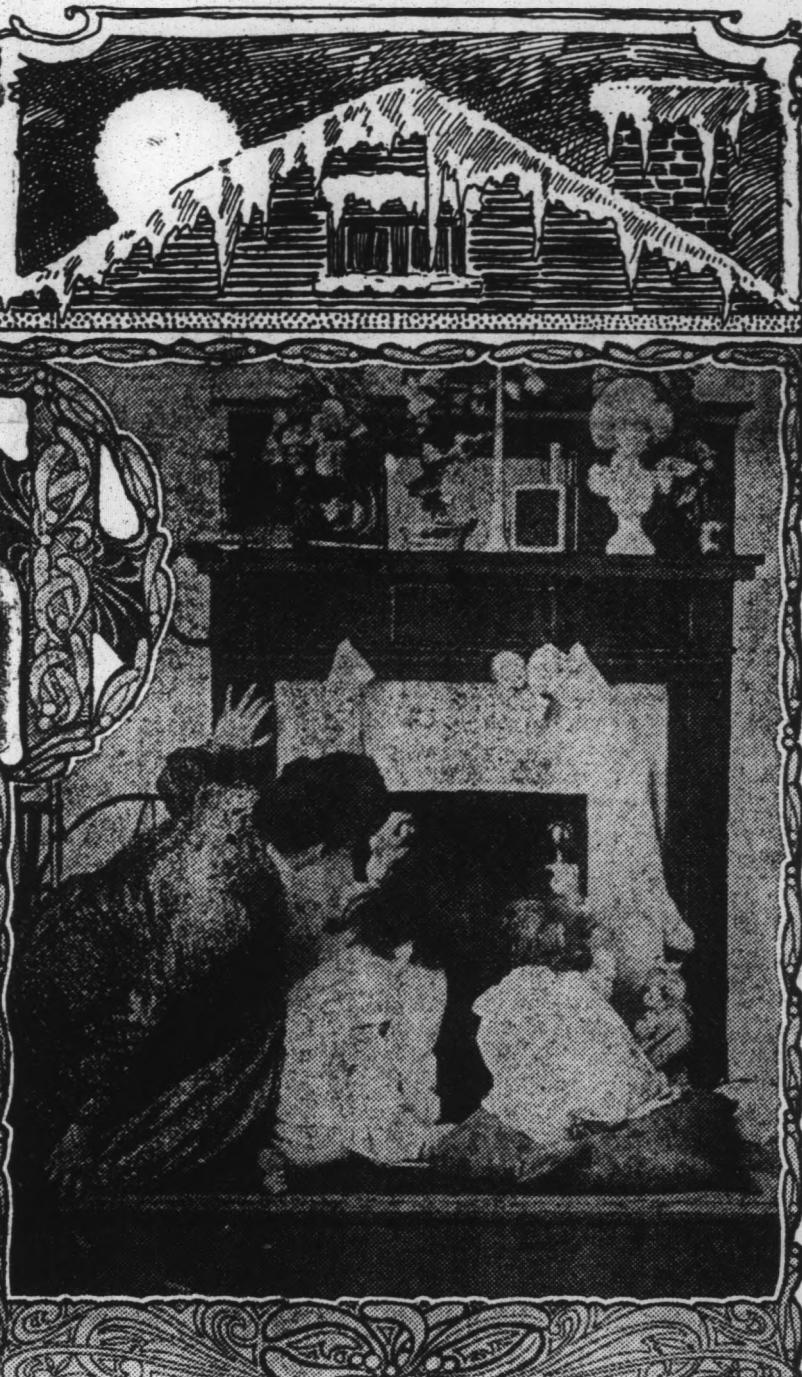
"The cavalry detachment (colored) has continued its excellent showing and has demonstrated still further the advantages of colored over white men for this duty," says Colonel Scott. "There is a waiting list now, and only experienced men having former service and very good and excellent records are accepted."

There are 116 vacancies in the corps of cadets. Colonel Scott regrets that no plan has been perfected to remedy this and recommends that ninety-two extra cadets be authorized to offset the normal shortage. He says it is a source of regret to the West Point authorities the entrance requirements have been kept so low. Colonel Scott recommends the purchase of Ladycliff Academy, Highland Falls, and its grounds for a hotel.

### Y. M. C. A. Fights Consumption

Washington, D. C.—J. E. Moorland, secretary of the Colored Men's Department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations has addressed the following note to the Student and City Departments of the Colored Men's Y. M. C. A. through out the country:

### "Hark! Here Santa Comes!"



LOOKING FOR SANTA CLAUS.

### New Cabinet for Hayti.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 9. Gen. Antoine Simon, who has assumed the president of Haiti, and who has the situation well in hand; has appointed the following cabinet: Minister of the Interior, General Hippolite; Finance, Ludovic Chateau; Foreign Affairs, M. Claude; Public Works, M. Evillard; War and Marine, General Roland; Justice, M. Magne. Temporarily, the ministers will take the title of councillors. The choice of these officials is generally approved.

### Colored Bandmasters in Army

Washington, Dec. 9. President Roosevelt has notified the Secretary of War that as soon as it can be done, without injustice, he desired all negro regiments in the army to be supplied with negro bandmasters. In accordance with these instructions orders have been for the transfer of white band masters with negro regiments to any vacancies that may exist in the white regiments and the appoint of competent negro men to the vacancies thus created in negro regiments.

### THE MOST POPULAR MINISTER CONTEST

ONE Vote

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DEC. 19

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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 \$5.00 suit of clothes will be presented to the

successful minister by the RECORDER. Watch the vote each week.

### RACIAL NOTES

When the race learns to patronize its own people in business, all things being equal, very soon they will have business concerns of their own that will be able to furnish employment to their boys and girls.

A company of progressive young men, with Mr. C. M. Hambrick as manager, opened up a large grocery store last month in Pensacola, Fla., with the prospects of success very favorable.

1—Give all or part of the Sunday meeting to health, and particularly to tuberculosis, or consumption.

2—Try to get the subject before educational and gymnasium classes during week.

3—Get at least one minister to talk or preach on the subject.

4—Ask all ministers to do likewise.

5—Call a meeting of physicians and ask their help in reaching churches, schools, etc.

6—Get at least one school teacher to help celebrate the "Week."

7—Try to send speakers, doctors or others, to one or more country schools or churches.

8—Make special effort to attend or get some one to attend the Congress at Tuskegee.

10—Send to E. G. Routzahn, Tuskegee, Alabama, or to Dr. Livingston Farrand, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, for printed information for your self and speakers.

11—Report quickly what you will try to do, and later, what do carry out, to E. G. Routzahn, Tuskegee, Ala.

12—Remember that all of this is for the highest interests and physical well-being of both colored and white races, and both are vitally interested in the success of the plans.

The A. E. Markel Company, owners and managers of the Pioneer Afro-American Department Store of Philadelphia, owing to the increasing prosperity of their business during the past two years, feel that they are justified in moving into larger quarters. Therefore, they have purchased a large and commodious three story building on 16th Street, near South, which they will occupy as soon as their present lease on the store building they are in, expires. To pay for this new establishment, they propose not only to issue shares of stock to the amount of their present capital \$20,000, but also issue bonds to augment the amount to a half million dollars, redeemable in three to five years.

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### Hard Job to Unhonor Paul Revere

One of those fiscal men who insist that facts are facts only when riveted down by spot witness affidavits and vouchers of identity from generation to generation says that Paul Revere must "move on" out of history into tradition and take Longfellow's epic with him. If it must be tradition gains a star and Boston's "ragged rebel" won't be lonely touching elbows with the men of Sempach, Ivry and Thermopylae and other heroes in that twilight land. However, the ride has been ridden in imagination by millions of boys and girls who became fathers and mothers and even grandfathers and grandmothers to more riders. One and all, they took it for "true or it wouldn't have been printed," so it boots little whether that midnight trip to Lexington happened or Longfellow invented it. Paul Revere is in saddle to stay.

That charge into a hot place at Bala- klaya never occurred as the poet describes it, but the rendering of Tennyson's classic on recitation days was the battle rehearsal for thousands of schoolboys who in the sixties really charged with Lee's "Jeb" Stuart and Grant's "Little Phil." War is always what Sherman found it, but the spirit to "fight on horseback, footback and every other back" when naggered too far makes for peace as much as a big fleet and in the same way. Also, if Paul Revere could be unbossed by collision with a little thing like "historical truth," "Horatius at the Bridge," "Arnold Winkelried" and "The White Plume of Navarre" must go too. The new thought has it that to believe an idea is fact hard enough makes it fact regardless. For certain purposes, notably sidestepping dry rot in a nation's backbone, this gospel bubbles with common sense.

It was not laziness nor decline that kept Mark Twain from launching a new joke on his seventy-third birthday. He knew that seventy-three for him was a joke on Dr. Osler that the whole world would appreciate.

Londoners have the big head because plants have been put in their subway. Some of our subways have been planted and replanted and not a few same people are kicking to have them transplanted.

That pugilist who has "gone into literature" is probably getting ready for the inevitable to give Editor Roosevelt a choice of weapons.

So marvelous is our climate that one may step from summer into winter and not be aware of doing a stretch.

### The Uplift in the Mountains.

Lincoln university, for the support of which money will be solicited in connection with the Lincoln centenary, is not merely another educational fad nor is it a useless competitor with other institutions. It is maintained for the practical training of mountainers who but for its open doors will live without half a chance in case they stay in the mountains and fight against enormous odds if they leave the hills for crowded marts. Its ambition the university may be called an experiment. But the mission proclaimed is not farfetched. There is need of uplift work in those very mountains.

Farther south in the mountains of Georgia a young society woman of St. Louis established a pioneer "settlement" a few years ago which has proved that the idea of carrying culture to the poorest soil is worth while. Beginning with five boys in 1902, she now conducts an establishment comprising a laundry, truck farm, school and library and dairy, the work being done by pupils, some of whom pay their way by labor. However ignorant and ragged at the start, the material of the wild hills is good. Not alone native ruggedness, but native honesty, is the heritage of those children, whose forbears were in the main Scotch-Irish immigrants.

Haiti once belonged to France, but the natives revolted and slaughtered all the Frenchmen found on the island. Napoleon made believe to befriend the blacks, but the regime he instituted ended in tyranny. Yet in spite of the national hatred of the French flag the rulers of the little republic take cover under it to protect them from the fury of their own people.

Back country farmers will be glad to have the uplift commission make dates this winter providing the advance agent brings along a steam snowplow as pilot for the steam roller.

Calling that egg corner a shell game may be a poor pun, but the last laugh will be the punster's when the egg trust lawyer tries to make a jail of trust out of it for libel.

A Sunday newspaper printed in the evening is all right for Washington, for that is just when the Sabbath dawns upon our overworked ruling classes.

In order to remove cruel war from his native shores Castro carried Venezuela's navy to Europe in his money chests.

### JUST GOOD ENOUGH."

Christmas now, you may say, is not what it used to be, But you can put me down as sayin', "its good enough for me," Its good enough I'm sayin' and I've got the right to say For I'm going to be with the old folks on Christmas day.

You may grumble and complain and cry for joy to see But quote me now as sayin', "There's joy enough for me!"

There's joy enough ahead for a mother old and gray, So I'm goin' to be with the old folks on Christmas day.

You may talk about other Christmases that mock this one to be But this Christmas is what I said, "Just grand enough for me," The bells are ringin' sweeter and I've got my little pay And I'm goin' to be with mother on this Christmas day.

Why this Christmas time is lovelier than I ever dream or know And I thank God that I'm livin' and so well able to go; Why it's good enough I'm sayin' and I've got the right to say, For I'm goin' home to mother to spend the Christmas day.

So you see why I'm as jolly as a fellow ever could be 'Cause I'm thinkin' of the happy time When we all set down to tea; Just a sup of mother's egg nog will gives us a heap to say, And I'll sure be with the old folks on this lively Christmas day.

—CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

### Flanner Guild Notes.

A mother's meeting was permanently organized at Flanner Guild last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Minnie Scott, Pres.; Mrs. M. A. Clark, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Braban, Sec.; Mrs. Turgerson, Asst. Sec.; Mrs. Kittie Minter, Treas.

An interesting meeting was held and light refreshments were served. These meetings will be on Friday afternoon of each week. Opening at 3 o'clock.

We are arranging for a Xmas cheer for the unfortunate children. We ask for donations to aid us in this effort. Any one having something to give, call 4249.

An orchestra is being organized and will play special music for our Sunday meetings, which will begin the first Sunday in January.

Dr. Ward will address the boys' club Thursday night.

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 Class with W. B. Clemons leader. Thursday night Prayer meeting and Trustee Board.

### Thanksgiving Report Alpha Home

The ladies of the Alpha Home Association wish to thank the principals and their assistance at the various schools for the great effort they made in collecting Thanksgiving offerings for the Home. Great credit is due No. 40, as she took the lead in sending the largest donations this year: Five bars of soap, 4 lbs of coffee, 4 lbs rice, 1 roll of mush, 1 lb dried peaches, 2 lbs of flour, 1 lb of hominy, 2 pecks of dried beans, 4 lbs of sugar, 1 gallon maple syrup, 94 jars of fruit, 2 cans baked beans, 1 lb baking powder, 32 glasses of jelly, 12 lbs bus Irish potatoes, 35 pumpkins, 2 1/2 bus apples, 1 bus turnips, 1 1/2 bus sweet potatoes, 2 bus onions, 1 peck mixed fruit, 1 barrel cabbage. We bring the white ladies of Needle Guild, for 125 articles of wearing apparel, also thank the E. C. Morris Missionary Society of the Second Baptist church, the Mary Chambell Mite Missionary society of Bethel church, for basket of can fruit and other good things, and Mrs. L. S. Ayers for turkey Thanksgiving. Money collected, \$165.55. Alice Frazier.

Great meeting at the Union Tabernacle Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor preached in the morning. Rev. A. D. Jimerson preached at night. Two additions. Special services Sunday, Dec. 20th, beginning at 7:45. We hope to see all young men and ladies present. There will be Christmas carols Thursday night, Dec. 24th.

The E. B. Delaney Missionary Society will hold open house, Jan. 1, '09, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Wm. Poach, 829 N. West street. You are cordially invited. Laura Breedlove, Pres.; Mary F. Darneal, Sec.

The Charity Organization Society will give a benefit entertainment on the evening of Jan. 1, '09, Emancipation Day, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Ministers' Meeting. Admission 10cts.

The Freeborn 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.

A Christmas entertainment and cantata at Union Tabernacle Baptist church. They wait for Santa Claus Xmas 1 ec. 24th.

Wesley Young, prop. Eastern Coal and Ice Co., 807 Muskingum street, makes prompt delivery on all orders.

### DON'T FORGET US.

The Junior Choir of Allen Chapel will give their first Junior rally, Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 3 p. m. The following program will be given:

Processional.....

Song hymn.....

Prayer.....

Solo and Chorus, Jesus lover of my soul

Recitation..... Katie Hapen

Paper..... Mattie Brewer

Solo—Redemption..... Margaret Smith

Chorus..... The Welcome Sound

Address..... Rev. C. W. McColl

Solo—Show me the Way..... Ada Colbert

Recitation..... Martha Goodall

Instrumental solo..... Arlene Megee

Recitation..... Lillian Harper

Closing Chorus..... Holy City

Collection.....

There was Boys Bible Study Class organized at the colored Y. M. C. A. evening. The meeting was opened by the general secretary, Mr. Taylor, who gave the boys a very interesting talk.

The attendance was very good for a gathering of this kind, as this was the first meeting, but we expect to have a large attendance next Tuesday. All boys are welcome, as it will do them good to come and do us good to see them.

Class opens 7:30 p. m. sharp, every Tuesday. Come early.

Officers elected: Albert Booth, Pres. Jas. Perry, Sec.; Edward McWilliams, Treas.; Jas. Bailey, Correspondent.

### CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Snow white and the Seven Dwarfs, a Juvenile cantate, in four scenes, will be given at this church Thursday eve., Dec. 24, 1908.

The cantata is under the direction of Miss Mae Butler and the Sunday school teachers. The characters to be represented are:

Princess Snow White..... Augusta Small Queen..... Bella Pettra

Arbutus..... Lillian Cohnly

Daffodil..... Ethel Alexander

Violet..... Rebecca Graves

Prince..... Harry Parker

Carl, the huntsman..... Lincoln Thomas

Seven Dwarfs..... Small Boys

Max..... George Martin

Hans..... Roy Pettra

Charms of forest children.....

Little Chorus..... smallest Children

Full Chorus..... All Children

Scenes.....

1. Our doors, Snow White meets

the forest children who gather to celebrate her birthday. 2. An open space in the forest. 3. Interior of dwarf's house. 4. Grounds near the young King's palace.

This cantata promises to be a grand affair. Programs will be furnished at the church. Admission 10cts. Rev. G. A. Martin, Pastor.

Jones Tabernacle, corner W. North and Blackford streets. The services at this church last Sunday was largely attended, owing to the presence of Bishop G. L. Blackwell, who preached at the morning service and delivered one of the ablest and most impressive addresses to 246 men at the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the afternoon. The singing by the Young Men's Choral Society was greatly enjoyed.

There will be a union service at this church Christmas morning at 11 a. m.

The McCoy school, under the direction of Prof. Geo. L. Hayes and his corps of teachers, will unite in a union Christmas service. Several choruses and recitations will be rendered by the school. There will be special music by the choir. Dr. Callis will deliver the sermon.

Services at Campbell Chapel by pastor at 11 a. m., Sunday school at 2 p. m., preaching at 3 and 8 p. m. by Dr. Marling, our new presiding elder. Rev. Geo. W. Harding, D. D., Pastor.

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## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

News, Incidents, Social and Personal Activities

## FRANKLIN

Mrs. Prior, Hays, Beard, Owens Williams and Hughes are showing signs of improvement. Mr. James Washington and Roy Evans of Columbus were the guest of latter's parents, Sunday. The Misses Dixon entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt, Miss Bessie Evans and Hardiman Club. No. 2 gave a successful entertainment last Saturday night. Miss Addie Moore is the energetic captain, Mrs. Lizzie Hays secretary. The "True Blues" will hold a bazaar on the 28. A program will also be rendered. The Sunday School will render their annual entertainment on the night before Xmas. Friends and parents are urged to place their gifts on the tree. A pleasant and lively time was had at the literary society last Thursday night. A good and enthusiastic crowd was out, the discussion was "Resolved that the Negro is not Literary inclined." promises a big gathering. Affirmative, Misses B. Evans and Ruth Pettiford; Negative, H. C. Williams and John Montgomery Jr. Mr. J. W. Pettiford was at Indianapolis who underwent a grave opera ion. Miss Evelyn Artist was the guest of friends in Indianapolis, Sunday. Miss Hattie Fossett was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Columbus. Mr. Charles Duvall has returned from a visit to his mother in Muncie. Mr. John Chandler has gone to Muncie for the winter. Special services on Xmas. Sunday the pastor will preach on "The Star of Bethlehem," at 10:30 a.m. The hour for Sunday school has been changed to 2:30 for the winter months. An adult bible class should be organized. Come out and help. The funeral of the late John R. Ferguson was largely attended, quite a number ministerial co-workers were present. While his death was not unexpected yet it came as a shock to his family.

## PORTLAND.

The grand lodge of Indiana of Free and Accepted York Masons and auxiliary, Ladies Court, adjourned their sessions at noon Friday December 11. Thursday evening December 10 to the annual sermon to the grand lodge was delivered by Rev. Chidlers of Kanton, O. Grand lodge officers for the year a. Grandmaster Eli Toney of Muncie; Deputy Grandmaster W. H. Brankom of Lawrenceburg; Grand Senior Warden, M. L. Smith Portland, Grand Junior Warden, Richard Blakely, Marion, Grand Treasurer, George Grundy of Muncie; Grand Secretary, John H. Jones of Muncie; Grand Tyler, Preston Tate of Portland; Grand Senior, Deacon, Thomas Cattan of Portland; Grand Junior Deacon, T. H. Harvey, Rising Sun, Grand Junior Steward, Abraham Johnson, Rising Sun, Grand Senior Steward, John Braham of Lawrenceburg, Grand Chaplains Revs. J. H. Tate of Portland and Rev. J. S. Fry of Marion, Grand Marshall A. J. Hall of Muncie, Grand Lecturer, James Jones of Portland, G. P. Herman Robinson of Portland, G. S. B. John Layer of Portland, G. S. B. George W. Harris, Muncie, C. C. M. L. Smith, Portland, H. L. Cramer, Lawrenceburg, and Herman Robinson Portland, G. T. David Skelton, Muncie, Preston Tate of Portland and W. Hurley, Rising Sun. Ladies Court, G. M. A. M. Mr. Mahala Means of Marion, G. M. A. M., Mary Talbot of Portland, G. S. M., Lizzie Lee of Lawrenceburg, G. S. T., Mary L. Blakely of Marion, G. J. L., M. L. Smith of Portland, G. C. S., Maud Cattan of Portland, G. J. G. Mary White of Muncie, G. O. G., Sarah Morgan of Marion, G. C. D., W. Brandan, Lawrenceburg, J. H. Tate of Portland and Thomas Harvey of Marion. James Jones returned home from Colkwark, O., last Saturday. The Woman's M. M. met last Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Tate. The locals lodges of Masons of this city tendered a reception to the out of town grand lodge members, Dec. 8. After the regular collection was taken up at the A. M. E. church last Sunday night the pastor called for an after collection for Rev. John R. Ferguson one of the ex-pastors of this church who is lying dangerously ill at his home in Franklin, Ind., the congregation came up and gave \$40. The Ladies Improvement Club met last Friday with Mrs. G. Eatans. Miss Malissa Burden, who was taken ill at her home in E. Water street. She is reported some better. Mr. Talbert Eaton is ill.

## LAFAYETTE.

## NORTH EAST INDIANAPOLIS

Mr. John W. Wise has gone to his former home in Corbin, Miss., for the holidays. Mrs. Nancy Jefferson, an aged inmate of the State Soldiers' Home, died last Monday afternoon. She had lived in this city for a number of years. She leaves a husband, John Jefferson and Mrs. Grace Davis, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Milton G. Carter of Detroit, raid children, all of whom were present at her death. The funeral services occurred in the chapel at the Home, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. M. W. Sparks of whose church she was a devoted member, officiated. Revs. J. L. Craven, of Logansport, and Morris Lewis, P. E. W., were guest of Mrs. S. H. Wharton, this week. Mmes. Amanda Jackson and Willie Webb have returned from a visit to the Capital City. A Xmas Arch will delight the children of Second Baptist Sunday School on Friday evening. Mesdames Lindsey and Kersey of Frankfort and Malone of Logansport visited Mrs. W. F. Anderson this week. Mrs. Mr. Milton G. Carter and wife of Detroit and Mrs. Grace Davis of Wheeling were called to this city by the illness and death of their grandmother, Mrs. Jefferson. While in the city they are the guest of Mrs. Hoffman in 15 street. Quarterly meeting was held at Bethel A. M. E. church, last Sunday. Presiding Elder Lewis was present.

## SHELBYVILLE.

Mrs. Hannah Grissom was called to Indianapolis Friday evening on account of illness. Mr. and Mrs.

## CHARLESTOWN

Miss Carrie Wilson daughter of Mr. Joshua Wilson arrived home Sunday from a two weeks visit with her aunt in Washington. The young folks of the A. M. E. church are preparing a program for Xmas evening. A modern post office will also be arranged for the child. After the program is rendered and the mail has been distributed among the children, refreshments will be served. Mrs. Mattie H. Den and little son, Wendle, have returned home from a three months visit in Indianapolis with her mother sister. Rev. Crossland pastor of the A. M. E. church, spent last Tuesday in Louisville, Mr. C. Mansfield of New Albany, Ind., spent Sunday in Charlestown. Little Hazel Tinker, daughter of Mrs. Victoria Tinker is convalescent. Misses Sarah Miles, Minnie Baskett and Elsie B. Books are ill. Mr. J. C. Harper, of New Albany, was the guest of Miss Musetta Smith, Saturday. Mr. Smithie Briscoe spent Sunday in Louisville. Mr. Abe Wells is also convalescent. Mrs. Betty Smith's son, Bruce, is here from Louisville spending a few days. Mr. Bennie Clemons of Jeffersville, was the guest of Miss Emma Veach, Sunday.

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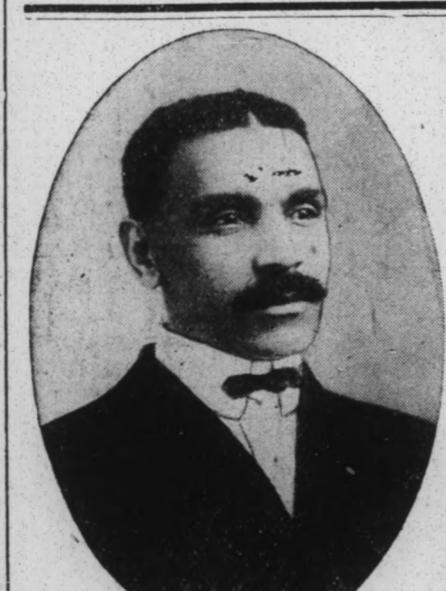
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## RUSHVILLE

Rev. J. H. Baker, Connersville, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday night. Miss Florence Salsbury of Carnegie was here visiting friends Tuesday. The Second Baptist church is holding a ten days meeting. Mr. Oliver Finch has returned home to spend the rest of the winter. The Old Fiddlers Contest given at the Grand Theatre, Monday night was a success. Services at the Second Baptist church Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday School at 2 o'clock; B. Y. P. U. at

## SEYMORE.

Rev. Tooles of Columbus preached an able sermon Sunday afternoon at Second Baptist church. Friday evening there was a lecture given by the Woman's Home Missionary of the First Baptist church at the colored Second Baptist church. The subject was, "The Darkest of Africa." Rev. Harris preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening. Miss Lulu King, the agent for The Recorder, and her sister, Mrs. Edgar Maddex, were called home on the account of the illness of their mother. Mrs. Carrie Van Meter has about recovered.

## TERRE HAUTE.

The Maceo company No. 19, U. R. K. of P. and the Fraternity Band gave an excellent program and drill at their hall on last Friday night. The Tuquois Club met with Mrs. Katie Clark on Wednesday afternoon. They will give their annual reception on the 28th at Fraternity Band Hall. Invitations are out for the 10th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rector on December 23. Mr. David Jenkins who is in the revenue service is in Vincennes this month. The Booker Washington Senate gave a program at Allen Chapel on Wednesday evening. This is a literary organization composed of twelve young men. Mrs. Emma Skillman was in Indianapolis Wednesday on business. Mrs. Sallie Williams of Rockville spent a few days with her sister Mary E. Cuttup of Fourth street. Mr. Charles Hyde, a teacher, has been confined to his room for two weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. M. S. Rev. Franklin is quite ill at her home on South 13th street. Mr. Luther Roberts and family have returned from Arcadia where they were called by the serious illness of W. P. Roberts. Mrs. Maggie Harvey who has been in the city for several months, has gone to Arcadia to beat the bedside of her father. Mrs. Katie Clark went to Sullivan Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Minnie Nash. The rally and song service at the Second Baptist church was a success. The Ladies Aid Society of Sauter's Chapel will give an entertainment at their church Saturday evening December 19. Rev. Long P. E. will conduct quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel on Dec. 20. Sabbath December 20th Rev. Harvey will preach the sacramental sermon. All the Sabbath schools are preparing exercises to be given at the churches on Xmas eve. Our schools will close December 23. They will reopen January 4, 1909. Mrs. James Young is seriously ill in the hospital. The Christian Endeavor of Spruce street church is largely attended. It was organized five weeks with Mr. W. L. Lofson, president. The stock has left a baby girl in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins.

## GREENCASTLE.

Mr. Albert Dickens, of St. Louis is visiting his sister Mrs. Mouring Wagner. Miss Cecil Gill and Mr. Samuel A. Worlds, was entertained at luncheon last evening by Mrs. Ida Eines. The young people of this city are preparing for a concert to be given on or about the 24th. Under the management of Henry Bridges this concert will be given for the benefit of A. M. E. church. It composed of 16 young belles of the city and two leading young men Mr. Arthur Thomas and Mr. Clark Bridges.

## WESTFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Freez and children and Mrs. Whitman, living near Noblesville spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bess. Revival meeting is in progress at the M. E. church. Mr. F. W. Carter was in Indianapolis Tuesday and Wednesday looking after business.

## Rev. J. R. Ferguson Dead.

The funeral of the Rev. John R. Ferguson of Franklin, one of the oldest ministers of the Indiana A. M. E. Church, was held last Wednesday. His death occurred Dec. 14, after a lingering illness. He was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1832, and came to Indiana in 1847, joined the church in 1854. In 1863 he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, in Rush Co., who with two daughters, still survive him. In 1873 he was admitted to the conference by Bishop Waymon, and during the 30 years of his itinerancy he served 26 different churches. In 1894 he retired to the superannuated roll. He had lived in Franklin for 18 years, and it was in Franklin where he held his first charge 30 years ago. The funeral was preached by Rev. M. Lewis, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Hardimon and Presiding Elder Hunter. Rev. Geo. H. Shaffer also spoke of the early life of the deceased and his Christian qualities. The honorary pall bearers were Revs. Cottman, P. H. Lewis, Sampson, Hunter, Shaffer and Hardimon. The burial was at Franklin. Resolutions of respect and condolence were read by Miss Hattie Fossett.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 20, 1908.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke ii, 8-20. Memory Verses, 8-10—Golden Text, Luke ii, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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From the time when Adam and Eve listened to the devil rather than to God and by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin (Rom. v, 12) the god of this world, the devil, has been blinding people's eyes to the truth and to the love of God, always setting before them some way which he insists is better than God's way; hence all the sin of which we read in all the Bible story and in the whole history of the race. The alternate lesson for today tells how even Solomon, so beloved and blessed of God, was turned away from Him by the women of other nations, and by them and their idols his heart was turned away from the Lord God of Israel (I Kings xii, 13; Neh. xii, 20).

In all the history of the world there has never been but one who always resisted the devil and listened only to God, and of Him we learn as to the beginning of His humanity in our lesson today. He was with the Father before the world was. By Him and for Him were all things created. He appeared in human form to Abraham, to Joshua, to Gideon, to Manoah and his wife and to others. He was typified in every sacrifice appointed by God from the shedding of blood in Eden by His own hand to provide redemption clothing for Adam and Eve all the way down to Golgotha. He was set apart before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in the fullness of time, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law (I Pet. i, 20; Gal. iv, 4, 5).

Moses and all the prophets wrote of Him as the only Redeemer, the Messiah of Israel, the one to rule the world in peace and righteousness (Luke xxiv, 27, 44). From the days of Malachi, who said, "The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple" and "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (iii, 1, 2), there had been no further message from heaven for over 300 years. But one day while a certain priest was officiating before God in the temple an angel appeared to him and said that through him and his wife the herald of the Messiah should come, who would go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah.

Six months later the same angel, Gabriel, was sent from heaven to a humble home in Nazareth to a virgin called Mary with the most wonderful message ever given to a woman in the whole history of this world (Luke i, 30-33). In simple, childlike faith Mary listened to the wonderful message and said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be unto me according to thy word." It had been foretold that the Messiah should be born of a virgin and thus the word of God is literally fulfilled that He should be the "seed of woman;" also that He should be born in Bethlehem of Judea (Isa. viii, 14); Gen. iii, 15; Mic. v, 2). In our lesson we see God, who watches over His word to perform it (Jer. 1, 12, R. V.), bringing all things to pass just as He had said. A decree from the world ruler, who knew not God, caused Mary to be in Bethlehem at this particular time, and while there she brought forth her firstborn son in a lowly place among cattle and used a manger as His cradle (verses 7, 12, 16), for there was no room for them in the inn. He came from the glory of heaven, His Father's home, the holy angels and the great company of the redeemed, and there was no welcome for Him on earth except from His mother and Joseph, and those few shepherds, and Simeon and Anna, and those wise men from the east, and a few others. But all heaven was interested. An angel came with the glory of heavenly light and told these shepherds of the great event; then a multitude of angels praised God in these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (verse 14). Then the angels returned to heaven, and the shepherds went and found it just as the angels had said.

To this day how little interest is taken on the earth in heavenly things, the god of this world leading his followers to cry, "Let us alone," but God has always held a few like the shepherds and the others, whose hearts are with Him by His grace. Notwithstanding all hindrances the child who was born of Mary shall yet reign over the house of Jacob and over all the earth in righteousness, and His church shall reign with Him. Note the angel's "fear not" (i, 13, 30; ii, 10) to the Lord's people and study the words from Gen. xv, 1, to Rev. i, 17, and if a child of God appropriate them, for God does not give a spirit of fear (II Tim. i, 7). The good tidings of great joy are for all people, but what a large proportion of the human race have passed away and are passing away without hearing the good news. "Is it nothing to you?"

In all His life He glorified God, and by His finished work He gives peace to all who receive Him. The shepherds did not question the angel's message, but said, "Let us go and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us." Having heard and believed and seen, they made it known abroad. Mary kept and pondered in her heart all these things.

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