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Once more to mark the Christmas morn  
Time's murmuring tides their tumults cease,  
For on this day a King was born,  
The prophet pointed Prince of Peace.

The waifs are singing in the street,  
And distant hills and icy dells  
Their merry Christmases repeat  
And hear the clang of Christmas bells.



Pile up the Yule log's ancient flame;  
Bring in the feast of savory worth,  
Today the name of every name  
Shall sweep the circuit of the earth.

And burdens of the soul shall flee  
Since he took up the cross for us,  
And all the sorrows that can be  
Shall turn to triumphs glorious.



Now lovely maidens whose hearts beat high  
Shall stand beneath the mistletoe,  
While in the purpled eastern sky  
Sweet symbols of this day shall glow.

Let evergreen and holly make  
Their wreaths for every human door,  
And good cheer, for the Master's sake,  
Come without stint to rich and poor.

Ring, Christmas bells, this joyous morn!  
Let not your peals or music cease,  
For on this day a King was born—  
The gentle, heaven-crowned Prince of Peace.

JOEL BENTON.



PORTRAITS OF CHRIST.

Singular Diversion of Views by the Great Masters.

IT IS a singular fact that throughout the entire New Testament there is nothing regarding the personal appearance of Christ, and the early fathers of the church, who doubtless knew something of how he looked while on earth, are equally silent about it. A portrait of him has been claimed by some to have come down from apostolic times, and that copies of it were taken and are still extant. That this statement has no foundation in fact would appear to be evident from the circumstance that the old masters, in their representations of the Saviour, follow no recognized model and are as various in such portraiture as were their conceptions of what the real Christ should be.

This diversity must be apparent to all who have examined such paintings in the Louvre and other large collections. In Fra F. Lippi's "Madonna and Child," for instance, an exquisite creation, the face of the infant Saviour, though perfect in contour, has a look of precocious intelligence which seems unnatural in one so young. Carlo Dolce, Murillo and others, though displaying different types of child life, are perhaps equally successful in their representations of the child Christ. They all, however, pay no regard to ethnic considerations in their work, and as a result the face is Italian, French, Spanish or Flemish, as the case may be, rather than Jewish, as it should have been.

In paintings of the man Christ there is a still greater diversity noticeable, as would be naturally expected. The face of Christ in F. R. Francia's painting, "The Virgin and Two Angels Weeping Over the Dead Body of Christ," is probably the divinest conception of it ever traced on canvas. Though the face is evidently that of the dead, all the emotions of the soul seem

to be mirrored upon it. In Borgognone's "Christ Bearing the Cross," Correggio's "Ecce Homo," Guido Reni's "Ecce Homo," all marvelous creations, as well as in others perhaps equally meritorious, however different they may be, they at least convey an ideal Christ, which does not shock Christian sensibilities, as does Munkacsy's representation of the Saviour in his famous painting "Christ Before Pilate."

NEIL MACDONALD.

**Skeleton of a Lay Sermon For Christmas.**

First.—Young women who are thinking of giving Christmas remembrances to their pastors should remember that the straight and narrow path is not an easy road to travel at all times, and therefore stout walking shoes may be more appropriate than embroidered slippers.

Second.—Measure the value of the gifts you receive by the motives of the givers and not by their intrinsic value. Often times when the proper standard is used the humblest gift, costing but a few cents, is found to be of more real worth than the richest, most expensive present.

Third.—If you have made up your mind to give so-and-so a Christmas gift just because you think you are going to receive one from that quarter, you would better abandon the idea altogether. Christmas gifts prompted by anything but a desire to confer a real pleasure upon the recipient had best go ungiven.

Fourth.—It's a good thing to eat the old time Christmas dainties at Christmas time—the rich black plum pudding, the boar's head and the juicy baked goose—just the same as our forbears did. But if you have indigestion the next morning do not grumble. Go out into the sunshine and walk five miles, or, better yet, hunt up an ax and a log of wood and make the chips fly for an hour or two. It is a law of nature that those who will not physically labor shall not overeat with impunity.

Fifth.—It's a good thing to remember that the recording angel is likely to make a bigger entry to your credit on his books because of the gift of a half worn overcoat to a shivering fellow man or a dinner to a half starved and possibly grimy urchin than because of a costly jewel given to a favorite of fortune.

Sixth.—Christmas is the day of all the year on which the unlovely traits of your character should be smothered, and it would be a great thing for you if you were to manage in some way this year to get rid of those traits altogether.

**SCHOOLS OF JASPER COUNTY**

BY J. F. WARREN, SUPT.

The person who undertakes to trace the history of the common schools of Jasper county finds himself tracing the history of the development of the school system of the state.

Our county is only a part of the universal system enjoyed by the other ninety-one counties.

The schools of the early days experienced the struggles and trials, and enjoyed the pleasures of all pioneer communities. From 1858 to 1873 the county schools were under the control of township trustees and a county examiner. Nothing in the way of county supervision was attempted until Mr. S. P. Thompson was elected school examiner. He visited the schools, arranged a partial course of study, introduced a uniform set of text books, improved the standard of teaching, and in many ways improved the schools.

It was not until the law of 1873 was passed that the schools began the rapid development that is still the spirit of the time. The light of the early days has become the full light of midday, and now the teachers have come to the full realization of the fact that it is no longer the common school branches that are to be taught, but the children, and the books are merely devices for their instruction. The child, now comes to be the central figure in the schools, and how the development of mind and character shall be best promoted is the chief object.

The first county examiner of whom the records speak was Rev. H. A. Mayhew. During his term nothing was done in the way of personal supervision. The examinations were mostly oral and were given at the time and place most suitable to the applicant.

In 1864 Mr. S. P. Thompson was appointed examiner, and a new order of things was introduced. The old "school keepers" were retired to private life, new school houses were built, a uniformity of text books was attempted, primary pupils were required to be equipped with slate and pencil, and the germ of the new in education was planted.

School visitation was a prominent part of the work. It was thus that the fossils were rooted out and wide awake young teachers were put in their places. Teachers' meetings were also held for the first time during this period, from which has grown our largely attended county institutes and teachers' associations.

The 1873 the law creating the office of county superintendent went into effect. James H. Snoddy was elected the first Monday in June and served six years. It was during this period that the greatest and most beneficial changes were made in our schools. Mr. Snoddy stood high in the estimation of school men all over the state, and was looked upon as one of the leaders in the work of unifying and classifying the schools. The first complete

course of study, based upon a uniform system of text books, with a general daily program, was planned and carried out. The course now in use, and adopted by the entire state, is but the improved plan then begun, the general features being unchanged.

In 1879 D. B. Nowels was elected and served two terms, four years. The work so well formulated under Mr. Snoddy fell into competent hands, and the reputation of Jasper county's schools was established, and they became one of the most progressive in the state. The award system was introduced by Mr. Nowels as an incentive to attendance. The honor roll was begun, on which there is annually inscribed more than seven hundred names of pupils who have been neither tardy nor absent for the school year.

In 1882, the last year of Mr. Nowels' term of office, the first graduates from the common schools received their diplomas; the class numbered twenty. He also published the first manual of the district schools, setting forth the course of study and much other useful information.

In June, 1883, David M. Nelson assumed control of the office and served four years. We feel safe in saying that no county in the state had a more efficient county superintendent for that period than had Jasper. He was a graduate of the state normal school, and his high scholarship was combined with thorough business qualifications.

The schools of the county were brought under close supervision, teachers' reading circles were formed, the township institutes were improved, and all lines of school work received careful attention. At the close of his second term of office he declared his intention to leave the school work and enter the business world where he could find a more remunerative employment.

In 1887 the present incumbent was elected, and has endeavored to keep the standard as high as when he received it.

It would be unjust to leave the subject here, and not mention two other prominent factors in our development, viz: the county board of education and the teachers.

Jasper county has been ex-

tremely fortunate in the selection of her school trustees. They have been men that were able to carry their part of the work, always willing to assume the responsibility placed upon them.

They have stood by the county superintendents and teachers in every forward movement.

We come now to the noblest factor in the development of schools—the teachers. All plans formulated by county superintendents, supported by county boards of education, must fail without the active and conscientious support of earnest teachers. Jasper county can well be proud of her teachers; they have been, and are earnestly striving to do well their part of the work. As the standard is raised higher and higher each year, we find them loyally preparing themselves to meet every requirement. The majority of the teachers this year are trained and prepared for the work.

We have this year one hundred and twenty-three teachers, fifty-one males and seventy-two females.

The schools last year cost, out of the tuition fund, \$37,208.96, of which amount the ladies received \$21,190.85 and the gentlemen \$16,018.11.

Average wages per day for males was \$2.31; for females \$1.99.

Amount spent out of special school fund—\$17,491.41.

Total school expense, \$54,700.37.

Number of pupils enumerated in county 4,855. Cost per pupil, based on enumeration, \$12.80.

Enrollment for 1894 and 1895, 3,443. Cost per pupil, based on enrollment, \$15.90.

The average length of school term was 141 days.

The estimated value of school property in Jasper county is \$99,100.

The editor of the Pilot desires to express his thanks to Mr. Warren for the pains he has taken to compile the above article. He has avoided more than casual mention of himself, and it is but just to add that the present superintendent of schools is not overshadowed by the luster of his predecessors. He is one of the thoroughly practical educators who are doing so much to make Indiana's schools the equal of any in the United States. This requires hard work and

constant vigilance, in which J. F. Warren is certainly not delinquent.

**JASPER COUNTY TEACHERS.**

SCHOOL YEAR 1895-1896.

**BARKLEY TOWNSHIP.**

Lois J. Robinson, Medaryville. Charles Lewis, Pleasant Grove. B. L. Richardson, Valma. A. E. Leatherock, Rensselaer. Eugene Dilley, Blackford. Mary McColl, Blackford. Inez Nichols, Rensselaer. Kate Powley, Valma. Isaac Lewis, Pleasant Grove. Korale Parker, Valma. Ida Wayman, Medaryville. Adda Chilcott, Rensselaer. Charles R. Yeoman, Pleasant Grove.

**CARPENTER TOWNSHIP.**

William J. Reed, Remington. Nellie Traugh, Remington. Maude Plummer, Remington. Hattie B. Yeoman, Remington. Lulu Hawn, Remington. Jennie Haw, Remington. J. W. Thomas, Remington. Celia Irwin, Remington. E. L. Kemp, Remington. Maggie Leavel, Remington. Effie Luckey, Remington.

**GILLIAM TOWNSHIP.**

Mollie Faris, Medaryville. Mattie Faris, Medaryville. George E. Mitchell, Medaryville. L. W. Benbo, Medaryville. Rilla Osborne, Medaryville. Gertrude Robinson, Medaryville.

**HANGING GROVE TOWNSHIP.**

H. P. Overton, Rensselaer. Ola Dodd, Lee. L. H. Hamilton, Zard. Lilly Peregrine, Zard. Charles Lee, Lee.

**JORDAN TOWNSHIP.**

Cora Phillips, Rensselaer. Hattie Bessie, Rensselaer. Orrie Clark, Rensselaer. Lydia Wuerthner, Rensselaer. Dell Yeoman, Foresman. Clara Goetz, Rensselaer. Albert Farmer, Rensselaer. G. E. May, Remington.

**KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP.**

Robert A. Mannan, Tefft. Anna Cooper, Tefft. Thomas F. Malone, Tefft. King DeArmond, Tefft. Emma Henry, Tefft. Laura M. White, Tefft.

**KEENER TOWNSHIP.**

J. P. Hammond, DeMotte. Mae Nelson, DeMotte. Letta Hanley, DeMotte. Ella Hanley, DeMotte. J. M. Spriggs, DeMotte. Tavia Gibson, Rose Lawn. W. O. Nelson, DeMotte.

**MARION TOWNSHIP.**

Mary Leatherman, Katie Shields, Charles M. Blue, Frances Marshall, Ura McGowan, Emma Eger, Charles Grow, Lulu Daugherty, Benj. F. Coen, Robert Hopkins, Maude Irwin, Maude Daugherty.

**MILROY TOWNSHIP.**

Alma Hilton, Zard. Roy Blue, Rensselaer. Viola Puckett, Wolcott.

**NEWTON TOWNSHIP.**

Chris. Wuerthner, Rensselaer. Lillian Roberts, Mt. Ayr. Mary Harrison, Rensselaer. Mary Wuerthner, Rensselaer. Ernest Lamson, Rensselaer. Ed. Bowman, Surrey. Ruby Knowlton, Rensselaer.

**UNION TOWNSHIP.**

Mary Goetz, Aix. Fred Tyler, Virgie. Elmer Wilcox, Surrey. Charles Garrott, Aix. Elza Grow, Surrey. Emma Goetz, Fair Oaks. P. A. Gaunt, Parr. D. W. Shields, Parr. Leslie Bates, Fair Oaks.

**WALKER TOWNSHIP.**

Birdie DeArmond, Tefft. Wilson Meiser, Kniman. Hattie Pierson, Kniman. C. G. Hammond, Kniman. Eva Faris, Medaryville. P. O. Kennedy, Kniman. E. E. Pierson, Wheatfield.

**WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP.**

Albert Bouk, Wheatfield. Emma Mannan, Stoutsburg. Mary Stimson, Stoutsburg. George Miller, Stoutsburg. Louie Paulsen, Tefft.

**RENSSELAER, TOWN.**

W. H. Sanders, Thomas Large, E. O. Holland, Flora Wharton, Nellie Coen, Lizzie French, Fannie Mills, Jeannie Miller, Kate Rodgers, Kate Mills, Helen Kelley, Edith Marshall, Aetna Kennedy, Grace Vanatta.

**REMINSTON TOWNS.**

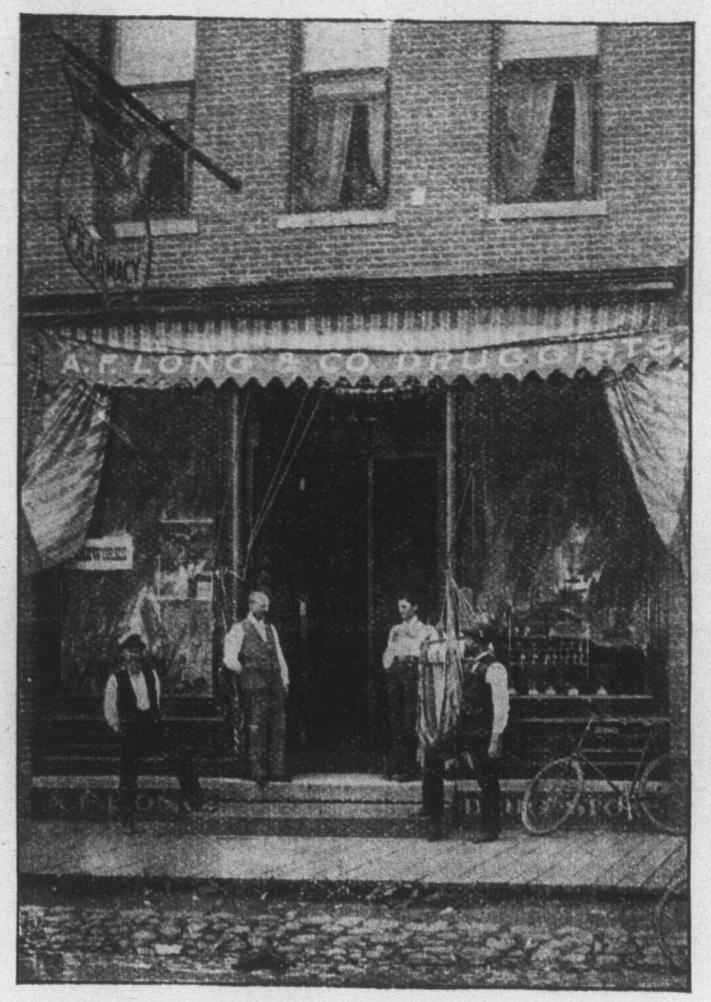
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