

CLINTON, IOWA.

The Mite Missionary society gave an enjoyable social on Monday night at Bethel A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Ezra Carter is just recovering from an attack of pneumonia. The many friends of Miss Otie McGaw of Davenport were pained to hear of her death, which took place this week.

The members of the Clinton Jolly club spent a pleasant evening last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Geo. Robinson. The club numbers twenty and hold meetings each Thursday night. The following persons are its officers: Mrs. Lucy Toney, president; Mrs. Oker Alverson, vice president; Miss Nellie Clay, secretary; Mrs. Ezra Carter, treasurer.

Mrs. Chas. Thompson has been confined to her home on account of illness.

Mrs. Annabelle Graham and brother, John B. Davis, of St. Paul, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Gertrude D. Culberson.

Mrs. Katie Dennelly and Mrs. Price Egan are recent subscribers to the Bystander.

Officers for the ensuing year of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school were elected last week as follows: Superintendent, M. O. Culberson; assistant superintendent, Geo. Johnson; home department superintendent, Mrs. M. Slater; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. A. Henderson; chorister and secretary, A. A. Bush; assistant secretary, Eugene Stewart; treasurer, Miss Minnie Sayles.

Mrs. M. O. Culberson is not feeling so well, much to the regret of her friends.

A concert was given at Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday night, under the management of Mrs. Melissa Holiday. She was ably assisted by Miss Mary Wallace, a contralto from Lincoln institute at Jefferson City, Mo., who will spend the remainder of the winter in Clinton.

We still have some delinquent subscribers. Why not start the year right by paying your obligations.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

Rev. M. Payton, who is confined in Santa Fe hospital, is improving.

Mr. Ernest Mitchell, who received injuries while at his work several weeks ago, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Naomi Harper returned to the Iowa State university last Wednesday. She was accompanied by Miss Naomi Scott, who spent the holidays at the Harper home.

Mrs. Ambrose Jackson is ill at her home on Fifth street.

Miss Mary Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Miss Louise Harper of Chicago, who is visiting at home, attended the New Year's dance in Keokuk last Monday.

Rev. L. H. Routt, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again.

The A. M. E. Literary society are preparing an excellent program for next Thursday night.

Mrs. A. L. King is visiting in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ivory, who have been visiting relatives in Joliet, Ill., returned home Thursday.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Mrs. A. J. Gray, who has been confined to her bed, is improving and is able to be up.

Mrs. Anna Joyce was called to Atlanta, Ga., on account of illness of her mother.

Mrs. Sadie P. Loudon sang the Holy City on Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. at the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. Ferribee, the presiding elder, was present. Services both morning and evening were well attended.

Mr. W. H. Milligan is much improved.

Mrs. Mattie Perkins and son, Fred, Jr., visited over Sunday with relatives and friends. They returned to their home in Rock Island, Ill., Sunday evening.

Miss Eleanor Eloise La Bell made her debut Tuesday evening at a reception given by her mother, Mrs. Flora La Bell, 801 H street West. The decorations were mistletoe, holly and yellow chrysanthemums. Erma La Bell and Leona Smith presided at the punch bowl. Piano and victrola music added much pleasure. About fifty of the younger set were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Lowery, 903 South Eighth street, have issued invitations for a birthday anniversary of their mother, Mrs. M. F. Lowery, Friday, January 12th.

Miss Mildred Jackson of Chicago is in the city making her home with her father, Sherman Jackson.

Mrs. Fred H. Gresham was selected as assistant postmistress of the Thirty-seventh general assembly. Her many friends congratulate her.

Mrs. Ora Smith is indisposed, being confined with la grippe.

Mrs. Corrie Hicks has entered the hospital at Iowa City for an operation,

which we hope will be successful. Mrs. Narcilla Jackson is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Jennie Robinson visited in Toledo last week. Mr. Clyde Washington of Burlington was in the city last week on business.

The Art and Literature club was entertained at Mrs. Adelaide Flowers' on Monday afternoon. They will meet with Mrs. Mabel Horne on Thursday, January 18th.

BEDFORD, IOWA.

Mrs. Carl Thomas of Rochester, Minn., is spending the holidays with her father, G. W. Lucas. She also spent several weeks in Des Moines.

Mrs. Mary Jones and son of Des Moines, who have been visiting Mrs. Georgia Howe, returned home Friday. Mrs. G. Howe, who has been quite sick, is convalescing.

Miss Gertrude Lucas, teacher in the Buxton public schools, and Helene Lucas, who attends Iowa university, came Saturday for a short visit with their father.

Mr. Henry Johnson and son, Fred, were visitors in Bedford on Saturday. Rev. W. W. Ewing and family spent the holidays with friends. Mrs. Ewing and children returned to their home in Des Moines on Thursday.

Rev. Ewing remained to conduct the meetings at the Baptist church. Mr. Babe Keene and Miss Theo. Moore of Red Oak spent Xmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robinson of Stewartville, Mo., are spending the winter with their son, A. W. Robinson.

Mrs. R. Robinson spent a few days with her daughter in St. Joe.

Mrs. Porter of Portland, Oregon, returned with her father for a few days' visit.

Mrs. W. H. Bailey of Buxton left Thursday, after spending the holidays with her father, G. W. Lucas.

The social given at the Baptist church was quite a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Montgomery of Clarinda, Miss Mabel Johnson, Messrs. Fred and Adam Johnson of Gravity were guests Sunday evening at the Lucas home.

Miss Fay Ashford, who has been sick with tonsillitis, is able to be out.

Mrs. Grant of Creston, Iowa, is spending the winter in Bedford.

Miss Helen Lucas returned to Iowa City on Tuesday, after spending the holidays with her father.

Mrs. Carl Thomas spent a few days visiting in Gravity and Clarinda.

Rev. J. C. Botch filled Rev. Ewing's pulpit at Red Oak on Sunday. The meeting carried on by Rev. Ewing proved an addition of two members to the church.

Miss Mattie Williams of Bedford and Calvin Wilson of Phoenix, Ariz., were quietly married Saturday morning by Rev. W. W. Ewing.

CLARINDA, IOWA.

The Ladies' Crochet club met at the refreshments were served. The home of Mrs. R. T. Lane. Light refreshments were served.

The superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school gave an entertainment at the church last Saturday night. The proceeds were for the benefit of getting two chairs for the pulpit.

Mrs. Gertrude Cason entertained twenty-five young people at her residence last Tuesday evening in honor of the Misses Funches of Glenwood, Iowa. A three-course dinner was served.

Mrs. Ed. Cheetwood Pemberton continues very ill at her home on Grant street.

Mr. Robert Bank, who has been very ill with la grippe, is convalescing.

Mr. Lloyd Carson is visiting his sister, Mrs. Eva Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves of Glenwood, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Katie Moss.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Carlock and Mrs. Cordia Long and daughter, Lydia, departed to their home in Greenfield, Mo., on Saturday.

Miss Nannie Parker and brother, Scott, of Platte City, Mo., were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Montgomery. Mr. Brad Beard is on the sick list.

Sunday morning was trustee day at the A. M. E. church. A neat sum was realized.

OMAHA, NEB.

Happy New Year to all. Mr. Cecil Smith was shot Saturday night by St. Joseph's hospital. He died at St. Joseph's hospital.

Miss Edna Cox has returned from St. Joseph's hospital.

Rev. Thomas Taggart has opened a successful meeting at Bethel Baptist church, South Side.

Sunday was a successful covenant meeting at all churches.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Bishop Parks spent the day worshipping at the services.

Mrs. M. H. Wilkerson is quite ill at her residence.

No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, installed officers last Thursday evening. They were as fol-

lows: P. Sec., Bro. Belcher; W. treasurer, Bro. Van; chaplain, Bro. Hon.

Sunday, January 7, 1917, No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, held a delightful smoker at their hall, 2527 Lake street. There was quite a few brothers out.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH ITEMS

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Birt, through the columns of the Bystander, extend New Year greetings to members and friends, and are very grateful for the many gifts received.

The Xmas tree on Saturday, December 23, was a thing of beauty. All the Sunday school pupils were remembered. Supt. C. B. Woods worked hard to make the affair a success. Our next celebration is Easter.

The choir rendered beautiful and appropriate music at all services during the holidays.

The New Year was ushered in with anthems. The service was very inspiring to all present.

The Cradle Roll mothers gave a party at the parsonage on December 28th. Fourteen little tots were present. The boy babies were presented with saving banks and the girls with vanity boxes. An enjoyable time was had. Regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 9. All mothers welcome.

Class No. 5, Mrs. A. M. Woolfolk, teacher, gave a beautiful and well appointed three-course dinner at Hanger's restaurant on Tuesday of this week, honoring Miss Juanita White of Indianola, Iowa. Covers were laid for fourteen guests.

The Mite Missionary society kept open doors at the parsonage. A large number of friends called during the hours from 2 to 8 p. m.

The members of his stewardess board will begin their year's work on Thursday, January 18. They hope to visit the homes of all strangers.

The members of the deaconess board are busy on their missions of love and mercy.

The months of January and February are usually severe in these parts. Let all our Christian workers provide themselves with suitable traveling apparel and answer every call to duty. Let not the cause of Christ suffer.

S. L. Birt, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Raymond Hall-visited in the cities a part of his holiday vacation and had a very enjoyable time, so he says.

Helen Motts spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington of Albia spent New Year's at the N. L. Black and Walter Williams homes.

Watch meeting was held at the A. M. E. church and quite a congregation took part in the services.

Last Tuesday night was second quarterly meeting for this year.

Mrs. Hobbs of Rock Island visited at the Henry Campbell home over New Year's.

Mrs. Ralph Motts of Chicago has returned to her home, after a two weeks' holiday visit at the Mrs. Mary Motts home.

Miss Elizabeth Redd visited friends in the tri-cities a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams entertained a small company of friends at a New Year's dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington of Albia.

A few friends were entertained at dinner at the John Mondy home on December 31, 1916.

Henry Rhodes had the misfortune to get one eye badly hurt recently while chopping wood, a piece of wood flying up and bruising it and causing medical aid to be summoned to take care of the wound.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the Rev. Morgan in his bereavement in the loss of his son at Ottumwa recently.

The friends of the Rev. Payton, former pastor of the A. M. E. church here, were sorry to hear that he was the victim of a paralytic stroke recently and hope for his speedy recovery.

Little Leone Frances Crayton, who has been sick, is convalescing.

Thos. Lewis was sick last week and unable to be at his work at the chute.

Grandma Tiffin, who is ill at the Henry Green home, is no better and is growing weaker slowly.

Ollie Gentry and Chas. McCain are the new men at the coat chutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spencer of Mason City will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary the 29th of this month, according to announcements received in the city by their friends.

Rev. Morgan entertained a few friends at a dinner party Tuesday in honor of the presiding elder, Rev. Ferribee.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klotz of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Sunday was covenant Sunday. The first Sunday in the new year and services were well attended.

Rev. P. Thomas of Mt. Pleasant arrived Sunday to assist Rev. M. Carlington in revival meeting, which started Sunday night.

The president of Mission Circle has been quite indisposed for a few days.

Mrs. Wm. Noah has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. A. L. Crittenden, who was reported on the sick list, is much improved at this writing.

Miss Kizzie Sander has returned home, after spending the holidays with her brother, Jimmy, in Illinois.

Christena Crittenden has returned home, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Omaha, Neb.

Little Emma Weldon is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. H. Palmer is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Allen, in Leavenworth, Kans.

Mrs. B. B. Baker, who spent the holidays with her sister in St. Paul, Minn., has returned home.

Mr. Leonard Lewis has returned from a visit, as he called it, with friends in Davenport, but it turned out to be a bride. Mr. Leonard Lewis and Miss Nellie Buckner were married Wednesday, January 3, 1917, and returned to the city Friday morning and are at their new home on North Nineteenth street to their many friends.

Mr. L. P. Lewis is the congenial porter for the B. P. O. E.

Christena Crittenden, Mrs. Gladys Jones and her sister, Mrs. Cora Brown of Mystic gave a surprise birthday party on their mother, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden, in honor of her fortieth birthday, on Sunday, January 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. S. H. Jones on North Nineteenth street. About forty of her friends were present. The plans were carried out to perfection. Mrs. Crittenden had to acknowledge that it was one April fool game played on her. She received many pretty and useful gifts. This happy event will be long remembered. And after she recovered from her fatal shock a dainty refreshment was served, and all departed wishing Mrs. Crittenden many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Anna Oliver is suffering with a severe cold.

Mrs. H. W. Thompkins has been quite sick for the last few days.

Mr. Luther Brown is visiting in the city for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. A. L. Crittenden was in Mystic on Monday afternoon collecting for the Bystander.

RACE LITERATURE WEEK.

Novel Plan to Acquaint Our People With Their Own Authors.

The national buy a book campaign in the interest of Negro literature had its inception in the fertile brain of R. R. Wright, Ph. D., editor of the Christian Recorder and manager of the A. M. E. Church Book Concern, Philadelphia. Dr. Wright's plan is to endeavor to have every family of colored people purchase at least one book during the month of December. He has particularly suggested the second week in December as Negro literature week.

In giving his reasons for such a movement Dr. Wright says: Negro children need to read books which tell of the more hopeful side of their race life, and that Negro men and women need the same is no longer open to debate. No people that does not know and love its own history, enjoy its own literature, reverence its own heroes, has ever amounted to much. Can the Negro hope to be an exception? The fact that the public schools do not give our children courses in Negro history and literature is being recognized by educators throughout our nation as a weak point in Negro education.

To be strong the Negro child must know and love the heroes of the Negro race from Crispus Attucks to the gallant Tenth cavalry at Carrizal. He must know the past achievements of the race in Africa and America. He must imbibe the ideals which the music and poetry of the race are designed to inspire.

He must see the pictures of men and women of like hue as himself, so that, acting upon the maxim that what black man has done black man can do, he may be nerved to greater accomplishments.

Every home should have its collection of Negro books of poetry, fiction, history and religion—not one book, but many, in order that it may have its proper atmosphere of racial self respect, which is the foundation of racial progress. But alas, we have so few homes with Negro books. Not one Negro in a thousand has read a book on Negro history. The 999 are ignorant of their glorious past; ignorant of the part played by their ancestors in Africa and America; ignorant of their prowess; ignorant of their opportunities.

The only mention most children of the race read of their race in history is that they were brought to this coun-

try as slaves in 1616 and freed by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Not one in a thousand ever heard of a Negro aiding in the exploration of America many years before 1616 and of the 180,000 of their kind who fought to save this nation fifty years ago. And there is greater ignorance on the part of the younger generation than of the one now passing.

The Book Concern is nearly 100 years old, and we therefore think it our duty to carry the light of literature to our benighted people. We therefore are asking that every public institution make a public appeal in behalf of Negro literature. We suggest the month of December as the time and the second week in December particularly as "Negro literature week." During this week we should like every Negro to purchase a book written by a Negro author or about Negroes.

During this week let the ministers talk Negro literature from their pulpits; let the teachers talk it to their pupils; let every literary society have a "Negro literature night." We suggest Friday night, Dec. 15, at which time we desire to have every school and church of any size have some one speak of Negro literature.

SOCIAL FUNCTION AT WASHINGTON

Miss Clarice Jones' Marriage Season's Big Event.

POPULAR YOUNG EDUCATOR

Daughter of Noted Lawyer Becomes the Wife of James W. Michaels, a Successful Contractor of Salisbury, N. C.—Episcopal Ceremony Performed by the Rev. Emory B. Smith.

Washington.—The stellar event of the social life of Washington's Yuletide of 1916 was the charming wedding on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, when Miss Clarice A. Jones, the accomplished daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, became the bride of James W. Michaels, a prosperous contractor of Salisbury, N. C. The nuptial ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock at the stately home of the bride's parents, 1901 Vermont avenue, Northwest, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties, both in and out of town.

The impressive ring service of the Episcopal church was pronounced by the Rev. Emory B. Smith, pastor of the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church. The marital vows were exchanged amid sweet strains softly discoursed by Professor Cole's orchestra, after the triumphant bars of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" had been given. Prior to the entrance of the bridal party into the spacious double parlors Miss Marie C. James, the noted prima donna contralto, sang DeKoven's "O Promise Me," and just before the minister asked the "great question" Albert Booker interpolated a solo, "Because."

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dr. Ernest Robinson of Salisbury, N. C., acted as best man.

Miss Jones was gowned in a beautiful costume of white duchess satin, trimmed with silver lace flouncing, over georgette crepe, with a long train, veil to match, surmounted by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried an immense bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Claudia Brandon, who wore turquoise blue net over silver metal cloth. The attendants were Miss Ruth Moore of California, who was attired in pink and blue meteor over blue taffeta, and Miss Fannie Holland of this city, who wore white net over white satin. Mrs. Georgia Jones Tucker, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a charming gown of canary satin. Mrs. Jones, mother of the bride, wore a gown of black satin and lace.

The flower girl, who played her part with piquant precision, was Miss Clarice Antoinette Tucker, the little granddaughter of Counselor and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Minnie Lucas Wright, the Misses Carrie and Lizzie Woodford and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson assisted in receiving the host of visitors and other friends rendered timely aid in all of the activities of the joyful hour. The towering mansion of the well known Jones family—not excelled in domestic appointments and architectural magnificence by any home in the capital—was tastefully decorated throughout.

The spacious parlors and drawing room were an artistic maze of palms, smilax, American Beauty roses and white chrysanthemums, and about the stairway evergreens were gracefully intertwined. The hymeneal altar in an alcove extension was a bower of rare beauty. In front of the house was a canopy extending to the curb, laid the entire length underfoot with carpet. Following the ceremony came the reception, and hundreds of representatives of the elite of the nation's capital thronged the place, voicing felicitations

and wishing the happy couple bon voyage through life. A dainty luncheon was served, and each guest received a piece of the wedding cake.

The presents, which filled an entire upper apartment, were unusually rich, varied and pretty, embracing a dazzling array of gold and silver, sparkling cut glass, rare china, fine linens, handmade conceptions for milady's boudoir and numerous articles for practical household use.

Mr. and Mrs. Michaels departed at 10 o'clock on their wedding eve for Salisbury, N. C., where they will make their future home. Mrs. Michaels, let it be said in passing, is an honor graduate of the conservatory of music of Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., and her finishing recital at that historic institution is conceded to have been the most brilliant that had been given by any student taking a degree in music there.

For several years Miss Jones (now Mrs. Michaels) has served with distinction and complete satisfaction as director of music at the Livingston university, Salisbury, N. C., and will probably continue in that capacity for the remainder of the current year. She has been a brilliant figure in the younger social set of the nation's capital, and her graceful bearing, sunny disposition, lofty ideals and pleasing intellectuality have combined to make her a popular as well as a valuable member of the community that has been delighted to call her its own.

The bride comes from one of the oldest and most highly respected families in this section of the country. Mrs. Michaels and her chosen-companion for life carry with them to their southland home the best wishes of all Washingtonians who know and admire them for their splendid character.

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College Course in Politics. The Columbia university belongs the credit of offering the first course designed to give students a practical knowledge of the conduct of political affairs. That institution has asked the bureau of municipal research in New York to give the members of the class the benefit of the experience it has derived from the study of the affairs of that city, and the invitation has been accepted. The growing demand for the adoption of the scientific methods of city governments lends support to the view that college men will be in demand in this department of the public service, hence the propriety and usefulness of a university course established on the lines indicated by the innovation at Columbia.

Haitians a Laz, Lot.

Sydney Brooks, writing to the London Chronicle about Haiti, says the Haitians were the first people in the world to abolish slavery, and Mrs. C. R. Miller, writing in Leslie's Weekly, says of Haiti: "In that little republic covering about 10,000 square miles within five days' sail of New York, one may encounter more strange complications and a greater disregard for human life than in the remote corners of the east. Situated in the very heart of the West Indies, where civilization exists in a high degree, Haiti alone has kept her doors closed to progress. She became an independent state more than 100 years ago. Her rich lands were already under cultivation, but the lazy natives allowed the plantations to go to ruin, and for a century have grown up instead."

Farm Employment for Criminals.

Gov. Harris of Ohio believes that criminals can be employed on a farm with advantage to themselves and the state. He proposes that prisoners in the penitentiary who are not confirmed criminals be transferred to the reformatory and put to work on the state farm. "It is the conditions of our cities that breed crime," says the governor. "Most of it can be traced to idleness and drink, and idleness is frequently the cause of drink. There is little drink in the country and practically no idleness. If the young man who had slipped over the bounds of law were taught scientific farming he would come to like it and escape the associates who carry him down when he returns to the city."

Milk an Intoxicant.

New York City alone consumes an usual 840,000,000 quarts of milk. We drink 2,300,000 quarts a day and this does not include mothers' milk for infants; just cows' milk—watered and unwatered, for both infants and adults. "Milk," says Emerson. "is readily made intoxicating in warm climates simply by agitation. This feature was quickly discovered." Being placed in a skin and slung from the shoulder or over the back, it was agitated by the motion of the hunter, fermentation was soon well under way. The skin was undoubtedly none so clean, some milk of the previous day being left in it, which would

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EDITORIALS

THE GREAT WAR.

We enter 1917 with the great war in Europe still raging, with the armies in a death struggle. The most gigantic carnage of blood and human slaughter that the world has ever witnessed, and for what we do not know, nor do they, unless it is simply selfish greed and ambition to rule the world. Peace negotiations have been suggested by one side and hooted at by the other side. Consequently it does seem that there will necessarily be millions of more lives lost and human carnage and destruction will go on at least many months or even years. It does seem that with so many of the great powers against Germany they would soon crush her and her allies, but she has held with TWO—Bystander—such superhuman strength and winning in most of the engagements seems providential. Yet let us work and pray, if need be, to bring about lasting peace.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

This week Iowa has changed governors almost with the changing from the old year to the new. Hon. Geo. W. Clarke has just passed out of the gubernatorial chair to enter into the presidential chair as dean of the law department of Drake university and Hon. W. L. Harding of Sioux City was sworn in as governor. Governor Harding has the unique distinction of being elected by the largest majority of any governor in Iowa, over 100,000

majority, which undoubtedly proved that the people of Iowa wanted him, and we congratulate Mr. Harding and hope for him a good, strong, progressive administration that will keep Iowa in the forefront of our sisterhood of states and let the world know of all that is good Iowa affords the best.

PASSES 120TH YEAR OF LIFE.

Mrs. Mary Talbot, Former Slave, Observes Anniversary With Relatives.

Ottumwa's oldest resident, whose birth preceded the establishment of the city by many years, celebrated her one hundred and twentieth birthday anniversary Christmas day. Mrs. Mary Talbot, who was born December 25, 1796, in Kentucky, and who resides with her grandson, E. T. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson, on Waverly avenue in Riverview, was the center of a family gathering on the big holiday. Another grandchild, Mrs. Bert Allen, of Albia, and Mr. Allen were present at the Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Talbot has been confined to bed all this winter, but suffers little save from the weakness natural to one of her advanced age, and spends the time piecing quilts. Her eyesight remains singularly clear and she is bright and cheerful. She has many wonderful tales to tell of ante-bellum days, as well as the civil war period. She has been unable to attend church for several years, but is a devout member of the A. M. E. church. She is affectionately cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

CUSSING THE PREACHER.

On every hand the church is being criticised. On every hand the preacher is being discussed. In a weekly paper in our city a physician is reported to have taken the Negro preacher severely to task.

The so-called educated Negro, especially seems to take particular delight in criticising the Negro church. He will discourse long and loud about "building too many churches" and "supporting too many preachers," but he will hardly open his mouth against the too many saloons which drag our boys to destruction; he will not complain about making so many saloonkeepers rich; and he will often live in the same block with questionable houses and never criticise them.

The Negro preacher is condemned if he has a poor church edifice, which is called a disgrace to the community, and he is heartily abused if he has a fine building. So what shall he do?

The preacher is abused if he stays into business, and abused if he goes out.

He is abused if he wears a greasy coat, and if he wears fine clothes.

His morality is attacked on the merest hearsay by men who are known to be moral lepers.

His honesty is attacked by men who have court records for dishonesty.

If the preacher makes the people shout, he is attacked; if he does not he is also attacked. Indeed it seems to be the order of the day in some circles to always "knock" the preacher.

Why is this? It is based on selfishness purely. The preachers lead the people. Some lawyers, some business men, some physicians, and others think the preachers ought to hand that leadership over to them. They forget that leadership is based upon service. The preacher leads for no other reason than, at the present stage, he renders best service. If others are to lead it will not be by abusing the preachers, but by rendering service. And there is abundant field for such.

One frequently hears these critics say that instead of having the people put so much money into churches they ought to put it in businesses. They forget two things: First, the preacher's business is not commercial; and, second, that the people put but comparatively little money in churches. The Negro does not put one cent out of every dollar into his churches. Instead of inquiring about the 99 cents, these jealous Negroes are making a fuss about the 1 cent.

The Negro does not put enough money into churches. And any fair-minded person can see it. What is needed is for the business is for the business man, the lawyer, the physician, the mechanic to get theirs not out of the 1 cent the church gets, but the other 99 cents.

The Negro church has its hold by service and organization. Is it not better to organize business and learn to serve the people rather than to continually attack the church?

The 1 cent paid in the church brings the best dividends the Negro race has. This one cent has accumulated nearly \$75,000,000 worth of property which is the race's largest social surplus.

This one cent has built and largely supports the leading schools for higher education of Negroes in the south. If they were not for church school there would be practically no opportunity for higher training for nine-tenths of the race.

This one cent has established the chief literary voices for the race during the 50 years of emancipation in that the chief newspapers and magazines have largely had church support.

This one cent has brought together the people and taught them how to support the Negro in business, the Negro in professions. But for the church the Negro physician would never have gotten the foothold he has.

This one cent now supports the leading publishing plants of the race, and sends out yearly more literature to educate and inspire the race than

the whole 99 cents does.

This one cent gives more dignity to the race in its bishops, general officers, ministers, than any other one cent the race has.

If the Negro did not spend this one cent for his church, ten thousand communities would have no leadership—and the people would scatter, degenerate and die out.

It is because the Negro has done so well with this one cent that every intelligent man ought to encourage him to make it two cents and to organize the other 98 cents.

No, brother professional men, don't cuss the preacher for the wonderful results he has gotten from one cent of the Negro's dollar. Rather compliment his service, his wisdom, his organizing power, and then learn from him how to organize your part of the remaining cents of that dollar, till we have organized the Negro's whole dollar.

Let us pull together, not apart. If the preacher has a foothold, don't spend your energy pulling him down; for in so doing you pull yourself down. What the race needs is not less confidence, but more.

Of course the church has its faults and so have the preachers, and none is beyond criticism; but the systematic effort of one class to try to discredit the ministry is to be regretted by all who have the true well being of the race at heart. Such efforts only retard the race.—Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa.

LEGISLATURE EMPLOYES SELECTED.

Governor Harding reappointed Douglass Miller as his messenger. Those selected by the legislature: Assistant postmistress, Mrs. Fred H. Gresham of Cedar Rapids; chief janitor of the senate, Jeff Logan of Des Moines. Other men in senate cloak room, Homer Jones of Keokuk, Wm. Thompson of Ottumwa, Fred Wright of Davenport. Chief janitor of house, Wm. Tomlin of Des Moines. Others selected were Henry McCraven of Des Moines, J. H. Miller of Newton, Wm. Given of Council Bluffs, E. H. Jones of Buxton, Harry B. Burnaugh of Mt. Pleasant, Assistant matron, Mrs. Wm. Jones of Des Moines.

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er had determined to take up the study of law and for that purpose had been attending evening school. But now, upon the advice of his pastor, he engaged to take a course under Professor Scott of the faculty of Kiskadee college, Brooklyn. For nearly three years he studied under Professor Scott, when he was advised by Dr. W. T. Dixon and others to take charge of the Ebenezer Baptist church, Babylon, N. Y. He began with that church as pastor the first Sunday in July, 1894, having been licensed to preach in the previous August. Here he remained, attending the Babylon high school till he graduated, and then took up higher studies under Rev. Drs. Raymond and Plimm, the object being to follow the same course as given at Colgate university. He studied thus till June, 1900, when he was called to the pastorate of the Messiah Baptist church, Yonkers, N. Y., where he labored with great success till November, 1906, when, having accepted the call, he took charge of St. Paul's Baptist church.

He is a constant student, a hard worker and a faithful pastor. The church which he now pastors he found, on going to it, to be in debt to the extent of \$18,500. By 1908 this debt had been cut down to \$12,000. The church was remodeled in 1910, making it almost twice as large, with light and splendid ventilation. This remodeling was done at a cost of nearly \$4,000. All other expenses of the church have been met, and the membership is now about three times what it was when Rev. Mr. Booker became its pastor.

The church is twenty-three years old and has had four pastors in all. Rev. Mr. Booker has succeeded in organizing the church into good working shape, and there is a brighter outlook for it in the future than it has ever had before. The Rev. Booker was united in marriage to Miss Lulu J. Floyd Feb. 27, 1895. They are the parents of three children—one son, who is a student for the ministry, and

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CELEBRATION OF DOUGLASS' MEMORY URGED BY LEAGUE

National Equal Rights Body Takes the Initiative in Great Movement.

Great and vital causes are advanced by honoring the memory of their illustrious exponents. When the work of these moral heroes is yet unfinished or is being undone the present day struggle for humanity is strengthened by public observances of the anniversaries of the pioneers. Such events furnish the occasion to recall the careers and recite the noble utterances of the great advocates of reform and to urge present day devotion to their ideals. The sentimental appeal which goes with the centenary of the birth of a moral leader makes its celebration, if carried on in the spirit of his life work, of telling help to the same cause today.

Hence it is that the National Equal Rights league, representing the crusade of colored Americans for rights and liberties still denied, urges the celebration of the centenary of the birth of that greatest of all champions of liberty and of citizenship for colored Americans, Frederick Douglass, all day Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1917.

The league advises that these observances be in the name of the equal rights cause and that in every place where colored Americans are numerous an equal rights committee or Equal Rights league be formed to arrange the centenary observance of this great colored champion of equal rights.

This is the first great duty of our race collectively in the new year 1917 and is the league's New Year's message to the race. It will inspire our young people with respect for and pride in their racial strain to have brought out the wondrous ability of this man born a slave. It will give courage to our men and women to fight in an organized way color discrimination to learn of the brave stand taken by Douglass on many occasions. It will challenge the conscience of white Americans to know the life struggle and the eloquent plea made by him for justice to his race.

Douglas was the great colored abolitionist. An escaped slave, he naturally waged an independent campaign of agitation for the freedom of his own race. The approach of his centenary should be the signal for his people to rally to the standard of a fight of our race for rights denied because of our race.

Let there be fitting observances throughout the United States of America of the centenary of Douglass the orator, the abolitionist, the editor, the writer, the statesman, under the auspices of equal rights committees or equal rights leagues and the citizens all day Feb. 14, 1917. Thus will our fight for rights be strengthened in the land which Douglass helped make one of freedom for all.

BYRON GUNNER, President, Hillburn, N. Y. WILLIAM MONROE TROTTER, Secretary, 34 Cornhill, Boston.

THE NEED OF EDUCATION.

President Edward T. Ware of Atlanta University Makes Frank Statement.

In discussing the question why the colored people are leaving the south in such large numbers Edward T. Ware, president of Atlanta university, says: "If the colored people are to remain in the south they must be educated. We are conducting a campaign to raise half a million dollars toward the endowment fund of Atlanta university. This institution has been in existence fifty years, having been founded early in 1867, following the close of the civil war.

"The work of Atlanta university is recognized throughout the south and north. It was founded for the purpose of giving the colored people a chance for the same educational advantages that the white population of the southern states enjoys. If this work is to be done it must be done by men and women who have had more than an industrial school education.

"The whole system of Negro education in the south is separate from that of the white population. Consequently we must equip members of the colored race to carry on this work. Everybody recognizes that the Negro must be educated if he is to have the same opportunities that his white brother enjoys, but few stop to consider where this education may be given.

"One of the vital questions in the south at the present time is the exodus of Negroes from the south. The southern press has pointed out that if the colored people are to remain they must be educated and protected against lynchings. Already in southwest Georgia intelligent members of both the white and colored populations have got together to discuss what can be done. It is in just such situations that the educated colored person exerts his influence.

"Atlanta university is giving the south just such educated colored young men and women. The distinctive service of the university has been the preparation of teachers. Among the graduates also are successful doctors, preachers and business men."

Serious Blow to Knights of Pythias. A Washington dispatch states that nearly half a million dollars' worth of uniforms worn by the Knights of Pythias will be barred by the new law enacted by congress prohibiting individuals, secret orders or organizations of any kind from wearing any uniform similar to that worn by the United States army, navy or marine corps.

The Habit of Taking Cold. With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Proper Bestowal of Charity.

Dickens: There are not a few among the disciples of charity who require in their vocation, scarcely less excitement than the votaries of pleasure in theirs; and hence it is that diseased sympathy and compassion are every day expended on out-of-the-way objects, when only too many demands upon the legitimate exercise of the same virtues in a healthy state are constantly within the sight and bearing of the most unobservant person alive. In short, charity must have its compass, as the novelist or the playwright must have his.

"When you feel that temptation coming along," said the friend and adviser, "you must say: 'Get thee behind me, Satan.'" "De's what I done said," answered Mr. Ephantus Pinkley, "an' Gen I 'magine I hyubs Satan answer me back: 'De's all right. We's both gwine de same way, nohow, an' it don' make no difference to me which leads de succession.'"

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# STEADY ADVANCE IN CHURCH WORK

## Success of Rev. S. B. Butler at Wichita, Kan.

### MAN OF BROAD EXPERIENCE

Congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church begins financial campaign for the erection of a new meeting house—Dr. Butler's fine record as an Organizer and Leader.

Wichita, Kan.—Sardis, Miss., has the distinction of furnishing to the Baptists of Kansas one of the strongest and most successful pastors in the person of the Rev. S. B. Butler, B. T. S., who is pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in this city. He is doing a great work in the state and is an active worker in the national Baptist convention. The Rev. Mr. Butler was born at Sardis in 1876 and received his early education in the public school of his home town. After finishing the public school course he entered LeMoine institute, at Memphis, one of the schools of the American Missionary association. He joined the Baptist church at fourteen years of age. After two years' study at LeMoine institute he went to St. Louis and at once connected himself with the Central Baptist church, of which the Rev. J. L. Coburn was pastor.

His activity in the church attracted much attention. He was licensed to preach by the Central Baptist church in 1901. This was followed by his entering the Western college, Macon,



REV. S. B. BUTLER, B. T. S.

Mo., the institution of the colored Baptists of the state. He finished the course at Western college in 1905. He won honors while in school and was chosen orator for the theological class. He was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Kirksville, Mo., during his school days and also at Jacksonville, Mo.

The churches were not far from Macon; hence he was able to spend the week in school and go to his churches on Sunday, returning to school on Monday of each week. Following his graduation he was ordained an elder in St. Louis in 1905. He was examined by the entire ministry of the Baptist church in St. Louis, and they were loud in their praise of his ability as a young minister.

The Rev. Mr. Butler was called to the Park-Chapel Baptist church, Palmyra, Mo., in 1906, where he accomplished a good work. He was instrumental in building a stone church there and paying off the indebtedness. After remaining at the Park Chapel church six years he received a call from the Calvary Baptist church at Wichita, which he found to be heavily in debt. The people were fearful that the building and ground would be sold because of the debt, but the Rev. Mr. Butler smiled and declared that the debt was but a toy. He soon cut it down, and now they are preparing to erect a new building to cost \$20,000.

The congregation is wide awake and eager for a new church edifice. This was demonstrated recently at a meeting held for the purpose of raising \$300 toward the building fund. Instead of raising \$300 the members and friends contributed \$500. The church will hold a financial rally during the month of January, at which a large amount is expected to be contributed for the erection of the proposed new meeting house. Dr. Butler is highly respected by both races in Wichita and is recognized as a safe leader, able preacher and financier.

**Fisk Honors Memory of Noted Singers.**  
Fisk university has decided to add to its numerous departments a conservatory of music in honor of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, who did so much to create favorable sentiment for the race more than forty years ago. Contributions will be accepted for this new feature from both races. It is a move in the right direction and it meets with popular favor.

### HEALTH HINTS.

A. J. Booker, M. D.  
Some well informed friends of mine, sitting around the dinner table a few days ago, were chafing me about the inability of the doctors to definitely determine how long a given man would live, provided he appeared in good health. They were absolutely right so far as the given man is concerned and this should make all of us a little more careful of our health and activities.



There is one thing certain, however, all of us are going to die as surely as we live. There are one or two other certainties; statistics have been compiled which can make it sure that a given number, at least, of men of a determined age are going to die, living under normal circumstances and in average environments. Just what their names are no one can say, but we can in some measure, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, tell what disease will claim certain percentages of them.

Since these things are so, it behooves every man to be familiar with the age incidence of disease and guard against them. It means a great deal to have a man who has had experience, has a knowledge of the law of averages, and uses methods of precision look you over once in a while to point out your weakness or your tendencies. Not an examination which is going to put you into the hands of a mercenary money seeker, who will take advantage of ignorance, but one who will act in a way to point the way to health, or its continuance and happiness.

It is no longer sufficient that one man pass his final judgment by a nod of the head. This is an era of precision in diagnosis. It is true that there are men who are born physicians and arrive at conclusions by a canny intuitiveness, while others can do no better than the veriest tyro. There must be judgment in the selection of men as there is in horses. A man wanting a horse or dog does not buy the first thing which has four legs and hair, but when he gets sick any sign of "physician and surgeon" appeals to him as a haven.

This new era of medicine contemplates consultations, examination of blood pressure and a host of minor considerations. The man who attempts to practice medicine without some of these things proves himself to be in the class of those whose day has passed, and they are living upon the tolerance of the initiated and the ignorance of the average.

Every man ought to learn all he can, especially if he be sensible enough to not imagine that every ailment he reads of does not mean that he is going to die or be sick.

In a large majority of cases it matters little who one has to attend them. This is the reason the incompetent man is often more successful financially than the scientific one. But it is in that small percentage that difference in men does count and is the reason one ought have the best man at all times, so that there is no change in a pinch.

Physicians do not attempt to tell how long healthy men are going to live, but they do try to help healthy men and women live out the full length of their days in comfort and happiness.

### KEOKUK, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.)  
The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Hol, who died Wednesday the 3rd, was held from Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday the 6th. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Moore.

Rev. L. A. Joplin who has been on the sick list was able to be out to service Sunday.

Mrs. George Mott is still confined to her bed.

Mr. George Bundy, one of the stewards of the A. M. E. church, who has been sick for two weeks is up and out again.

Mrs. Maria Green a niece who has been to Chicago on a ten days visit has returned home with the news that she spent a very pleasant trip.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist church had splendid services all day Sunday. The pastor, Dr. Helem, preached two excellent sermons. It being the first Sunday in the month communion was administered.

Rev. Moore who has been so sick was able to be in his pulpit Sunday. He gave a short talk Sunday morning in connection with the general class.

The A. M. E. church Sunday School held at 2:30 and had an emancipation exercise.

In the evening after a short talk by the pastor Rev. Moore, he installed the trustees; L. C. Lowe, Alonza Drain, F. J. Johnson, J. W. Bland, W. H. Jones, George Snoddy, Fred Holmes; after which the pastor installed the teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

Bethel A. M. E. church is taking on new life under Rev. Dr. S. B. Moore. Large crowds are being out both morning and evening.

The Bystander collector will be in your city in a few days. Please see and pay him your subscriptions.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Nora Grayson of Hiteam was in Albia on business Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Butler entertained Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith to 12 o'clock dinner Sunday; it being Mr. Butler's birthday.

Miss Nettie Finks of Hiteam was in Albia Sunday at the Young People's club meeting.

Miss Alberta Robinson of Hocking visited in Des Moines instead of Buxton during the holidays.

Mrs. Allie Bowman from Muscatine is visiting in Albia with her daughter Mrs. E. Hollingworth for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington of this city visited in Washington, Iowa for New Year's day.

The Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. H. Jones on Monday afternoon. The hostess Mrs. H. Jones was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Joe Jameson.

Mr. Horace Bates of Hiteam was in Albia Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Robinson and Mr. Charlie Robinson, Miss Alberta Robinson of Hocking attended services in Albia at A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Carthon of Hiteam, the Worthy Councilor of Trinity Lodge No. 11 of Albia, was in town to business meeting Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and children of Hocking spent Sunday in Albia at Monroe Davis home.

### BUXTON, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Miss Jennie Spears entertained Monday evening, Jan. 1st, in honor of her sister Ora, who just returned home from Minneapolis, Minn. A six course dinner was served. The out of town guests were Miss Eva Vener, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Harry Lavelle, Cedar Rapids. The evening was spent in games and conversations.

Miss Jennie Spears spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Cleo Cary Bryant of Conalt, Ia.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Mrs. Wm. Given underwent a serious operation at Mercy hospital and at this writing is doing nicely.

Mr. Tom Wright is very ill at his home on 27th street.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., was called to Council Bluffs last week to be with her daughter, Mrs. Given who is ill.

There was service Sunday at the Tabernacle Baptist church.

Mrs. Perkins was called to Omaha to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Frank Fryson.

Mrs. Earnest P. Johnson entertained twelve friends at dinner New Year's day.

The colored people of Council Bluffs celebrated Emancipation day Jan. 1st with speaking and a banquet at the A. M. E. church.

### Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers.

### BUXTON, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)  
The sad intelligence has just reached us that Rev. J. W. Evans, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, Danville, Ill., passed away Dec. 17, 1916. Rev. Evans for years has been pastoring churches of Iowa. His last work here while a member of the Iowa-Nebraska Association was in Centerville and Colfax, Ia.

Since it has been the will of the blessed Master to call from labor to reward, we can but say, He will be missed, but our loss is heavens gain. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and blessed be the name of the Lord. Be it further resolved that each church extend their heart felt sympathy to the wife and two sons.

Rev. J. R. Roman has gone to Lincoln, Neb., to assist in a revival meeting for Bro. B. Hillman pastor.

Mr. Gus Young is in a very low state. His friends and family are very much alarmed over his condition.

Mrs. Eva Yaney entertained quite a number of ladies in her beautiful home Jan. 4th.

Mrs. J. R. Roman has returned from Clinton, Ia., where she with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Gladbrook, Ia., spent the holidays with Mrs. Lelia Renfro-Gaither and Mrs. Lon Simmons also the daughter of Mrs. Roman.

### KEOKUK ITEMS.

On Friday Dec. 22nd the Self Culture club was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. H. Frye.

Mrs. F. D. Bland entertained a company of young people on Thursday evening Dec. 21st, in honor of Miss Adena Adams of St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Mary Fields of Chicago, Ill., is visiting at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. S. Fields, 1126 Fulton.

Union Lodge No. 1 celebrated St. John's Day Wednesday, Dec. 27th with a banquet at their hall for the Masons and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Johnson entertained a few friends at cards Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

Mrs. Garnet Johnson entertained the Autumn Leaf club Friday Dec. 29th. Mr. George Brannard visited relatives in Indianapolis, Ind. Christmas.

Miss Gladys Brummel left for her home in Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday Jan. 3rd, after a weeks visit at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bland.

Mr. Geo. King left for Burlington Wednesday, Jan. 3rd after a three days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Alden.

Miss Elizabeth Gross left on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd to resume her studies at Iowa State University, Iowa City, after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gross.

Mr. Russell Bland left Tuesday Jan. 2nd for Laporte, Ind., after a ten days visit with his parents.

Miss Maril Lewis entertained a company of young friends at her home Jan. 1st, 914 Des Moines.

Mr. Quarels arrived home Jan. 1st to spend the winter.

Miss Ruth Bland left Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, to resume her studies at the Iowa State Teachers College, after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bland.

The first annual Hotel Iowa Waiters Ball was largely attended at Woodman's hall Monday evening, Jan. 1st. One of the features of the evening was the prize waltz contest which was won by Misses Alice Buckner Ruth Bland, Messrs. Cornelius Brooks and W. A. Frye.

A large number of the younger boys gave a dancing party in honor of the Misses Gladys Brummel, Elizabeth Gross and Ruth Bland at the People's Institute Tuesday evening Jan. 2. Mr. George King of Burlington was an out of town guest.

### GALESBURG, ILL.

The Thimble Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. Carter Friday Jan. 5th.

The Garrison club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis entertained at family dinner New Year's day. A two course luncheon was served. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford entertained at family dinner Xmas day.

Mrs. Kird entertained the M. P. club Dec. 23rd with a Xmas tree. She presented each member with a present.

Watts Star Jubilee played at the A. M. E. church Thursday, Dec. 28th to a packed house. All numbers were well rendered.

Mr. C. Anderson and Mr. M. Anderson spent New Years in St. David, Ill. Christmas Ball given by Mr. Barnes was well attended. Music was furnished by Woods Orchestra of Quincy. All report a fine time.

Mr. C. Hunt of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., is spending New Years with Mr. C. Anderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson entertained at family dinner New Years day out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. Murphy and baby of Monmouth. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Harmon entertained at family dinner New Year's day. About twenty guests were present. All report a fine time.

Mrs. T. Mayfield of Monroe City, Mo. is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Schoots.

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"Catarrh of the head caused me a great deal of suffering," said Mrs. Hull as clear as a bell. I have a fine appetite and I generally got out of bed in the morning with a bad taste in my mouth and dizzy headaches. I had no "I was nervous and everything seemed to upset me. At times I even had to ask the children to play outside. I couldn't stand their noise.

"Since taking Tanlac my improvement has been wonderful. My head is as clear as a bell. I have a fine appetite and am not troubled with headaches.

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Mrs. John Shores is confined to her bed with the grip.

Mrs. M. Askew, who has been suffering with a severe cold, is better at this writing.

The Progressive club of Malone A. M. E. church will give a musical on Thursday evening, January 11th.

Mrs. R. K. Knight is ill.

Miss Arabelle Dowdy, who was overcome by gas Saturday evening, is able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Watkins entertained at dinner Sunday Miss Arabelle Dowdy, Mr. George Yearwood of St. Paul, Mr. W. T. Jones of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. M. Askew.

Mr. Bruce Payne, who has been confined in St. Vincent's hospital, has been taken to the poor farm.

Mrs. Dave Shores, who has been ill, is able to be out.

MONMOUTH, ILL.  
Mrs. Robert Catlin returned home, after a short trip to Chicago.

Charlie Chambers was in the city for a few days.

The Willing Workers met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Florence Skinner. Mrs. Ham Stockes and Mrs. Eugene Thompson and Mrs. Margaret Collins are on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. George McWilliams left Monday evening for Springfield, Ill.

Miss Georgia Shannon delightfully entertained a number of young people with a party in honor of her sister and stepmother, Miss Gertrude Shannon and Mrs. Shannon of Glasgow, Ky. They returned home soon after on account of Miss Gertrude, who is a teacher in the Glasgow school.

Mrs. Della Catlin Carter, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Catlin, was called home to Chicago by the illness of her daughter.

Misses Lucile Grant, Rita Weathers, Messrs. Leland Grant and Otis Weathers entertained about twenty-five young people with a party at the Grant home. A delightful two-course luncheon was served. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. Carter was in Monmouth on Tuesday evening attending the meeting of the Silver Spray Temple.

The correspondent is sorry that the news sent in is not always printed, as people say that she does not send any in.

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