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## Colored American When War Ends

Will His Industrial Opportunities in  
This Country Be Improved?

### HIS AMERICANISM UNDOUBTED

Young of Race Advised to Fit Them-  
selves for Employment That  
May Offer.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—What industrial opportunities will open up for the Negro with the closing of the present European war is a question that has been taken up for consideration by some of the Negro students at Yale. William M. Ashby of the class of 1916, has summarized some of the suggestions made by the students, considering the question from the standpoint of those who believe there will be a large influx of aliens after the war, as well as from the point of view of those who are of the opinion the necessities of the European countries will compel the would-be immigrants to remain at home.

Writing of what he calls "The Industrial Opportunity of the American Negro After the War," Mr. Ashby says:

"Various and many have been the opinions expressed as to what probable effect the result of the present European conflict will have on America.

"Sociologists, moralists, historians, theologians and philosophers, all basing their conclusions on upheavals of a similar nature, though not nearly so destructive as the present revolution, have contributed a great mass of speculation as to the consequence of the terrible strife on the United States. Some are saying we shall be overrun with low Europeans of different ideas from our own, different standards of living, morals and religions. Others say we shall have no immigration at all for the commerce, industry and reconstruction of their respective governments will necessitate that all foreigners remain at home.

But out of all these generalizations, no one, except a few alarmists, has deemed it fit to consider how the American Negro will be affected by the outcome of the war.

### Aliens Are Never Americanized.

"All over this country there have been convocations whose main purpose was to draw up resolutions and ordinances against the hyphenated American and the alien. A year ago societies everywhere were giving concerts, oratorios, banquets and the like for the poor foreigners. Is the same so much in evidence now? Only a few days ago we heard from the lips of ex-Senator Chauncey Depew words to the effect that aliens never become Americanized and that America does not profit by having them.

"What do all these things indicate in the trend of thought in this coun-

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## Merry Christmas!

## Christmas

Christmas is first and foremost a Christian festival. To overlook this fact, as so many apparently do, is to rob it of its real significance. Its very name identifies it with Christ. It is therefore first a holy day, the Mass or Feast of Christ. And because it is a holy day, it is and should be happily and joyously observed as a holiday. Holiday means a holy day, that is to say, a day set apart, consecrated, and kept in memory of some event or person. The religious idea underlies the very thought of a holiday. This being so and freedom, happiness and joy being constituent elements of a holiday it must be evident that those who would make religion a thing of gloom and sadness are grievously in error.

A holiday is kept in memory of an event or of a person. It commemorates not a myth, but a fact. A fact of history. Independence day, or July Fourth, commemorates and perpetuates the historic fact of the declaration of the independence of the American Colonies and THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN NATION.

Christmas Day commemorates and perpetuates the historic fact of the human birth of Jesus Christ, the only-Begotten Son of God, "Who for us men and for our salvation was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made Man." The motive underlying this wonderful fact was God's love for the world, for all mankind; the intention of the Mystery, the salvation of all men, the uplifting of them to wholeness and sweetness and purity and goodness and truth; the making of them worthy sons and daughters of the Most High, that they might be inheritors of Eternal Life. This is the Faith of Christendom, founded upon an historic fact. This fact alone accounts for Christmas.

It was because "God so loved the world, that He gave His Only-Begotten Son" to redeem the world, that we have Christmas Day, with its joy and gift-making, symbols of our love for one another, and of that unfathomable Love of the Father of ALL, Who longs for our love and service in return, and Who would have all His children happy.

This should teach us how Christmas Day should be observed. Fervent religious services should be the first duty of the day. Gratitude demands as much.

Then there should be the manifestation of peace and good will towards all with whom we may have been at variance, and generous remembrance up to the measure of our ability of those into whose lives we can carry joy: the poor, the aged, the neglected; and then the tempered and well-balanced festivities of the home circle, where merriment should reign supreme. Where the laughter of children should make the hearts of the elders rejoice.

Not a time of wassail and wine and swinish indulgence; but a merry, happy holiday, keeping in mind what holiday means.

We wish all our readers then a Merry, Merry Christmas, and add the historic words of Tiny Tim, made famous in Dickens' Christmas Carol, for the child had caught the true spirit of the season, "And MAY GOD BLESS US EVERYONE."

## Chosen Successor of Dr. Washington

Major Robert Rusa Moton Elected  
By Trustees of Tuskegee  
Institute.

CHOICE WAS UNANIMOUS

Was a Close Friend of the Late  
Principal—Has Had Successful  
Career—Has Visited Omaha.

New York, Dec. 20.—Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee institute, Tuskegee, Ala., at a meeting of the special committee of the trustees of the institute here today. The choice was unanimous.

Major Moton will not be installed as head of the famous Negro institute until the commencement exercises in May, 1916. Until that time he will give his services to the campaign for the Booker T. Washington memorial fund.

The new head of Tuskegee has been commandant of cadets at Hampton since 1890. He was born in Virginia and is of pure Negro parentage.

Major Moton tells in good faith this simple graphic story of his ancestry:

About the year 1735 there was a fierce battle between two of the stronger tribes on the west coast of Africa. The chief of one of these was considered the most powerful of his time. He succeeded in overpowering his weaker rival and slaughtered and captured a great many of his band. This chief delivered to his son a dozen of these unfortunate survivors, to be sold to an American slaver.

"The young African chief delivered these men to the captain of the ship and received his pay in trinkets. He was then asked to go out to the ship to see this wonderful sailing vessel. After he had inspected the ship he was asked by the captain to dine. He said that they gave him some nice food to eat and some strange things to drink, all of which he enjoyed so much he fell asleep. When he awoke he was chained to one of the creatures whom he himself had sold, and the vessel was headed toward the United States."

Major Moton was born in 1867 in Amelia county, Virginia, and spent his early years at "Pleasant Shade," known as the Vaughan plantation, in Prince Edward county, Virginia. There he made "Mr. Willie," the planter's son, his ideal and copied the young white man's language, walk and dress. As a worker in the mansion house he had a great deal of leeway and was encouraged to learn.

### Hampton Days.

In October, 1885, Robert R. Moton entered Hampton institute. When asked if he was afraid of hard work he assured the commandant that he

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# General Race News

## PUSHING JIM CROW LAW FOR WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—No sooner than the present congress convened last Monday than certain southern members began to talk about measures to curb the Negro. The recent decision of the United States supreme court declaring "grandfather clauses" invalid has scared some southern members and they have nightmares nightly as they dream of the possibility of a large number of colored men voting and thus endangering their legislative careers which they are now enjoying because their states have robbed the Negro of the right to vote.

Representative Vinson of Georgia, a staunch supporter of President Wilson, leads the vanguard of those who would discriminate against the Negro by introducing a "Jim Crow" car bill for the District of Columbia.

The measure, he avers, will be vigorously pushed.

It provides that within four months after enactment by congress and the approval of the president separate and distinct accommodations for white and colored passengers must be furnished "by every transportation company, firm and person operating cars, vessels or vehicles of any character within the District of Columbia for the conveyance of passengers."

## INSTALL PICKENS AS MORGAN COLLEGE DEAN.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—The installation of Dr. William Pickens as dean of Morgan College is believed to be the beginning of a wider area of influence for the institution. It is the first time of the nearly half century that the school has existed that it has had a colored man to fill the position.

The installation exercises were attended by a large number of prominent personages, including many alumni. The speakers included Governor Goldsborough, Prof. Kelly Miller, the Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher, the Rev. Dr. John O. Spencer, president of the college; Prof. Mason A. Hawkins, the Rev. D. G. Hill and Dr. Pickens.

Dean Pickens was born in South Carolina about 35 years ago. He was educated at Talladega college and Yale university, winning the Ten Eyck prize for oratory when he was graduated from the latter institution in 1904. He also taught at Talladega college and Western university.

Morgan college is one of the schools controlled by the Freedmen's Aid bureau of the M. E. church.

## GOOD FORM SHOWN BY COLORED LADS IN PRESS INDOOR MEET.

In the Pittsburg Press athletic meet held at Duquesne Garden, Saturday, December 4th, 1915, a few of Pittsburg's colored boys participated. Nearly all of the boys received trophies in the form of gold, silver and bronze medals.

The star performers of the day were Ray Johnson of Madison school, and Timothy Copeland of Irish-American A. A. Johnson captured first place and Copeland second place in the 115-pound 60 yard dash.

## BERT WILLIAMS IN CHRISTMAS BENEFIT

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—At the Chicago Examiner theatrical benefit presented at George M. Cohan's Grand Opera house Friday afternoon, December 10, by the stars of the leading plays and vaudeville acts now playing in Chicago, among whom are some of the most noted stars on the American stage, Bert A. Williams had the distinction of being the only one besides Leon Errol who appeared in two separate and distinct acts.

Mr. Williams appeared first with Leon Errol in the bellboy scene from "Ziegfeld Follies" and again in "The Lion Fight," where he acted as trainer and referee. The lions were taken respectively from "Ziegfeld Follies" and "Androcles and the Lion." "The Lion Fight" was billed as the "greatest spectacle since the burning of Rome."

The benefit was to raise a Christmas fund for the Chicago poor. Mr. Williams has therefore helped to put food into the mouths of thousands of hungry men, women and children, to place clothes on their back and, most of all, to add brightness to their dull lives.

## YOUNG RALEIGH NEGRO ACQUITTED BY WHITES

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Although a white woman testified without reservation that Garland Hinton Jr., a resident of this city and a student at Shaw university, had committed a criminal assault upon her, a jury of twelve white men quickly gave a verdict of not guilty.

The woman alleged that the assault was committed between 12 and 1 o'clock at night, but Hinton's witnesses not only established the fact that he was at home in the bed, but also brought out that he was of good character, while the woman's character was shown to be bad.

## JAMES M. GREGORY ILL IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—James M. Gregory, at one time dean of the college department of Howard university and for a number of years principal of the Bordentown, N. J., Industrial school, is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mason A. Hawkins, 1532 David Hill avenue.

Professor Gregory was educated at Oberlin college and Howard university, graduating from the latter institution in 1872. He was the last president of the old Association of American Educators of Colored Youth.

## MRS. WARREN LOGAN DIES AT TUSKEGEE

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Adella Hunt Logan, wife of Warren Logan, treasurer and acting principal of this school, died Saturday, December 10, after an illness that lasted more than a year.

She is survived by Mr. Logan, five children, Warren A. Logan, a son, being assistant secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A., New York City, two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services were held in the school chapel.

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## LYNCHED FOR PETTY THEFT.

Recently Ellis Buckner was mobbed in Henderson, Ky. He was accused of robbing a white woman of her muff containing a pocket book. The man was taken from the city jail with no resistance on the part of the jailer and marched through the streets at 2 a. m. and hanged to a tree on the river side. No effort on the part of the authorities has been made to apprehend the members of the mob. Letters are being sent from all over the state asking the Governor to offer a reward. Kentuckians and all persons who are interested in the welfare of the race are urged to send letters appealing to Gov. A. O. Stanley to offer a reward for the capture of these cowards. Address your letters to the Governor at Frankfort, Ky. Do this at once and send a card to Lee J. Brown, 1006 West Chestnut St., Louisville, telling of the date you mail your letters. You are also asked to send a letter to the Mayor of Henderson asking that the city offer a reward. Let these letters pour in from every nook and corner of the U. S. Remember the Frank case how protest after protest went up from all over the Union.

On the night that he was mobbed his wife lay sick in bed with a four-day-old baby. Let every public-spirited citizen, regardless of what state you live in, send at once a letter to Kentucky's Governor. This outrage occurred in the home of Governor Stanley. This test will show if Governor Stanley, who was recently inaugurated, is a man for justice and right or a leader of mob law.

## WEALTHY WOMEN INTERESTED IN NEGRO ORPHANS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—More than seventy millionaires' wives on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad attended a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Pharo, at Haverford, on Tuesday evening and arranged to arouse interest in the work of the House of St. Michaels and All Angels for Negro Children and the association for the Protection of Negro Women of this city.

Mrs. Jennie Laws and William Johnson, two negro employes of the late Peter A. B. Widener, financier, traction magnate and art lover, who died November 6th at Lynnewood Hall were left \$1,000 each.

## PRINCIPAL MAHONEY BURIED SATURDAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—The funeral of Joseph D. Mahoney, principal of Avery Trade school, who died suddenly last week, was held at his late home last Friday. Interment took place Saturday morning. The deceased is survived by his wife and daughter.

He was born in Illinois in 1863, but came to this state when in his teens. He led his class when he was graduated from the Chambersburg, Pa., High school. He was elected principal of the Avery Trade school in 1893, which position he held at the time of his death.

## EQUAL RIGHTS CONVENTION HOLDS SESSION

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—The National Equal Rights convention held a three days' session at Allen A. M. E. church, Seventeenth and Brainbridge streets, from Monday to Wednesday, December 13 to 15.

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## EVENTS AND PERSONS.

The Christmas services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon will be as follows:—Holy communion with special music and sermon at 8 o'clock Christmas morning; evensong at 5 o'clock. Sunday services at the usual hours: 7:30 and 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Christmas tree and Sunday school party will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 28, (Holy Innocents' Day) in the Guild rooms.

Mrs. Lewis New of 2431 Patrick ave. with her infant daughter, Anna Matilda, left Friday morning for Shawnee, Kas., wher she will visit during the holidays her mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna New.

Mrs. James G. Jewell of 2911 Lake street, is quite ill.

Mrs. Daniel T. Ransom left Friday morning for Kansas City, to visit her mother, Mrs. Della Lyon.

The "Event Extraordinary" of dramatic reading and artistic song given under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Osborne, Friday evening of last week, for the benefit of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, at Zion Baptist church, was a marked success. Miss Aline Bentley opened the program with a well executed piano solo. Mr. Wm. H. Lacey has an excellent voice and proved himself an artist of rare ability. Mr. Hill and Miss Ethel Terry eclipsed their past brilliant successes in song. Mrs. Rountree and Mrs. Marshall pleased the audience with humorous readings. Mrs. Lemuel C. Adams read her lines from "The Merchant of Venice" with artistic appreciation. Mr. H. J. Pinkett gave excellent renditions of lines from "Othello" and "Sparticus" Address to the Gladiators." The program was concluded with a sketch. "The Veiled Lady" cleverly rendered by Miss Hazel Terry, Mr. Cecil and Mr. Andrew Reed.

The Pleasant Hour Social club will give their annual Christmas dancing party at the Alamo next Tuesday night.

Miss Helen Hagan, famous pianist, winner of Yale University Conservatory scholarship, will give a recital in Omaha February 10th, under the auspices of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon.—Adv.

Helen Hagan, February 10.

Mrs. Mattie Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay and Jesse and Ray Lindsay desire to thank their many friends for their kindness to him and them during the sickness and death of Roy Lindsay, who died December 11, and was buried December 14th. Roy, who was ill for several weeks, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Lindsay, his father and mother and two brothers.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon will give their annual birthday party at St. Philip's rectory, from 3 o'clock to 9 p. m. on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith left for Topeka, Kansas, Thursday, to spend the holidays with her sister.

Miss Julia Humphrey of Duluth Minn., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Payne.

Miss Edith Thomas of Kansas City Mo., is spending the holidays with Mrs. R. K. Lawrie, her aunt.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The annual memorial services of Western Star Lodge No. 1, Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P. and their Court of Calanthe, will be held at Zion Baptist Church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets, Sunday, December 26, at 8 p. m. All friends and members are invited to be present. C. H. Lewis will be master of ceremonies and J. N. Thomas will preside. An interesting program will be given.

## SERVED THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

(Chicago Daily News.)

Booker T. Washington was, first of all, human. His loyalty to his own people was attested by his life's full measure of devotion to their progress and protection. But in serving them he served the whole human race still more. Above and beyond all else he was and did, he was a man. And by example and precept, by his unflinching eloquence and untiring work he inspired, encouraged and taught his people to rise above all racial disabilities or pride in being men and women and in making and taking their places in the world's work. Not only in Tuskegee and among all of his own race is his memory enshrined, but also in the hearts of all his fellow countrymen, whose lives he has lifted, whose manhood and womanhood he has strengthened and whose humanity he has broadened and deepened to the measure of the stature of the Son of Man.

## "OF DISTINGUISHED COMMON SENSE."

(Columbia, S. C., State.)

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 14.—"Booker T. Washington was what is rare among Negro leaders, a man of distinguished common sense. He saw the futility of an ignorant and pauperized race attempting political competition with one having thousands of years the start of it. His self-chosen task was to teach his people the necessity of an economic foundation for progress, to point out that southern conditions were singularly favorable for it, and to lead the Negroes away from the false vision held out to them by carpetbaggers during the reconstruction period that paradise instantly was to be realized by the ballot. Washington had the sagacity to accept conditions as they were for his race and to see that, on the whole, they are not bad."

## William Lloyd Garrison, Jr.

"In the death of Booker T. Washington the country loses one of its most profound educators, as well as one of its most powerful evangelists of human service. His viewpoint was ever rational, but radiant; his methods practical, but inspired; his achievement extraordinary, whether measured by the notable educational institutions which he founded and developed, or by the indelible impression made by an ex-slave upon the contemporary mind and imagination of America.

"The South will miss his sane and persistent constructive force. The North and the South will both be the poorer in the passing of a conciliator who was also an optimist."

## Ex-President Roosevelt.

"He was one of the distinguished citizens of the United States, a man who rendered greater service to his own race than had ever been rendered by any one else, and who, in so doing, also rendered great service to the whole country. I mourn his loss and feel that one of the most useful citizens of our land has gone."

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(Memphis Commercial-Appeal.)

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 14.—"Booker T. Washington was the most remarkable man of his race and one of the monumental figures in the progress of the civilization of the world. His services to the Negro were the greatest one could give his fellow citizens. He was a valuable asset to the nation. The South numbered him among her most useful citizens. It will be difficult to find one who can carry on that great work he had undertaken."

WHITE MAN SENTENCED  
FOR RAPE ON NEGRO GIRL

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Two years and six months was the sentence imposed on Daniel McDougal, white, Forty-second and Callowhill street, by Judge Davis.

McDougal's crime was a felonious assault on Edith Hayward, 14 years old, a little Negro girl living at 415 Holly street.

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## WHERE WILL IT END?

We never underestimated the evils that "The Birth of a Nation" would do the race. We knew that the picture would fan the fires of hell wherever it was exhibited, and have feared that in some localities these fires would burst into a conflagration; but, even so, we find that we did not realize how far its baleful power would extend.

A watchful correspondent has sent us an advertisement clipped from the Atlanta Constitution. At the top of the advertisement is the picture of a hooded horseman bearing a torch in his hand, and underneath the picture is the following reading matter:

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A few months ago the press of the entire country denounced some of the citizens of Georgia, and the state indirectly, for the lynching of Leo Frank. The lynching of Frank marks a dark day in the history of Georgia; but here we have the state itself authorizing and sanctioning a reversion to a whole epoch of blackness.

We appeal to the press, both north and south, to take notice of the "Knights of the Kluklux Klan."

The above editorial from the New York Age is respectfully commended to the attention of those who have been inclined to minimize the effect of Dixon's photoplay propaganda.

## TOO NOISY

Did you ever notice how noisy a certain class of our people are? It just seems to be natural for some to be noisy. This class talks loud on the streets, in the street cars or wherever they may be. Of course, the indiscriminating public finds it quite convenient to put us all in the same class and to say we are all noisy. This, of course, is not true, but the noisy, loud-mouthed fellows make so much noise and there are so many of them, as compared with the more refined class, that the impression prevails that all Negroes are noisy.

Now, some of you noisy fellows are going to read this. Of course you are. You don't think you are harming anybody by your noise, and you doubtless think that it is your own noise and that it is therefore nobody's business how much noise you make.

Perhaps you are wholly unconscious of the fact that you are noisy. But if you think your noisiness harms nobody you are wrong. For in the first place it harms you. It puts you down as an ignorant or clownish chap. It may keep you out of a good job. And then it harms the race to which you belong. In the eyes of many the whole race is judged and condemned by your noisiness and clownishness and through you certain privileges may be restricted or denied. True, people may only want an

excuse to deny these privileges, and you furnish that excuse. Did you ever think of it in that light?

Empty wagons are noisy. Loaded wagons make very little noise. Ever notice it? Don't be satisfied to be an empty wagon.

Next time you are in a bunch of fellows notice how noisy they are and see if you cannot be a little less noisy yourself and induce the other fellows to be a little less noisy, too.

You owe it to yourself. You owe it to your race. Let us correct our faults whatever they may be, and being too noisy and boisterous is one of these faults.

## ALWAYS IN IT.

"One of the added guests was Matilda Braxton, an old negro mammy of Wytheville, who has been a servant in the bride's family all her life."—  
News Item Wilson-Galt Wedding.

Did you ever notice how we are always in it?

No matter what the occasion be,  
Blithe and cheerful as a linnet;  
We're always somewhere round, you see;

They may damn us; they may flout us,  
But somehow they can't do without us.

The "anti-ignominy ordinance" has passed

Because the show is ended;  
Nor can it now be harrassed,  
Or by the authorities offended.

They let it have full swing, you see;  
Until quite ready to depart;  
But now they've crawled down the tree;  
And bravely taken heart.

Judge Marcus Kavanagh.

"Notwithstanding the white blood in Booker T. Washington, it must always be remembered that he was a Negro—a Negro in his temperament, a Negro in his character, a Negro in his heart, and remember, too, that he was one of the great men of his country and his time. In the face of that remembrance now that he is dead, how contemptible grow

the men who a few years ago screamed out their rage when a president of the United States dared to treat him as an equal. They deemed him inferior; how inferior any one of them, how inferior the whole crowd of them put together appear when measured against the genius, the devotion and the infinite patience of this great man. His life is a great lesson in Negro character to the white man, an unanswerable argument to the bigot, a rainbow of hope to the Negro himself."

Mrs. J. S. Monroe, who has been very sick in her home, is improving.

## Something About Government Ownership

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# Events and Persons

In Which You Will Be More or Less Interested.  
News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

The funeral of Mr. Samuel Jones was held from the undertaking parlors of the G. Wade Obee Co., Sunday, December 12.

Wellington Payne, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese, 2208 No. 27th St., who died Monday, December 13th, was buried from the G. Wade Obee undertaking parlors Wednesday, December 15th. The services were directed by the Carnation Tent Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The Rev. Mr. Miller officiated. The interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Shelton Brooks and Clarence Bowen, two colored comedians, are showing at the Orpheum this week. Their act of "darkey comedy" is the best that has been seen on the Orpheum circuit this season. Mr. Brooks is the composer of "Some of These Days," "If I Were a Bee and You Were a Red, Red Rose," and "Rufus Johnson's Harmony Band."

Sunday at 3 p. m. the Masons will hold a Memorial service in honor of the late Booker T. Washington at St. John's A. M. E. church, 18th and Webster Sts.

The remains of Earl Talliaferro, who died Saturday, December 11th, 3814 Brown St., were shipped by the undertaking firm of Jones and Chiles to Coffeyville, Kansas, last Friday.

There will be a sacred concert Sunday night at the A. M. E. church.

Baby Anthony's funeral services were held from the undertaking parlors of G. Wade Obee & Co. Thursday, December 16th. Interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery.

The bazaar held last week at the Grove M. E. Church was a great success. There was a large crowd in attendance every night. The following church organizations helped to make it a success: Tuesday evening, the Florence P. Leavit Club, Wednesday evening, Epworth League club, Thursday evening, the Ladies' Aid and Friday evening the Sunday School. Saturday night there was a spelling bee between Long and Kellom schools. The contest was won by Frank Toner of Kellom school. A huge rally Sunday night netted the church over \$500.

Mr. Raymond Toles left Tuesday night for Houston, Texas, where he will spend the holidays.

Prof. Stanley will hold the first rehearsal of the cantata "Queen Esther" Tuesday evening, January 11, at 8 p. m., St. John's A. M. E. Church. Each member is asked to secure his own book, which can be had by calling Douglas 5914. More male voices are needed. Prof. Stanley insists that no one enroll who does not intend to go through with the cantata. Those desiring to join the chorus which will be of one hundred or more voices, call Douglas 5914.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was a dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. Dillard at their home last Friday night, complimentary to Mrs. Allen of Pendleton, Oregon, and Miss Marguerite La Cour, who has recently returned from Oakland, California. The decorations were suggestive of the holiday season.

Thomas Quinlan of Brandeis, has employed James Raymond Pegg as private messenger during the holiday season.

Mrs. Barbee of Denver, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahammit.

Mrs. M. D. Marshall, the president, and members of the Baptist Y. P. V. Circle, presented Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Llewellyn, who were recently married, a beautiful cut glass vase Wednesday night.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis, of 2818 Miami St., has been quite seriously ill for several days.

Miss Flora Evans, of 2122 North Twenty-fourth street, who was called to St. Louis Friday by the death of her mother, returned Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Williams and children of Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, arrived in the city Tuesday morning, en route to the Philippines and will be the guests of Sergeant and Mrs. Philip Letcher, 3415 North Twenty-eighth street. Mrs. Williams is the wife of Sergeant Williams, who will subsequently join his family here, and is the daughter of Mrs. Letcher. Mrs. Williams is also accompanied by Miss Reynolds.

Mr. D. T. Ransom of 2431 Patrick avenue, left Wednesday morning for Memphis, Tenn., to spend the Christmas holidays with his father.

M. F. Singleton was detained at home the early part of the week by a severe attack of grip.

Miss Emma Clinton, an old and respected resident of the city, died at her home, Twenty-fifth and Patrick avenue, Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. Miss Clinton had been employed for more than thirty years at the Evans laundry. She had been a member of St. John's A. M. E. church for nearly forty years. The funeral will be held Sunday from the church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W. T. Osborne officiating. Banks and Wilks have charge of the funeral.

Earl Wheeler, who spent a month's vacation in visiting Detroit, Mich., Buffalo and New York City, has returned and reports having had a most enjoyable trip. Everywhere he went he was gratified with evidence of progress on the part of members of the race. Mr. Wheeler has been employed for the past three years as day checker of passenger cars at the Union station.

Mrs. Grace M. Hutton, who teaches at Buxton, Ia., is home for the Christmas vacation.

William H. Slaughter of Detroit, Mich., spent the week end in Omaha as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese, 2723 Miami street. His wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Reese, has been an Omaha visitor for some weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter left for Chicago Monday night very favorably impressed with our city and people.

Bertrand Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dillard, who has been attending Lincoln Institute of Jefferson City, has returned to spend the holidays with his parents.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas!

May each heart be made glad by tokens of love and friendship; may each face be illuminated with Christmas cheer; may each hand be gladdened in extending gifts to others; may each soul be filled with the Christmas spirit, living that we may be giving.

"The celebration of Xmas is the acknowledgement that loving service is the highest and noblest expression of our lives." In studying the one Supreme Life, we find that He was constantly giving and sacrificing—even to the laying down of His life.

Every joy that is our should give fresh impetus to our giving of joy to others. The more we give of service, of sunshine, of cheer, of love, the more of these we shall have to give.

As our lives are enriched, the quality of our giving will advance for—

"They only live  
Richly, who can richly give."  
L. S. E.

## THE STARS OF DECEMBER.

"And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

"And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

The beautiful story of the Star of Bethlehem is interesting to everyone; "ever old, yet always new."

Let us not fail at this season to tell the children the story of the Star and the Babe of Bethlehem, that in their youth they may learn of the beautiful life of Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me."

While we tell of the "Star of the East" let us remember that the other stars, which shone so brightly on that winter's night in Judea, shine for us as brightly these December nights, for

"There is no end to the sky,  
And the stars are everywhere."

At no season of the year are the stars more beautifully brilliant than in winter; and since some of the most important constellations appear now in the heavens and are quite easily traced, it would be delightful and instructive to children to point out a few of them.

The "dipper" is familiar to every one; early in the evening, shortly after 6 o'clock, the planet Jupiter may be recognized shining brilliantly in the east. Just below Jupiter is a group of stars forming a V; these are the Hyades, which form the face of Tarus, the white bull. The bright, red star on the corner of the V is Aldebaran, his eye. In the shoulder of the bull and above Jupiter is a small cluster of stars, the Pleades. (In the Greek legend, the Pleades were daughters of the giant Atlas and the Hyades were their half sister.) Later in the evening, in the southeast, appear a group of seven stars, forming an oblong with three diagonally across—this is Orion, the most splendid constellation in the heavens, and once fixed in the child's mind will never be forgotten or mistaken. The three diagonal stars form his belt; the shoulders are marked by two bright stars. Orion has no right foot, in his left is Rigel, a magnificent white star. (Accord-

ing to the Greeks, Orion is the mighty hunter who, with uplifted club, stands facing Tarus.) Nearly pointed at by a line drawn through the three stars of Orion's belt, appearing about 10 o'clock, is Sirius, beyond all comparison the brightest star in the heavens; it marks the Great Dog, who sets up watching his master Orion, the hunter.

How wonderful is the handiwork of Him of whom Job said, "Who maketh Arcturus, Orion and the Pleades?" and we exclaim with the Psalmist, "When I consider Thy heavens,

What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" L. S. E.

God made no mistake in His Christmas gift, and gave us the greatest possible blessing when He gave us Christ.—James H. Snowden.

"Look on all His gifts around thee—gifts that make it joy to live Best of all, O royal kindness! He has given the power to give.

He has filled thy hands with blessings which He bids thee scatter wide;

Calls thee friend, and not His servant—friend to labor at His side."

## A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

(By Lucy Larcom)

Oh, Christmas is coming again, you say,

And you long for the things it is bringing,

But the costliest gift may not gladden the day

Nor help on the merry bells ringing.

Some getting is losing, you understand;

Some hoarding is far from saving. What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand;

There is something better than having.

We are richer for what we give, And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered and gone,

You have almost forgotten who gave them,

But the loving thoughts you bestow live on

As long as you choose to have them. Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;

No money can buy the treasure, Yours always, from robber and rust secure,

Your own without stint or measure. It is only love that we can give; It is only by loving we live.

For who is it smiles though the Christmas morn—

The light of the wide creation? A dear little Child in a stable born Whose love is the world's salvation.

He was poor on earth, but he gave us all.

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And happy the Christmas day we call That is spent for his sake in giving. He shows us the way to live; Like him, let us love and give.

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## Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

### THE FREE-AND-EASY CURE.

What is the best way to cure an invalid—putting him under strict discipline, taking away his little comforts, refusing him his favorite bits of food; or, on the contrary, humoring him, letting him do as he likes, and treating him with easy comradeship? Apparently the conduct of the field-hospitals in France gives us experimental data toward answering these questions. In an article in *The Interstate Medical Journal* (St. Louis, November), Dr. Ralph L. Thompson, of that city, under the heading "Somewhere in France," tells us how the adage, "They do these things better in France," applies today as of old. If we could take the patients out of our own hospitals here in peaceful America and send them over to the battle-fields of shell-swept Gaul, it would apparently be a beneficial change for them. The reason is, Dr. Thompson tells us, that "in the French war-zone we gave a man what he wanted"—a simple therapeutic measure, and one eminently satisfactory to the patient; which, after all is doubtless the reason that it succeeds so well. Says the writer:

"The most surprising thing to me was the quickness with which we got patients well in these hospitals; and this was in a great measure due to their simplicity and to the fact that they were practically open-air institutions. Moreover, there is the matter of what you might call the esthetics of war, or of hospitals, to be considered here. We not only attempted to treat the wounds in these hospitals, but to treat the men. Here were these poor devils who had been in the trenches for months—we had many of them who had been at the front for eleven months—and they came in tremendously fatigued. I have seen men sleep for forty-eight hours at a stretch. You can operate on them without using anesthetics. I have seen these men come in in their dirty, stained, mud-caked uniforms. The uniform is taken off and burned; that is the end of that. The men are put into porcelain bath-tubs, given a hot bath, and then they are given a complete, new uniform of hospital clothes.

"Here begins what you might call the esthetics of hospital treatment. The men are given a hospital-suit of very brilliant blue, with a white shirt and a big, flaming red necktie, so that they may have a color-scheme to amuse them when they wake up. Moreover, the nurses do not dress merely in white, as they do with us. They all have some color to their uniforms. The British nurses wear a gray uniform trimmed with bright red. The Canadian nurses wear a very handsome shade of blue—I am not up on colors, but it is very pretty—with brass buttons, shoulder-straps and all. Our nurses wore a pleasing variation in brown as the chief background of the color scheme. The Harvard Unit nurses wore dark blue.

"Then everything possible is done for the men's comfort. In our own country, when we go to the hospital we are treated in the most inhuman manner one can imagine. You say 'hospital' to a person and it makes him sick, if he is not sick already. Any little pleasure or comfort that one has ever been accustomed to in his life immediately ceases on his entering the hospital. If he has been

accustomed to smoking a little now and then, that pleasure is denied him the minute he comes into the hospital. If there is some little particular delicacy that he is fond of, the physician immediately finds out what that is and suppresses it. In the French war zone we gave a man what he wanted. I have seen a man with one side of his face shot away, paralyzed on one side, smoking a cigaret on the intact side and enjoying it; and, strange to say, you would see that man recover and leave the hospital. It is a very curious fact that, notwithstanding these comforts, the men get well.

"If we would apply the treatment to our patients in our hospitals here that is applied in the war zone, we would save all of the hospital days that have been lost by the people who are involved in this great war. We could get back all of this loss that we have been experiencing in the war as far as people in hospitals are concerned.

"And if you could walk through the smells of the little fishing village of Etaples, as we did every day, you would say that if France would apply to her towns the sanitation that is compulsory in camp and hospital she would save in the next generation as many lives as this war has cost."—Literary digest.

### THE BENEFICENT TOAD

The toad has always been looked upon as loathsome, even poisonous. Yet modern medical research is extracting from toadskins remedies of the greatest value and the beneficent possibilities of these secretions have by no means been exhausted.

Quack remedies have long been made from the skins of toads and the Chinese still use such an extract, called "senso," as a cure for dropsy. A well known remedy among the New England colonists for sprains and rheumatism was a toad ointment made as follows:

Four good-sized live toads; put into boiling water and cook very soft; then take them out and boil the water down to one-half pint, and add fresh churned unsalted butter, one pound, and simmer together; at the last add tincture of arnica two ounces.

In the light of Dr. Abel's brilliant work these old remedies take on a new meaning. Abel studied the giant tropical toad, *Bufo agui*, found in the Upper Amazon. The natives of that section of Brazil make an arrow poison from the creamy secretion of the skin glands, a poison so powerful that it kills big game in a few moments. From this secretion Abel isolated adrenalin, a blood-pressure-raising medicine invaluable to the specialist and the surgeon. Previously this substance had been extracted from suprarenal glands of the ox or sheep and later had been synthesized in the laboratory from coal tar as it was found to be nothing more than dihydroxymethyl-aminoethylol benzene.

But the most valuable and startling part of Dr. Abel's work with this toad secretion was the isolation of a beautiful crystalline substance to which toadskin owes its surative powers for dropsy. This he named "bufagin," and the most active investigation of its properties is now in progress. It seems strange that after a century's ridicule of a toad treatment for dropsy as a mere grandmother's remedy we should now find a genuinely scientific confirmation of the practice. It may be enjoyed that the secretions of toads do not give the same secretion as the giant toad from the Amazon, but it has only recently been found that another crystalline sub-

stance, bufotalin, of very similar properties to the bufagin, is found in the skin of the common European toad.—Scientific American.

### CHOSEN AS SUCCESSOR OF DOCTOR WASHINGTON

(Continued from first page.)

was not, for he had labored all his life. He was assigned to the sawmill, where he learned to fire the huge boilers and to run a Corliss engine under the direction of an ex-confederate officer who was as strict as he was kind.

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"When I entered Hampton," says Major Morton, "I had no particular plan as to what I should do when I should have completed the course. As the time went on I was more and more inclined to the legal profession. Most of my teachers advised against it, however—that is, they raised the question whether I thought I could render my people the greatest service as a lawyer, and whether legal advice was the greatest need of an ignorant, struggling people.

"General Armstrong thought I could be of more use to my people by remaining at Hampton and helping to prepare teachers. The result was that at the close of the school in June, 1890, I accepted the position of drill-master and assistant to the commandant of the school cadets."

Before his graduation from Hampton in 1890 Major Moton spent one year as a school teacher in Cumberland county, Virginia, where he taught the boys to drill and the girls to take gymnastics; where he taught his people to love and appreciate the plantation songs, and parents how to make life more worth while.

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Major Morton visited Omaha about ten months ago with the Hampton quartette. His splendid address delivered at the Y. W. C. A. made a profound and most favorable impression.

### BISHOP A. WALTERS SEES THE PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Bishop Alexander Walters was here Monday conferring with prominent democrats December 13. He was at the White house a short time, presumably to urge that a colored man be appointed recorder of deeds in order to try to stem the tide of seceding Negro democrats.

While the prelate has urged at all times the claims of Negro democrats for political preferment, the only presidential appointments they have secured were the naming of Dr. George W. Buckner as Minister to Liberia and the recent appointment of James L. Curtis as the latter's successor.

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Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, III. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, III. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

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