Religious..

The Fisk Jubilee Singers, from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., are to sing at the meeting of the Young Men's Christian association in Guernsey hall Sunday afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. They sang in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church on Thursday evening, and after hearing them Dr. Lansing says: "They sing with remarkable feeling, rare harmony, and selections calculated to inspire devotion, while the pathetic strain in all their music reminds the audience of the bondage from which they have escaped, and the intellectual liberty to which they aspire. Every one ought to be made better by hearing them." Men are welcome to this service.

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The Fiske Jubilee Singers of Nashville, Tenn., will sing at the Penn avenue Baptist church Sunday evening. The Choral Union of the church under the direction of Hayden Evans will also render choice selections. The entire service will be given to sacred hymns, which will present the sermons in song. The Jubilee singers will also participate in the evangelistic services following the meeting in the Auditorium.

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church—Prayer and praise meeting at 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 10.30, by pastor, Dr. C. M. Giffin. Subject, "The Best Time for Christ to Be Born." Class meeting in Sunday school room at close of services; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior league, at 3.30; Senior league, at 6.30. Annual Christmas song service at 7.30. Choir will be assisted by extra talent. A welcome to all.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Mulberry avenue and Delaware street—Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 9.30 a. m., by the pastor. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; preaching at 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7.30 p. m. Special and appropriate music at the service. See programme. Seats free and all are welcome.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church—E. P. Daly, pastor. Services: 10 a. m., meeting of Brotherhood of St. Paul; 10.30 a. m., morning worship and Christmas sermon; noon, Sunday school; 3.30, Junior Epworth league; 6.30, Senior Epworth league; 7.30, evening worship. All are cordially welcome.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Banninger, pastor. Preaching service at 10.30 a. m., subject, "God's Christmas Gift to the World." Class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Intermediate league at 3 p. m.; Senior league, at 6.30 p. m., leader Mrs. Stella Stone; evening preaching service at 7.30, subject, "The Message of Christmas." Junior league, Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service at 10.30; subject, "The Sky Anthem"; class meeting at 11.30 a. m., Charles Cross, leader; Sunday school at 2 p. m., E. W. Sone, superintendent; Epworth League at 6.45 p. m., Charles Luther, leader; evening preaching service at 7.30. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir at both the morning and evening services. A cordial welcome to all.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 9.45 a. m., O. D. DeWitt, leader. Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., C. R. Clark, superintendent. Junior league, 2.30 p. m., Mrs. Ryant, superintendent; Epworth league, 6.30; preaching, 7.30. Seats free and all are welcome.

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m., Frank Edwards, superintendent; class meeting at 3.30 p. m., W. M. Nixon, leader. Preaching service at 7.30 p. m. All welcome.

First German Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street—G. Robilin, pastor—Divine services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. In the evening the pastor will exchange pulpits with the pastor of the Prospect Avenue German Methodist church. Sunday school at noon, and at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Taylor Avenue chapel. Epworth League meeting at 6.45 p. m. On Christmas morning at 10.30 there will be Christmas services, and in the evening Christmas festival with the Sunday school. Thursday evening the Taylor Avenue Sunday school will have its Christmas celebration.

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue between Spruce and Linden streets—Stranger always welcome. Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning prayers in the lower temple at 9.45, followed by sermon in the Auditorium. Theme, The Christmas Message, "Be the Starlight." Sunday school at 2 o'clock in the home church, and at the American mission at 3.30 p. m. Young People's meeting at 6.30. In the evening there will be sermons in song by the grand chorus choir, and the Fiske Jubilee singers, of Nashville, Tenn. At the evangelistic after-meeting the Jubilee singers will participate in the services also.

Green Ridge Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.45. Church services with sermons by the pastor, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. subject in the morning, "The Sending of the Holy Spirit"; in the evening, "God's Responsibility for Our Conduct." Sunday school at 11.45; meeting of the Junior society at 3.30; prayer meeting of the Senior society at 6.30.

First Baptist church, South Main avenue—Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. The usual services of the church, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The theme for the morning will be "The Promised Christ." Theme for the evening, "The Christ of the Promise." Special music for both services. The Sabbath school will meet 2 p. m. The Christmas service for the Sunday school will take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 24. B. Y. P. U. service, 6.30 p. m., Sabbath, in assembly room. Weekly prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock. All are welcome to these services.

At the Jackson Street Baptist church, Rev. Thomas de Grmoy, D. D., pastor: Men's prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., leader, Brother Aldred Bevan; at 10.30 a. m., sermon by the pastor, topic "The Infant Christ"; at 2 o'clock the Sunday school, brother Charles Holley, superintendent; evening service at 7 o'clock sharp, topic, "The Mature Christ." The choir under the efficient leadership of Prof. Lewis Davies will render special Christmas music at all the services during the day. The church is comfortably heated, more need fear coming; you will find summer weather once in the church. All are welcome to worship with us.

North Main Avenue Baptist church—Pastor, Albert H. Smith, M. O. 10.30, sermon, "The Moral Code of Christianity"; 7.30, sermon, "The Life Into Which Jesus Was Born." The first in a series of twenty sermons on "What Jesus Did." 2 p. m., Sabbath school; 6.30 p. m., Christian Endeavor. Special music at all services. Christmas entertainment in the tabernacle, Christmas evening. A cordial welcome to the stranger.

Siloh Baptist church—Rev. J. B. Boddie, pastor. 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor; subject, "Christ the True Prophet." 2.30, Sunday school. 7.30 p. m., preaching; second series of sermons on the subject, "Robbing God." Monday evening, Baptist Young People's union meeting. Tuesday evening, choir practice. Christmas morning, preaching and experience meeting from 9.30 to 9.30. Friday evening, general prayer meeting. All are welcome.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church—Services, 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach the services, both morning and evening, which will be appropriate to the season of Christmas. Strangers welcome.

Second Presbyterian church, Jefferson avenue—Morning service, 10.30; evening, 7.30. The original Fisk jubilee singers will render a concert of sacred song in the morning. The evening will be given up to Christmas music and song, under direction of Prof. Chance. Rev. Mr. Rankin will preside in the pulpit.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. J. P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3.30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., at 6.30 p. m. Christmas music and Christmas service morning and evening. Bible school orchestra will play at each service. All welcome.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. S. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. I. B. Foster, assistant. Christmas services, morning and evening, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The Christmas music will be sung and the pastor will preach on them appropriate to the Christmas time; 12 m., Bible school; 6.30 p. m., Christian Endeavor. All are cordially invited.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street—Rev. James Hughes will deliver two short addresses and the choir will sing Christmas hymns and anthems both at the morning and evening services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Capouse chapel (Presbyterian)—Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. I. B. Foster. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m.; prayer meeting, 7.30 Thursday evening. Welcome to all.

Episcopal.

St. Luke's parish, Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector: Rev. E. J. Houghton, senior curate. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

St. Luke's church—7.30 a. m., holy communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. Marks, Dunmore—10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End mission, Prescott avenue—3 p. m., sunday school and Bible classes.

South Side mission, Fig street—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Mooney avenue and Green Ridge street—Rev. Frances R. Bateman, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy communion at 7.30; morning prayer, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school and Pastor's class, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer at 7.30 o'clock.

St. David's parish—Rev. Edward James McHenry, rector. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; evensong and address, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.

Christ's church, corner Washington avenue and Park street—Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Services, 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., 7.30 p. m. In the evening, Mr. Ballentine will give an illustrated talk on the "Schools and Churches of the Redemption."

Reformed Episcopal.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue below Mulberry street—Rev. George L. Aldrich, pastor. Prayer and praise service, 9.30 a. m.; Divine worship, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at both services. Morning, "The Truth for Today." II John iv; evening, special evangelistic services, "The Gift," John iii; 16; Sabbath school at 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Lesson study every Wednesday evening at 7.30, followed by the prayer meeting at 8. Seats free. All are welcome. Special service and communion, Christmas morning at 10.30. Sunday school festival, Friday evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran church (General Synod), corner of Madison avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Luther Ross Waring, pastor. 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., divine worship, topic "The Message of the Angels." 7 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. 7.30 p. m., divine worship, topic "The Stars of the Bible." The Sunday school will hold its Christmas exercises on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran, Washburn and Fourteenth streets, Rev. A. L. Rauch, D. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Luther League, 6 p. m.; Sunday school 12 m. Mission Band, Saturday 2.30 p. m.

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. C. G. Speiler, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther League, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12m. Mission Band, Saturday, 10 a. m. The Rev. J. C. Mattes, of Philadelphia, will preach, morning and evening.

St. Paul's, Short avenue—Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; catechetical class, 3.15 p. m.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch street—Rev. James Wirks, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. Peter's, Prescott avenue—Rev. John Randolph, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Emmanuel German-Polish Lutheran church, Reese street—Rev. Ferdinand Sattelmeier, pastor. Preaching in the Polish language, 10 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran church, 220 Mifflin avenue—N. O. Gallenkamp, pastor. Morning service, 10.30 a. m., subject, "When do we celebrate Christmas night for the interest of our children?" Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Bible class, the pastor; infant department, Mrs. Christine Gallenkamp. Send your little ones. 3 p. m., at Schoenfeld's Undertaking parlors, burial services for the late Charles Birchstorf. Evening services, 7.30. Subject, "A faithful servant of Christ." English every third Sunday in the month.

Miscellaneous.

Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Fine, pastor. Services Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Christmas services Christmas day, 9.30 a. m., and Sunday school services, second Christmas Day, Dec. 29, 7.30 p. m.; catechism, sunday, 3.30 p. m. Morning sermon, "The True Foundation"; evening sermon, "The Incarnation."

First church (Christ Scientist), 5th Adams avenue. Sunday services: 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m. Subject, "God, the Universal, Including Man, Evolved by Absolute Love." Testimonial meetings, Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The church is open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in the public reading room. "Science and Health with the Key to Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitors and letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free.

First Primitive Methodist, Green Ridge—Rev. G. Lees, pastor. Regular preaching services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Coming to Pass." Evening topic, "The Divine Counsellor." Sunday school Christmas entertainment on Tuesday, Christmas eve. All welcome.

Gospel Tabernacle, Jefferson avenue, Dunmore—James Leisenring, pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school, 12 m.; Young People's meeting, 6.30 p. m.; Christian and Missionary Alliance meetings, 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. Tuesday.

All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, near Adams avenue—Rev. Thomas B. Payne, pastor. Divine service with sermon at 10.30 a. m.; subject, "What Christmas Means." Sunday school at 12 m. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all. No evening service.

Providence Christian church—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Abbott, at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; morning subject, "Christmas"; evening subject, "Where"; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Endeavor Society, 6.30; Connaught Sunday school, Conference night.

United Evangelical, 422a Capouse avenue. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Messinger, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subjects, "Christ's Name and Mission" and "The Star of the East." Sunday school, 9.30 a. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7.30. Seats are free and all are welcome.

Sunday School Lesson for December 22.

Christmas Lesson.

Isa. ix: 1-7.

BY J. E. Gilbert, D.D

Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

INTRODUCTION.—Our last lesson referred to matters connected with the exodus of Israel from Egypt. The planting of a people in a new country signified more than any of their wisest men could have foreseen. It meant a preparation for a mission of blessing to the whole world, according to the promise made to Abraham. (Genesis, xii, 3.) That mission was to be accomplished through the seed of Abraham (Galatians, iii, 16), a person, seen at first dimly through the vista of the ages, but by the prophets distinctly declared. Seven centuries after Moses there arose one who most clearly presented this promised person, Judah, who is called the evangelical prophet. From his writings we take an extract for Sunday's study. It is a remarkable passage, suited to awaken one holy reflection as a preparation for the proper observance of Christmas.

TRANSLATION.—Our common English Bible does not clearly present the sense of the original in verses 3, 4 and 5. The language of the revised version is much better and should be substituted in study. "Thou hast multiplied the nation. Thou hast increased their joy; they joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian. For all the armor of the armed man in tumult, and the garments rolled in blood shall even be for burning, for fuel of fire." This rendering is not only more intelligible, but it sets the remaining verses in new light and gives unity to the whole, making the interpretation very easy.

PREDICTION.—It should be borne in mind that, while our lesson records events as having already transpired, it covers the future. It is predictive and not historic, as appears by the last clause of the last verse. It pleased God to grant the seers of the ancient time a view of things to come. This was usually done in the form of a vision. Genesis, xv, 1; Numbers, xii, 6, which was a kind of panoramic representation. This method was animated, life-like and apparently a real portrayal. Doubtless it made a profound impression upon the mind, far more than any mere words could have done. It was well calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of men in that day, who, firmly convinced by what they saw, declared to their fellows what compelled them to feel that the prophet had been with God. (II Peter, i, 21.) This is the unique character of all prophetic writing. It bursts forth out of a divine and irresistible impulse, and flows on with an impetuosity that carries the reader beyond the realms of sense, mind, in turn, he is found gazing into the supernatural.

ANALYSIS.—The lesson falls naturally into three great parts. The first part (verses 2-5) describes a time of great blessedness, when the people, previously sitting in darkness, saw great light; when the nation is enlarged and honored; when the oppressor's yoke is broken and the implements of war are destroyed. The second part (verse 6 and 7) shows the cause of this state of things. A Son is born, whose title indicates His character and significancy; who, ascending the throne of David, to which He is heir, establishes and upholds the government in righteousness; whose reign shall be peaceful and perpetual. The third part, the last sentence in verse 7, declares the ground of certainty for all this, which by the declaration, is contessed to lie in the future, but sure to come to pass. "The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform it." Or, more briefly, the lesson treats "The coming blessedness," "the exalted Personage," "The divine assurance" and again by transposition, "God's purpose," "His Son the Prince, the agent of His purpose," "The resultant good to men."

COMMENTS.—The blessedness here described is under six heads: "The shining light," "The multiplied nation," "The rejoicing people," "The broken bondage," "The tranquilized state," "The destroyed implements." In this there is a progress from spiritual good, the light being the cause of all the national prosperity, the joy and the peace. The land where the light shone is Galilee (verse 1), which had been in the darkness and contempt. But there is an undoubted reference to every benighted portion of the globe. (Isaiah, xxv, 4.) The nation mentioned is not the old dead society, then smoking to decay, but the spiritual kingdom that was to follow (Psalm, xlv, 8; Isaiah, ii, 2; Zechariah, ix, 10), which would become the true posterity of Abraham, fulfilling the promise of God to him (Genesis, xvii, 17; Isaiah, liii, 11, Revelations, vii, 10.) The gladness described is likened to the harvest and to the time of victory, when conquerors were wild with excitement. The deliverance from oppression and the destruction of war implements came as results of the shining light, the new era of peace ushered in by larger views of man. The coins of Vespasian represented Peace as burning a heap of war weapons. The cause of these blessings is represented under six heads: "The Royal Son," "The honored titles," "The assumed government," "The righteous administration," "The permanent reign," "The spreading glory." This is well suited to Oriental thought and monarchical institutions. All the evils that had befallen Israel appeared to be through the overthrow of their government. Hence they could obtain no conception of returning prosperity but by a king able to restore. Such a one is proclaimed. His name setting Him above all that went before, His work and success the results of His character. The hope of Israel was in a child, a Prince. (Genesis, iii, 15; Isaiah, vii, 14.) In all the history of the nation (this) parents therefore welcomed their offspring as God's gifts and lamented their death with bitter grief. (II. Kings, iv, 27; Genesis, v, 1) because the purpose of God was involved. Hence, also, the proper care of children was a matter of public and national concern (Deuteronomy, vi, 7; Psalm, lxxviii, 5-8), and their waywardness was a public calamity. (II Samuel, xviii, 33; I Samuel, iii, 13.) The source of assurance is in the "zeal of the Lord of hosts," an expression that indicates the power and the purpose of God, the hosts being the forces at His command, and the zeal His unwavering pursuit of the ends proposed in His counsels. (Psalm ii, 6-7; Ezekiel, xxxvi, 22.)

HISTORY.—What was predicted when written has become historic in Jesus, so the New Testament declares and the spread of the gospel attests. He was a son of David, and therefore heir to David's throne. (Matthew, i, 6; John, xix, 19.) He alone bore the appropriate titles given Him—wonderful in person and character; counselor of the world and wisdom of God; (John, i, 1) the everlasting Father with a numerous posterity; (John, iii, 33; Hebrews, ii, 13; Ephesians, iii, 14-15) the Prince of Peace, because His influence tends to restore the brotherhood of man. (Luke, ii, 14.) The peace of the gospel is first personal (John, xiv, 27; Romans, v, 1), and afterward general. (Colossians, i, 20; Micah, iv, 3.) A knowledge of Jesus promotes joy and extends sorrow. (Matthew, v, 3; Acts, xvi, 13.) He is the light shown in Galilee (Matthew, iv, 15-16) and is destined to enlighten the world. (John, viii, 12; Luke, i, 78; Peter, ii, 9.) He breaks the yoke and lifts the burden of every sinner (Matthew, xi, 28) and induces in those conditions which shall make war unnecessary, and shall cause the weapons for the destruction of men to be changed into those that elevate and bless. (Revelations, xxi, 24-27.)

TEACHINGS.—Jesus Christ is the hope of the world—the light that lightens every man (John, i, 9) the source of national prosperity, the promoter of peace, the King who rules in righteousness all who accept Him. (Luke, xvii, 21.) His work, seen by faith in ancient time (John, viii, 56) appearing in the latter centuries and still advancing, is not by the planning and effort of men, but by the zeal of the Lord. (Zech. 7.) Whose purpose cannot be frustrated. (Isaiah, xlix, 6.) Let none be faint-hearted, but trust in Him who will perform. The true reformation of the world is first spiritual then physical, first individual and then public. (Matthew, xiii, 33.) The gospel does not ignore man's temporal welfare, but it promotes that by elevating him. Hear it, ye politicians, sociologists, reformers, and philanthropists; hear it ye who toil and sweat and groan in poverty; hear it, the golden era which you seek will come only through the Prince of Peace. When His teaching and grace are accepted in the hearts of all universal righteousness will be uncured in, and the joy bells of heaven hung in the high steeples of the universe will ring out a merry Christmas.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS.

By Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D.

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Dec. 22—Christmas Lesson, Isa. ix: 7.

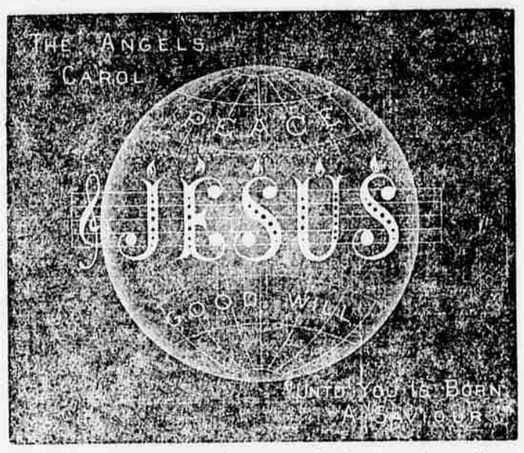
Golden Text—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior."—Luke ii: 11.

Another Christmas time has come, bringing its treasures of love and gifts and song. Many sorrows have tempered our joys since last the Christmas bells rang out their glad notes of praise. But we soon forget the cloud that saddens in the sunshine that gladdens. Christmas brings joy to our hearts and home, because Jesus brought joy to the world. Chiming bells, merriment, joy, home gatherings, gifts of love, church festivities, and social delights, all have their inspiration in that glad hour of the long ago when the music of heavenly choirs, the glad tidings of angels, shepherds heard the angels' song, the first Christmas anthem.

The "tidings of great joy" in the gospel belts to a lost world. This heavenly anthem was the sweetest music ever heard by mortal ear. In the midst of the moral darkness of the world there shone a light as bright as the glory of God. This mystic light enriched the earth and filled the shepherd watchers with awe and then with holy joy. Not only were the visits of heavenly light and heavenly messengers but with the voice of heavenly music must the Messiah be proclaimed. The angel's song was entrancing; the theme of the song is eternal.

No other song o'er song for earth was half so sweet, so pure, so true, so good. Many sang with holy joy: "My soul doth magnify the Lord," when her Babe enshrined the Christ.

Oh, how great should be our song of Thanksgiving for the Savior and King this glad Christmastime. But we must not rest in our song and praise; we must accept Jesus as our King and enthrone Him truly as Lord of all. He is to sit upon the throne of our hearts; He must reign the King of kings and Lord of all. "Let earth receive her King." Every day Christ is offered to the world. Every day is Christmas day with God.



"Hark, what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding thro' the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices.
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.
Hear them tell the wondrous story,
Hear them chant in hymns of joy,
Glory to the highest, glory,
Glory be to God most high."

Scranton, Pa.

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Observations.

We can always see why others should set a good example.

Any tool can tool (ville) most tools do.

It is easier to buy the good opinion of the world than to merit it.

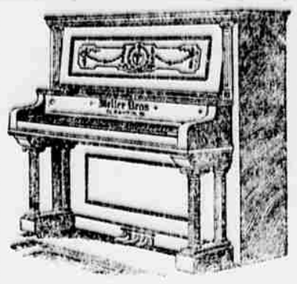
Appreciation is not always shown in a manner in which it is expected.

Empty barrels make the most noise after them come those who have emptied them.

Every man has in life the capacity for running some business—usually some other man's business.

Every man who knows that he thinks slightly of himself as we do of ourselves are cut down as conceited.—De de N. Matthewman in Smart Set.

Look Around You



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