

Among the Churches

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH
Rev. J. A. Broadnax, Pastor.

Services were good all day. Rev. Sam Fantz, who is a splendid preacher, conducted services. Two converts joined church, and five others, making a total of seven to enroll. Collections for the day, \$38.00.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. Costello.

All services were well attended Sunday. Six were added to the church. The church held its annual election and all officers were reelected. The pastor will preach at 5 a. m. Thursday morning. The subject will be "The Birth of Christ." All are invited.

The sick are improving.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Botts, Pastor.

The services were well attended last Sunday. In the morning the pastor spoke on "Comfort," and at night his theme was "A Christmas Wish." Both sermons delighted his hearers, and several additions were made to the church.

The sick of the church include Sister Martha Turner, who is improving at the University hospital, and Deacon Flannagan and little Olive Jackson, at their respective homes.

Mr. E. M. Williamson, one of Zion's most faithful members, is here from Alliance, Neb., visiting his nephew, Mr. Neal Dotson. Mr. Williamson is recovering from a month's illness caused by rheumatism.

On the last night in the old year, December 31, services will be held at this church. Social hour will be held from 8 to 10. Come out and enjoy this opportunity to get acquainted. Sermon and devotional hours from 10 to 12. Regular services next Lord's day. An especial welcome extended to strangers.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON
Rev. John Albert Williams, Priest

The regular services have been resumed and are well attended. The adult Bible class, taught by Mr. Thomas Reese at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning, is growing steadily in interest.

The fiscal year ends December 31 instead of May 1 as formerly. Members are respectfully reminded of this and are asked to pay up any arrearages on their pledges that may be outstanding.

The Christmas tree and children's party will be held in the Guild rooms Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

The Woman's Auxiliary will hold their annual birthday party at the rectory New Year's day from 3 to 9 p. m.

PALESTINE, TEXAS.

Sloppy and rainy weather continues, but the churches have held appropriate services.

Rev. Bolden has been sick in bed for the past two weeks, but is improving rapidly.

Rev. Carter and family have moved to Nasota to take up work in a new field. We regret losing so valuable a citizen.

The Pilgrim Rest Baptist church and St. Mark's Baptist church both had good services on Sunday.

Rev. Cowen has arrived in the city to take the pastorate of Grant Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. White was in the city recently.

Rev. Sherman of Nacogdoches was a visitor here this week and preached at South Union Baptist church to a crowded house.

The Invincible Concert company rendered an excellent program at the city hall last Friday night under the auspices of Lincoln high school. We would like to have them return at any time.

Mrs. Rillar Bonaer died this morning.

R. A. Monica has bought out the National Trading Company and is putting in a full stock of goods.

Mr. S. T. Williamson went to Houston last Friday. When he returned he brought another with him. We wish them happiness.

Rev. Ellis of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church is doing some good work. The parsonage is almost completed and will be a credit when done.

Miss Zaro Potter has accepted a position with the R. A. Monica grocery store and is making good.

LA GRANGE, TEXAS.

The weather has been very cold the last week, and made all business very dull in these parts. The high price of wood is a proposition which must be reckoned with in meeting these conditions of living. We do not believe it is out of place to make a plea for better, more comfortable church houses. The lack of fuel and the very bad condition of most Negro churches makes it out of the question to expect anyone to attend the church services during the winter months. Let us see to it that we have respectable houses of worship that will be a credit to the towns and communities.

Sick: Mesdames Polly Smith, Sallie Scott, Mattie E. Phearse, Mabel Schermack, and Masters Emmett and Horace Randolph and Mr. Charles Smith.

Paid in Full

By WALTER J. DELANEY

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For a dying man, Mark Walton was strangely jovial, cheery and reconciled. The fat had gone forth from his physician that his days were numbered, and when some twenty friends and relatives were invited to his house at a prescribed hour one afternoon, they stared at one another and then at the flower-decorated house, at an orchestra made up of violin, cello and harp in an alcove, and then through an open doorway into the capacious dining room, where a table was set gleaming with crystal and silver as though anticipatory of some rare festal occasion.

"I wonder what we are here for?" whispered a half-third cousin of their host to an equally distant relative. "Supposed it was to say good-by to a dying man," came the low-spoken response, "but the layout suggests a feast."

When dinner was announced and the guests trooped into the dining room they found Mr. Walton propped up in an invalid chair, pale and thin, but with a welcoming smile on his face. He remained at the table, but partook very sparingly of the meal, while urging his guests to enjoy a good dinner. He chatted familiarly with one and all of those present.

His niece, Estelle Bliss, a great favorite with the old man, sat at his right hand. The chair at his left was occupied by Alan Bruce. The latter was a young man in novice related to Mr. Walton, but he had been a sort of occasional secretary for the latter off and on for a year.

"My friends," spoke Mr. Walton, when the sumptuous repast had been dispatched, "you include all the people, relatives and friends, for whom I have a warm sentiment of confidence and liking. I wish you to enjoy a pleasant evening—music and dancing and visiting together, and toward midnight when you have fully enjoyed yourselves I will meet you all in the library. There I wish to distribute my fortune among you."

There was a vast flutter among the throng. Suddenly vague hopes were raised. The envious ones looked at Estelle and Alan.

But all the innocent, gentle-hearted thought of Estelle was fidelity to this good old man, while Alan considered that he had been well paid for all he had done for a generous employer, and had no right to expect any share in the announced distribution.

"My physician, Mr. Walton," pursued, tells me I may live here a month. In another climate perhaps a half a year, so I am going away and you will probably never see me again. I want no squabbling over my small possessions when I am gone, but harmony and satisfaction among you all. I have converted my holdings into ready cash. Each of you will receive a sealed envelope containing what I have thought best and just to award you. I would prefer that none of you ever discloses the amount you have received.

Estelle and Alan drifted together, danced together, conversed together all the evening. They were very well acquainted and had become warm friends. When the good-night melody was played each one of the group passed into the library, received a sealed envelope, and Mr. Walton shook hands with them with a kindly word and they saw him for the last time, for he died on his journey South two days later.

Alan Bruce was startled and then mystified as he opened the envelope addressed to himself. It contained twenty one thousand dollar bills. In a corner of the envelope, however, wadded up as if it had got there accidentally, was a note, or rather what was left of it. The same bore an old date. The signature was torn off it. Had been made out to "Robert Thorne," whoever he was, and was canceled by him. "Paid in full."

Alan placed the twenty thousand dollars in a safety deposit box and said nothing to anybody about it. But he did a deal of thinking. Somehow he felt that there must be some mistake. Had he got money intended for someone else. And then the mystery of the canceled note. He learned that it had leaked out that Estelle had received only five hundred dollars, and that many were censuring Mr. Walton for leaving so mean a pittance to his favorite niece. One day he met Estelle on the street.

"Mr. Bruce," she said, "I value your good opinion and I know you respected and esteemed Uncle Mark. People are condemning him because he left me only five hundred dollars. The truth is he acted most liberally, for we learned he had paid five thousand dollars father owed to a Mr. Thorne. Father is like another being since that terrible load is honorably lifted from his shoulders. Are you ill?"

No! Only electrified with a sudden illumination. In a flash Alan discerned that there had indeed been a mistake. The twenty thousand dollars and the canceled note were intended for Estelle and the five hundred dollars for himself!

He was so glad that this was reversed, so noble, so unselfish, that in her secret soul Estelle Bliss held to the belief that he was the grandest man in the whole world. She was an heiress now but oh, how joyfully she accepted Alan when he spoke of the love he could no longer restrain.

CREATION OF UNUSUAL MERIT



Striking embroidery (so popular this fall) carried out in pearl gray silk and crystal beads. A new silhouette idea which bids fair to gain marked popularity.

FASHION NOTES

Satin and serge frocks are showing cutout embroideries in large, splashy designs.

Fur hats combined with fabrics are expected to be a large item in winter millinery.

An interesting jumper blouse which recently was shown combined grenadine colored chiffon velvet with tan margot lace sleeves.

For sheer grace there is no material equal to duvetyd.

Deep bands of lace finish the buttons of evening capes.

Soft gray and beige are the best colors for long gloves.

Satin trims so many afternoon dresses of cotton voile.

Heavy white linen is most favored for sport blouses.

The square cape is new and interesting.

Long mousquetaire gloves have returned.

Silk nets are embroidered with bright metal.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

When I can walk in gooey mud
My silent rapture knows no bounds.
I love to pull my rubbers up
It makes such nice expressive sounds.

The Trouble With Velvet.

She was a young business woman who had a great deal of scorn for the women of her acquaintance who did not work. So one day when one of them chanced to ask her about the wearing qualities of velvet for a dress she remembered and delivered a veiled reproach.

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