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CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS, ever old, yet ever new, is with us once again and gladness and holy joy fills all the hearts of men. There is a gladness in the air and all feel its spell. Under its magic alchemy there's a feeling all is well. Associations, sweet and tender, around the season cling. Merriment and joyous laughter throughout the household ring. Kindly thoughts and words and actions are the order of the day. Sordid selfishness and meanness feel the spell and hide away. The nobler traits of human nature on every hand are seen. The leaves of love and friendship are not now sere but green. Men look on men as brothers and wish each other well. Against all strife and hatred the hearts of men rebel. There seems magic in the season which we call Christmastide, which compels the churl within us for the time at least to hide, and uplifts our nobler manhood to its truer, higher plane, which would perpetuate our happiness if thereon we would remain. For the spirit of this season should prevail throughout the year; men should live as brothers upon this mundane sphere. It was for this that Christ was born in Bethlehem beyond the sea and the lilt of the angels' song proclaimed His Nativity. The Holy Babe of Bethlehem proclaims the Father's love; Who'd have His children live on earth as in the realms above. One family on earth are we throughout the widest span: O help us everywhere to see the brotherhood of man! Which brought the Saviour of mankind upon this earth to live, and of the fullness of His Love to every creature give, to the end that strife, variance and hatred shall cease, and the world realize the joy and blessedness of universal peace.

THE BETTER SIDE

MANY gratifying evidence of good will and the desire to help our people are seen in all sections of our country. The spirit of justice and of fairplay is not dead. There are times when there is a disposition to magnify the disadvantages to which we are subjected because of our race and to minimize or overlook the advantages we enjoy. Is there not a danger of thinking too much about our foes and too little about our friends? That we have foes is, of course, true; but as one of our own poets has well said: "We have more friends than foes within the Anglo-Saxon race." This is a truth some of us, indeed, many of us are inclined to overlook. Several news items in this issue justify our position. Generous gifts for education from philanthropic white people show sympathetic interest, kindness and friendliness that cannot be discounted. When a Negro corporation, the Standard Life Insurance company, with assets totaling \$13,000,000 was about to be forced into bankruptcy, as so many race enterprises have been by designing

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

LINCOLN NOTES

Mr. Wm. Scott is confined at home with illness.

Mrs. W. L. Todd was called to New Brunswick, Mo., last Sunday by her mother's illness.

The Utopian Art Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Copeland last Thursday night at their home. Mrs. George and adopted daughter, Maud, were guests. Mrs. George addressed the club, telling of her mission in Africa and the good she believes to be doing in trying to educate and save heathen in that land. Miss Maud also addressed the club and amused the crowd with songs in the tongues of the heathen. They were most interesting to listen to as they seemed earnest in their efforts to do good. They are soon to return to Africa.

Mr. Guy Wiley spent Sunday with his intended at Omaha and reports having enjoyed splendid services; and also visited the Old Folks home there, which he found to be in splendid condition and very commendable.

Rev. C. T. George, Mrs. George and daughter Maud were principals in the services at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning. Their message from Africa was listened to with interest. Regular services were the order for the balance of the day.

Mr. Jack Johnson is reported not so well at this time.

L. L. Kensington club held their annual Christmas tree festivities contrary to usual times. Table tree and place cards were used. A number of

gifts were received. Election of officers for ensuing year was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby James and family have moved to Grand Island to reside in the future.

The Mary Talbot club is to have an entertainment December 29, at Masonic Hall.

With the compliments of Mrs. J. H. Dean, Messrs. J. H. Dean and Julius Cowans were genial hosts to about 16 friends at a jolly stag party Monday night at the Dean residence. Christmas suggestions were used at decorations and prizes. The guests had a delicious repast of rare wild game at 8:30, while a three piece orchestra gave latest song hits.

The usual services at the Mt. Zion Baptist church were conducted Sunday by the pastor who preached to well filled congregations. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. had good services. The Saturday night serving club made a profitable report.

Rev. H. W. Botts was a guest at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Jenkins at Omaha Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott entertained the mission last Tuesday night; Mrs. George and daughter Maud, missionaries from Africa, were guests.

The court of Isis had a rousing meeting last Saturday night; six candidates crossed the hot sands. Installation of officers will be held on Christmas night, December 25.

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