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AN AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING.

We publish in this issue a cut of the proposed new Zion Baptist church, which shows the ambitious undertaking of the Rev. W. F. Botts and his congregation. When completed, as the plans provide, the building will cost \$30,000. Although begun two years ago, available funds have permitted only the erection of the basement walls to a height of about ten feet. The congregation in the meantime has been worshipping in a rented building. It is now proposed to roof in and fit up the basement for services, and as funds accumulate to complete the building. The wisdom of this plan must be apparent to all. It has been followed in the erection of some of the finest and costliest edifices in the country.

To many it may seem that our Baptist friends have been most unwise in undertaking the erection of such a costly building. But when one stops to consider that the proposed building is projected with the view of meeting the needs not only of the present congregation, but also those of a rapidly growing city, and realizes that the cost of the construction must necessarily be carried over a term of years during which the congregation will be constantly growing, the wisdom of planning largely will be justified. Should it be ten years before the structure is completed as planned it will be a credit to our city.

It is doubtless realized that it is a big undertaking and that there must be hearty co-operation and earnest work to complete it, but it does people good to undertake large things and work diligently and persistently and patiently until it is accomplished.

We wish the congregation of Zion Baptist church every success in speedily getting under cover in their own house of worship and express the hope that no discouragements will deter them even though it may take many years to do it, from completing the noble edifice which they have planned.

The Monitor enters with this number on the sixth month of its publication with grateful appreciation of the support given by subscribers and advertisers. We are delighted to know that the publication is giving such entire satisfaction to our constantly growing number of patrons, and we again desire to thank our many friends for their kind expressions of approbation and their appreciated support. While our growth has been all that we could desire we would like to add during this month at least 200 subscribers to our list. Would it be asking too much to suggest that two hundred of our friends and subscribers each try to send in one new yearly subscriber this month? By the way, you may have a former Omaha friend, now residing elsewhere who would enjoy reading the Moni-

tor. It might not be a bad idea to send him or her, as a Christmas present, The Monitor for a year. It would be a present that would carry pleasure for a whole year and would cost only one dollar.

The New York Age calls attention to the omission of any reference whatsoever to the death of Booker T. Washington by President Wilson. It notes that two ex-presidents and a former vice-president, besides the governors of several states, north and south, and notable men and women, not only at home, but abroad, made some expression upon the passing of this great American, but that President Wilson was absolutely silent. It regrets the omission of this simple courtesy upon the part of the chief executive of the nation and very truly states that a suitable expression from him would have gone a long way towards creating a more kindly sentiment towards him on the part of the race who feel that they have just cause for grievance because of many reactionary methods of his administration.

If you have not yet paid your subscription for The Monitor, and many of you have not, please pay before you begin your Christmas shopping. The editor and staff would like to do a little early Christmas shopping, too, but—

Don't forget to buy Red Cross stamps. By so doing you are helping to fight tuberculosis or consumption.

Events Extraordinary.

Mr. William H. Lacey, a trained artist of exceptional ability, will sing at the extraordinary entertainment at Mt. Zion Baptist church Friday evening, December 17. Mrs. W. T. Osborne has in charge the occasion and will be supported by the DuBois Dramatic club in a one-act comedy-drama, "The Veiled Lady," which shows—well, come and see what it does show.

Other trained artists in both vocal and instrumental music and in readings and sketches from Shakespeare will appear on the program. A committee from the trustee board of Knights and Daughters of Tabor succeeded in getting Mrs. Osborne to give this entertainment for the benefit of the Taborian lot.

We are sure of a large attendance, as Mrs. Osborne's entertainments are always the very best. Admission will be 15c.

Committee and board of trustees: Chairman, Mrs. Hattie Kitchen; Mrs. Lenora Gray, Mrs. Rachel Harrold, A. M. Harrold, D. G. M.; W. M. Jackson, C. M.; Charles Kitchen, P. P.; Lulu Roundtree, P. P.—Adv.

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TRANSLATES SPANISH OPERA.

One of the most interesting occurrences in the literary and musical world is the coming production at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, of Enrique Granados' Spanish opera "Goyescas." The words of the original opera are by Fernando Periquet but the English version translated from the Spanish has been done by James Weldon Johnson, the well known colored American. It is of peculiar significance that the greatest opera house in America in producing one of the newest and most striking operas should turn to an American Negro for an adequate English ver-

sion. Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gatti-Casazza are to be congratulated.

CHOSEN CLASS ORATOR.

Daniel Ferguson, of Columbus, Ohio, has been chosen class orator for the class of 1916, at Ohio State University. This is the first time that a colored man ever was elected to a class honor in this institution.

Former Governor Lee Cruse of Oklahoma asserts that Negro disfranchisement is against moral law and that he has no fear of "Negro domination."

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