

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

On the threshold of a new year we are possessed with many thoughts. We are prone to glance backward upon the past year and find, with its joys and successes, much to regret; but sadness and regret are never helpful—they enervate and what is past cannot be recalled.

Then comes a thought of gratitude for the joys and blessings of the past year and we determine to give energetic fidelity to each daily duty that will come to us in the new year. We are also thankful to those who by confidence in us and the occasional word of cheer have helped us on our way and we resolve to help make others happy.

We begin the new year with a tear of sorrow and a smile of courage, a sigh of regret and a song of joy, a glance at past failures and a dream of great possibilities. We also wish that the new year may bring a full measure of happiness to all.—L. S. E

MY SYMPHONY

After all, what is Life but a prelude to the Great Unknown,

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The church was beautifully decorated for the Christmastide. The midnight Mass was well attended and was a most reverent and devout service. The music by the choir was excellent. The other services on Christmas Day were at 8 and 11 a. m., and evensong at 5 p. m.

The Rev. Carl M. Worden, vicar of St. Matthias church, preached a thoughtful sermon at the 5 o'clock vesper service Sunday afternoon.

The children's Christmas tree and party was held in the Guild rooms, Thursday, December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

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

THE HELPERS' CLUB

The Helpers' club, which is composed of fifteen ladies, helped to gladden the hearts of the less fortunate at the Christmastide. On Friday, December 23, the members of the club met at the residence of the president, Mrs. Robert T. Walker, 2121 North Twenty-seventh street, and prepared thirty baskets with a generous supply of provisions. Fifteen families were remembered each one receiving a donation of two baskets. The club has been organized for one year. The members wish to thank those who patronized their social affairs and thus aided them in their undertaking.
Mrs. A. D. James, Secretary.

BANQUET FOR HENSHAW MAIDS AND WAITERS

A banquet was given for the maids and waiters of the Henshaw Hotel Christmas day at that popular hostelry. Mick Patton was toastmaster and was equal to the occasion. Interesting speeches were made by W. S. Metcalf and others. The efficient committee in charge of this most enjoyable affair consisted of E. S. Ellis, W. S. Metcalf and W. F. McClure, who, on behalf of their fellow employees, desire to express their appreciation to Messrs. T. J. and Earl O'Brien and Mr. Williams, the head-waiter.

A few bars to introduce the Eternal Grand Chorus, And Death but the Conductor, marking the time when we shall first catch the glorious strains of the Complete Melody.

To the one whose life is played amid the plaintive minor chords, the full melody following will be deeper, grander and more soul-satisfying by contrast.

To those whose lives are a succession of major chords, blatant and unnerving, the harmony to follow will truly be

"The peace that passeth understanding."

Believing this, on the threshold of the New Year

I wish each friend the Happiness of Another Year.

Another year to strive toward loftier ideals,

A brave heart to endure discords that may encompass,

With steady nerves and clear eyes to face each measure meted to us by an All Wise Father.

This is My Symphony.
—Peoples Home Journal.

COLORED EX-MAYOR KING'S GUEST

London, England.—Mr. John Archer, who was elected early in November, 1913, mayor of Battersea, England, a city of 200,000 inhabitants, will receive on New Year's Day at his palatial home. During the war ex-Mayor Archer has been to the "front" and gave his best energy and service to his country in aiding the soldiers who are fighting for the English flag. King George of England and all London have rejoiced over the spirit he has always exhibited under the Union Jack. When he was elected mayor of Battersea the incident welded the darker races closer than ever before. He was elected on his merit. He has lived here a number of years and made a wonderful impression throughout all England. King George is to visit during the holidays, all the hospitals and the ex-mayors will be his guests, and ex-Mayor Archer was among the first invited. He will be accompanied by his wife, who is a handsome brown-skin woman.

A very elaborate celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation will be held at the Grove M. E. Church, 22nd and Seward streets, Monday evening, January 1, 1917, at 8 o'clock sharp. The following program has been arranged:

Invocation by Rev. C. S. Costello.
Instrumental Solo, Mrs. R. D. Allen.
Opening Address, Mr. M. F. Singleton.

Reading of Emancipation Proclamation, Mr. Irving G. Gray.

Why We Should Celebrate This Day, George Wells Parker.

Instrumental Selection, Mrs. C. H. Singleton.

Short Addresses by Dr. J. H. Hutten, Mrs. Lucille Skraggs Edwards, Hon. Will N. Johnson, Mr. Wm. Alexander, Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. W. T. Osborne, Mr. Rufus Johnson, Mr. Fred Ousley and others.

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