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*Wishing You All
A Right
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*



OUR REAL GIFT TO AMERICAN CULTURE

(For the Associated Negro Press)

"It is better to give than to receive" says the book of books. And, no people pins more faith to the Bible than does the American Negro. It has, is and will be his guide.

Our amusement group is no exception to the general rule—and they have given. Given not "to the least" but to Big Broadway itself, to Broadway, that highest and noblest castle of things theatrical.

The talent of our composers, the ingeniousness of Negro arrangers of music, and the cleverness of colored dance directors have all been most indelibly impressed upon the entertainment of the Big street; and by fact of this accepted authority upon the amusement life of the nation with an excellent chance of becoming a world influence wherever vocal and instrumental music is professionally presented to civilized humanity.

Let any doubting reader with any knowledge of the Negro showworld that extends back even five years, go to any of the prevailing successes in the musical comedy and revue theaters if he would be convinced that we have really given. We have given until it hurts, but it hurts with the pain of joy that is tinged but little with regret.

There you will hear tunes that are reminiscent of J. Lubrie Hill and My
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To those men and women, both white and colored, who have so earnestly, so devotedly and so zealously given themselves to the work of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, the following lines seem most appropriate.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

We've kept the faith. Our soul's high dreams"

Untouched by bondage and its rod,

Burn on! burn on! It seems

We shall have Friends—while God is God!

By Lucian B. Watkins, Negro Poet.

CHRISTMAS—THE NEW AGE

At this happy season of the year, when all civilized lands observe Christmas with some kind of festivity or devotions, it is fitting that we recall the purport of the coming of the "Babe of Bethlehem." We go to Bethlehem with the angels, and look upon a babe in its mother's arms. What do we see in that babe more than in any of the many born in Judea's land that day? There is no halo around His head, there is nothing striking in His countenance; as He nestles in His mother's bosom we see in Him nothing more than the characteristics of a child. But centuries have rolled away since then, and this child has become the most marvelous personage in them all. He has revealed Himself to the ages; and now untold millions worship at His shrine. The many years have unfolded the wrapped up glories in that child, so that now we see in Him facts that could not have been dreamt of by any who gazed upon Him in His mother's arms. Christmas becomes then to us, the age of a new race. The babe the shepherd saw that first Christmas morning had indeed a remarkable history. He was born of a woman; but He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. There were the human and the Divine in His generation. He was distinct from the ordinary human being in the history of His birth; but He was also distinct from him in reasons that led to His nativity. He came to make a new beginning of the human race. It had faltered and fallen and become vile, and

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REDEMPTION OF AFRICA HOPE OF THE NEGRO

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec.— (By The Associated Negro Press)—Great audiences greeted with rounds and rounds of applause the speakers at the opening of the Great Missionary Symposium, held at the Union Baptist Ch. on Monday. Delegates listened to an interesting address on "West Africa" delivered by the Rev. F. E. East. Dr. East has spent many years in Africa, and the information he gives is first hand. At the night session Dr. East illustrated with pictorial slides the needs of Africa.

Dr. East spoke on the economical situation as applies in general to the entire Dark Continent, with particular reference to the Republic of Liberia. He spoke of the great indebtedness of a million and a half dollars; how much of that debt was incurred by a white concern that pretended to be interested in the development of Africa, but which concern squandered the money and did not make any explanation about it. It was clearly demonstrated how the Liberians for the last one hundred years have had to fight hordes of savage natives, and how wonderfully they had stood, with practically nothing to hold on.

The purpose of this symposium is to raise \$25,000, which sum is needed to carry out the program that has already been outlined.

Dr. Charles S. Morris, D.D., an em-
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