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The Christmas season was truly a very happy time in our city. Many hearts were made happy by the kind remembrance of loyal-hearted friends. The members and friends of the B.M.E. church excelled themselves in their endeavor to bring cheer to the pastor and wife of the church. A bushel basket filled to overflowing with every thing imaginable was placed on the Christmas tree, and then a taxi was called and the pastor and family sent to their home amidst the happy cheers of members and friends.

Watch-night services were observed on Sat., Dec. 31st from 11 to 12 p.m. and a goodly number were in attendance. Covenant Sunday was observed on Sun., Jan 1st, 1928, morning and evening; followed by a week of cottage prayer meetings. Jan. 8th was another great day in the B.M.E. church. The pastor gave two very interesting messages to a goodly number. Subj. 11 a.m.—“Steadfastness, or Keep Right on Going.” Text: Gal. 6:9. The speaker said we must start right, go right, and keep right on going. 7 p.m. Subj.—“The Journey of Life.” Text: Prov. 3:6. Special music was rendered by the choir.

The annual Christmas party under the auspices of the Eureka Friendly Club, for the children of the colored church schools, was held in the B.M.E. church, Tues., Dec. 27th, there were in attendance about 125 children.

The officers and members of the B.M.E. church extend their sympathy to Mr. Geo. Coates in his recent bereavement.

Mrs. Edna Carter, though confined to her bed, continues to show signs of improvement. Mrs. Preble is somewhat improved since undergoing a serious operation. Miss M. E. Anderson of the Pentecostal Assembly has also been confined to her home due to a slight illness.

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JEWELL-BROOKS.

One of the smartest events of the season took place on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 4 p.m. when Ida Marguerite, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Brooks, and Mr. Percy C. Jewell, son of Mrs. E. Jewell, Guelph, became united in marriage in the presence of 100 guests, Rev. H. L. McNeil performing the ceremony in the home of the bride's parents. To the strain of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party took their stand beneath a wedding bell and an arch of palms. During the signing of the register Mrs. Cepherine Ardila, city, beautifully rendered “Oh Promise

The bride was charmingly gowned in white georgette with skirt and yoke of chantilly lace, all over white satin. She wore a heavy rope of for-get-me-nots in her hair and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. Her attendant, Miss Rosie Budd, Oakville, looked very pleasing in rose crepe and velvet. Mrs. Ardila wore rose blush transparent velvet profusely trimmed with rhinestones and the pianist, Miss Cleda Lucas, Chatham, a pink georgette of the period type. Mr. Aubrey Carey, of

Toronto, was best man.

Mrs. Isabelle Brooks, mother of the bride, received the guests. She wore a black lace gown. She was ably assisted by the groom's mother who chose black taffeta as her gown.

Out-of-town guests were from Oakville, Hamilton, Guelph, Chatham and Buffalo.

The happy couple left for New York and intermediate points. The bride travelled in a blue wool crepe dress, silver metallic hat and beaver coat. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will take up their residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter visited Detroit during the holidays for the purpose of attending a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Blanbert, 1622 Iroquois Ave. at the entertainment in honor of the occasion. There were 27 persons present; all relatives: 7 children and 20 adults, ranging in age from 3 years to 85 years. Mr. Blanbert, at whose house the entertainment and re-union was held, was an employee of the post office for over 40 years. His record shows that he did not miss a single day on duty during over 40 years of service.

Mr. W. H. Beecher spent the holidays in New York with his wife, who is engaged in social work in that city. Mr. Beecher reports a most enjoyable trip. He also reports that Mrs. Beecher is thoroughly in love with the work there, due to the fact that her co-workers are most congenial.

NEVAL H. THOMAS GETS WALKER MEDAL AWARD FOR CONSPICUOUS RACE SERVICE.

The Madam C. J. Walker Committee on Awards met at the National Office of the N.A.A.C.P. on Jan. 6th to consider the nominations and recommendations that had been sent in to the Committee for the award of the Walker Medal for 1927. The medal is given each year to the person deemed to have done the best work during the previous year for colored Americans through the N.A.A.C.P.

By unanimous vote the medal for 1927 was awarded to Mr. Neval H. Thomas of Washington, D.C., President of the District of Columbia Branch, for his conspicuous service in fighting the great evil of segregation in the Government Departments during 1927. Under Mr. Thomas' leadership a persistent campaign against segregation in the departments was waged and the 1st breach was made in the department of the Interior when two negro clerks were ordered to report as pension examiners. Soon after this 42 colored employees in the same department were ordered back to their old unsegregated posts.

Others who have done splendid service during the year were mentioned for the award, but the service rendered by Mr. Thomas was regarded as being especially meritorious and of great significance relative to the status of the Negro in the United States, with bearing on one of the main objectives of the N.A.A.C.P.—the combating of the racial segregation.