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Editorial

THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

"For unto us a Child is born; unto us a son is given."

From across the ages, yet as fresh and as beautiful today as ever it was, comes the story of the magi and their gifts to the infant which was called Jesus. They brought to Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. There was a meaning, a great significance in the offerings which the three wise men brought, and this significance should be the symbol of all true giving in the world today. They brought gold, the most treasured of all their worldly possessions. In the giving of service to the Master and to our fellow-man we should emulate the spirit and the example of the three wise men and give the best there is in us for the great pleasure of giving. And along with every gift, each sacrifice and each service should go the best wishes of our hearts. There is a great joy experienced in giving and the bigger the gift, the greater the sacrifice, the greater the joy we experience from giving. The example of Christ and the wise men should stand out in bold relief during the coming Yuletide. For He never tired of giving to the world His best, His very best. The raising of the dead, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, comforting the distressed, sympathizing with the unfortunate—even the laying down of His life for all were His gifts to the world. Should we, then, be satisfied to give niggardly or grudgingly?

In the days before His coming frankincense typified sacrifice, sacrament and the best qualities one possessed. Myrrh meant that sorrows and bitterness had been suffered and that resentment had been foregone, sacrificed for the sake of others, for the sake of peace and good will here on earth. And so the wise men brought frankincense and myrrh. Shall we then not seek to give to the world the best there is in us to give. Shall we not be willing to sacrifice bitterness and strife for His sake and for our brothers' sake? One of the greatest lessons we can learn from the life of Christ is the placing of values in their proper places. Material wealth, principal-

ties, kingdoms, fame, earthly power and influence—all these had value in His estimation, but these values were placed in their proper places, and the greatest value with Him was the value of service to humanity and service to His Heavenly Father. Nothing gave Him more pleasure than doing a good deed for a little child. No act was more holy in His sight than relieving the suffering and comforting the sorrowing heart. In this country of North America, wherein Negroes equipped and prepared, repeatedly "knock unheeded at an iron gate," it is a good thing for us to remember that Christ's life was a life of service; service to an ungrateful world and that, although He knew of Judas' traitorous intentions and actions, "Christ washed the feet of Judas!"

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
The dark and evil passion of his soul,
His secret plot and sordidness complete.

His hate, his purposing, Christ knew the whole,
And still in love, He washed his feet.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
Yet all his lurking sin was bare to Him,

His bargain with the priest, and more than this,

In Olivet beneath the moonlight dim
Aforehand knew and felt his treacherous kiss.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
And so ineffable His love 'twas meet
That pity fill His great forgiving heart.

And tenderly to wash the traitor's feet,
Who in his Lord had basely sold his part.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
And thus a girded servant, self-abased,

Taught that wrong this side of heaven

Was ever too great to wholly be effaced,

And though unasked, in spirit be forgiven.

And so if we have ever felt the wrong

Of trampled rights, of caste, it matters not,

Whate'er the soul has suffered long,
O heart! this one thing should not be forgot:

Christ washed the feet of Judas.
(By George Marion McClellan,
Negro poet.)

STRATFORD

We are sorry to report the accidents of Frank and Willie Wesley, who have both been in the hospital.

Rev. S. A. Lucas had charge of the evening service in the B. M. E. Church on Sunday.

Hazey Wesley is the teacher of the B. M. E. Sunday school.

One of our young men has gone into the flour and feed business for himself and reports having a good trade. We trust all will patronize him.

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