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"THE SPIRIT OF GOOD-WILL"

Every age has been characterized by some dominant interest. The Age of conquest, the Age of Discovery, the Age of Invention. These very present times though termed depression has called forth from men of all classes and creeds a spirit of interest. Abraham Lincoln said:—

"Every time I help a soul out of his troubles, I find a hole in which to bury mine." For truly the escret of living after all is the ability to forget oneself and to think of others.

The Teacher of Nazareth thought not so much of Himself as he did of the safety and comfort of others, for he is heard to reason "For this cause came I into the world; Therefore it is not what I want to do in particular, but it is for me to do the will of my Father."

So as we trace Him we see Him meeting with men in all walks of life, the rich and the poor; men of all the then known races of the world and wherever He is met, his attitude toward them is one of good will regardless of their's toward Him. This spirit is gripping the people more and more in recent times because we have evidences as one fraternity visits one of another city—as one Board of Trade visits another—as the Chief Magistrate of one Municipality confers with the chief of another municipality—Kiwanian and Rotarian and many other representative groups who have gone on good will tours, and last but by no means the least, our popular Prince of Wales as he moves about the world with that jovial and yet serious personality we have again a Messenger of Peace and Good Will.

As this great spirit has been made possible through the Prince of Peace let us do all we can at this time and throughout the passing years to imbibe more fully this spirit which evinces an inner condition of heart and mind, with an outer attitude toward others, an experience within an expression without. To this end that here and ultimately, men will



NEGRO ILLITERACY IS DECREASING

New Orleans Reported the Highest Number, 1930, While Charleston, S. C. Reported Highest Percentage. Boston and Atlantic City Have Less Than Two Percent Negro illiteracy

Washington, D.C.— The Bureau of the Census announces that the percent Negro illiteracy in the 53 cities of the United States having 15,000 or more Negro inhabitants generally decreased, according to reports, census of 1930. The Bureau defines as illiterate any person 10 years of age or over who is not able to read and write either in English or in some other language. New Orleans reported the greatest number of illiterates in 1930 as in 1920, but Charleston, S. C., reported the highest percentage of

give glory to God who dwells in the highest, and peace and good will shall reign among all the nations of the earth.

—Rev. E. Alph. Richardson.

illiteracy in 1930, having displaced Montgomery which had the highest in 1920. Only 3 of these cities in 1930, as compared with 11 in 1920, reported 20 percent or more of the Negro inhabitants 10 years old and over as illiterate. The five cities for which the highest percentages of illiteracy were reported in 1930, were, in order named Charleston and Columbia, S.C., Charlotte, Montgomery and Beaumont. Boston and Atlantic City were the only cities in 1930 that reported less than 2 percent Negro illiteracy; 12 other cities reported less than 5 percent. For Charleston, Miami, Newark, and Tampa the percent illiterate was higher in 1930 than 1920. In Boston, New York, Chicago and Gary, a higher percentage of illiterates, 10 years old and over, was reported for the white than for the Negro population.

That illiteracy is confined almost wholly to the adult Negro population in these cities is indicated by the fact that in only 12 of the 53 cities included in the tabulation did Negro illiterates under 21 years of age constitute 5 percent or more of the total number. These cities were Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Savannah,

HAYES TO APPEAR WITH GOOD DANCE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., — Merle Armitage, western empressario, announced this week that Roland Hayes would be presented on his concert series with Teresira, gifted Spanish dancer who makes her Pacific coast debut under his management, in the Shrine auditorium.

Mr. Hayes has made his home in Santa Barbara for several months working on a scenario built around his own life which he hopes to have filmed.

Miami, Jackson, Miss., New York, Charlotte, Durham, Winston-Salem, Charleston and Columbia.

For the white population 10 years old and over the highest percentage of illiteracy for 1930 were reported for Gary, Newark, New York, and Cleveland due to the relatively high proportion of foreign born adults.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

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EDITORIAL

Christmas is here again and Yuletide preparation goes on apace, but much of the significance of the occasion seems to be entirely forgotten by Christendom to-day. Christmas seems to have become a time of revelry, eating, drinking and exchanging presents with the real spirit of the Prince of Peace entirely left out. The true Christmas spirit is lacking. This is not applicable alone to our immediate surroundings, our local community as it were, but to that larger unit of the community of nations. The failure of the World Economic Conference is an example of what seems to be symptomatic of the ills of the entire world—absence of peace and goodwill. Men have lost confidence in each other. Their motto now is, "Each one for himself in the game of life." Grab and take is the method used in the economic and all other phases of life.

We are justified in oppressing the weaker and smaller man. Send him 'to the walls' if we can, instead of trying to help him into the pool of life. The starving and unemployed millions mean nothing to us. The underfed and undernourished boys and girls in teen age who with their weak bodies and on the brink of the grave have fed our mills and enlarged our pockets are not our concern in the least.

The millions of promising girls who have been forced into the wrong path on account of smallness of pay and its attendant evils do not affect us in any way.

Then to review the political situation as it appears to constant readers of the daily papers shows everything but international peace and goodwill among men. France and Germany are not reconciled to each other: Germany is asking to be given back her colonies and France is declining to accept the German peace terms; Ireland desires to throw off the British yoke and set up an independent republic; Japan is planning reprisals in trade in anticipation of British, European boycott; U. S. A. is trying all sorts of human devices and tricks to create employment, except what seems the right thing to do. By the time America and her University professors and other pseudo-experts are through with the various social problems of to-day we shall have sufficient facts to be successful in building up another democratic party.

Last but not least, we see the church fast dwindling before our very eyes, in spite of all the novel

methods and very often unworthy methods too, to encourage and attract. The church has lost its place of respect, influence and power in the community. Too many factors enter into this question, but the reason is to be found primarily in the leaders of the church in the members, and in the presentation and interpretation of the gospel.

The truth is, that men fail to realize that the world, as a result of science, is no longer the divided world of pre-scientific days. Science and knowledge have broken down all barriers restricting human intercourse and have cemented the various peoples of the entire world into one big family. Whatever happens to Canada and America (U.S.) today must of necessity, affect England and the Colonies, and even other parts of the world. No nation can sanely boast of being independent of another nation. They are all related and inter-related. The last world war should be a lasting lesson to nations in this respect. The quicker the nations all realize this fact as a truism, the sooner we may look for happiness and peace on earth.

Interdependence is the only form of independence in this enlightened age this age of science will permit. Many of the troubles with our society today are due to non-recognition of the fact that we are one big family united in one common bond regardless of race, creed or color.

Marked physiological differences, such as, texture of hair, pigmentation of skin, etc., lie at the root of the world troubles today and are very often the direct causes as in U.S.A. of lynchings, segregation etc. Any human object which differs physically from us is considered inferior. That is the general attitude of the white man towards the darker races, and especially towards those of African descent. Some sociologists, realizing this fact have advocated mixed marriages as a solution to this difficulty believing that a blending of physical characteristics peculiar to the 'inferior' race will tend to 'sublimate' differences.

Speaking on Christianity and the race problems to the M.W.C.U. at McMaster University in Hamilton on Friday last, Dr. McCrimmon of Toronto is reported to have stressed the fact that the answer to this problem is not found in sociological study only, but really in the recognition that Christ is the centre of civilization and the Saviour of the world. It is a biblical and scientific fact that all men are of one blood; God is the Father of all nations and therefore mankind is one brotherhood. Superficiality in approaching this question is of no avail. Through the dynamic force of the gospel of Christ comes the solution.

Indeed, Dr. McCrimmon's statements are correct. Through the dynamic force of the Gospel of Jesus the solution and the delay in arriving at the solution is due mainly to the church in general which has hitherto handled the problem in a very superficial manner.

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N. Y. NEGROES MEET ATTORNEY

New York — For about fifteen minutes before the train from Chattanooga bearing Samuel Liebowitz and Joseph R. Brodsky, International Labor Defense attorney, Pennsylvania Station resounded with "The Scottsboro Boys Shall Not Die."

Nearly 500 Negro and white workers, mostly from Harlem, cheered the defense lawyers as they came in sight. The line of police could keep the people off no longer when Liebowitz appeared with Brodsky and Harold Fox, his 250 lb. body guard. Liebowitz, chief counsel in the Scottsboro case and Brodsky, chief counsel of the I.L.D. were lifted to the shoulders of the workers and carried out of the terminal, while the workers shouted long live the International Labor Defense, The Scottsboro Boys Shall Not Lie.

\$50,000 TUSKEGEE FIRE DESTROYS JAMES HALL

TUSKEGEE, Ala., — Tuskegee's second big fire of the year broke out Friday night, December 8 at 6 p.m. in James Hall, one of the dormitories for young women, just two months to the day after the first fire which badly damaged Duglass Hall.

As before, no one was seriously injured. Practically all occupants were at supper. The blaze was confined to the roof space above the attic, and the origin is unknown. The entire building was damaged by water. The estimated loss to the school is \$50,000 which President Moton stated is covered by insurance.

WOMAN LOSES LEG ATTEMPTING TO RIDE FREIGHT TRAIN BACK TO ARK. WITH MATE

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. — Mrs. Perle Rucker, 19 years old, 2939 Laclede Avenue suffered the loss of one of her legs about 6 p.m. Saturday at Dupon, Ill. while attempting a freight train trip to Newport, Ark. with her husband, Therry Rucker.

In hopping a box car Mrs. Rucker fell. Wheels of the car passed over her left leg. Trainmen called an ambulance and she was rushed to St. Marys Hospital in East St. Louis where the limb was amputated. She was removed to City Hospital No. 2 about 2:15 on Sunday afternoon and doctors reported her in a serious condition from loss of blood and the severe shock of her injury.



A SONG SHE SINGS
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All about the kine are lying,
And, mayhap, the fleecy sheep,
Yet, in this o'er-crowded stable
Mary croons her babe to sleep.

There has ne'er been such another—
Virgin Mother, meek and mild;
And in all the by-gone ages
There had ne'er been such a child.
Honoured was that crude old building
More than all the inns of earth,
For, 'twas there the Virgin sheltered—
There the peerless Child had birth.

Was there e'er a scene so lowly!
Shaggy sheep and common kine
Housed within that nameless stable
With the Child who is divine!
But our hearts are filled with rapture,
And to praises we are led,
As we greet the world's Redeemer,
In His lowly manger bed.

Christmas 1933.

—Mack.

Grand Jury Probes

Mo. Lynching

JUDGE ADVISES RETURNING OF
FIRST DEGREE MURDER INDICT-
MENTS.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 14th — Judge Joseph V. Gaddy advised a grand jury, convened here to investigate the lynching of Lloyd Warner 19 years old, to show no leniency for those involved in the mob crime. The jury was made up of bankers, insurance men, merchants, a farmer and a retired master mechanic.

"Those who committed the assault on the Buchanan county jail are equally as guilty of the lynching as are those who burned or hanged the Negro," Judge Gaddy said. He asserted that every active leader of the lynching should be indicted on charges of first degree murder, and advised the jurors to indict witnesses telling untruths on perjury charges.

About twenty witnesses were expected to be summoned and others to appear voluntarily.

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LONDON NOTES

The Chrissie Charles Sewing Guild held the annual benefit Xmas Tree at the B.M.E. Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd. A large number of children were given presents and treated by the Society. The Guild is one of London's leading organizations among the women of our Group.

The Annual Anniversary Service of the Women's Guild was held on Sunday, Dec. 12th. A very interesting service including solos, duets and chorusses were enjoyed by a large audience including a number of out of town visitors.

Miss Evelyn and Mr. Jimmie Jenkins entertained a number of friends at their home in honor of Mr. Phil. Patterson of Hamilton, who was a visitor in the city for a few days. The evening was spent in games and music.

The B.M.E. Choir met at the home of Mrs. Drake, 208 Simcoe St., on Friday, Dec. 22nd at which time the Director, Mr. Paul Lewis, was presented with a very practical and useful Xmas present. Mr. Lewis has directed the Choir for 10 years.

The Baseball team gave a benefit Concert on Wed, Dec. 20 in aid of their disabled players. It was a grand success under the direction of Clarence Crosby.

Miss Thelma Moxley is home again from Toronto.

The Sunday School Xmas Tree will be held on Thurs. Dec. 28th.

Miss Freda Wiffen and baby were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Carrie Hunt in Toronto over the week end.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Sam Lynn of Toronto.

BABY IS BORN AS FIRE BURNS HOME AND SAVINGS

SCOTLAND NECK, N.C. — To Kirke Johnston there is a silver lining in every cloud. Last week, his house was destroyed by fire. The fire consumed also a thousand dollars in cash which Johnson was afraid to put in any bank, several barrels of flour and a large quantity of grocery staples which he had stored for his winter supply, and several large hogs which he had just killed to provide his winter meat supply.

But Johnson was thankful because the life of his wife was saved, also the lives of two children and four good mules, and on the same fateful night, his wife presented him with a new baby.

EZEKIEL SMITH, FORMER LIBERIA MINISTER DIES

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Dr. E. E. Smith, principal of Fayetteville Normal School and former minister to Liberia died here Thursday morning at the age of 81. Born a slave, Dr. Smith worked for an education, and fifty-five years ago was active in both the church and politics in this state. His fame as a preacher has become a part of Negro history.

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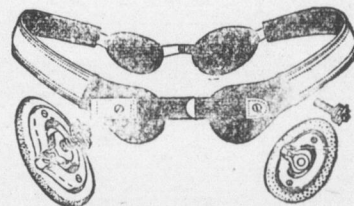
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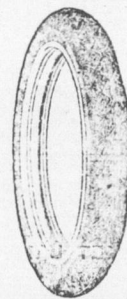
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lent colored youths from every point of view and from good homes—are deprived of certain clinical privileges in the final years of their medical course is a terrible blot upon this Christian civilization and the Christian Church.

That such a condition exists in a Christian world cannot but weaken the power and influence of religion and the work of the church. How can the church present to a thinking age, under such circumstances, the Gospel of this prince of peace, who came to earth, not in the form of an Anglo Saxon aristocrat or of his descendant made rich by exploitation and oppression of the poor but in a manner that shocks our very thinking?

Whenever the church sets a better example to the world and becomes bold enough to challenge and denounce oppression and exploitation which has weakened the social fabric of our civilization even to falling then it will be fully entitled to the respect it has erstwhile lost. There is much criticism about Rev. Father Coughlin and his methods, but it seems to thinking people who noted the Method of Jesus and his social gospel that Father Coughlin has caught a vision of Jesus. It is the duty of the church to denounce sin, personal and social, and to set wrongs right. If Father Coughlin treads on the corns of anyone that person has the privilege of examining his personal and social conduct and of rectifying the ills when found. Jesus stood with the poor for the simple reason that the forces of the strong were too much for Him. They lacked a leader to defend them. That is the work of the church, to boldly denounce sin, and lead the way to righteousness justice and love. When the church fails in these respects it has lost sight of an important phase of its mission. It is to lead the way and bid men to follow.

The Negro has been branded with the stigma of being lazy and this brings us to the question of the presentation and interpretation of the gospel to the present age. Is not laziness or laissez-faire policy of the Negro due to the teaching of the church? Have not the figures or the piper been interpreted literally. He has not been told that "take no thought for the morrow" can only be interpreted as take no anxious thought for the morrow which makes a vast difference.

He has been presented with a sort of crystallized theology which when analyzed resolves into nothing short of a form of the platonic "other worldness." The real is the unseen.

What we ordinarily see and feel and consider as material and real is the unreal. Our bodies are corrupt, base to be despised; Heaven is real and worth while being worked for; earth and its possessions are transitory, useless, and not worth the effort of striving for. This sort of false teaching must have some reactionary effect upon a race, or people who swallow it whole, without thinking or asking and adapted to the methods of exploitation and oppression.

By a people robbed, oppressed and

despised the tendency has been to become rather somewhat mystical and to believe themselves coming into full possession of that other unseen world where milk and honey and shining streets of gold abound. The result is they lose all interest in their present surroundings and become indifferent to very life itself in the hope thereby to attain the next world. They fail to see, as Booker T. Washington realized that it will be rather too big a jump, a transition from a hovel here to a "platonic" castle there.

Jesus brought us abundant life and that is the complete life, a life lacking in nothing. Man has temporal and spiritual needs and wants. The church must realize this, and show him how both are to be attained. Peace and goodwill will result when temporal and spiritual needs are equally met. Then men and women will not experience hunger and want in a land of plenty for the community of spirits will not suffer such conditions to prevail. The rich will realize that his wealth is a trust given him from God and to be used to glorify God. International goodwill and lasting peace will be an accomplished fact. This is the time we are longing for and if the scriptures can be accepted as truly recording the mission of the Christ King this is the purpose of his mission on earth to bring lasting peace on earth and goodwill toward men. While we enjoy ourselves during the holidays let us remember that at his coming "there was no room for him in the inn" and welcome Him into our hearts and into our homes this Christmas.

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