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## Poetry.

### IN A SQUALL.

(BY WILLIAM LYLE.)

"'Twas a dapper little craft  
As ever put to sea,  
And it took to every wave  
With a glad, bold, glee,  
It was water for it and wind,  
'Twas trim in beam and sail,  
But the lightning's scorching wind:  
'She'll never stand a gale.'  
While a jolly tar stood by,  
Singing this little song—  
'You can never tell a ship  
'Till a squall comes along.'"

'Twas an angry, scorching crowd,  
That watched her from the bay,  
And a squall came right along—  
For squalls are just that way.  
Then the tiny ship keeled o'er  
A little to the lee,  
But she righted like a bird  
When the storm left her free.  
Then the headed sailor laughed,  
And crooned this little song:  
'That's the time to tell a ship  
When a squall comes along.'"

From the storm unharmed she rode  
With main upright and tall,  
And I said, herein I read  
A lesson for all.

On the sea of life are gales  
That men must weather through,  
And we know not which will hold  
The weary good and true,  
But when the storm is over  
We sing this little song:  
'We can always tell a man  
When a squall sweeps along.'"

—American Naval Home.

## AFTER THE HONEYMOON.

[BY BETSEY GIMBLE, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS.]

During my first few months of my marriage to Tryphosa Warren Pickwick we boarded. She seemed to think it so delightful to have nothing to do (as she expressed it), but sit and give herself up to pleasant pastime and meditation, which, as the time rolled on, she found very monotonous. I was away from home much during the day, but seldom went out in the evening. We had already experienced some of the counter currents on the matrimonial sea of life, when the incident of my story happened.

Thanksgiving and Christmas had passed and the old year was fast losing its identity in the approach of new events. It was, however, on the eve of the approaching year that the leaden sky was scattering down upon the earth a generous offering of winter's snow. It was the first storm of the season, and of a fine, sifting, quality. It found Tryphosa and I set up howling, and, and thoroughly outfitted, the sole occupants of a new house on the outskirts of a popular but sparsely-populated town. The snow had fallen thick and fast all day, and the wind had piled it in deep furrows along the narrow streets and by-ways. Out in the lane it blew in frightful gusts, and as night set in the storm grew fiercer and more wild. It whistled down the chimney; it rattled the windows; it whisked the snow in wild fury around the house corners.

Notwithstanding all this capering of the elements, I must go out on this night in particular, as I was to preside at a meeting. I felt myself bound to be present, and as well, highly credited by my appointment over such an order as the I. O. O. G. It was one of those

was ready to go out into the storm. I took her little hands in mine, and imprinted a kiss upon her shapely forehead, then dashed out into the whirling troublous night. I felt her hand tremble when I took it, and I confess that I had a real sense of her loneliness which made me hesitate. "Don't say a word now," she whispered putting her finger to her lips and following me to the door. I heard it close behind me, and at the same instant the key turned with a sharp click.

The snow had drifted some feet, and I immediately found myself footing in a snow bank just beyond the gate. While trying to extricate myself, I looked back and saw Troy's pale face peering through the window light in hand, that she might direct me as far as possible. I turned my face toward and saw ahead of me, a scattering line of dimly lighted street-lamps, which illy answered their purpose in fair weather, but scarcely of more use than glow-worms on such a night as this in question. It was a regular Dakota white blizzard. The fine snow filled my eyes, mouth and ears, at every point. But I had set out and was determined to overcome any obstacles placed before me.

Bruce is also rich, and his little boy, Roscoe Conkling Bruce, will have a fortune when his father dies. Fred Douglas does not live in Washington, but his home is so near that he can reach it by the street car. He owns a very pleasant residence on the hill above Uniontown, one of the suburbs of Washington. It is worth perhaps \$12,000. From his windows he can see the Capitol and the whole city spread out before him, and his home is a part of the Van Hook estate, which was divided into lots and sold on the condition that no colored man should be ever allowed to purchase them.

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On the Road, Jan. 2, 1887.  
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I left Kalamazoo last year when you have seen by the heading of this note—I am not there now. From my present reckoning I should say I am steering east by half east, under club towsail. Longitude 25 degrees 15 min.

## Wealthy and Educated Negroes at the Capital.

An exchange informs us that more than one fourth of the population of Washington City is colored, and it is estimated that there are 50,000 negroes in the District of Columbia. There are all classes, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, patrician and plebeian. They number some of the best elements of the negro population of the United States and among them are the most noted colored men of the country. Senator Bruce, though he still holds onto his estate in Mississippi, lives at Washington during the Winter, and John Lynch, who was one of the presidents of the last National Republican Convention, leaves his cotton plantations near Natchez in the Fall and does not return to them again until the Spring.

Mr. Lynch was prosecuting the study of the law here during the past Winter, and the booksellers tell me that he bought many books, writes the Capital correspondent of the Cleveland Leader. He is well educated and cultured, and is worth, I am told, about \$100,000.

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colored girls who have Latin and Greek books in their arms, and whose dresses fit them as well as do those of Senators' daughters. The colored people, indeed, dress better in proportion to their means than do the whites, and the better class of colored girls in Washington are as particular about their kids as their fairer sisters. There are numerous colored avails in Washington, and these wear long hats, sport fancy canes, and enjoy their fine clothes as well as the white swells. You may see them in the parks of an evening, and on Sundays they promenade with the fashionable throng on Connecticut avenue. They are not averse to hiring carriages either, and they court their sweethearts with ice-creams and seats at the theatre.

There is as much caste in negro society here almost as in white society. The better educated and better bred have little to do with the ignorant and with those whose blood they do not think so pure as theirs. They have their balls and their parties, their literary societies and their social clubs, and they enjoy life in most the same way as their Caucasian brothers.

## Facts for Colored Men.

Mr. FREDERICK DOUGLASS finds time, amid his Parisian pleasures, to send long-range advice to those colored men in this city and elsewhere who have looked to him for leadership in the past regarding their political duties. He says: "I see nothing better for us than to follow the Republican flag. We have not gained all we had a right to expect under it, but under it we have gained all that we have."

Advice of this tenor is likely to suggest a doubt in the minds of thinking people whether Mr. Douglass should be considered the Moses of his race, and also whether the time has not arrived when the colored people may not dispense with their own better knowledge of the history of reconstruction and present condition. They may learn, if they will accept facts

of their true value, that even emancipation was not due to any moral influence exerted by the Republican party, but was resorted to after considerable hesitation and delay as a war measure. When the war was ended the Republican party assumed all the virtues of the freely delivered, and bent its energies, not to the elevation of the freed, but to their subjection to its own political purposes, to the end that it might satiate its gluttony of power. As the old slave masters kept their human property in ignorance for prudential reasons, so for equally selfish ends did the Republican party stimulate the superstitions and prejudices of the colored people that reason might not gain an ascendancy and provoke a revolt against this new form of slavery.

The truth is that such progress as the colored people, formerly in slavery, have made has been in spite of the Republican party rather than by its help. Not until the old Republican usurpations were ended at the South did they begin to enjoy industrial opportunities or anything like the educational advantages

## New York Waifs.

New York, Jan. 2, '87.

The year of '86 which has just closed will be famous when the historian's pen shall chronicle the events, which have transpired during its existence. The mortality has been unusually large among the leaders of both political parties. The old year was celebrated with the usual watch meetings, where thousands gathered for the purpose of manifesting their thankfulness to the Almighty for the numerous blessings which have been bestowed upon them. The New York Star, which is one of the leading metropolitan journals has a fine article in relation to the meeting held at Bethel last Friday night.

New Year's morning opened with rain, hail and snow. The pleasure seekers were not out in force as in former years. The advice given has been heeded in certain directions, as to the wasteful expenditure of money. I am a great admirer of one enjoying himself or herself, yet I do not endorse the methods which are often used. How often we find young men, who are working for fifteen dollars a month, on New Year's Day hiring hacks at the rate of two dollars an hour, making calls at the homes of their friends, sometimes being out for six hours; at once we see twelve out of his fifteen gone leaving him with the small amount of three dollars, for the purchasing of cigars and dram. How foolish, no people can rise in business or even in the social world who thus act in the throwing away of their hard earnings simply for the purpose of imitating the whites, who are in possession of all the means which are necessary to keep up such extravagances as are practiced by them. The young negro must change his way of living if he hopes for that recognition which is the only avenue through which he can rise. The race, which is an army of consumers only, must be considered inferior. Our young women must likewise learn to live within their means at the same time cultivating the spirit of contentment, which is essential to purity of life, learning at the same time that the lessons of economy are of great value to understand, as they are to our future wives, who are to take care of the small earnings of their husbands. As there are very few of our young men, who are prepared at the time of marrying to furnish a fine and costly mansion, with two or three servants or carriages and horses. There is not another class of young men, who are called to pass through the hardships as the colored youth of the present generation. These same young men are to be our future great men, but cannot be unless in the selection of partners there is a union of hearts, harmony of sentiment, blending of efforts and assimilation of will, success will come when these instincts are all combined.

Cannot a movement be placed in operation by which a company of colored men be formed for the purpose of owning two or more coasting vessels, to engage in the West India trade, as those islands are populated by colored people, who are merchants and planters and are willing at any time to bid a syndi-

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My evenings heretofore had been much spent with my Tryphosia, and I had some misgivings in leaving her to herself on this night, yet my eagerness to test my ability as a presiding officer overcame any determination to stay at home, as well as any objections which might be offered by my partner. I went to the door and peered out into the gloom. A gust of blinding snow greeted me as I opened it, and scattered itself the whole length of the hall-way, causing the light to do much flickering and fluttering. I retreated into the sitting room. I had my misgivings as to the sanity of a man who ventured out on such a night, so I said, "Troy, would you go out to-night?"

She looked at me with a wild stare, and I saw at once an imploring look, which only for an instant was visible, as she turned her eyes to mine. I saw that to stay alone in a new house was rather distasteful to her; and as I had not fallen into the habit of a forgetfulness of her pleasure, I hurried and said, "I shall only be gone for an hour dear." She was an obliging little soul, and rising to where I stood by the fire-place, placed her hands on my shoulder quite assuring me that if I deemed it prudent to go out, that she could stay alone just as well as not.

So Troy bustled about, brought me my great coat and comforter, and soon I

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Your brother in tribulation,  
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Much of the best property of Washington City is owned by colored men. They bought the lands when they were cheap, and after the city changed its direction they held on to them. Now on almost any of the fashionable streets of Washington you may see the cabin of a negro laborer bumping up against the mansion of a millionaire statesman, and a curious thing about it is that the laborer is not any more anxious to sell his land than the statesman is his. Colored men who make less than a dollar a day own lands here worth \$1, \$2, \$3, and \$4 per square foot, and the colored people of Washington have churches costing from \$5,000 to \$50,000 a piece, scattered throughout the most fashionable parts of the city.

There are many negroes in Washington who use better language than white people of the same standing. They are very particular about the use of their words, and the lives of the better classes are a continuous strain toward improving themselves. A large number of them are well educated, though the majority of them of course are ignorant. They have public and private schools here, and Howard University turns out a number of colored graduates of both sexes every year. Some of these are a great many colored teachers of both sexes.

It is not an uncommon thing to ride in the street-cars here with well-dressed

city and elsewhere who have looked to him for leadership in the past regarding their political duties. He says: "I see nothing better for us than to follow the Republican flag. We have not gained all we had a right to expect under it, but under it we have gained all that we have."

Advice of this tenor is likely to suggest a doubt in the minds of thinking people whether Mr. Douglass should be considered the Moses of his race, and also whether the time has not arrived when the colored people may not dispense with a Moses altogether and be guided by their own better knowledge of the history of reconstruction and present condition. They may learn, if they will accept facts for true value, that even emancipation was not due to any moral influence exerted by the Republican party, but was resorted to after considerable hesitation and delay as a war measure. When the war was ended the Republican party assumed all the virtue of the race's deliverance, and bent its energies, not to the elevation of the freedmen, but to their subjection to its own political purposes, to the end that it might satiate its gluttony of power. As the old slave masters kept their human property in ignorance for prudential reasons, so for equally selfish ends did the Republican party stimulate the superstitions and prejudices of the colored people that reason might not gain ascendancy and provoke a revolt against this new form of slavery.

The truth is that such progress as the colored people, formerly in slavery, have made has been in spite of the Republican party rather than by its help. Not until the old Republican usurpations were ended at the South did they begin to enjoy industrial opportunities or anything like the educational advantages that have come to them since. Peace and progress have followed the re-establishment of home rule and Democratic government in the South, and with increased enlightenment has come a breaking up of political lines among the Negroes. This has been a good thing for them, but a bad omen for the Republican party, whose case has become still more desperate because of the encouragement and just treatment which colored men have received from a national Democratic administration. Their political thrall is broken and it can never be mended.

Perhaps, without being entirely conscious of it himself, Mr. Douglass is more of a prophet of the Republican party than he is of his race. His associations are largely with white men; his wife is a white woman. And such public prominence as he has received has been by the favor of the Republican party. His remark about following the Republican flag is therefore, personally, very apt. But there is no reason why colored men, as a body, should find in it either wisdom or comfort. They must do their own thinking if they are to advance, and under present conditions we do not think their will be any great rush to accept Mr. Douglass' dictum.—Exchange.

A female poet sends a few lines entitled "Words That Burn." She struck it about right that time. They did burn elegantly.—Statesman.

him with the small amount of three dollars, for the purchasing of cigars and dram. How foolish, no people can rise in business or even in the social world who thus act in the throwing away of their hard earnings simply for the purpose of imitating the whites, who are in possession of all the means which are necessary to keep up such extravagances as are practiced by them. The young negro must change his way of living if he hopes for that recognition which is the only avenue through which he can rise. The race, which is an army of consumers only, must be considered inferiors. Our young women must likewise learn to live within their means at the same time cultivating the spirit of contentment, which is essential to prudence, learning at the same time that the lessons of economy are of great value to understand, as they are to be our future wives, who are to take care of the small earnings of their husbands, as there are very few of our young men, who are prepared at the time of marrying to furnish a fine and costly mansion, with two or three servants or carriages and horses. There is not another class of young men, who are called to pass through the hardships as the colored youth of the present generation. These same young men are to be our future great men, but cannot be unless in the selection of partners there is a union of efforts, harmony of sentiment, blending of hearts and assimilation of will, success will come when these instincts are all combined.

Cannot a movement be placed in operation by which a company of colored men be formed for the purpose of owning two or more coasting vessels to engage in the West Indian trade, as those islands are populated by colored people, who are merchants and planters and are willing at any time to bid a syndicate a warm welcome into the commercial world? millions are to be made if rightly managed. It would not require a large outlay. Something must be done in the way of making business for ourselves.

Last week a young man arrived from Jamaica, W. I., to which place he went six weeks ago. Before leaving he went around to several of the fruit plantations and purchased an assignment of goods which were shipped to New York, on arriving he had no trouble whatever in finding sale, all he had was taken, and as much more if he could have furnished. This young man doubled his money without much work. It is by this process young white men are made into merchants, so as they advance in years they naturally become better acquainted with business affairs, thus the race transmits to unborn generations the germ of business, which is kept warm in the heart and it kept alive.

Hon. J. C. Matthews, Recorder of Deeds, at Washington, was in the city on last Thursday and was looking well under the free and extensive advertisement he is getting. During his stay in the city he paid his legal friend Prof. Stewart a visit spending sometime, at his office. Both of these gentlemen, when hitched up will make a powerful team, but we shall keep one wishful eye on those great men.

Our genial friend Geo. T. Downing, Esq., spent a few days in the city, of his birth, where he has a host of admirers, who are always glad to see and hear the eloquent and logical old man, who is worthy of higher recognition than is accorded him.

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**Music.**  
 Every one is, perhaps without knowing it, a musical critic; and why? For his musical faculties were left latent in him and are still wanting development. There do exist in us faculties which, but for want of proper development, lay hidden and ignored by us.

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Matthews and Democracy.

An article we reproduce on another page leads us to speak of the Matthews Cleveland affair as it now stands. We would inform our contemporary that Mr. Douglass in expressing his views to his countrymen is not in the attitude of a Moses, nor is he considered as most white people are inclined to believe, any colored or acknowledged leader of the special Israelites of the republican party. It is first to be presumed that the rampant supporters of Mr. Jas. C. Matthews...

It is to this class of men we refer, and of our contemporary speaks in reminding us that this objectionable leadership nonsense, is indulged in by "white men" so much. We do not run the ADVOCATE on the brains of other men, and when our cranium becomes such a vacuum that a resort to the "nonsense" of white men, is necessary to fill its columns, we shall resign the business. The very reason that colored men of self-respect, decency and intellect get no consideration at the hands of men prepared and willing to grant them, is because those who legis with a good surplus of "cheek" on hand, and who without self or race pride pose as leaders, are not shown up by colored men's newspapers. The masses of the colored people are sick of this sort of business, and it is our duty as race journals to expose (and we repeat it much against the will of our friends) "these self-appointed would-be leaders," whether occupying chairs in the editorial sanctum, in the pulpit or in the political arena. They will not go to the rear until the righteous indignation of the people backed by the fearlessness of negro journals forces them there. Whatever may be the success of our contemporary in this direction, we have found it to work charmingly here and in other places, where we have chance to see it put into successful operation.

These nonsensical gatherings known as "National Negro Conventions," "National Negro Conferences," etc., are the bread of the sort of persons mentioned in the article in which our neighbor calls attention. We again say let us help the colored people of this country, to weed out these people by fitting and appropriate exposures. We are with the people.

Leadership Again.

We sincerely hope our valued contemporary, the Freeman, took no offence at our note on people referred to as "leaders."

We did not intend our language to jar harshly upon the more refined sensibilities of any one, and what is better, (to which we plead always innocent) we spoke no man or men in our thoughts, words or acts, and we repeat the words in our issue of the 18th of December. That "these self-appointed, would-be leaders not only impede the progress and advancement of the negro race, but misrepresent the hard, laboring, honest, just colored men and women of our community."

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The "Advocate's" Concert.

That we are pleased with the success of the concert there can exist no doubt, for we have reasons to be. First, because of the high esteem in which the people's paper is held, if we may judge by the throngs which have twice greeted it in public squares. Tuesday night last, despite the chilly atmosphere and threatening snow storm the young people of our city and neighboring cities met us en masse at the Charles Street Church to reassure us of their good will for us and their appreciation of our labors of the twelve months, past. Secondly we are pleased that we have succeeded in demonstrating the truth we have so long held, that there are rich gems in the ranks of the race hidden from view; it needs simply an effort to reveal them, and this has been our victorious effort and glad are we to say it.

Hamburgs and Hamburgry.

"Aerial Navigation" was the subject of a lecture delivered in the 12th Baptist Church on December 30th, by one C. A. Johnson hailing from Ontario. His admission price was a dime, and those who attended are ten cents out of pocket, to say nothing of the pleasure lost in their attendance.

This lecturer is also, or at least claims to be, the editor of a sheet called "The British Lion and American Eagle"; but the entire beauty of the name of his paper is ruined, because he failed from his foundation to add "Western and Eastern Hemispheres." The paper is such a combination of local advertisements and

a long despised and outraged people and we intend to stay as long as they appreciate our weak efforts. The throngs which have twice greeted us shall evince us striving to prove worthy of their aid. To the great men of our state whose names delicate forbids mentioning we extend thanks and to the friends who are determined to keep a race organ on the surface we are more than thankful.

It is indeed quite strange to us how the major part of the colored race will lay aside all labor to celebrate the 4th of July in honor of the day independence was declared (while the chains of slavery were more tightly riveted upon them) and cannot spare the time to fittingly celebrate our own Emancipation Day, Jan. 1st. It is very inconsistent, we repeat, and more attention should be directed to the matter.

Gen. Logan would have sacrificed much meeting night on the subject of slavery had he been in possession of all the good things now said about him. So it is with these creatures of the "foot stool" they speak the good things about a man only when he is unable to enjoy them.

Thanks to the good friends who have settled up—thanks (reserved) for the delinquents when they follow suit.

We see no reason why Roscoe Conkling should not head the National Republican ticket in '88. Our enthusiastic contemporary need be too sure of another "Plumed Knight" canvass. Allison, Gresham, Sherman, Hawley, Ervarts and Roscoe are as bright in the ideas of reform and as staunch in republicanism now as when they took up the cross of politics. They would either make a brilliant president.

Haverhill Topics.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 4, '87. On Sabbath eve, Dec. 26, at the Calvary Baptist Church in this city, a large and intelligent audience listened to the "temperance lecture," delivered by Thomas H. Nelson of Haverhill. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he had no doubt that the temperance question was rapidly coming to the front in public thought, and would soon overtop all other questions in its importance.

The way to remove the ruinous curse of rum-drinking from the people, is to preach and talk against it everywhere; both in public and in private, and even banish it from the Executive Mansion at Washington. The squandering of money for liquor, causes many families, at this season of the year, to be without proper food and shelter. Drunkenness causes men to neglect and abuse their families, and to commit crimes which they would never consider for a moment in their sober senses. Its effect upon young men is most degrading, leading them into crime and illness; rum is the "root of all evil."

One young man asks his comrade to drink when they are out together some evening. Then each one thinks he must treat or he will be considered a mean fellow, and so the whole party is more or less intoxicated, and all have words than thrown away money which they ought to have saved for their old age, or to pay their honest debts with.

Mr. Nelson is a prohibitionist of sound judgment and brilliant ideas, and is a great honor to his race. His lecture was highly appreciated.

floor. He said that some men were born great, some men made themselves great, while others became great by overcoming every obstacle and barrier in the way. And he thought that the late Judge Ruffin belonged to the latter class, for by overcoming difficulties he came to fill one of the most honored positions in this Commonwealth. Mr. Sampson White sang a solo, which was followed by Mr. Waller of Newton Theological Institute, who spoke of the christian life as the life of the just, showing his audience that in order to become great in the true sense of the word, was to follow the injunction of Christ, "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you." Lawyer W. H. Johnson was called upon, and said he was more than pleased to meet with the young on such an occasion. He spoke very encouragingly to the Union, telling them to press on in the grand and noble work which they had begun. The grand success and reflected great credit upon the officers of the club.

On account of its being so stormy and disagreeable night our numbers were more thinly attended than they otherwise would have been.

On New Year's night six young gentlemen, Messrs. Andrew Drummond, William Gray, Charles Morgan, Walter Champlin and Abram Hayden gave a party in honor of the Misses Chase and Van Horne, of Newport. It was a very nice affair. Mrs. Susa a grand success, and for the occasion. Everything has been done to make the strangers that are visiting in the city have a very pleasant time.

The annual Christmas concert of the Second Baptist Sabbath School was held last Sunday evening. The best on the programme besides the recitations of the little ones, was the reading of a poem of Christ, by Mr. J. W. Williams, and a solo by Miss Fassit.

The Solika concert for the benefit of this church will be held on the 13th of this month in the Opera House. Besides the Madame and Mr. S. W. Williams will appear the sweet singer Miss Flora B. Smith, and Miss Rose M. Bush, elocutionist.

Instead of Miss Harris, of Newport, visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Brooks, it should have read Miss Chase.

New London.

NEW LONDON, CONN., Jan. 2, '87. Misses Mary and Lillie Keenan are visiting friends in New York.

There was a cold sold his Christmas chances for 5 cents. The outcome was a dollar, which he forfeited to his brother waiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumby entertained a large number of friends, at their residence on Main St., last week. Some of the guests from out of town were "Vivian," Mr. H. B. Wheeler, formerly of home.

Mrs. A. Abner and Mrs. J. S. Smith, of Norwich, Mr. L. Randall, of Mystic. The Doctor and DaVinci were invited guests. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Da Vinci made an extended trip to Norwich and Jewett City last week, and reports a fine time.

Miss L. Spriggs is visiting friends in Groton and New London. She is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Jordan, of Groton and Mrs. F. D. Randall, of New London.

The following officers were elected at Sunday School last Sunday, Mr. F. D. Randall, supt.; Miss M. A. Keenan, treasurer; Miss G. N. Lee, secy. The teachers were all re-elected. A better staff of officers than the above, cannot be found in the city; the school, since it has management of Mrs. F. D. Randall, has been in a very flourishing condition.

Miss F. E. Jackson has been confined to her home by illness during the past week. She is now convalescing.

Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 5, 1887.

At the Ebenezer Baptist Church last Sunday, Rev. B. S. Jones officiated and preached to an attentive audience.

At the Second A. M. E. Church Rev. A. H. Brown officiated.

At the Mount Zion Church Rev. Mrs. Freeman occupied the pulpit on last Sunday.

At the Pond Street Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Mr. Kirk occupied the pulpit and preached to a large congregation.

At the A. M. E. Zion Church last Sunday Rev. N. J. Greene preached a very feeling sermon.

At the First A. M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Upham officiated last Sabbath. On Friday evening, Dec. 31, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, cor. Asia and America streets, there was preaching from 9 to 10, and from that hour the rest of the evening was spent in covenant meeting. Quite a number gathered at the different churches to watch the old year out and the new year come in.

A small number of ladies and gentlemen were invited to attend a Christmas party given by the correspondents' mother, Mrs. Geo. H. Rome, at her residence, 13 B street, on Saturday evening, Dec. 25, 1886, which invitations were accepted. The evening was spent in amusements of all kinds, especially dancing. There was three pieces of music, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves, and at about 10.30 o'clock they were all invited to a sumptuous repast. The table was filled with some of the choicest viands of the season. The gentlemen made speeches and drank to the health of the hostess. In the centre of the table was a beautiful bouquet of flowers. At about 11.50 they all took their departure. Among those present were Messrs. Elias Hicks, Prescilla Lewis, Lydia Nellis, Elmira Teel and Annie Turner, Messrs. James Beuzard, George Johnson, J. Wheaton Smith, Matthew Bernard and others.

Miss Mary Jackson, accompanied by a small number of young ladies and gentlemen, surprised Miss Olive Pierce of New York, a young lady who is the guest of Mrs. Edna Eliot, at her residence on Friday evening, Dec. 31, and stayed and watched the old year out and the new year come in. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves and had a good time. Among those present was Misses Olivia and Annie Ward, Miss Bertie Dunbar, Messrs. Norman, Skipwith, Ockman and others.

The Burasde Cadets are making preparations for a grand fair to be given at some future date.

Pittsfield.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Jan. 4, 1887.

Hindsdale, were in town last Thursday evening, to attend the neighborhood party to Sternville, which consisted of a large party. They stopped at the residence of Mr. Hoose's, and enjoyed the pleasure of the Torchpicher act until the early hours of the morning, when they returned home.

Mr. Chas. Green, who was employed by Mr. Woodworth, in his coal-yard, died last Friday, at the house of Mercy, after a short illness caused by some brain trouble. His funeral took place from the Chapel last Sunday, at 3 o'clock.

Master Elsie Treadwell, who has been confined to the house the past week with illness, is out again, which accounts for the ADVOCATE not being at your door last week. He will be pleased to see you smiling face again this week accompanied with a five cent piece.

LOITA.

Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 5, '87.

Mr. Editor and readers we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Long live the BOSTON ADVOCATE which has done so much for the upbuilding of our race. Many sorrowful scenes passed through during the past year; many have had a joyful time, and we are thankful to our Creator, that many of us are permitted to see 1887. Some have all

from their visit to New Bedford and report a good time; while there they were the guests of Mrs. Chas. Brooks.

Miss M. Morrison is visiting friends in New York.

Miss Emma Fisher is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. E. Toogood has gone to New York to visit her daughter.

Mr. J. Elias is visiting friends in Cambridge and Boston.

Mr. W. Carter left Newport for New York to assist in receiving on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Clark Brown received a handsome organ from her husband as a Christmas gift.

The marriage bells rang once more in our midst on last Thursday evening. Mr. Wm. E. Peck led to the altar Miss Mary White. We wish them all happiness and joy. Rumor says several months will soon be led to the matrimonial altar.

The Sabbath School of Truro Chapel, Uxbridge Congregational and Shiloh Baptist last their Christmas Fairs during the past week and all enjoyed themselves. The superintendents and teachers tried to make every thing as interesting and pleasant as possible. The literary exercises were grand.

Mr. Richard King is able to be out attending to his duties as usual.

The Wilcox is much better. His beloved sister, Mrs. Sarah Banister, was taken sick last Thursday and died Friday evening, Dec. 31st, the last day of the old year. She was a constant christian and endearment member of the Union Cong. Church, Rev. VanHorne, pastor. We trust our loss is her eternal gain.

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Mr. A. Pogley has returned from Providence, where he has been spending the holidays with his family.

We would like to hear from friends on Lucas St. at the Hub.

Miss Ella Smith has returned to Newport to spend the holidays with her parents.

Among those who received on New Year's were Mrs. VanHorne assisted by Miss R. Hueston, Miss VanHorne; Mrs. Clark Brown, assisted by Miss F. Palmer, Mrs. Walter Weedon, Mrs. A. Hedges, Mrs. J. Elias and daughters.

M. C. W.

Stonington.

STONINGTON, CONN., Jan. 4, '87.

The community was pained to learn of the death of Mr. Stiles Ross, who died Thursday the 30th ult. at the age of 60 years. His funeral took place Sunday at 2 p.m. from the church. Elder Francis spoke very eloquently and feelingly. Mr. Ross was much loved by his many friends. He was a member of the church for over thirty-five years. He always advocated honesty with his fellowmen. He leaves a widow and large family of children to mourn their loss. The family has our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. William Taylor was called to Providence, on account of the illness of her mother. Mrs. Williams having resigned her health some time, Mrs. Taylor returned to the village.

Mr. John W. Brown, of New York, is now employed by Mr. J. W. Wagner, in the tool-and-die art.

Mrs. William Francis has returned to the village after a visit of about three months in New York.

Mrs. Rock, of Mystic, was in the village Sabbath, and assisted in the singing at the funeral.

The Randall family was in town Sunday.

Sunday afternoon from the Disciples Church, She united with a church in 1878 and became an

worker, always ready to assist the poor people in entertainments for the church. A few weeks before she died she met with the church choir to assist in making money for the church. She had a host of friends who will greatly miss her.

BELLA RASSON.

Worcester.

WORCESTER, Jan. 4, 1887.

The Christmas tree at the A. M. E. Zion Church on December 27th, was well patronized; every member of the Sunday School was presented with a Christmas reminder.

The ladies of the church had refreshments for sale in the vestry. This festival was called the "Rainbow Festival," and was continued with the exception of the Xmas tree, Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday evening, the morning session of the school, held the Christmas tree exercises at the residence of the pastor. Prior to the distribution of the gifts from the heavily laden tree, the children under the direction of Mr. Joseph Hollins and Mrs. Ida Horace, rendered songs, prose and poetical selection.

The house was crowded, and after every member of the school had received a present, refreshments were served freely to all present.

Special praise is due to Mrs. Lydia Dyer, Susan Williams, Jane Mero, Susan Shannon and the rest of the officers, for their free offerings of service to make the entertainment a success.

"Watch Night," the attendance was particularly large, and a season of deep interest was passed. Rev. Bidde preached on "The End of Time," from the Rev., 10th Chap. 6th and 7th verses.

Following this, there were exhortations, testimonials, singing and praying, until near midnight, when a large part of the congregation gathered on their knees at the altar rail. After silent prayer, the consecration hymn was sung, and a further "season" of testimony and remarks applicable to the new year followed.

Sunday, the school was largely attended. The pastor preached in the afternoon and evening, after which he was presented with \$33.53 suit of clothes.

Miss Adie Oswell, on behalf of the choir and other friends made the presentation speech; to which the pastor responded in well-chosen remarks.

The choir is doing splendidly, and on Sunday, January 3rd, Mr. Waters of North Brookfield, Mass. and Mr. Geo. Chapman, a former member of the church and choir of Boston, rendered very valuable assistance; the former, Mr. Waters, favored the audience in both afternoon and evening, with two solos. The congregation was very much pleased.

On next Sabbath, the Sacrament will be administered. The pastor will preach both afternoon and evening; and in the evening, candidates for membership will be received.

The Mr. Olive Baptist Sunday School, Mr. J. H. Clark, Superintendent, had an exceedingly nice Christmas tree and oyster supper on Tuesday evening, December 28th, which was a grand success both socially and financially. Each child of the school, was presented with a handsome and useful present, and the supper netted a handsome sum to the school.

On Sunday evening, January 2nd, the Rev. Mr. Dunaver preached a very able and eloquent sermon on "Christian love and fellowship," taking his text from Psalms, 32th Chap., 15th verse; after which the communion was observed.

—Santa Claus and some friends visited the residence of Mr. James Williams, 17 Hollywood St., and stripped a band-some tree of some nice presents of which Miss Pinkie, their little daughter, was presented with an elegant porcelain piano, of Hunt manufactory, Boston Mass.; also a handsome rocking chair and an elegant plush box, and many other valuable gifts. Many handsome gifts were given and received by friends of the family; among the many was an elegant chair to Mr. and Mrs. John

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**Humburgs and Hamburg.**

"Aerial Navigation" was the subject of a lecture delivered in the 12th Baptist Church on December 30th, by one C. A. Johnson hailing from Ontario. His admission price was a dime; and those who attended are ten cents out of pocket, to say nothing of the pleasure lost in their attendance.

This lecturer is also, or at least claims to be, the editor of a sheet called "The British Lion and American Eagle"; but the entire beauty of the name of his paper is ruined, because he failed from its foundation to add "Western and Eastern Hemispheres." The paper is such a combination of local advertisements and nonsense, that it degrades an ordinary railroad bulletin printed for free distribution, to even compare it.

His lecture (from what it has been our pain to sit under) once was a trashy illogical, "end-man" mixture of nothing and well deserved the hisses of the "boys" in the rear.

The "Rev. Dr. C. A. Johnson, D. D. Esq.," of Ontario, knows as much about aeronautical science as he does about Heaven; and it is extremely doubtful if he will ever know much about either. Colored people, we appeal to you to put a final stop to this humbuggy and tricky. Why don't these scientific cranks go among white men and women of science, and tell them they are in possession of an invention by which people can go through the air at the rate of three hundred miles an hour?

They would sentence them to Danvers for lunacy, or Charlestown for frauds. He is not the only one, the woods are full of them; and Boston seems to be the favorite field for such impostors. We intend to show up these "wolves in sheep's clothing," to be white, red or black. It is our duty.

"The Home Bulletin" of Hampton Va., reaches us full of news. It seems like old times to read over its pithy columns. We are also in receipt of "The Colored Citizen," of Cincinnati, No. 1, Vol. 1. It promises to be newsy and interesting. Next!

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**Haverhill Topics.**

HAVERHILL, MASS., Jan. 4, '87. On Sabbath eve, Dec. 26, at the Calvary Baptist Church in this city, a large and intelligent audience listened to the "temperance lecture," delivered by Thomas H. Nelson of Haverhill. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he had no doubt that the temperance question was rapidly coming to the front in public thought, and would soon overtop all other questions in its importance.

The way to remove the poisonous curse of rum-drinking from the people, is to preach and talk against it everywhere; both in public and in private, and even banish it from the Executive Mansion at Washington. The squandering of money for liquor, causes many families, at this season of the year, to be without proper food and shelter. Drunkenness causes men to neglect and abuse their families, and to commit crimes which they would never consider for a moment in their sober senses. Its effect upon young men is most degrading, leading them into crime and illness; rum is the "root of all evil."

One young man asks his comrade to drink when they are out together some evening. Then each one thinks that he must trust or he will be considered a mean fellow, and soon the whole party is more or less intoxicated, and all have worse than thrown away money which they ought to have saved for their old age, or to pay their honest debts with. Every young man should learn to say "no" to the comrade who asks him to drink, and avoid associating with those who make a practice of drinking liquor.

Mr. Nelson is a prohibitionist of sound judgement and brilliant ideas, and is a great honor to his race. His lecture was greatly appreciated.

At Calvary Baptist Church, an elaborate Christmas programme was carried out, including a concert conducted by Miss Mary Cole; and a beautiful Christmas tree laden with presents gotten up by the Sunday School.

Mr. Robert Diggs of Andover, is confined to his father's house in this city by typhoid pneumonia.

Rev. G. R. Waller of Newton Center Academy, occupied the Calvary pulpit last Sunday, January 2d 1887.

WM. HARRIS.

**New Bedford.**

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. Jan. 3, '87. Mr. Atkins, one of our oldest citizens and a member of the Salem Baptist Church, died on Thursday Dec. 23rd, 1886, and was buried from his residence on Sunday, Dec. 26th, '86. Mr. Atkins was a most respected man, and an ardent and zealous christian. He has gone to rest from his labors where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

"Asleep in Jesus! bless's sleep. From which none ever wakes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes. Asleep in Jesus! far from thee, Thy kindred and their graves may be. But thine is still a bless'd sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep."

On Wednesday eve, Dec. 29th, '86, the Salem Literary Union held a memorial service in honor of the late Judge Raffin. After a selection of singing by the chorus, Rev. Andrew Chamberlain was called upon as the first speaker. He gave nobly in his memorized short sketch of the late Judge's life, and he held up that life before his audience as an example of true manliness and honor. This was followed by a solo from Miss Maggie O'Connell, who sang very finely. Rev. J. C. Brock then took the

Instead of Miss Harris, of Newport, visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Brooks, it should have read Miss Chas.

**MELROSE.**

**New London.**

NEW LONDON, CONN., Jan. 2, '87. Misses Mary and Lillie Keenan are visiting friends in New York.

There was a certain waiter at the Crocker House, who sold his Christmas chances for 5 cents. The outcome was a dollar, which he forfeited to his brother waiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumbly entertained a large number of friends, at their residence on Main St., last week. Some of the guests from out of town were "Miss" Mr. H. P. Wheeler, formerly

of Mrs. A. Abner and Mrs. J. Smith, of Norwich, Mr. I. Randall, of Mystic. The Doctor and DaVinci were invited guests. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Da Vinci made an extended trip to Norwich and Jewett City last week, and reports a fine time.

Miss L. Spriggs is visiting friends in Groton and New London. She is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Jordan, of Groton and Mrs. F. D. Randall, of New London.

The following officers were elected at Sunday School last Sunday, Mr. F. D. Randall, supt.; Miss M. A. Keenan, treas.; Miss G. N. Lee, sec. The teachers were all re-elected. A better staff of officers than the above, cannot be found in the city; the school, since it has been under the management, of Supt. F. D. Randall, has been in a very flourishing condition.

Miss F. E. Jackson has been confined to her home by illness during the past week. She is now convalescent.

Miss Etta Curtis gave a party at her residence, in the suburbs last Thursday evening. A large number were present and report a fine time.

Mrs. Alier is sojourning in Philadelphia.

Miss Lizzie Kelly received callers on New Year's Day. Her table was tastefully decorated and the delicacies served a la mode.

The literary meeting last Tuesday evening was very interesting. Mr. F. S. Jones made a very fluent address. Mr. Chas. Alexander read with good effect. Miss Rosa Saunders also read well. The meeting closed with addresses by Messrs. Samson and Bash. Mr. F. S. Jones is to award a gold medal to the person, who recites the most verses of poetry, during the month.

Miss Geo. Randall, of Providence, is reading vigorously in this city.

Miss Lucy Randall, of Mystic is visiting here.

Mr. I. Randall, after a prolonged visit, he has returned to his home in Mystic.

A large number went from here to Stonington, Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Stiles Ross.

A certain young man met a certain young lady, New Year's day, who had several parcels. He kindly offered his services. She smiled on him, that was enough he came near fainting; he finally realized his position, took the bundles and carried them home for her. He has since left town.

Mr. Henry Simmons met with a serious accident last week. He mutilated his face and was obliged to retire from work, for five days. He is now convalescent.

Quite a number of New Londoners are preparing for the G. U. O. of O. F. to come off at Norwich on the 20th. Let the good work go on.

The Doctor.

of Mrs. Edna Bunt, at her residence on Friday evening, Dec. 31, and stayed and watched the old year and the new year come in. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves and had a good time. Among those present was Misses Olivia and Annie Ward, Miss Bertie Dunbar, Messrs. Norman, Skipwith, Ockame and others.

The Burraside Cadets are making preparations for a grand fair to be given at some future date. BAKE.

**Pittsfield.**

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Jan. 4, 1887.

Misses Laura and Jennie Persip, of Hinsdale, were in town last Thursday evening to attend the dramatic party to Stensville, which consisted of a large party. They stopped at the residence of Mr. Hoose's, and enjoyed the pleasure of the Terpsichorean art until the pleasure of the morning, when they returned home.

Mr. Chas. Green, who was employed by Mr. Woodworth, in his coal-yard, died last Friday, at the house of Mercy, after a short illness caused by some brain trouble. His funeral took place from the Chapel last Sunday, at 3 o'clock.

Master Eddie Treadwell, who has been confined to the house the past week, is again, which accounts for the Advocate not being at your door last week. He will be pleased to see your smiling face again this week accompanied with a five cent piece.

LOTTA.

**Newport.**

NEWPORT, R. I. Jan. 3, '87.

Mr. Editor and readers we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Long live the Boston Advocate which has done so much for the upbuilding of our race. Many sorrows have come passed through during the past year; we have had a joyful time, and we are thankful to our Creator, that many of us are permitted to see 1887. Some have almost seen the dawn of it, but alas, fell asleep to wake up in eternity.

Our churches all had their usual services. Revs. Cargill and Jeter filling their pulpits. Rev. VanHorne remains quite ill; his pulpit was filled in the afternoon by Rev. Banning and in the evening by Rev. Tilton. We pray for the speedy recovery of our pastor.

The question for debate before the Literary, last Monday evening the 27th ult., was "Shall the Hubert bill pass the present Congress giving the Confederate soldiers an equal chance to become members of the military and officers." Rev. Cargill and Wm. Gross in the affirmative, negative Mr. Thos. Johnson and Mrs. M. C. Wilson. Messrs. Burrell, Carter, and Reester were the judges, who decided in favor of the negative.

Last Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, the Literary met. Singing by Misses Bean, Walker and Mrs. R. Holmes. Miss F. Burrell presided at the organ and Mr. John Nichols played two piccolo solos.

Reading by Mrs. E. Harvey then the installation of officers. T. G. Williams, pres.; Thos. Johnson, 1st vice-pres.; Geo. Stevens 2nd vice-pres.; Miss L. Wilson, sec.; Miss D. Johnson, sec. 2; Mrs. M. C. Wilson, cor. sec.; Chas. Palmer, treas.; Chas. Johnson, librarian; Miss G. Beams asst.; Mr. Riley, sergeant-at-arms; Mr. Harvey, asst. The question for debate "Resolved has the stage a moral tendency." Mr. Chas. Johnson, Jr., in the affirmative and T. G. Williams, negative. Messrs. Washington, Carter and Nichols, were judges and decided in favor of the negative.

Mrs. Chas. Palmer paid a flying visit to the Hub and was the guest of Mrs. A. E. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have gone to Washington, D. C. also Mrs. Butler.

Rev. Cargill has gone on his vacation. He will visit Norfolk, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. Chas. two daughters and son and Miss Lulu VanHorne have returned

Palmer, Mrs. Walter Weedon, Mrs. A. Hedges, Mrs. J. Elias and daughters. M. C. W.

**Stonington.**

STONINGTON, CONN., Jan. 4, '87.

The community was pained to learn of the death of Mr. Stiles Ross, who died Thursday the 30th ult., at the age of 60 years. The funeral took place Sunday at 2 P.M., from the church. Elder Francis spoke very eloquently and feelingly. Mr. Ross was much loved by his many friends. He was a member of the church for over thirty-five years. He always advocated honesty with his fellowmen. He leaves a widow and large family of children to mourn their loss. The family has our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. William Taylor was called to Providence, on account of the illness of her mother. Mrs. Williams having regained her health somewhat, Mrs. Taylor returned to the village.

Mr. John W. Brown, of New York, is now employed by Mr. J. W. Wagner, in the musical art.

Mrs. William Francis has returned to the village, after a visit of about three months in Boston.

Mrs. Rock, of Mystic, was in the village, Sabbath, and assisted in the singing at the funeral.

The Randall family was in town Sunday.

Messrs. William Scarlett and Reuben Dusenbury, calling New Year's.

Master Silas B. Wood, is spending a few weeks in New York.

We are pleased to acknowledge invitations to the Apollo's Reception, Jan. 19th, in Providence.

Messrs. Morrison and Spriggs have returned from New London and Groton. While in New London they listened to the eloquence of one of the society gentlemen, at the Christmas Tree.

Several gentlemen of the Massachusetts were entertained at the residence of Mr. Sheff, on Sunday evening.

**REMARKS.**

[Correspondents will please avoid the insertion of advertisements in their news matter, unless paid for at regular advertising rates.—Eds.]

**New Haven.**

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 5, '87.

The new church of the Dixwell Ave. Congregational society is being completed. It was opened and worshipped in for the first time Sunday. The new church, which is built of brick, is of Gothic architecture, and has a spire 70 feet high. The interior walls are painted in the rough, and the ceiling is of hard wood. The pews are of ash, finished in oil and are placed on a slight incline. The doors, wainscoting and partitions are of hard wood. The windows are of ground glass. Rev. A. P. Miller, pastor of the church, preached in the morning to about three hundred persons, from the text, "Let your light so shine." Rev. Dr. Munger of the United Church preached in the afternoon and Rev. J. E. Russell of Yale seminary preached in the evening. The Misses E. McLinn and E. Skinner played for the choir, who furnished some beautiful music.

The Adelia Club are making preparation to celebrate their anniversary by giving a fine entertainment. Some of the best talent of this and other places are to assist in the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chandler, of Boston, are in the city.

Mr. Daniel Corneil and wife, of New York came to New Haven to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. Chandler.

Prof. Boucheit, of Philadelphia, spent his vacation here with his mother and sisters.

Mr. Charles McLinn has returned from a pleasant trip to Richmond Va.

Mrs. Aileen Chandler who had been sick at her home on Webster St., died last Thursday. The funeral took place

and remarks applicable to the new year followed.

Sunday, the school was largely attended. The pastor preached in the afternoon and evening, after which he was presented with \$83.53 suit of clothes. Miss Addie Oswell, on behalf of the choir and other friends made the presentation speech; to which the pastor responded in well-chosen remarks.

The choir is doing splendidly, and on Sunday, January 3rd, Mr. Waters of North Brookfield, Mass., and Mr. Geo. Chapman, a former member of the church and choir of Boston, rendered very valuable assistance; the former, Mr. Waters, favored the audience in both afternoon and evening, with much solos. The congregation was very much pleased.

On next Sabbath, the Sacrament will be administered. The pastor will preach both afternoon and evening; and in the evening, candidates for membership will be received.

The Mr. Olive Baptist Sunday School, Mr. J. H. Clark, Superintendent, had an exceedingly nice Christmas tree and oyster supper on Tuesday evening, December 28th, which was a grand success both socially and financially. Each child of the school, was presented with a handsome and useful present, and the supper netted a handsome sum to the school.

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Miss and Mrs. Morse, of North Brookfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Leffridge, and also Mr. Albert Allen paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Leffridge, while on his way to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. James Young has a very valuable collection of different sands from the earthquake of Charleston, S. C. It was given her by her sister, Miss Jennie Holmes, who paid a short visit to our city and returned home a few days since.

Miss Mary Lewis, of Lowell, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gimby, of Palmer Street.

Misses Laura and Lucy Biss, of Providence, R. I. paid a flying visit to this city, and were the guests of Mrs. T. A. Hale.

Mr. George Chapman, of Boston, formerly of Worcester, paid a short visit to this city last week. He was the guest of Mrs. A. E. Bosley.

Mrs. George Wiggins and Mrs. P. Flood are expected to return home from Washington, Thursday, Jan. 6, where they have been visiting for some time.

Miss Phoebe Ardent of Providence, R. I., paid a short visit to our city Wednesday.

Among the friends who gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wanza, Miss Ardent's sister, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wanza, Mr. James Mabrey, Miss Edna Brown and many others. The evening was spent very enjoyably. Miss Ardent returns in a few days.

Mr. Waters of North Brookfield, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Oswell of this city.

Mr. John Ringolds has returned to this city after an extended absence of over eight years. He is staying at



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BY R. K. FOTLER.

## COURT ROMANCES.

The epics which have been described in the preceding articles, hold the highest rank among the productions of the 2d period, but do not form what might be styled the characteristic or popular literature of those times. They do forecast the brilliancy, the depth and intensity of purpose, which have been so significantly developed in later periods by the German language and literature; but the popular works with the people of those days, were founded mainly upon legends drawn from the visionary days of the British King, Arthur, and his Twelve Knights of the Round Table.

These court romances possessed the same fascinating influences for the Germans of the thirteenth century, that we of the nineteenth, find in Tennyson's Arthurian Idylls, "Parzival" and "Tristan" appeared in the thirteenth century, and immediately became popular.

The former was composed by a poor knight, *Wolfram Von Eschenbach*, who could neither read nor write, but was able to speak French, as well as German. His material was derived from a French version of two legends; one relating to Arthur's Court, and the other to the Gral, a vessel-chalice, said to have been cut from a rare chrysolite, and used in Christ's last supper with His disciples. The first of these legends considers the Knights of the Round Table, as representing the splendor of worldly chivalry, the pride of life, and the search for high renown; while the Gral is made to represent life as a victory over self-love, and a work of consecration to religious duty.

The entire book is characterized by intense moral earnestness, although it is in many instances of interest quite obscure; the two legends often becoming singularly mingled; to such an extent in this true, that one author declares it would be difficult to find in the whole field of mediæval literature, a book bolder to describe, than Wolfram's "Parzival."

A brief summary of the pith of the story, is as follows:—

The Gral, after its use in Christ's last supper, was confided to the care of Joseph of Arithmea. Forever afterward, it retained healing and life-giving power, and to be appointed one of the guardians of this vessel, became the highest honor, which could be conferred upon one. To be fitted for the office, one must have true penitence and humiliation. For a long time after the chalice had been brought into western lands, no men were found worthy to fill the office mentioned, but at last it was confided to the family of Titurel, of which Parzival was a descendant. A temple was built for its reception by the old King, Titurel, and for its further preservation, he founded an order of Knights of the Temple.

Parzival being left in early childhood without a father, receives his entire education from his mother, is kept in ignorance of his noble birth, brought up in the deep seclusion of a forest, and allowed to know nothing of contact with the world, lest he should become enticed by the splendors of chivalry. His pious mother teaches him to fear God and flee from evil; and her daily prayer is that he may live and die in the obscurity of his isolated home.

serious ceremony; greatly surprised at these expressions, he makes his way to the Court of King Arthur, but scarce has he seated himself before a messenger comes in haste from the Gral castle and in the presence of the knights, charges him with neglect of duty; with this, he leaves Arthur's Court and wanders far and wide, a man of heroic impulses, having no idea of his true destiny. At length on a Good Friday, he arrives at the dwelling of a hermit, who is also a descendant of the keepers of the Gral.

The hermit explains to Parzival the mystery attending his past life and adventures, including the mysterious ceremony he witnessed in the Gral castle; telling him that the wounded king has been fighting under a banner with no higher watchword than *Amer*, and having yielded to the pleasures of love has rendered himself unworthy to be the guardian of the sacred vessel; furthermore, the hermit reveals that the king is his brother and Parzival's uncle; that the remarkably beautiful princess, who bore the chalice, is his aunt; and that "snow-white" old man, King Titurel, his ancestor.

In the sequel, Parzival is represented as having overcome all obstacles. He gains a victory over the heathen prince, Feirefiz, of India, who he afterward learns is his half brother.

The brothers go to the Gral castle, and Feirefiz is immediately captivated by the charms of the beautiful princess; they marry and return to India, and their son becomes the ruler of a christian state in central Asia.

This poem carries a symbolical or hidden meaning, which has been thus interpreted.— The beautiful princess seems to represent christianity; the Indian prince, heathenism, his inevitable passion for the former, the triumph of the christian faith.

There is no question but that the poem is deeply moral, often verging into asceticism; but one is here and there led to question the real purport of the story. Nevertheless, the work had many admirers and was printed in 1477.

(To be Continued)

## Church Members and Secret Societies.

(Continued.)

"It is not only the love of the world in all its branches, which necessarily steals upon us, while we converse with men of a worldly spirit, farther than duty requires, but every other evil passion of which the soul is capable steals upon us, and increases continually."—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. 2, Page 207-8.

This is exactly opposite to Rev. Green's plea for the "commingling of christians with the wicked." If christian ministers and church members would do their duty in the church, for the salvation of the lost world, they would neither have the time or disposition for worldly alliances. I reiterate my statement that it is the "business of the church to proclaim salvation to the lost," just as much as it is the business of every man in a "life boat" to rescue the perishing.

My Rev. Brother seems especially to solicit for secret societies, even more so than for the church, for he appears to excuse "whiskey drinking and polioy-playing" christians? Why this solicitude for secret societies? Is it for fear that his brand and butter would be stolen?

Salvation Army in this respect many more souls would be saved. Mr. Green quotes Gal. 6, 2, in favor of his untenable position. If he does not know that these words have no application to any but christians he had better read his Bible more carefully, and if he does know it, then he should hang his head, for seeking to mislead the public in reference to scripture teaching. Christ Jesus is the only one that can bear the burden of those who are "dead in trespasses and sins" after their regeneration, christians may "bear each others burdens."

The Rev. Mr. Green's ungentlemanly reference to myself as being "hungry" certainly "misses the mark" for I am fortunate enough to be stationed in a community, and with a church that nobly supports her pastor, even though he is independent enough to speak his mind about customs that affect the well being of the church and society, and though "one half" or the entire community were in secret societies, they are far enough advanced in the true principals of christianity to discuss public questions without misrepresenting the other side, and that is far more than can be said of my brother from Providence.

Men with convictions and courage to express them, always have and always will be respected and supported. I have no fear but that I shall receive moral and material support while I live, and when dead I have no fear about my "bones," even though as a christian minister I should devote all my time to my church work, and advise all christians to do the same.

I see two men addressing the church, one of them looks like the portly form of the Rev. N. J. Green, of Providence, R. I., ornamented with magnificent society regalia, cockade, gilt sash, brass buttons, shoulder straps, and top boots, and yet with it all clothed with the garments of mortality, unacquainted with the mysteries of redemption, or the realities of eternity. I hear him in persuasive speech beseeching his fellow christians to form close alliances with the world, to "commingle with the wicked" and to join secret societies, to walk arm and arm with the world. He assures them that "then they will be cared for when sick, and buried when dead."

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(Specially reported for the Advocate.)

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—That another English ulster and hood conspicuous upon the heavy well built frame of a certain Adonis which is topped with a tall crush hat.

—That Messrs. Paul Brooks, Kirby Satchell and Clarence Smith were pall bearers at the funeral of Mrs. France.

—That one of the G. K. G. has given one of the J. V. C. a handsome solitaire ring which is worn upon the engagement finger.

—That somebody else, not a G. K. G. has given to some other body else, not a J. V. C. a lovely solitaire ring which is also worn upon the engagement finger.

—That two pretty light complexioned girls were asked by a lady in one of the large dry goods stores, of what nationality they were. That she had conceded to the idea that one was a Jewess and the other a pure Anglo-Saxon.

—That the clever young girl who was mistaken for a Jewess and who in fact might easily be so mistaken, informed the lady that they were colored, whereupon the lady informed her that she would not tell it.

—That the little mistaken Jewess replied "I do tell it, and I tell it because I am proud of it."

—That that is what they call "hard steel" trimmed with "true blue."

—That experience is a good thing in this world and the best place to get it is close up to a hornet's nest.

—That Miss Rhoda Broughton, the famous English novelist, has an unusual power of entrancing men.

—That with the single exception of "Ouida" she has refused more offers of marriage than any woman in Europe.

—That a Chicago girl has found out the great secret upon which the art of dressing well depends. "It all depends," says she, "on the way you swing it."

—That the Englishwoman can not swing it at all. That the American woman swings it pretty well. That the swinging of a French woman is a poem.

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to such an extent in this true, that one author declares it would be difficult to find in the whole field of mediæval literature, a book harder to describe, than Wolfram's "Parzival."

A brief summary of the pith of the story, is as follows:—

The Gral, after its use in Christ's last supper, was confided to the care of Joseph of Arithmea. Forever afterward, it retained healing and life-giving power, and to be appointed one of the guardians of this vessel, became the highest honor, which could be conferred upon one. To be fitted for the office, one must have true penitence and humiliation. For a long time after the chalice had been brought into western lands, no men were found worthy to fill the office mentioned, but at last it was confided to the family of Titrel, of which Parzival was a descendant. A temple was built for its reception by the old King, Titrel, and for its further preservation, he founded an order of Knights of the Temple.

Parzival being left in early childhood without a father, receives his entire education from his mother, is kept in ignorance of his noble birth, brought up in the deep seclusion of a forest, and allowed to know nothing of contact with the world, lest he should become enticed by the splendors of chivalry. His pious mother teaches him to fear God and flee from evil; and her daily prayer is that he may live and die in the obscurity of his boyhood home.

The boy is obedient and bids fair to fulfil her earnest wishes, until he one day meets three knights on the edge of the forest, who fill his mind with brilliant pictures of the gay world; forthwith, the boy becomes discontented with his own secluded life. He escapes from his home, and goes to the Court of King Arthur, situated at Nantes. There by his simplicity and innocence of the ways of the world, he affords much amusement for the knights and fair ladies; but taking readily to the instructions he receives, soon wins favor.

Among other brave deeds, he saves a queen from disaster, but is dissatisfied with his rewards, and, constantly attacked by a spirit of unrest, again wanders forth; after a time, he comes to a lake in a lonely valley, and asking a fisherman for a place of rest, is directed to a castle or temple not far distant; arriving there, he finds that it is only intended for the accommodations of knights of a certain noble descent, he is readily admitted and witnesses a most remarkable ceremony:—

Four hundred knights are assembled in the spacious hall; beautiful maidens pass in and about, and lastly comes the most beautiful maiden of all, bearing the famous chalice; but amid all the rich decorations, sorrow prevails. The king seems to have been wounded, and through the open door, he sees reclining upon a couch, a "snow-white" man, apparently near death.

The entire scene inspires inquiry, but Parzival asks no questions, although the king calls him to the throne and presents a sword, which he signifies is to be used in service for him. Parzival rides away in the early morn, but is reproached by several parties because he asked no questions concerning the mys-

There is no question but that the poem is deeply moral, often verging into asceticism; but one is here and there led to question the real purport of the story. Nevertheless, the work had many admirers and was printed in 1477.

(To be Continued)

#### Church Members and Secret Societies.

(Continued.)

"It is not only the love of the world in all its branches, which necessarily steals upon us, while we converse with men of a worldly spirit, farther than duty requires, but every other evil passion of which the soul is capable steals upon us, and increases continually."—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. 2, Page 207-8.

This is exactly opposite to Rev. Green's plea for the "commingling of christians with the wicked." If christian ministers and church members would do their duty in the church, for the salvation of the lost world, they would neither have the time or disposition for worldly alliances. I reiterate my statement that it is the "business of the church to proclaim salvation to the lost," just as much as it is the business of every man in a "life boat" to rescue the perishing.

My Rev. Brother seems especially to solicit for secret societies even more so than for the church, for he appears to excuse "whiskey drinking and polly-cy-playing" christians? Why this solicitude for secret societies? Is it for fear that his bread and butter would be shortened that his precious "bones" might become the nucleus for another "dry bone vision?"

Of course with such fears causing his heart to quake and his knees to smite together, he wants to know if, "disinterested benevolence" is not "a new thing under the sun," he don't remember of seeing these words in his "school days." Well, let him compose himself and then with trembling hand let him turn to Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, and then if he still has courage let him turn the leaves of his much neglected Bible, and he will find that "disinterested benevolence" or doing for others without any hope of remuneration is as old as eternity. He will find grander particulars to work upon than those that cause him to cling to "commingling with the wicked" for the sake of their patronage while living, and the assurance of a decent burial when dead. "Disinterested benevolence" was a favorite term of the venerable and sainted Samuel Hopkins whereby in his writings he expressed the sum total of a true life, and yet my Rev. Brother never heard of it before, not even in his "school days." (well I hope he is better posted now.) In Luke 14, 12 to 14, the blessed Saviour teaches the same grand lesson, that we can in His church work for the salvation of lost souls without forming alliance with them in their lost state. The Salvation Army are working more like primitive christianity and original methodism than any other body of christians. Are the officers and soldiers of the Salvation Army members of secret organizations? No, they are too intent on saving the world for Christ.

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The other speaker that I see addressing the church is "the man Christ Jesus" He is "clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle, His head and His hairs are white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes are as a flame of fire. And His feet like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as a sound of many waters," instead of advising "commingling with the wicked," I hear Him say in authoritative tones, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate" "as for me and my house" we will follow "the man Christ Jesus" and not the man from Providence, R. I.

I have succeeded in calling the attention of the ministry, the church, and the public to a matter of vital importance to society. I have brought down upon myself misrepresentation and abuse, whereof I rejoice in Christ, and since it is doubtful if arguments will be met with arguments, I hereby close the present public discussion of the subject as far as I am concerned. Thanking you Mr. Editors for your courtesy and the admirable way the ADVOCATE has presented the case to the public,

I am very truly yours,  
E. George Riddle.  
Worcester, Dec. 27, 1886.

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—That some of the richest merchants in the city are complaining of hard times.

—That some hard working people who are a great distance from being rich people were heard to say the other day that if times were hard they knew nothing of it. That times were not hard with them.

—That at that rate people with a little money can better meet the pressing exigencies of this hard world than those who have a large bank account.

—That the robbery that occurred last Saturday night on Phillips street was one of the boldest ever perpetrated.

—That the value of the clothes and money stolen amounted to about \$95.

—That the engagement fever which annually breaks out in this city has begun its round of work.

—That an engagement has been consummated between a well-known clerk, who is also somewhat of a journalist, and a very pretty young lady residing in this city.

—That some people talk not because they know what they are talking about, but merely to hear themselves talk.

—That Salem turns out some of the most courteous, refined and agreeable young men that are to be found.

—That a well known elocutionist of Salem is mistress of varied accomplishments among them is the fine art of deftly using the palate and brush, so much so that her studio contains many large and excellent oil paintings of great value.

—That apropos of paintings, the young school teacher of Chelsea has just completed a very large painting in oil which has been handsomely framed, and rests conspicuously upon an easel of a pretty light wood.





THE BOSTON ADVOCATE SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1887.

present with his brother and sister on Mason street.

Mr. Jackson Scott has returned to Jewett City much to the regret of his many friends. A surprise party was given to Miss Lottie Allen on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, 1886, at her residence, 9 Glen street.

Mr. W. H. Jankins, who has been ill, was improving at last report. Mrs. R. Hazard has gone West to join her husband, who lately left here for Kansas.

Miss Jessie Coleman spent Xmas with her mother in Boston.

Mrs. James Giles is on the sick list. Mr. Alex. Hemenway is suffering very severely from a bad cold.

A party was given to Mr. William Moore on Thursday, Dec. 31, and all present had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. J. Bowman gave a Christmas dinner at her home. The evening was spent with much pleasure, and all departed with flattering praise to their hostess.

EAGLE.

Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Jan. 5, '87. The watch meetings at the Methodist and Baptist churches were very impressive. Revs. Gedda and Smith urged their members to greater christian activity in the new year.

Rev. Goodhall, from Boston, was entertained at Mrs. Frieman's this week. Mrs. J. B. Jackson has moved on one of our first class streets, North Elm street.

Mr. Jacob Morrison and family have gone to New London to live.

Through the kindness of Mrs. T. Thomas, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Johnson, barrels of clothing have been sent South this winter, where they were much needed.

Rev. Mr. Simpkins is spending his holidays here. Some very valuable presents were sent to New Jersey from Mr. Burr's factory during the holidays. Rev. Gedda conveyed them.

Mrs. Deacon Parker is convalescent. The Third Baptist Church gave a Harvest Concert Sunday evening. It was a great success. Misses Simms and Page took a prominent part.

Mrs. Walter Hall of Greenfield spent New Year in Springfield as the guest of Mrs. Henry Johnson, on Fremont street.

Alexander Hughes starts to-night for New York to see his niece, who sails for Africa the 10 inst. DITTO.

Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. Jan. 4, '87.

Christmas was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1886. The exercises were very interesting, and consisted of solos, choruses, recitations, Dialogues, etc. Following careful training by the efficient Principal and her assistants. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Townsend and pastor of A. M. E. Bethel Mission, and citizens were present, among them were Mrs. Stephen Dembsy, Peter Drummond, Mrs. Benjamin Remsen, and numerous others.

Christmas services were celebrated in all of our churches, and the music prepared by the various choristers, was very grand.

New Year's day was one of general festivity, both with the Anglo-African, and the Anglo-Saxon, every domicile seemed to be opened to extend a welcome to all.

was largely attended on Sunday afternoon from the Talcott St. Congregational Church, by the membership of the church and officers and employees of the Travellers Insurance Company and many business men of this city. The floral offerings were beautiful, including an elegant lamp from the choir of which deceased had been the efficient leader for many years. The service was conducted by Rev. Robert F. Wheeler pastor of the church who spoke in fitting terms of the respect in which deceased was held by the church and the value of his services for its prosperity. The remarks were highly appreciative of character of Mr. Freeman as an upright man and an honest citizen. The closing prayer was offered by Mr. Maxwell a student in the Theological Seminary. Mr. Freeman was in the employ of the Travellers Insurance Company for upwards of twenty years, holding a place in the supply department. He leaves two sons to mourn.

The entertainment at Music Hall last Thursday evening was a grand affair. Miss B. Melvin Jones was very good in her different characters. Mr. J. Lewis was the favorite of the evening, also Mr. H. Brown. It is hoped the managers realized a good sum.

Mrs. Ida Terry left our city the guest of Mrs. C. H. Williams. ODE.

Bridgeport Gleimings.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Jan. 4, '87. Watch night services at A. M. E. Zion Church were well attended last Friday evening.

Religious services were well attended on the Sabbath. At Zion Church the pastor, Rev. F. K. Bird, preached an excellent sermon in the evening; subject, "Personal Consecration." Zion, xxix, 5. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord."

After referring briefly to the effort of David to induce his people to supply the necessary material for the building of the Lord's house a d picture being beautifully the nature of the subject, the reverend gentleman urged his hearers to the importance of a personal consecration, and said, the time had now come that men must consecrate their lives to God if they would have power with Him and an actuating influence with men for good.

At the close, communion was served to a large number of communicants. The evangelist Rev. J. W. Brown is expected to be present and preach next Sunday and assist in the services next week.

At the Messiah Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. F. Geo. W. Fowlke, preached morning and evening to good congregations. At the evening service he preached a practical and interesting sermon, after which communion was served to a large number. In the afternoon pastor Fowlke administered the communion for the Strand Church.

At a business meeting held by this church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, Rev. F. G. W. Fowlke was elected pastor of the Messiah Baptist Church for the year, beginning the first of January next.

At the church for satisfaction. At the following persons were elected a banking committee for their building fund until the election of a board of trustees; Messrs. J. B. Simonds, B. E. Chandler, S. Clark, J. D. Evans and Miller. Subscribers are paying their subscriptions and it is hoped that the first hundred dollars will be collected next Sabbath after which arrangements will be made to secure a lot on which to build a house of worship this year.

Mrs. Bennie and Miss Annie Hawley, of Portland, Me., were in the city last week visiting relatives, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hawley. The eve of their departure for home they were tendered a reception by many of their friends, Thursday evening.

Mrs. S. A. Williams who has been a resident of this city for five years, leaves

Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Jan. 5, '87.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week, the fair of the Bell Relief Society of the Rush A. M. E. Zion Church, was held in the church and in every particular was a most successful. The first evening's entertainment consisted of a Calisthenics exercise by the young ladies of the church.

On Wednesday evening came the awarding of prizes, for which several ladies contested in each case. The prizes were a set of dishes, a dressed doll, a gold ring and marble top table. Mrs. Andrew Hall collected the largest amount on the dishes, Miss Addie Grandison the largest amount on the doll, Miss Annie Jordan the largest on the ring, Mrs. Mary J. Bowen the largest on the marble top table. On Thursday evening came the rest of the prizes: Mrs. Dora Tucker obtaining the ladies rocker, Mrs. Mary J. Bowen the parlor lamp, Mrs. Sophia Williams the child's rocker, and Miss Manie Richardson a crazy toy. Then followed the distribution of presents from the annual Christmas tree of the Sabbath School, which was sold out to the satisfaction of all by Mr. Jas. H. Power.

Refreshments were served each evening, and all appeared to enjoy them selves greatly. The proceeds were used in entirely liquidating the land debt of the church which the society did last day of the old year. The far turned into the treasury of the society after the expenses of the same were paid one hundred dollars.

A grand Kazaar Dress Entertainment and concert will be given at St. Paul's Church, Monday evening, January 10th. A prize will be given to the lady and gentleman wearing the most ragged suit.

At St. Paul's Church, watch meeting was observed and a very interesting time was enjoyed. The services on Sunday last were of unusual interest; the pastor, Rev. B. F. Combs, occupied the pulpit.

On Sunday the 9th inst., there will be a special sermon preached to the clubs A and B, connected with the church, at 7.45 p.m.

The series of union meetings in the Central Square Baptist Church, are being well attended by our people. Rev. B. F. Combs led the meeting on the 6th inst.

The services at Rush A. M. E. Zion Church were well attended on Sunday. Mr. Gilbert J. Terry exhorted in the afternoon and Rev. Wm. B. Bowen preached an excellent sermon in the evening.

Revel meetings have commenced at Rush A. M. E. Church.

On Tuesday, the 11th at 8 p.m., the clubs will hold their anniversary, at which time they will make their financial report. Addresses will be delivered by several. All are invited.

Mrs. Laura Bailey after spending a few days in this city as the guest of Mrs. M. W. Hazel left Saturday for her home in New Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. Wm. H. Brown is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Connelley Harris, in Northampton.

Mr. Wm. Hazel left Saturday for Minnesota, where he intends to remain during the winter.

Remember the entertainment at St. Paul's Church on Thursday evening, January 13th, given by the young ladies. Come and encourage them by your patronage.

We were pleased to see the genial countenance of our friend, Mrs. Mattie Kellogg, at the fair last week.

Mr. Hamilton and son, carpenters, have returned to their residence in Cambridge.

The Ladies Progressive Society met Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Mary J. Norris. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jennie Foster, 38 Pine St.

A. E. N.

LOCAL LINES.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, 511 Tremont Street, Boston.

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Murphy & Co., hatter, under Hotel Bowdoin, corner of Bowdoin square and Cambridge street, offer unparalleled bargains in their line of goods. Our many readers are invited to call on them before purchasing elsewhere.

Mrs. Mary Watkins, 22 Porter St., gave a reception in honor of her sister, Mrs. L. McCowan, of Denver, Col., which was largely attended, on Dec. 30.

Mrs. Rebecca Piper, who has been seriously ill is slowly convalescing.

Mr. Edward A. Bird returned to Andover on Wednesday, after spending a delightful holiday season in the city.

Mr. James Lee, of Salem, spent a few days with Mr. Louis Baldwin of Cambridge last week.

Mr. Thomas Grant of Charleston, S. C. who made a business trip to Philadelphia and New York, also made a visit to Boston with North, and remained over until after the Fraternal's annual.

Miss Sadie Tascio returned home on Monday in time for the opening of the school term after a delightful visit to Washington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Josephine Ruffin, the wife of the late Judge Ruffin, has returned from the Woodlawn Park Hotel, at Aburrade, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee for a week. Mrs. Ruffin has acquired much needed rest and benefit from her visit.

A new lodge of colored men to be connected with the Ancient order of Foresters is being talked of as forming in the West End.

A movement is on foot to organize a stock company for the Boston B. B. Club to raise the sum of \$2000 for their admission to the National Colored League of Base Ballists.

Mr. J. W. Broomie paid a flying visit to Newport, R. I., recently and expressed himself as delighted with the trip.

Messrs. Wm. O. Armstrong and A. B. Lattimore, Representative and Councilman respectively from the 9th Ward, Boston, cast their first ballots for the Chairmen of the different bodies with which they are connected, during the past week. We trust we shall hear from them when questions of importance come up for consideration.

Fraternal Reception.

We regret that lack of space prevents us from doing justice to this noble and philanthropic Association which celebrated its 17th Anniversary on Thursday evening, 6th inst. at Horticultural Hall.

It was a reception not of the "select few" but of the many of the best class of Afro-American ladies and gentlemen of this city and neighboring cities. After supper which was of the highest quality, the announcement of their elected officers and a brief summary of the financial standing by the treasurer, Hon. J. C. Chapelle, speech making was indulged in.

Mr. H. S. Lewis our genial tousler was toast master and the following named gentlemen responded to their various calls: Lieut. Dapner, Messrs. W. H. Pryor, J. J. Smith, J. C. Chapelle, W. H. Bonaparte, Geo. S. Howard, B. J. Nancy, J. Gordon Street and J. M. H. P. Taylor is the newly elected president for the ensuing year. There were from seventy-five to one hundred couples—richly dressed and thoroughly representative of the Boston's colored society ever given.

The music was superb and a 3.30 p.m.

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Special Revival Services will be held in the Zion A. M. E. Church throughout next week. Seats are free, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Come friends, let us begin the New Year aright. Let everybody come.

Revival sermons will be preached on the Sabbath and throughout the week at 8 o'clock.

Religious Notes.

RENEZKER BAPTIST CHURCH.

Although last Sunday was very cold many of the members filled their seats early to listen to the Rev. J. H. Carter's New Year's sermon. His text was variously, Lieut. Dapner, Messrs. W. H. Pryor, J. J. Smith, J. C. Chapelle, W. H. Bonaparte, Geo. S. Howard, B. J. Nancy, J. Gordon Street and J. M. H. P. Taylor is the newly elected president for the ensuing year. There were from seventy-five to one hundred couples—richly dressed and thoroughly representative of the Boston's colored society ever given.

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Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Johnson, benefactors of clothing have been sent South this winter, where they were much needed.

Rev. Mr. Simpkins is spending his holidays here.

Some very valuable presents were sent from New Jersey from Mr. Burr's factory during the holidays. Rev. Geda conveyed them.

Mrs. Deacon Parker is convalescent.

The Third Baptist Church gave a Harvest Concert Sunday evening. It was a great success. Misses Simms and Page took a prominent part.

Mrs. Walter Hall of Greenfield spent New Year in Springfield as the guest of Mrs. Henry Johnson, on Fremont street.

Alexander Hughes starts to-night for New York to see his niece, who sails for Africa the 10 inst. DITTO.

**Brooklyn**

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 4, '87.

Christmas exercises on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 1886. The exercises were very interesting, and consisted of solos, choruses, recitations, dialogues, etc. Showing careful training by the efficient Principal and her assistants. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Townsend, pastor of A. M. E. Bethel Mission, and others, many of our most distinguished citizens were present, among them were Mrs. Stephen Deant, Mrs. Peter Drummond, Mrs. Benjamin Remsen, and numerous others.

Christmas services were celebrated in all of our churches, and the music prepared by the various choirmasters, was very grand.

New Year's day was one of general festivity, both with the Anglo-African, and the Anglo-Saxon, every domicile seemed to be opened to extend a welcome to all comers.

Messes Slater, Layton, Billups, Manning, Tenight, Willis and Williams, received their lady friends at their several residences.

On New Year's eve, at 12 o'clock, every bell, whistle and horn seemed to have been brought into use, and strangers to civilization would have thought it the day of Jubilee.

On Sunday Jan. 2nd, 1887, communion services were held at the Zion A. M. E. Church. Rev. W. H. Ferguson, preached at the morning service, Rev. Jos. Bowman delivered an interesting sermon at 3 P. M., the pastor discussed an eloquent and instructive sermon; at 7.30 P. M., Rev. M. Manning delivered an able discourse. The choir rendered some very fine selections. S. C. F. M.

**Hartford**

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 5, 1887.

The receipts for the Annual Fair given Dec. 15th to 21st by the ladies of the sewing society connected with the Pearl St. M. E. Zion Church are \$242.36.

Mr. Albert Peterson has moved into his new barber shop 158 Pearl St.

Miss Jennie Johnson, of New York, is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stokes.

Mr. J. H. Walker is reported ill. Joseph Surry was picked up in the street last Sunday night unconscious. He was taken to the hospital where he lies in a critical condition.

Mr. Robert P. Johnson after a long illness died Dec. 31st and was buried Sunday from Pearl St. Church. He was a member of Excalibur Lodge, F. A. M. He leaves a wife and five children.

Messes R. Reed, A. Butler and S. J. Brown, of New Haven were in our city New Year's day, calling.

Among the ladies who received here were Mrs. J. A. Stokes assisted by Miss Johnson, of New York, Mrs. L. Green and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Robinson and daughter, Mrs. Walter Mitchell; Miss S. Rose assisted by Miss F. Brown; Mrs. Curtis; Mrs. C. H. Williams assisted by Mrs. P. H. Mills.

The funeral of Mr. Edwin C. Freeman died suddenly of apoplexy,

fully the nature of the subject, the friend gentleman urged his hearers to the importance of a personal consecration, and said, the time had now come that men must consecrate their lives to God if they would have power with Him and an actuating influence with men for good.

At the close, communion was served to a large number of communicants. The evangelist Rev. J. W. Brown is expected to be present and preach next Sunday and assist in the services next week.

At the Messiah Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. F. Geo. W. Fowlke, preached morning and evening to good congregations. At the evening service he preached a practical and interesting sermon, after which communion was served to a large number. In the afternoon pastor Fowlke administered the communion for the Stratford Church.

At a business meeting held by the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, Rev. F. G. W. Fowlke was elected pastor of the Messiah Baptist Church for one year, beginning the 1st of January.

The church for satisfaction. At the following persons were elected a banking committee for their building fund until the election of a board of trustees: Messrs. J. B. Simonds, B. R. Chandler, S. Clark, Thad. Evans and Miller. Subscribers are paying their subscriptions and it is hoped that the first hundred dollars will be collected next Sabbath, after which arrangements will be made to secure a lot of land to build a house of worship this year.

Mr. Bennie and Miss Annie Hawley, of Portland, Me., were in in the city last week visiting relatives, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hawley. The eve of their departure for home they were tendered a reception by many of their friends, Thursday evening.

Mrs. S. A. Williams who has been a resident of this city for five years, leaves this week for her future home in Newton, Mass.

The closing festivity of last week's social enjoyments, was a party given at the residence of Mr. Geo. Barclay, on Columbia Street, at which a large number of our young people enjoyed refreshments, music and various amusements. Miss Laura was quite busy during the evening.

Miss Mamie Murray is visiting relatives in New York this week, and Mrs. Eliza Murray will leave for the same purpose in a few days.

Rev. A. P. Miller of New Haven, passed through the city Tuesday, on his way to New Milford, where he was engaged to deliver a lecture.

The latest invention of extracting teeth was shown here recently, by a lady doctor, who ties a string to the tooth, and makes fast the other end of it to a firm post, then unexpectedly to the patient, rushes a hot iron to his face. GLEANER.

**The City of Brass.**

WATERBURY, CONN., Jan. 4, '87.

The Christmas festival given by M. E. Zion Sunday school, Saturday evening, was quite a pretty affair. The tree was loaded with beautiful and useful presents for the scholars. There was speaking and singing by the members of the Sunday school. All present enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Mr. Garrison Johnson of New Haven, paid a short visit to his cousin, the Misses Henry and Fenderson.

Miss A. Saunders has returned to Waterbury after a very pleasant visit to New Haven, her home, and Norwich.

Misses Maggie Cooper, T. Freeman and Griffin spent New Year's in Bridgeport. All had a very pleasant time.

I hope a great many who do not take the ADVOCATE will begin with the New Year by subscribing for it. It is a paper every colored family ought to have in their household. SWRR.

On Sunday the 26th inst., there will be a special sermon preached to the clubs A. and B., connected with the church, at 7.45 p.m.

The series of union meetings in the Central Square Baptist Church, are being well attended by our people. Rev. B. F. Combs held the meeting on the 26th inst.

The services at Rush A. M. E. Zion Church were well attended on Sunday. Mr. Gilbert L. Terry exhorted in the afternoon and Rev. Wm. B. Bowen presided, an excellent sermon in the evening.

Revival meetings have commenced at Rush A. M. E. Church.

On Tuesday, the 17th at 8 p.m., the clubs will hold their anniversary, at which time they will make their financial report. Addresses will be delivered by several. All are invited.

Mrs. Laura Bailey after spending a few days in this city as the guest of Mrs. Mary Bowen, left Saturday for her home in New Bedford.

Mrs. Wm. H. Brown is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Cornelius Harris, in Portland, Me.

Mr. Wm. Hazel left Saturday for Minnesota, where he intends to remain during the winter.

Remember the entertainment at St. Paul's Church on Thursday evening, January 12th, given by the young ladies. Come and encourage them by your patronage.

We were pleased to see the genial countenance of Mrs. Mattie Kellogg, at the fair last week.

Mr. Hamilton and son, carpenters, have returned from Montreal, Can.

The Ladies Aid Society met Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Mary J. Norris. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jennie Foster, 38 Pine St. A. E. N.

**Wedding Reception.**

On Thursday evening Dec. 30th Miss Hattie B. Jupiter was united in marriage to Mr. Benjamin F. Maxwell, at 35 Buckingham St. At fifteen minutes past the appointed time the bride and groom entered the parlor, and the services were performed by Rev. G. Smith. The bride was dressed in an elegant rose colored silk, and white imported beaded tulle dress. After the ceremony, happy congratulations and wishes were extended to the guests retired to the dining room and partook of refreshments of a sumptuous nature. The presents were many and costly, the most conspicuous being that of a collection of red roses painted by Miss Julia A. Robinson.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Messrs Gardner, Fraser and Hicks, Mrs. Pope, McIntire and Powell, Messrs. Moore, Johnson, Lewey, the ADVOCATE representative and several others. The reception held until 10.30 P. M.

**A New Year's Eve Party.**

On New Years Eve Mr. Robert Hemmings gave a very pretty party to her young daughter, Miss Annie Hemmings, at her residence in Dartmouth Place. About twenty youths and young Misses were present, and past away the last hours of the old year in merriment and great glee. An elegant collation was served, early in the evening, to which the pretty young girls and the many youths did full justice. At ten o'clock there was a general rush for out-side wraps, and when the last hours of the old year had sunk into oblivion, so had the echoes of the merry voices of the girls' glee, and of the youthful pleasures experienced but a few hours before on New Years Eve.

**Acknowledgment.**

We acknowledge the invitation to attend the State Summer Union League exercises and banquet to take place at Hartford, Conn., January 12th, 1887. Nothing preventing, we shall be on hand.

Club to raise the sum of \$2000 for their admission to the National Colored League of Base Ballists.

Mr. J. W. Broome paid a flying visit to Newport, R. I., recently and expressed himself as delighted with the trip.

Messes. Wm. O. Armstrong and A. B. Lattimore, Representative and Counselor at Large, of the 9th W. M. L. Boston, cast their first ballots for the Chairman of the different bodies with which they are connected, during the last week. We trust we shall hear from them when questions of importance come up for consideration.

**Fraternal Reception.**

We regret that lack of space prevents us from doing justice to this noble and philanthropic Association which celebrated its 17th Anniversary on Thursday evening, 6th inst., at Horticultural Hall. It was a reception not for the "select few" but of the many of the best class of African American ladies and gentlemen of this and neighboring cities. After supper which, it is safe to say was perfection, the announcement of their elected officers and a brief summary of the financial standing by the treasurer Hon. J. C. Chappelle, speech making was indulged in. Mr. H. S. Lewis our genial townsmen was G. W. master and the following named gentlemen responded to their various calls: Lieut. Dupree, Messrs. W. H. Pryor, J. J. Smith, J. C. Chappelle, W. H. Bonaparte, Geo. S. Howard, B. J. Janey, J. Gordon Street and others. Mr. Thos. P. Taylor is the newly elected president for the ensuing year. There were from seventy-five to one hundred couples—richly dressed and thoroughly representative people. It surpassed anything of its kind in Boston's colored society ever given.

The music was superb, and 3.30 A. M., found the throng lying home ward in their carriages. Long and happy live the Fraternal Association of Boston, one of the many of which any race of people might be honored to possess.

**Notice to Agents.**

Owing to some inexcusable carelessness in the mail service, a few agents were deprived of their papers in the earlier part of the week. We hope all is now satisfactory.

**Ansonia**

ANSONIA, CONN., Jan. 5, '87.

Miss Kate Catharine Benson and Mr. Dutton Harris were married at the residence of Rev. C. C. Ringgold on Thursday evening, December 30, '86 at 8 o'clock. The reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Watts. The groomsmen was Mr. Jas. H. Clark, and the bridesmaid was Miss Lillie Watts. They had about 80 or 82 couples present.

Rev. C. C. Ringgold preached a very interesting sermon Sunday night 1. A. W.

**TO AGENTS AND CORRESPONDENTS.**

We are forced, by reason of an over abundance of matter on our hands, to omit the publication of some valuable matter from many of our writers in this issue. Advertisers are making inroads upon us, and we would respectfully call notice to the point of being as laconic as possible in communications. Our agents and delinquent subscribers will confer a great favor by remitting all monies due us. Let us add two more thousand to our books in the first month of '87. Correspondents will favor us if they will forward notes earlier.

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Any person having a copy of the Lithograph and Autograph of Rev. J. W. C. PENNINGTON, D. D., will confer a favor by communicating with T. H. SANDS PENNINGTON, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

Special Revival Services will be held in the Zion A. M. E. Church throughout next week. Seats are free, and the public are cordially invited to attend. Come friends, let us begin the New Year aright. Let everybody come.

Revival sermons will be preached on the Sabbath and throughout the week at 8 o'clock.

**Religious Notes.**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Although last Sunday was very cold many of the members filled their seats early to listen to the Rev. J. H. Carter New Year's sermon. His text was Isaiah 61 chap. 2d and 4th verses, and the theme "Ereignty." The sermon was a very interesting one, and the singing very fine. The congregation was well pleased and showed their appreciation by giving the new church fund \$53.08, for which they return thanks to the good people of the South End. On Sunday next, Rev. J. H. Carter will speak on "Christian Succession."

**TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH.**

At the Twelfth Baptist Church, last Sunday, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Fairfax. In the evening he took for his text, Jeremiah, 28 chap. 16 verse. The church was filled to overflowing to hear the pastor's first sermon in the new Year. This week has been much devoted to prayer at the church. The meetings have been very largely attended.

**ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH.**

At 10.30 A. M. last Sunday there was prayer and praise meeting. At 3 P. M. the Holy Communion was administered by the pastor. At 1.30 the Sabbath School convened. At 4.30 there was prayer meeting, led by Rev. Jones. At 7.30 P. M. there was a social by Rev. J. W. Watts, former pastor of Twelfth Baptist Church. His text was from Luke's Gospel, 6 chap. 28th verse. Acts of the Synod, 29 chap. 35 verse, which was discussed in an able manner.

**ZION A. M. E. CHURCH.**

On last Sunday the opening service for the New Year was held at the above-named church. Local preacher H. W. Keene discoursed before a large audience in the forenoon. Rev. George E. Smith, pastor of the Church, spoke in the afternoon, taking for his theme, "The Love of Christ Remembered." Communion was administered by the pastor at the close of the afternoon service. In the evening a large audience assembled to listen to a highly interesting sermon. The pastor discoursed eloquently on the subject, "The New Year of Inquiry." The church week organization started the New Year with a series of prayer and praise meetings.

**CHARLES STREET A. M. E. CHURCH.**

On Sunday last at 9 A. M. the Bond of Hope met as usual conducted by sup. Geo. D. Henson. At 10.30 A. M. the pastor, Rev. J. T. Jenifer preached an interesting sermon. At 4.30 there was prayer meeting, led by Rev. Jones. At 7.30 P. M. there was a very practical sermon, after which the Sacrament of water was administered. At 8 P. M. the Young Peoples' prayer meeting was held in the vestry. At 7.30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Johnson preached the psalm. E. A. B.

**Obituary.**

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