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A MOTTO FOR THE COLORED RACE.

[BY EDWARD R. JOHNSON, NEW HAVEN, CONN.]

To the Advocate—
"Always Advancing"—the motto of our race. In the mythology of the ancient Greeks and Romans, it is written that each individual is accompanied through life by two attendant Spirits. The one, encouraging the good in man, the other, the evil. These two beings are ever at variance with each other, even as the rivals' vice and virtue, strive to induce Hercules to live according to their wish. And as it is, We are never at a standstill in life, for we are either improving and going forward, or we are retrograding or going backward, according as our good or evil genius obtains the supremacy. There is an old Latin precept, *progressus generis humani*.—"Progress is the law of the human race." The truth of this is evident if we compare one year with another. We do not notice this progress so much among ourselves, perhaps, because we improve and lose ground together, and the change is gradual. But let us be separated. When we again meet, a change, either for the better or for the worse, will certainly be seen.

It is true that many men are successful from their natural ability and genius alone; but, if to these are added the discipline and power of education, there usually comes a surer and more lasting success. The question naturally arises, how can we follow the teachings of the motto of our race? The answer lies in the one word, perseverance, especially, in the hurry, confusion, and competition of the world of to-day, its truth that by perseverance, and by perseverance only, can success be obtained. And as Paul says, "Let us press on to the mark of a higher call which is in Christ Jesus." None of our great men could have been successful without this quality. It is a peculiar fact that we are looking upward, looking forward, something just as we are.

And yet when we do obtain that for which we have been striving, something else claims our attention, and as Irving has said, "Our land of promise is beyond the mountains," and we still keep desiring the unattainable. The student in an excellent illustration of this, in his freshman year it is his greatest desire to become a senior, when he arrives at this point, he is still dissatisfied and wishes to be a graduate, and to be about his profession. So continually does he desire what is above him, and what is beyond his power to grasp. There seems to be a limit which we ever approach, but which we never reach. It recedes as we recede, it advances as we advance. A modern Tanta us To a certain degree, however, this ambition is an excellent friend, for it stimulates us to greater efforts and helps us to improve. But carried to excess it leads to discouragement, and often to ruin.

New York Waits.

New York, Dec. 26, '86.
Standing as we are to-day almost upon the threshold of a New Year, the narrow line which divides the past from the future is about to step forward into that realm which is unseen by human eyes, it behoves us to scrutinize the track behind us in order that we may gain thereby some clue to the path before. The year which is about to close has carried thousands to their rest here. Many who at its opening bade fair as we did to enjoy a long and prosperous life have been called to their final account. Homes just as peaceful hearts as loving at its opening were happy and gay, have had all these pleasing prospects blighted. The New Year will find these homes of mourning and sadness; to such we can but say "Beyond the smiling and the weeping you shall be free." Then on the other hand there are those whose homes will be brilliant and gay. Fortune's bright waves during the year washed such good things in their way as to enable them to forget those fears and can rejoice as to the prosperous year they have had.

The pulpit, bench, bar, rostrum, the commercial and political as well as the military were during '86 called to mourn the loss of some of the most brilliant stars from the sphere in which they so grandly twinkled. Yes, all branches of trades have been called upon to mourn the loss of some active member. So '86 you have done your work, taking as you have some of our most distinguished as well as the most lovely. We bid you adieu, for on Friday night at 12 P.M. you shall have past never more to be seen in time, but you will never be forgotten, as you will be referred to, as to what occurred during your sweeping march.

I sincerely hope that the benefit that it is to be given in behalf of the ADVOCATE will be a grand success as it richly deserves. I think something of the sort ought to be done in all our leading cities wherever journals are published and so forth. The colored press is an indispensable necessity, and the race can't afford to live without it. The loss of the *Enterprise* is much felt; there is a void in the community which must be filled; it had its way of telling its story, but wital it was and is a necessity.

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colored newspaper is just as essential for the negroes good, as the missionary, is sent to tell them of a hereafter. These papers may not at all times proclaim the sentiments that harmonize with ours still, no one can truthfully say that they are not accomplishing some good. Wake up! wake up, you who are really concerned in the future of the race, for our newspapers must be supported.

On Thursday evening led by Prof. Savage, the Sunday-school of Bethel Church gave a grand entertainment entitled "The Birth of the Saviour." It was well rendered and the Prof. deserves much credit. Afterward the school was presented with valuable Christmas gifts. The ladies of the church opened on the same night, a fair in the lecture room, which was attended by the large crowd that greeted the children at their entertainment. The other churches are likewise holding holiday entertainments, which are meeting with success.

Prof. Stewart gave one of his humorous lectures on the evening of the 27th ult., which was a great treat in these days of merriment.

There is some talk of having the editor of the ADVOCATE pay a visit in the way of the lecture field. As we are having and have already listened to some fine papers, we will be pleased to hear from Boston.

On Monday the 20th ult. we were favored with an able paper from Alonzo B. Holly, Esq., subject, "Hayti as a Nation." The meeting was presided over by Hon. Ebenezer Bassett, Counsel General of the Haytian Republic. It is now talked up that there is to be a celebration of the Emancipation of Cuba, such as it ought to be, at Bethel Church in the near future. The colored men of this country should rejoice at the result. Though the colored men of this country were delivered from the fetters of slavery, they are oppressed by an unmeasurable unrighteous and cruel prejudice, insurmountable as the everlasting snows of the Arctic.

There is to be a move shortly after the holidays to found an organization, whose object will be the building of a Home of Refuge for destitute and fallen women of the race. This is a move in the right direction, and a something which is much needed.

Please accept our congratulations wishing you a happy New Year and that you may have a prosperous one, also that the readers of your excellent

we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time." These vacancies are looked for, however, to be filled by the aspiring young men of the day. There are scores of young men throughout the United States, who will at some future date shine forth as their fathers of the past. We cannot state who they are, but they are toiling upward to the light. Let us strive to make '87 out shine '86, let us work with more zeal and energy let us reap what we sow.

Topics from the Sunny South.

The South for the last two or three weeks have been every thing else but Sunny, she ought to be called by all means the disagreeable South, from the mere fact that the weather has been as cold all over the South as it were in the lap of the North pole. In almost every state South, in the southern extremity of Florida has old Jack frost lay in his white shroud, covering the beautiful green earth, much to the surprise of the so-called old inhabitants who will tell you it is the coldest year that they have felt South for twenty years, and the folk of these words is this, each year this tale is told to the stranger who happen to visit the South in winter.

And the next reason why it should be called disagreeable: For it is surely the spot where "mans humility to man makes countless millions mourn." Here is a picture from our life which happened but a few days ago. Upon the father of waters, the Mississippi river, was the burning of one of the finest boats that ever floated upon these waters, costing over \$500,000, known as the James M. White which plyed from New Orleans to Vicksburg, Miss. Her crew was mostly colored, her passengers white, in the midst of flames and suffering was seen the negro, gallant, brave and daring, saving the lives of these white travelers without regard to their own lives, which by telegram despatch stated that many were lost. Not many

of our race, who are not to be taken by the power of God, for their wickedness, has passed a law to prohibit the colored man from joining the Knights of Labor, and say if the negro dare join that "more blood would be spilled than last summer in Chicago and St. Louis. In one of the Southern states the following was submitted and unanimously agreed upon by the whites to govern the negro:

"A charge to keep I have; a Negro to maintain, A never-dying thirst for power to bind him with a chain. To serve the present age our pockets we must fill; We'll make them work for wages now and never pay the bill. Arm me with poison care to make him know his place. And, Oh! thy servant Lord prepare to rule the Negro race. Help us to rob and cheat the negro on the sly— Around thy throne our hearts are true."

REAL AMERICAN OPERAS.

One of its Prominent Exponents Interviewed.
An interesting Talk with Wallace King, the Colored Tenor.

[FROM "THE EVENING WISCONSIN," OF TUESDAY, DEC. 21, 1886.]

A Wisconsin reporter had a conversation with Wallace King, the well known tenor, on his arrival at the Windsor Hotel yesterday. Mr. King is traveling with the Hyers Sisters Concert Company, which opened an engagement at the Grand Opera House, last evening. He has appeared on the Milwaukee stage probably ten times in the last dozen years, until his portly form, with its vast chest and high, pleasant tenor voice is a favorite with the music-loving public of Milwaukee; and with reason, for he is the leading tenor in the real American opera. Mr. King and the company were the victims of a railroad smash-up on a narrow gauge railroad between Osceola and Des Moines, on the night before Thanksgiving, and several of the party were quite badly hurt. One of the ladies of the company had an arm broken. Mr. King received a cut behind the right ear, the scar of which he still bears, and lost considerable blood from other scratches and cuts. "It was the first railroad accident I was ever in," he said, "and although I have been a traveler for the past thirteen years, it has rather disgusted me with traveling."

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO
last May, Wallace King was janitor of the Merchants' National Bank in Newark, N. J., and janitor of the Central Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Hare was pastor of the church at the time, and Prof. Wm. Tomlins, of Chicago, was organist. In Mr. Kings language the story is told:

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which young men give in London. They are getting rich, I think. At any rate they live in good style, and Jim Bohne keeps four horses. He took me out driving in Hyde Park when I was in London. Jim was always fond of horses. This will do him no harm as long as he keeps clear of the English bookmakers." Mr. King was born in New York city, and passed his early years in Portland, Me. "I enjoyed my stay in Europe," he said, "but, for all its prejudices, I prefer America."

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Fellow brethren when in the future we look back upon to-day, and review the few years of freedom and advancement that the Almighty God has seen fit to bestow upon our race, let us think of our forefathers who in their desire to escape bondage, felt almost as safe after crossing the Mason and Dixon line, as did the Israelites after crossing the Red Sea. And now these same men or their sons are capable of a position in Congress and to plead for their fellow man. We may well say "Ethiopia has stretched forth her hand." And as we welcome the New Year, let us not forget to thank the Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us as a race and as a people; and may we see as the link connecting the future with the present and the present with the past, our races motto, "Always advancing," and as we go on in life let us remember this chosen motto, take it into our daily life, and if we follow its teachings great will be the reward it will bring.

The remaining journey of those who have so nobly fronted the battle of the race will not be long—"Each broken sigh, each falling tear, will soon be o'er." And at last with the journey ended looking on our former life, may we feel we have faithfully striven and we truly deserve the prize.

Let us remember one and all that we must journey forward, not backward, and that we must rise but never fall.

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By this we at once see the great need of our own newspapers. Again they are mediums through which our men of worth are brought to the front. What white newspaper would have devoted its time to the publication of leading negroes, as the Freeman and other colored journals have done? What white newspaper would have noticed the dramatic talent of the race as the Enterprise has done? What newspaper published by white men would have devoted its space to the publishing of those beautiful and well-written stories we have been furnished with for months, through the columns of the BOSTON ADVOCATE, the productions of our young ladies of culture. No, no. This is a matter which the colored minister should put before his people. It is no use to attempt to disguise the fact; the priests have the ears of the people and bringing this opportunity to reach them, they should be brought to face the great truth that the respectable and well managed

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A Word to Young Men.

Be careful when you are put in a position of responsibility not to abuse the liberty you are given. Some time ago the Cambridge Railroad Company put upon one of their routes in this city a young colored man in the position of conductor. Now, there is nothing elevating it is true in such a situation, but we are told this young man after a short time began to neglect his work, leaving his car and going away for pleasure, and finally was discharged. We are sorry such is the case as our young men do not get such jobs as these often, and it is entirely to bad when a colored man gets a situation he does not try harder to keep it. Remember you are the architects of your own fortune young men. A. E. N. Cambridge, Mass.

The Past and Present.

BY A. E. WHEELER, Esq. of NEW LONDON, CONN.

Those who have been spared to see the beginning of a new year, should indeed be thankful. Let us look back a moment, on the year that has just passed by, what have we done that is profitable? How have we prospered in general? Some have been made happy, while others have been forced to drink the bitter dregs of sorrow. Yea! Many of our dearest friends have sunk to their graves, and denied the privilege of seeing this new year dawn. Some of our great art men of color have gone to their eternal resting place, their lives remind us like other great men, "that

father of waters, the Mississippi river, was the burning of one of the finest boats that ever floated upon these waters costing over \$500,000, known as the James M. White which plyed from New Orleans to Vicksburg, Miss. Her crew was mostly colored, her passengers white, in the midst of flames and suffering was seen the negro, gallant, brave and daring, saving the lives of these white travelers without regard to their own lives, which by telegram despatch stated that many were lost. Not many

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This is the true state of the Sunny South. Sunny for the white, and stormy for the blacks. This is America, and her citizens how they are treated, dictated and cryed down like brutes, and if any white man with feeling dare sympathize, he is either shot down or driven from the town, like in the time of King Arthur. Gentlemen, here is your monument, let the world gaze upon it, but let me beseech you to veil your statue of liberty until protection to all American citizens is given.

Through a private letter from New Orleans, I am informed of one of the most notable church bazaars ever known to be given at the South, which was held at the First Free Mission Baptist Church, on Common Street, under the sole auspices of that rising and brilliant young pastor, Rev. A. S. Jackson and congregation. It is said that the amount received and collected were eight hundred and forty eight dollars. The gathering was the choice of the society of the Crescent city, and being for a good cause it ranks the debt of the church which raises amongst us as one of the lamps which so shine that the vilest sinner can read and learn the honesty and true christian devotion of its members.

I also noted the marriage of the highly esteemed Miss Amelia Washington to our well known friend James R. Young, Esq., of Mobile. Miss Washington is from New Orleans, and was one of our favorite society belles. They left New Orleans last Thursday, on their bridal tour to your city, Boston, Mass. W. B. R.

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AGAIN MADE APPLICATION to the musical conservatory for instruction in music, which was refused. Then he formed the Hyers Sisters Concert Company, and continued with them for six years. The season of 1879-80 he traveled with the "Colored 40." He traveled with a Redpath Lyceum Company for a year. Then he went to Europe with the "Colored 40," and remained there for thirteen months, playing a three months' engagement in Her Majesty's Theater, filling engagements at the principal theaters of England, and four weeks in Dublin.

"We left Dublin," said Mr. King, "the night of the Burke-Cavendish assassination." Speaking of Dublin he said that he found many friends there, and enjoyed his stay. During the stay in England Mr. King took lessons in music from Wilfred Morgan, the eminent composer and tenor singer.

While the Haverly Company was in England, the rights and franchises were sold to Frohman Brothers, and returning to this country, disbanded. Since that time Mr. King has traveled with the Hyers Sisters. He is an ENTERTAINING CONVERSATIONALIST, with a pleasant vein of humor, and a large acquaintance among the colored profession. In a reminiscent way, he said "Jim Grace, one of the oldest of the Georgia Minstrels, is in New York, a broken down man. Dick Little, another old-timer, has been in a Boston clothing house since the Frohman-Haverly Company disbanded. The Bohee brothers are doing the best of any of the old Georgia Minstrels that are left. They are located in London, and have a banjo studio there.

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themselves and us a veil through which no human eye can see. Many of them who sat 'round the Christmas fire' of '85 and who looked with joy into the joyous anticipations of to-day in the green covered earth, in yonder church yard, "waiting the judgement day." Eyes that twelve months ago sparkled and danced with happiness are now closed and the spirits of those to whom they belonged are gone to Him who gave them, and no more will they gladden the old home with laughter and gladness.

These are sombre thoughts which begin the New Year. We have had a "Lord give us the year."

Let us, if we can do nothing for our fellowman, at least do naught against him. Let us support our institutions, the workshops, stores, physicians, lawyers and our ministers. If we do not like one mechanic hire another one from the race. If we cannot and will not support this or that colored journal take another colored paper. There are many more in the cause. Do not get selfish because a few we do not like, and forsake all. And above all let the colored men and women in the United States pay more honor and encouragement to colored men and women of merit and worth. No race ever attained to greatness or honor without first cultivating principles of greatness. The work to be done for the Negro race in this country, must be shared in by all alike, the wealthy, the poor, the educated and ignorant, and when we have reached that point of consideration, the twenty years to come will treble the work of the twenty years past.

Logan's Death.

The curtain drawn between the old and the new year left on the other side of it, another illustrious man. A hero, a child of circumstances, a fortunate yet unfortunate man, a soldier but not a Statesman.

Gen. Logan was not underrated in some particulars, while in others he was. He always had the true courage of his convictions, and it was that one feature which in many instances carried him to trusted and conspicuous places among his fellows. Like the rough-and-ready section in which he was reared, he was judicious. He had the power possessed by a few men, to first make and then hold friends.

Logan was by no means a fickle minded man, for had he been, it is now evident that the course of his political career would not have been marked with so much success. His position in rank partisanship and against the freedom of the Negro, grew out of the fact that he believed it right. Like Lincoln, Grant and many more, when Logan saw the just side, he gravitated toward it and became an able exponent of freedom, liberty and the preservation of the union; finally casting his fortunes with the grand old party.

The Negro has lost many a better man than Logan. He was a true patriot, a true friend of the race, and a true statesman. His death is a great loss to the country. He was a man of high character and high ability. He was a man of high courage and high resolution. He was a man of high integrity and high honor. He was a man of high patriotism and high loyalty. He was a man of high courage and high resolution. He was a man of high integrity and high honor. He was a man of high patriotism and high loyalty.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 29, 1886, Daniel Randolph and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones were married by Rev. Andrew Chamberlain.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23, Miss Flossy M. Freedom celebrated her seventh birthday by a reception at her residence from 1 to 5 P. M. The presents were numerous and valuable. There were two birthday cakes, one being presented by her Aunt Mary, being lit with many candles. The grand march was played by Miss Bertha Dunbar of Providence, R. I. The celebration was participated in by about 25 little ones.

On Monday evening, Dec. 27, the children of the A. M. E. Bethel Church, 27th Street, were entertained at a party on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, the 27th.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, Miss Mabel Mitchell left Boston for Washington.

The old year is nearly gone; the new year beams upon our faces with new desires and resolutions. Good-bye to the old, old year. Good-bye to its cares and its joys. We welcome the new, new year. Whether it brings us weal or woe. MIZZLETOE.

New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 29, '86.

On Christmas eve, the Woodbine Social Club gave a ball at Loomis Temple of Music. Although the rain fell in torrents, the large hall was quite full, and a very enjoyable time was indulged in.

The Emanuel Baptist Church members had a Christmas tree for the children, and it was loaded with gifts. Rev. H. H. Johnson and wife were presented with three books. As it was stormy quite a large number was unable to attend; but all who were present had a very nice time.

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Mutual Aid Association held December 22, 1886, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John W. Ross, Pres., Alexander Cornell, Vice Pres., Joseph L. Hill, Sec., Rev. Allen Cooper, Treas. and John Godette, Chaplain.

Miss Adeline Saunders, the noted young elocutionist who is spending the winter in Waterbury, spent Christmas here in the city with her mother, Mrs. E. Saunders. Miss Saunders left the city Monday for Norwich, where she is to take the leading part in Drama, "The Last Leaf."

Miss Nellie Hill, the eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Hill who has been sick for a few weeks, is able to be out again. Mr. Chas. Mc. Linn has left the city to visit his daughter, Mrs. K. E. Jones at Richmond, Va.

Deacon Issiah Butler is visiting in Garden City.

The *Advocate* can always be found at Mrs. E. Saunders', 75 Goffe St and the only agent here. Mrs. Saunders has a nice little store where all kinds of fancy articles can be purchased, and orders taken. Toys, confectionery, etc., always on hand.

Mrs. Hannah A. Coven, a well known resident of New Haven, entered into rest Christmas day, at the age of 71 years and 10 months. She was loved by every one, and for many years was a faithful member of Temple St. Congregational Church, now Dixwell Ave. Congregational Church.

BELLA RANSON.

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Ex. Rev. W. H. H. Murray, of Tremont Temple, Boston, drew a large audience here last week.

Mr. James Lewis, of New York, spent two weeks in our city.

On account of the sad deaths in our midst, Rev. Mr. Geda will preach on the Shortness of Life next Sunday evening, at Loring St. Church.

Mrs. Robinson and two sons are here on their sad errand from Richmond, Va.

Mrs. S. Hoare, of Chatham N. Y. and Mr. E. Kandall, of Hartford, Ct. dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams on Loring St. Christmas.

One of our base-ball players have signed the new league.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stewart gave a Christmas wine party at their residence on Saturday evening, the 25th inst. All the delicacies of the season were provided. It was a fine affair, and much credit is due the host and hostess. The guests were Miss V. of Norwich, Mr. I. Randall of Mystic, Mrs. Alter, Misses Sarah and Grace Lee and the Doctor.

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their Christmas eve's enjoyment. At 9.30 o'clock, after the orchestra had rendered some very fine music, the grand march took place.

Vivia, our Norwich correspondent, met with a very serious accident while running up stairs, which prevented her from enjoying herself the greater part of the evening. Mr. Henry Sumby was also injured. The party dispersed at 9 o'clock Christmas morning.

Christmas day was spent in sleep by the most of our party-goers.

On Xmas night, there was a large congregation at the chapel to witness the exercises at the Christmas tree, which was one of the most delightful and pleasing Sunday School entertainments ever given by the colored population of this city. The tree was beautifully dressed by Mr. T. D. Randall, the superintendent, assisted by Mr. Chas. Wilson.

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found it filled with a large number of friends, who had quietly gathered to present her with a birthday surprise. Refreshments were served in abundance, and all remained until a late hour, enjoying themselves in music and games.

The Sabbath was beautiful and clear, and the usual religious services were well attended. At the Messiah Baptist Church a large congregation was in attendance during the day, it being grand rally day, it was a financial success. Rev. J. B. Brown preached an able sermon in the evening.

At the A. M. E. Zion Church, the Sabbath School delighted the audience with a Christmas concert. The recitations and singing were well received. The Christmas Tree was set up on Monday evening, at which "Santa-Claus" provided the children with an abundance of valuable presents.

Mrs. E. A. Hest, on Main St., was made the recipient of a birthday surprise on Monday evening.

Among the many valuable and tidy articles presented during last week, was a beautiful Sully Pillow, the gift of Mrs. Nellie Pease, to Mrs. J. E. Stevens. The delicate sully flower and other artistic work show the skillful accomplishment of the lady.

Friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. Ellen Deming has returned home for the season.

Miss Charlotte Starr, of Milford spent the Xmas in this city, the guest of Miss Hattie Stevens.

Mr. Henry R. Hawley who has been ill for several weeks, has recovered sufficiently to again resume his former position on the boat "The City of Waterbury."

Rev. Mr. Emery, of Fall River, is spending the holidays with his family in this city.

Messrs C. H. Thompson and J. C. Deming, who have been conspicuously engaged in the surprise party business, will require rest after the holidays are over.

Mr. J. E. Stevens, who was taken very ill last week is convalescent and will be out again.

Revival meetings will begin at the A. M. E. Zion Church next week, during which the evangelist, Rev. J. Wesley Brown, of Brooklyn, is expected to be present and conduct a series of meetings.

"Silver City."

MERIDEN, CONN., Dec. 27, '86.

The birth of Our Saviour was duly celebrated in this city. There were social gatherings at the several churches and around the many firesides to witness the scenes of Christmas trees and other memories.

The Christmas tree and social gathering at the Zion Mission, for the benefit of the Sunday School children, was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Roston of New Haven were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. L. Crawford, of 196 Main street.

Mr. Peters and his daughter, Miss Jennie, of Westley, R. I., spent Christmas day visiting their friends on Oliver street.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Zion Mission is visiting his home in Plainville, Mass. Rev. J. Durand preached at the Mission Sunday evening, his text being Matt. 6, 6, which he expounded in a simple but eloquent manner.

Miss Carrie Beach of New York was in town as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Martha Beach.

The Sewing Society met this week at Miss Charles Anness. 18000.

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ATTLEBORO, MASS., Dec. 27, '86.

On Christmas eve the children of the A. M. E. Zion Sabbath-school assembled to witness the mysteries of the Christmas Tree. There were declamations, reading, etc. The exercises were opened with the singing of the Christmas carol, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" and prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Simmons. The opening address was delivered by Master Chas. Brown, a Christmas carol was rendered by the Misses Birch, Thomas, Jackson, and Cole; recitation and reading, Miss Beach; solo, Miss A. Simmons; recitations, Master A. Piner and the Misses Evans, after which the various presents were distributed to the little ones.

On Wednesday evening the 23ult. the members of Zion Church repaired to the parsonage and tendered their pastor a donation, loading the tables with edibles and presenting him with a sum of money. Rev. Geo. H. Simmons thanked them in a few well chosen words and the evening was pleasantly spent.

Last Sabbath morning services at Zion Church were conducted as usual, it being the fourth quarterly review of the Sabbath-school, there was no preaching in the afternoon. In the evening the pastor delivered an able address from Deut. 5:3.

Mrs. Margaret A. White, of Providence, R. I., was the guest of Rev. Mr. Simmons last week.

Rev. Wm. J. Smith of Meriden is in town visiting relatives.

We are pleased to say that Mr. Chas. Allison, who was reported as being seriously ill, is out again.

Mrs. Wilson of Worcester was the guest of Miss Stafford last week.

Among the strangers who visited us Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lee of Cambridge; they were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Allison; Mrs. Martha Robinson and Miss Eliza A. Lee of Cambridge, and Mr. John H. Lee of Ipswich were guests of Mrs. Allison.

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Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 29, '86. On Friday evening last the G. K. Club met at the residence of Mrs. Robert Smith, Pine St. A merry party of about seventy-five persons were in attendance at the festivities, which consisted of the unloading of the Christmas Tree. The tree contained presents for everyone and all with expectancy among the guests. Much credit is due Mrs. R. Smith for the success of the entertainment and the thanks of the club to Mrs. Jennie Foster, who so generously interspersed with "Smith's" Orchestra, "the principle feature of which were the solos and imitations of Mr. George Brown, who created considerable amusement thereby. The festivities came to a close at 2 A.M. all feeling well from the evening's enjoyment. Mr. A. C. Carpenter is quite ill at his residence, 76 Harvard St., with a severe attack of fever and ague. The services at Rush A. M. E. Zion Church last Sunday were unusually interesting. The Christmas songs and recitations rendered by the children and young ladies in the afternoon were superb. In the evening Rev. W. B. Bowen preached an eloquent sermon from Isa. 9-6. The hall was crowded at both services and the Christmas offerings with book collection amounted to \$95.19. The fair given at Rush Zion was well patronized and a success in every respect. The children of St. Paul's Church had a very pleasant time on the 24th, by having a Christmas tree. The pastor Rev. B. F. Combaah was kindly remembered by the children with a handsome present. Club B. of St. Paul's Church had a very pleasant time at their meeting Dec. 27. Mrs. Isaac Peters, of Warren, Me., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Smith, of Pine St. Miss Josephine Henderson of Springfield, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Thompson, of Harvard St., is spending her vacation with her sister at Lynn. Cambridge friends and patrons of the Advocate cannot fail to attend the second Annual Concert, to be held at Charles St. A. M. E. Church, next Tuesday evening, and show their interest in a laudable enterprise. Actions should be louder than words. A grand Musical and Social Entertainment will be given by the Household of Ruth, No. 105, G. U. O. of Cambridgeport, Thursday evening, Jan. 13th, 1887, at St. George's Hall, No. 603 Main Street. The concert will be under the auspices of the Cambridge VOLA CLUB. The exercises will consist of choruses, solos, duets and dialogues. Committee, Mrs. L. E. Taseo and others. Tickets of admission, 25 cents. Doors open at 7 P.M. Exercises at 8 sharp. Refreshments for sale.

Harford.

HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 29, 1886. The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Young occurred on Dec. 20, and was attended by the Good Samaritan Lodge, of which

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LOCAL LINES. Mr. John Ransom, the well-known baritone, received many encores for the excellence of his renditions. Mr. Fred White was the accompanist during the concerts and Prof. J. S. Roberts, musical director. Religious Notes. CHARLES STREET A. M. E. CHURCH. At 9 a. m. the Band of Hope met as usual Sunday last. At 10.30, the pastor, Rev. J. T. Jenifer, preached his Christmas sermon, the theme being "The Advent." It was very interesting, and there was a good congregation present. At 1.15, Sunday School met. Mr. Peter J. Smith conducting the review. At 3 p. m., the pastor preached an interesting sermon. At 6 p. m., young people's prayer meeting was held in the vestry. At 7.30 p. m., the pastor preached a very brief sermon to the Knights Templars. The singing by the choir was especially fine; solos being rendered by Mrs. G. C. Harris, Miss Edith E. Lew, Messrs. John G. Lucas and Charles L. White. ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH. The services on Sunday last were of a very interesting nature. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, preached from the text of "Great is the mystery of Godliness," Tim., 3rd Chap. 16th verse. Theme, "Humiliation of Christ," showing from the birth to the death of Christ, and His holy mission on earth. In the evening, the theme was continued from the afternoon service. The subject was discussed in a careful and instructive manner to a large congregation. On Monday December 27th, the Sabbath School of the above named church, gave Christmas concert with great success. Especial credit may be given to the Misses Zenie and Mattie Williams, and also to Miss Saddle Green, a miss of eight years who made the address of "Welcome." The superintendent and teachers deserve credit; the music was under the direction of Miss Lizzie Stewart. After the concert, all repaired to the vestry to receive presents from Santa Claus. L. S. ZION A. M. E. CHURCH. The Christmas Services at this church on last Sunday were of unusual interest. Rev. Geo. E. Smith pastor preached an eloquent sermon in the afternoon and the music was rendered by a Male Quartette. Local preacher David Smith preached in the afternoon to a large audience. In the evening Mr. Phillip J. Allison assistant superintendent of the Sunday School conducted the exercises. Excellent addresses were made by the Misses Rosella Saunders and Hattie Smith and Mr. Henderson Eaton. The singing by the choir was finely rendered. TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH. At the 12th Baptist Church Mr. Waldron, of the Newton Theological Seminary, preached an interesting sermon to a large and attentive audience, taking for his text John 10 chap. 11 verse, "I am the good Shepherd." Mr. Waldron bids fair to be an able minister and an earnest worker in the gospel. In the evening Rev. Fairfax occupied the pulpit and took for his text Luke 9:10. The congregation was large and attentive. The pastor handled his subject with great intelligence. Mrs. Thibaug was a beautiful solo entitled, "On the night that Christ was born." The

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THE BOSTON ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1887.

Studies in German Literature, No. 3.

BY R. K. POTTER.

The tragic death of Siegfried, is of itself quite enough to plunge Kriemhild into the blackest despair, and who would lift a hand to avenge the foul deed.

Hagen, the murderer, meanwhile boldly walks about unpunished, craftily plotting further disaster for the unfortunate queen, at his instigation. Gunther persuades Kriemhild to order the famous Nibelungen board, which had been formally made over to her by Siegfried, during the high tide of her happiness, to be brought from its place of concealment in the Rhine to Worms.

No sooner does it arrive, than it is wrested from her by Hagen and his followers, because they fear that by the distribution of this immense wealth, she will be able to raise a formidable army in her favor.

This great wrong Kriemhild also bears in silence for thirteen long years, and then at last comes a chance to repay the traitors for the death of her husband, and the evils which grew out of it.

Etsel, the powerful king of the Huns, sends an embassy to ask for her hand in marriage. Still true to her love for Siegfried, she at first pays no heed to the earnest entreaties, but, when Rüdiger, the messenger, chances to hint that the affiant king, Etsel, will be able to avenge her injuries, she begins to discover the opportunity for which she has so long waited, and decides to yield her hand.

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But how short is the hour of triumph Hildebrand, one of her own vassals, forgets for a moment fidelity to his queen, in his rage at seeing such a warrior as Hagen of the "rapid glance," meet death at the hands of a woman, and Kriemhild suffers death at his hands.

Thus ends the Nibelungenlied in bloodshed, darkness and death.

A story of all the sorrow which followed at the court of King Etzel, and in many stricken households, is related in the Klage (Lamentation) a contemporaneous poem.

The closing scenes of the Nibelungenlied, are extremely savage and tragic; that "sorrow ever follows love," seems to be the sad strain of the entire poem; but running along with it are two noble ideas, which are well sustained, and serve to lift the poem above the ordinary level into the realm of the true epic.

These are Kriemhild's enduring love for Siegfried, and the lesson of loyalty as taught by Hagen and Rüdiger.

Hagen kills Siegfried not from any personal hatred, but because of a supposed injury to Brunhild, his queen.

Rüdiger enters the combat against the Burgundians not treacherously, but through fidelity to his chief.

The Nibelungenlied soars high above the Heldenbuch, with its malicious host of fiery Dragons, Giants and Dwarfs, although it also deals with the supernatural, but the Nibelungen heroes are a higher order of beings, than the above mentioned.

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THEY SAY

(Specially reported for the Advocate.)

—That choice program for the Advocate comes next Tuesday night is in preparation.

—That the Christmas excitement is cooling off a little.

—That one of the young Boston boys is filling the position of stenographer and private secretary for Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

—That apples and peanuts were in order last Wednesday night at the fair.

—That twelve cents, collected from among four gentlemen, furnished apples and peanuts enough for four ladies and two gentlemen, with a small contribution to the refreshment table thrown in.

—That it was something like the parable of the fishes and the loaves, and that one of Boston's brightest journalists will lecture at Dr. Derrick's Church in New York on Feb. 22.

—That this same journalist received the warmest congratulations and the best wishes of Dr. Cyrus Bartol for the clever editorials which he has contributed from time to time.

—That the favorite tenor, Mr. Frank S. Bland will sail for Liverpool, and will go from there to London early in 1887.

—That the consolidation of the two papers, the ADVOCATE and FREEMAN, may be effected, and that on the other hand it may not.

—That for gallantry toward the home girls, the G. K. G. heads the column every week.

—That every night of the fair last week, the G. K. G.'s who were present, did not leave the vestry for home until they had first seen that every girl of their set was escorted safely home.

—That our favorite Boston electioneerist made a great hit at the concert last Friday night by alternately melting her audience to tears and convulsing them with laughter.

—That she has received many letters of commendation from prominent Boston people, as well as from distinguished people of New York, Philadelphia, Washington and the West.

—That the President of the Student Aid Society spent the holidays at Newport.

—That a certain fascinating society lady sleeps in delicate white kid gloves, and also dons the same article when performing any duty that is liable to render the hands callous.

—That one of the society lions actually did not give any Christmas presents nor did he receive any.

—That Chelsea was lively Monday night. That the occasion was the taking unto himself of one of Chelsea's favorite citizens for a third time, a wife.

—That the bride, who was an exceedingly young girl, looked very handsome indeed upon her wedding day.

—That Mrs. J. J. Smith and Miss Eliza Gardner deserve special mention as workers for their department of the fair.

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it will be a hard matter to secure carriages as many have been spoken for in advance.

—That a well known gentleman has been asked to take charge of a humorous column in the ADVOCATE.

—That he is just the man for it. That the column would take immensely.

—That the Student Aid Society will hold a Donkey Party in connection with their apron sale.

—That the Donkey Party is the most laughable, side splitting entertainment on the face of the earth.

—That it was erroneously called by an innocent man who had forgotten its name "a Jackass Party."

—That innocence was abroad. That he went home shortly after.

—That somebody has a way of stealing the editorial of the ADVOCATE and giving the ADVOCATE no credit for them.

—That somebody wants to stop that business right off.

—That they have something else to say next week.

BERT LELAW.

Church Members and Secret Societies.

To the Boston Electioneer.

In a former article on the above subject, appearing in the ADVOCATE of the 4th ult. I gave some pointed reasons why christians should be separated from all close alliance with the world. I have been patiently waiting for my opponents to bring forward any valid reasons to the contrary;—there are no such reasons and that accounts for their silence, save a few illigical and disjointed words appearing in the last two issues of your very valuable paper, upon the signature of the Rev. N. J. Green, of Providence R. I., that claims to be an answer to my article, but after reading and re-reading I fail to see what the writer was driving at, unless he was more bent on exalting himself in the estimation of "the world" than in answering the reasons I submitted; but as I have neither the time nor inclination to engage in personal controversy I will not stop to answer his willful misrepresentations of the import and position of my article, or his uncharitable accusations, such as that I wrote for "notoriety," or that I was riding a "hobby" etc. I will accept it all as a part of the world's pay to those who "dare to have a purpose firm, and dare to make it known," remembering that inability to answer arguments must always induce personal abuse. Said a noted lawyer to his student "when you have no case, abuse the opposing lawyer." My Rev. brother is following this advice, instead of the advice of Him who said, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." The title of my article was "Church Members and Secret Societies," but Mr. Green's assumed answer starts off with the following illogical title, "Are Secret Societies a Hindrance to the Church?" He might as well have written on the following subject, "Are Lightning-rod a Hindrance to Vegetation?" I said nothing against secret societies, but on the contrary, my article opened with the following words, "We grant that the large majority of secret organizations in which our church members are found are grand and noble institutions, well calculated to accomplish the work of bettering the present condition of fallen humanity, and of inculcating the principles of brotherhood, fraternity and charity," and then gave my reasons why

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And again, when the rapid Recken took horse and prickt away, "I grieve because of it, you saw."

...across some mer-women bathing at a fountain, they tell Hagen the results in the following prophetic lines: "I tell thee it will arrive, Of all your gallant host, no man shall be left alive, Except King Gunther's chaplain, as we full well do know."

In spite of gloomy predictions, Gunther, Hagen and a host of followers march to Hungary; they are met on the way by Rüdiger with pledges of friendship from the king; having arrived at the castle, they are received with much cordiality, but Hagen notices that Kriemhild salutes no one with a kiss save Giselher, a young prince, who had no hand in Siegfried's death. Hagen instinctively feels that she is glad to see him with the cruel joy of an eagle about to seize its long wished-for prey. This causes him to tighten his helmet, and whispering his fears to the hero, Bolker, his friend, the two keep an all night watch in the court yard of the castle, but Kriemhild is more wary than that. Several days pass without any special outbreak. Then a grand feast is prepared, and while Hagen and his friends partake of it in one of the apartments, an attack is made upon the other portion of the Burgundians feasting in another room.

The news reaches Hagen, while seated at the table; rising at once, he draws his sword with this remark: "Now we drink a health to the dead, and in the kings own wine." These blood-curdling words ended, he cuts off the head of Etzel's youngest son; this is a signal for general slaughter.

Now the scene is indeed terrible to behold. The brave hero, Rüdiger, noble until the end, is in sore straits. He owes fidelity to Etzel, his chief, but feels that he cannot deal treacherously with the visitors he has led into the land with pledges of friendship. Finally, at the command of his chief, he goes forth to battle, having commended his wife and daughter to Kriemhild's care.

In the combat which takes place, the brave Rüdiger is slain. Gunther and Hagen are all who remain of the Burgundian hosts. They are imprisoned, and Hagen is brought before Kriemhild. She demands the Nibelungen treasure, and when this is refused, she commands that Gunther be put to death; and turning to Hagen with one blow of "Siegfried's own sword" lays him low, and the Dragon slayer's death is avenged.

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She is America's Selika, one among the loftiest and grandest representatives of her country and race. And what can I add to Nellie Brown—Mitchell by the way of praise, or to that little African queen of melody Flora Batson? We delight to contribute to P. T. Ramun's Circus shows or to pass burnt cork minstrelsy, but to pass by the brilliant stars whose talents and times are given for our honor and to the uplifting of the Negro.

The Comus Club, its efficient and courteous managers, Messrs. P. and O'C. Ruffin have our thanks for Christmas remembrances. It was a gallant feast, highly appreciated.

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—That there were many other ladies conspicuous in zealously working for the other two churches.

—That the ulster worn by one of the fashionable gentlemen of Boston was the subject of many complimentary and admiring remarks the night he attended the fair.

—That he is English—thoroughly English, you know.

—That the young clerk who was formerly a resident of Boston, but has lately removed to Chelsea has grown very fine looking and can be properly classed among the handsome men of Boston.

—That there was a large family dinner on Acorn St. Christmas Day.

—That the table issued forth such heavy groans under the terrible pressure it sustained that those seated around it hastened to lighten it and share the pressure.

—That the concert at Charles St. Church on Monday night took wonderfully well.

—That the children who wed careful training in all their parts.

—That the success of this, as well as of most every musical feature in the church, is due to the superior discipline of Prof. Roberts, the musical director of the church.

—That one of "the girls" can furnish excellent information regarding the utilization of old carpets.

—That a young lady informed another who gave her a broad hint for an introduction to a young man, that she never thought to introduce one person to another. That she was a very poor one to remember such things.

—That she was a wonderfully clever person to think up such a good excuse as that.

—That this may be of use to a few other persons.

—That marriages among very young girls and much older men are becoming the rage.

—That the Andover gentlemen are due at the Academy on the morning of Jan. 5th.

—That the Fraternal Ball on Jan. 6th is a hidden magnet drawing them to its tempting pleasures, to the utter neglect of their Greek and Latin.

—That apropos of the Fraternal Ball, some controversy I will not stoop to answer his willful misrepresentations of the import and position of my article, or his uncharitable accusations, such as that I wrote for "notoriety," or that I was riding a "hobby," etc. I will accept it all as a part of "The worlds" pay to those who "dare to have a purpose firm, and dare to make it known," remembering that inability to answer arguments must always induce personal abuse. Said a noted lawyer to his student "when you have no case, abuse the opposing lawyer." My Rev. brother is following this advice, instead of the advice of Him who said, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." The title of my article was "Church Members and Secret Societies," but Mr. Green's assumed answer starts off with the following illogical title, "Are Secret Societies a Hindrance to the Church?" He might as well have written on the following subject, "Are Lightning-roads a Hindrance to Vegetation?" I said nothing against secret societies, but on the contrary, my article opened with the following words, "We grant that the large majority of secret organizations in which our church members are found are grand and noble institutions, well calculated to accomplish the work of bettering the present condition of fallen humanity, and of inculcating the principles of brotherhood, fraternity and charity" and then gave my reasons why church members should be separated from them, and instead of answers to my arguments, I have my Rev. brother's article on another subject. The word of God from Genesis to Revelations, and all church history teaches that the christian should be separated from all close alliances with the world. I might present passages of scripture from every book in the Bible, illustrating and proving the impregnability of my position.

—That the Rev. Green denies that christians "commingling with the wicked suffer loss," Let the Word of God answer him. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the way of the ungodly; nor standeth in the seat of sinners; nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." "Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction—straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life." The above are only samples of hundreds of scripture passages that might be adduced to show plainly that it is the revealed will of God that christians should be "peculiar" or separate in life, character and deportment from the world.

John Wesley, the divinely appointed founder of the great Methodist division of the church, uses these significant words, in one of his sermons. "All needless intercourse with unholly men, will weaken our divine evidence and conviction of things unseen; it will dim the eyes of the soul whereby we see Him that is invisible, and weaken our confidence in Him."

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