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A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE CLEVELAND N. A. A. C. P. BRANCH STARTS DRIVE

SPIRITUAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. J. L. Caston, D.D., of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

"For the grace of God has appeared to save all men, and it schools us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions and to live a life of self-mastery, of integrity, and of piety, in this present world."—Titus 2:11-12 (Moffatt).

The air is full of Xmas. Good-cheer pots are boiling, bells are now ringing, light are sparkling, stars are shining, crowds are stampeding the clerks at many counters, money is changing hands and anxiety fills the days and nights of little children.

Bundles! Bundles! Bundles! The postman is laden down with his burdens. Queer enough, though—these burdens are lighter than they would ordinarily be. They carry cheer to millions of homes, brighten friendships, transfigure children with heavenly joy and stir the aged to youth again.

This is the dullest season of the natural year, but its short days, its rough weather, and its blighting storms are forgotten. Why? A new life stirs the world and happy hearts join in paens of joy and carols of

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"ARROW TIPS" By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

Here's good luck and happiness to Cornelia Marvin whose genius has given to Oregon first rank in state libraries. If she is to be married to Ex-Governor Pierce which one shall be congratulated the most? Here's happiness and long life to both of them.

One of her remarks is so true it is painful: "I made up my mind I would never go through another session of the legislature. Good men and women are pillored before the ways and means committee." I happened in at one of this committee sessions with a friend who was in one of the state institutions. When we left the room I asked him why he endured such insulting grilling. One would have thought that he spent the money for drink and fast women that he was asking for the support of

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CHRISTMAS!

By Rev. W. R. Lovell, Pastor
First A. M. E. Zion Church

Christmas! What a magic word! The harbinger of peace and goodwill! At this glad time, men forged all the barriers that stand between them. Like a refreshing shower that cools the heated air, allays the germ laden dust and purifies, releases the nutriment of earth, the spirit of Christmas cools the heated passions of men engendered by prejudice; settles the dust of mischief making strife; purifies the atmosphere of human relations and contact, and sinks into the soil of our hearts, there to dissolve and release the nutriment of soul which alone can feed the growth of real manhood.

Christmas is at once the climax of failure and the open door to unlimited success. As the ancients celebrated the return of sun, bringing the growing day, so Christmas is the signal for bringing the dead futile past, garnishing the heart and home for a new welcome guest—the New Year of hope and success.

Christmas is not something that comes and goes. It is a new birth; a new soul comes to earth upon each recurring year.

We should, then, swing wide the doors of heart and home and nation to bid welcome this new soul. Our Christmas should always witness the end of all that disturbs or molests the peace of mind. If this is not true, then, ours is not a true Christmas.

Associate Editor Goes East

Mrs. E. D. Cannady, associate editor of The Advocate left Wednesday on a business trip east. She will be gone for 15 days. With the wife gone the boys are staying with their auntie and having neither dog or cat, home for the editor is a mighty lonely place this Christmas.

Staff of Christmas Night — Triple Triangle Club!



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A Merry Christmas!

Once more we wish our many readers—every one—the happiest Christmas that life's circumstances make possible.

Christmas is a Christmas festival, and should be observed in the Christian spirit.

The reason for giving gifts at Christmas-time is in recognition of God's greatest gift to man—the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—whose coming brought a fuller measure of joy and peace than the world had ever known before.

Like many other sacred things, Christmas, the great festival of love, is becoming so commercialized that its true spirit may be lost. Many gifts are prompted by rivalry, display of wealth, selfishness, hope of material advantage or by mere formality.

To give out of thankfulness—out of love, and a desire to help those less fortunate, to give expecting no return; to give unselfishly, realizing it is more blessed to give than to receive.

That is true Christmas giving. Especially if we would meet the approval of the Christ, whose advent we celebrate.

We should remember generously the sick, the unfortunate, the needy. This will be real Christmas giving and this we can do while extending greetings and good wishes to every one.



PORTLAND v. SEATTLE

Folks, last year the colored huskies from Seattle invaded our City of Roses and down there in the Coliseum nosed us out of a close game, 27 to 26. The members of the Portland team have no alibis to offer for last year's defeat—Seattle, with a more experienced and veteran aggregation, won fairly. But, friends, as well-wishers, this should really be Portland's year. Our team has displayed in their six hard built-up games, grit, fight and determination to win; so every Portlander—large or small—young and old alike—come out on the 29th at Centenary Wilbur gymnasium, E. Ninth and Ash, and give the boys your moral support. The game this year promises to be a hectic affair. Seattle has the weight and her players are large, but we cannot vouch for the Seattle superiority in basket shooting, ability, etc., because the floor work of Captain Baker is remarkable this season, and in fact, the entire team is hopped for the game.

So, fans, come out for the evening and give your loyal support. Your team deserves it.

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By the crude gods to whom they pray,
And learning's timid mood.

The groans of Africa's dying sons,
Thrown to the fish at sea—
Throbbled through the roar of Sumpter's guns,
And out-live Grant and Lee;
For still the whip-lash, long decayed,
Sendeth its hiss abroad,
And on the yet unborn is laid
The unforgotten good.

The balances of judgment still
Uncertain seek their rest,
Weighing what blood we yet shall spill,
What yet may be our test:
Nor yet our nation's course is free
The grave's up-reaching hand
That makes a buried wrong to be
A living God's demand.

Aeons we yet shall pay the price,
For which our fathers signed;
If blood indeed for blood suffice
So mind shall bleed for mind—
And soul debased shall soul debase,
And heaven itself shall tell
How slower, heavier is the pace
Of all that toy with hell.

La Crescenta, Cal.

—Robert Whitaker.

AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL

By Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., Bethel A. M. E. Church

Following in the footsteps of the Christian Pilgrims of the centuries, we journey once again to Bethlehem of Judea and bow in wonder and admiration around the crib of the Saviour of Men.

Today, all the joy of childhood is ours! Today, we thank God for the gift supreme! Today, a new measure of love; a new basis of hope; a new concept of "Peace on Earth to men and good-will" is ours. And because of this new joy, new hope and new concept—millions of the faithful will lift their voices in praise! From the far corners of the earth—from the lips and hearts of red men, black men, white men, yellow men—the immortal strains of *Adeste Fideles* will ascend unto Jehovah!

In our adoration, admiration, respect and happiness, we are thanking the great God of the ages for this little Jewish baby who restated and reaffirmed the eternal truth of life. We are rejoicing with the heavenly hosts at the birth of Mary's child, whose purity of life, humility of spirit, gentleness of heart, sacrifice and service has helped men find the way to God.

Whenever the nations of the world, and the peoples of the earth, recognize and practice the virtues of life, as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, they shall have cause to rejoice in the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

May a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year be yours!

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"THE SONG IS ENDED BUT THE MELODY LINGERS ON"

By Mrs. E. D. Cannady

In my work, I am called upon for all kinds of service, from giving a telephone number (sometimes called out of bed to take "Information's" place) to writing an editorial—albeit my husband is the editor), and singing at a funeral. I meet lots of people and love to do it. I count that day lost in which I have not met and made some new friends. It was my good fortune Monday evening to stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Donald at 310 E. Broadway. While sitting in the kitchen chatting with Mrs. Donald and trying to coax Clarence Ramsey, Jr., to kiss me, Mrs. Donald's sister, Mrs. J. Gross came in. I was so glad to see her as I had not in a number of months. I have known Mrs. Gross ever since I have been in Portland and have loved her just as long. Presently the door-bell rang and in came another lady. We had not met before, but she was introduced as Mrs. Dancy, from Tennessee. I was so happy to meet this beautiful, spiritual woman. It wasn't long before we were discussing the sick and someone mentioned something about praying. In a little while, we were all on our knees in true Christmas spirit thanking the Master for

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FUNDS TO REACH \$844.80 MARK

MILE OF PENNIES

WOMEN'S GOAL

AT CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 13.—A mile of pennies is the goal of the Womens Auxiliary of the Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to raise funds for the 30th anniversary conference to be held here next June. The mile of pennies at 16 to the foot, will amount to \$844.80.

In addition to Mrs. Louise W. Davis, 109 E. 98th St., Cleveland, is making fruit cakes at \$1.50 a pound—as she does annually—the proceeds of sale of the cakes going to the Association.

Many affairs are being planned by the Cleveland Branch to raise cash for the Conference, which it is expected will be a memorable meeting.

Charles W. White, president of the Cleveland Branch, reports that at the regular monthly meeting, the East End political club, of which Claybourne George is president, voted unanimously to donate \$25 toward the 20th annual conference expenses.

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