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CITY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of 1315 McCormick street are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Wednesday, January 14th. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Here is a list of letters held at The Bystander office that have not been called for: Mrs. Nettie Riley, Miss Mayrie Bell, Mrs. Birdie Wells and Mrs. Nancy Hart, all of Des Moines.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright of Davenport, Grand Worthy Matron of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa O. E. S. will make her official visit to Princess Ozil Chapter No. 9 on next Thursday evening.

Miss Mabel Morgan of Sioux City who is attending the State University at Iowa City, is in our city spending the holidays, the guest of Mrs. Geo. W. Wells of Highland Park.

Those who went to Mason City to set up a new Masonic lodge Wednesday were John L. Thompson, S. Joe Brown, H. E. Jacobs, Dr. A. J. Booker and James B. Mitchell.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright, G. W. M. of O. E. S., will make her official visit to Princess Zorah chapter on next Friday, January 23. All members are requested to be present at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Bryant Carr of 1329 School street very delightfully entertained Mrs. Chas. Comley of Webster City, Iowa, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Strawthers, of this city at breakfast Sunday morning.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson was hostess Monday evening to the members of the Mary Church Terrell club. After the installation of officers the members held a review of English literature. Refreshments were served.

The Wednesday Night club met with Mrs. Harry Seymour. The game of bridge was played and prize awarded to Miss Adah Hyde. Refreshments were served and the club will meet next week with Mrs. Edith Strawthers.

At the meeting of the Bridge club Thursday evening with Miss Gertrude Hyde the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harry Seymour; vice president, Mrs. Carrie Stone; secretary, Miss Adah Hyde; treasurer, Mrs. Louise Gray; reporter, Miss Gertrude Hyde. Refreshments were served.

The Woman's Aid society held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Lewis, 710 East Thirteenth street, January 9th. At the close of the meeting covers were laid for nine. A two-course luncheon was served. All expressed themselves as having a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Mattie Brooks, 1623 Searl street, will be hostess at our next meeting, January 16th.

The Intellectual Improvement club met at the home of Mrs. S. Joe Brown last Friday. After the general routine of business the newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. John Wilkinson. An interesting talk was made by Mrs. J. H. McClain, the retiring president, after which Mrs. F. P. Johnson, the newly elected president, made some interesting remarks. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Harvey Brown. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Richard Allen Aid society enjoyed a social session on last Thursday evening at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown. The guests for the most part included those persons who assisted Mrs. Brown in the bazaar given in November for the benefit of the social science department of the National Association of Colored Women. One of the principal features of the evening was a program in which the following persons responded, Mrs. S. C. Phillips of Holly Springs, Miss., and Mrs. S. N. Gowen of Wastika, Ill.

Mr. Wm. Jones entertained a company of friends last Friday evening as a farewell courtesy for Miss Evelyn Kintchloe of Shelbina, Mo., who returned to her home Monday, after an extended visit. It was a 9:30 luncheon favor at the Palace Sweet, and covers were laid for twenty-four. The tables were beautifully decorated with patriotic colors. Short talks from those present characterized the after dinner hours.

Be it resolved that we, the members of Independence lodge, No. 4, K. of P., seeing that it has pleased the Almighty God to take from us our brother, Luther Moody, wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his widowed wife, Mrs. Bessie Moody, and to all other of his bereaved relatives and friends.

May the Lord bless and keep you all forever.

Done by order of Independence lodge, No. 4, K. of P., of East Des Moines, Iowa.

George Henry, C. C. Robert Couch, V. C. C. E. Trent, M. of W. Richard White, P. Ben Manuel, M. of F. W. W. Ewing, K. of R. & S.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Coalson is some better at this writing.

SHOULD WE REGRET.

There are forces in human life which are constantly pulling it down. There are passions, deep and powerful, which like an awful undertone, such men beneath the surface and choke out their lives in its black and bitter depths. So mighty are the passions, it is no wonder men have shaped their perceptions of them in doctrines of total depravity and the universal ruin of human nature. It is not surprising that they have based their formulated systems of theology on this fearful negation of the primitive and hopeless badness of humanity, and have held that apart from the regenerating and sustaining grace of God, life would be hopeless. There is a fallacy in the assumption that life is, or can be, a thing apart from the grace of God; that God has abandoned, or can abandon, what He has made to a condition of despair, with no divine effort for its restoration. But even so there is a sufficiently somber side to the picture to make us pause now and then when we remember how wicked, how mean, how weak men and women are.

But happily these are not the only forces in human life. There are others, not less significant. Among them is that wonderful quality of spiritual discontent which prompts men to seek for something better than they have known or experienced. There is a tendency in human life to flow downward into the gulf of bestial sensuality; there is another tendency due to an equally significant law of spiritual hydrostatics, which forces the level of responsive life upward toward that of its divine fountain.

In Henley's startling little poem there is yet a ring of fine nobility, "I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul." One can find a good deal of sympathy with such an expression of gratitude. An unconquerable soul is a thing to be thankful for. But a soul unconquerable by God himself and yet vulnerable to passion and despair, as was that of the poet, is occasion for gratitude of a very qualified and subdued sort, if any. And he who possesses such a soul need not have overmuch pride in his mere spiritual obtuseness; he ought rather to be asking whether in his satisfaction over his unconquerability he has not already surrendered to evil.

But there is an unconquerable element in the soul of man, if we will have it so; it is that upward aspiring tendency which is none other than the spirit of God within the human heart, which is composed of the same elements which shine in the stars; the soul of man is of the same stuff which was in the beginning with God. Science tells us of a reversion to type; there is such a thing as aspiration to type.

God is the normal of the universe. Godward grows normal life as the plant grows upward. This is the unconquerable element of life. Evil can be conquered and evil will be eternally eradicated from the universe of God. The one unconquerable element in human life is the element of goodness. Our regret of the past is half hypocrisy and the other half mostly self-deception. You would do better if you had the past to live over again. Did you do your best and did it turn out badly. Thank God for your good intention and save the regret. You know better now than you did before your failure. Thank God for the knowledge and save the regret. You have done badly and you cannot help regretting it; no, you cannot. But just here is your danger. You are in danger of making a virtue of your regret, and failing to do better. Try not to regret, even when you know that you have done wrong. Do better and let the regret alone. Regret is a hypocrite; his twin brother, aspiration, is often slain by him before the very altar sacrifice. Do not regret; aspire. Do not pretend that you would do better if you had the past back again. Do better in the present.

But someone may ask, Can we have aspiration without regret. Perhaps not. Yet we can certainly vary the proportion. The ratio is not constant; it is often inverse. Alas for the man who is so full of regret that he makes no effort at improvement. Let us admit that we have not our best; do better. This perpetual slandering of the past is like libel upon our friends. And this pretense of a better use of the past is mostly sham. And yet none of us can pretend to be satisfied with the past and no one of us who is honest and sincere can desire not to do better in the future. One thing is perfectly certain, we shall not do better without effort, and we shall not do better without the help of God. Let us be thankful that the past has been so good. And then, not as though it had been good enough, or we had been worthy of its goodness, let us press forward. Yesterday is past. A new day has dawned. Let us wake up and greet it.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Excelsior chapter, No. 13, O. E. S., installed their officers for the year of 1914 on January 6 as follows: W. M., Addie Suter; A. N., Sadie Warn; Con., Amelia Brown; A. Con., Viola Crawford; secretary, Wilda Warn; treasurer, Emma Flippings; chaplain, Emma Jackson; W. patron, W.

D. Crawford; Adah, Grace Humphrey; Ruth, Goldie Crolder; Esther, Jessie Walker; Martha, Emma Jackson; Electa, Alice Wolder; inner warder, Mrs. Lowery; outside warder, Mr. Lowery; marshal, Nevada Johnson; organist, Viola Crawford. After the officers were installed refreshments were served. Out of town guests were Mrs. Ruth Bright, G. W. M., of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Harry Horn, Mr. S. B. Lowery, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. A. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Milligan and Mrs. Robinson, all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A very delightful time was had by all present.

Mrs. Harry Horn of Cedar Rapids stayed over for the ball given by the Quo Vadis club January 7, 1914. While in the city she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Brown of 712 Bromley street.

Miss Jessie Walker entertained at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Bright of Davenport, Iowa. Covers were laid for fourteen. The table was decorated with carnations and the hostess was assisted in serving by Mr. David Crosswaite.

Mrs. Ella Howard has just returned from a two weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Miss Delia Howard, of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Moore of Ames, Iowa, was in the city Sunday. While here he was the guest of Mr. Carl T. Brown.

Mrs. Grace Humphrey is planning to give a patriotic concert February 12, 1914.

Mr. Albert Greene of Toledo, Iowa, Mr. Hamilton of Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marshall, also of Boone, Iowa, attended the dance January 7. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spotts came to the city January 1, 1914, from Boone, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Spotts were just married in the morning and came here to live. Mr. Spotts is employed at the Pilgrim hotel. Mrs. Spotts was formerly Mrs. Colleen Starks.

Rev. Mote of Pennsylvania is in the city as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. Roman.

Miss Flora Gatlin of Omaha is at the home of Miss Jessie Walker. Miss Gatlin expects to make her home here.

Mr. Harry Flippings is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flippings, also to attend the ball January 7, 1914. Mr. Flippings lives at Ackley, Iowa.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Anna Harris, Mrs. Clara Waters, Miss Viola Crawford and little Glorine Humphrey. All are improving. Mrs. Della Renfro of Valley Junction and children returned home Saturday, after visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Roman, during the holidays.

Mrs. I. L. Brown entertained Miss Flora Gatlin of Omaha and Miss Jessie Walker on Sunday. It was also Mrs. I. L. Brown's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Suter entertained the G. W. M. while in Marshalltown.

M. W. Grand Master John L. Thompson will make his annual visit to Eureka lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday, January 13, and the members are planning to entertain him royally.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

To the Memory of Mrs. Hattie M. Williams Hutchinson.

(Special to Bystander.) Today I am lonesome and full of dismay.

For my dear sister that passed away. She has made her flight, but not to stay.

Only for her dear Saviour the debt she repaid.

She lies beneath his snowy sod, A nobler woman than ne'er did tread, When she was in this rugged old world.

But now she is gone to the far beyond, Where trouble shall cease, perfect peace, And sing those beautiful praises of God.

No one was as dear to me as she. To cherish, to love and to fondle me. She has left me alone for her burdens to bear.

But they shall be taken for my earthly share, And some day after toils and cares and my life is o'er, I shall meet her on that beautiful shore.

Helen Williams, Ottumwa, Iowa.

WATERLOO, IOWA.

Mrs. G. B. Cheatham has returned from a visit to her home in Paducah, Ky.

Mr. Ed Sanders has returned from a visit to his relatives in Kansas. His wife and brother will return the latter part of the week.

Mr. W. M. Pettigrew returned from St. Mary's hospital, where he has been confined for the past week.

Rev. I. W. Bess conducted the funeral services of Mr. Alford Atkins, who died January 2nd, at 2:30 Sunday, the 4th. He was taken to Lake Mills, Wis., for interment.

The second quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. church was held December 21st and the reports showed an increase along all lines. Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., was present and expressed himself as being pleased with the progress made.

Mr. James Lausha and Miss Bertha Smith were quietly married New Year's evening at the A. M. E. church parsonage by Rev. I. W. Bess.

The members of the A. M. E. church are rejoicing over the news that they will soon move into their new church. Rev. I. W. Bess, who has only been in Waterloo since conference, is the pastor and is receiving many flattering remarks for the success he has achieved.

Miss Eva M. Smith is the representative for The Bystander and has secured many subscriptions for same, and if you want the best Negro newspaper in Iowa see her.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Mr. Ben Mitchell is reported on the sick list, also Mrs. Lucy Craig and Mrs. Annie Smith.

Mrs. Melvina Totten of Chicago is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Totten was the guest of honor at a dinner Tuesday afternoon given by Mrs. Henry Wilder at her home.

Mrs. Ella Brown is enjoying a visit in Hannibal, Mo.

Miss Jeanette Lewis has returned to her home in Kewanee, after a visit with Mrs. Booker Jackson and Mrs. J. P. Anderson.

Miss Thelma Scott returned to her home in Omaha on Saturday. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Tip Gash, who expects to spend the winter there.

Mrs. Isaac Green entertained at dinner Sunday for Mrs. Totten and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Anderson of Monmouth.

Miss Nettie Franklin was hostess to the Culture club Tuesday afternoon. Following the regular business meeting dainty refreshments were served the guests.

Rev. G. H. McDaniels, head of Enterprise Institute at Chicago, spoke Sunday evening at Allen Chapel. Rev. McDaniels is an interesting speaker and held the attention of the audience closely during his discourse.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

The Missionary society meets on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parsonage. One hour was devoted to business and one hour for social enjoyment. Ladies are requested to bring their needle work. Mesdames Lulu Horne and Mattie Perkins will act as hostesses.

Mrs. Fern Cowans is out again, after a long illness.

Mrs. Flo Lavell is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Elbridge Horne returned home from Ottumwa, after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Horne.

On last Tuesday evening about twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Flowers gathered at their residence to help celebrate their children's birthday anniversary. The evening was well spent. A three-course luncheon was served by Mr. Flowers and Madame Thorpe. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing Mrs. Flowers many more happy birthdays.

Mr. Cowans, a student at Coe college, spent the holidays with his mother at Shenandoah, Iowa. He is expected back this week to resume his studies at Coe.

The A. M. E. Sunday school has purchased fifty new song books for both Sunday school and church. The Sunday school and church are blessed with some wide-awake workers.

Rev. W. B. Lowery and wife of Fairfield returned to their home, after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Lowery, on South Eighth street East.

On last Sunday evening the Bethel A. M. E. choir gave a sacred concert. This concert has been looked forward to with much anxiety. The concert was simply grand and much credit is due all of its members.

MASON CITY NEWS.

We are very glad to report that Mrs. Lacy Lewis is up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Banning entertained Mr. and Mrs. Renix and family for Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cabbell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates for Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Brewton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mastson Stratton and Miss Velvia Stratton, Mr. S. Stratton, Mr. Roy and Eldee Stratton for Xmas. All had an enjoyable time.

The stork visited the home of Mrs. Mattie Green last Saturday, leaving a fine baby girl. Mother and child doing nicely.

Mrs. Leona Ewing was taken seriously ill Friday. They were compelled to move her to the Story hospital, where an operation was performed. She is doing nicely and was moved to her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Paul Scott very pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Aid society at her beautiful home on Third avenue. A nice two-course luncheon was served by the hostess. On account of the bad weather only a few of the ladies were out. After a very late hour all departed for their homes, declaring Mrs. Scott a pleasant entertainer.

Mrs. Victor Wright and little daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Wright, left Monday evening for Sioux City, where she will visit with her father for about ten days.

A surprise party was given at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates last week in honor of the newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus Cabbell. A nice time was had by all.

Mr. Frank Rhodes was a Mason City visitor Monday.

Mrs. W. L. Jones, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up and around again.

Mr. Arthur Eaton still remains very sick at the home of his wife's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Master Cecil Brewton returned home Monday morning from Des Moines, where he has been visiting the past week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell.

A party was given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates. It was Mr. Bates' 26th birthday. All had a pleasant time.

Don't forget this week is a week of prayer at the church.

The Epworth League had a splendid meeting last Sunday. Hope the younger people will come out earlier.

KEOKUK NEWS.

No doubt the readers of The Bystander will welcome the news from the Power City, after an intermission of several weeks. If an apology is due, your correspondent gladly offers it, but hope none of our readers will discontinue The Bystander for such a frivolous neglect, but trust that you may have realized the necessity of a live correspondent and thus encourage them by giving your news items of importance and by paying your arrearage subscription.

The death of Mr. Arthur Weldon occurred a few weeks ago. Deceased had been a patient sufferer for nearly two years. His death was caused by dropsy. He was a highly respected citizen and a kind and indulgent father. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Surviving him are eight children, viz., Mrs. Eva Crousen of this vicinity, Oliver, Benjamin, William, Stella, Ella and Lulu, all of this city, and Robert, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The sad death of Mr. Mack Payne occurred in Evansville, Ind., recently. Mr. John Payne of this city, a brother, was notified and sent for the remains. Funeral was held at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Helm. Deceased is also survived by the following sisters, Mrs. Caroline Hopkins of Rock Island and Mrs. M. E. Amos of this city, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral. Burial was in Oak-land cemetery.

Another visit from the death angel within the last few weeks summoned the spirit of Mrs. Martha Scott, wife of Mr. James Scott. By this act of Divine Providence two little children, Viola and James, Jr., were left to mourn the loss of a loving mother. Aside from the husband and children deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Weldon and Mrs. Jas. Mitchell; five brothers, Frank, Wm., Dick, Berl and John Anderson, all of New Boston. Burial was in the family lot near New Boston.

Miss Florence Wilkinson, who has been teaching school near Eolia, Mo., came home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Ralph Tebeau, who has been attending school at Iowa City, spent the holidays at home with his parents.

Mr. Nathan Mitchell has returned home, after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Nellie Keller of Upton, Wyoming, is at home for a few months' stay with her parents, a leave of absence from her ranch near Upton having been granted her.

Miss Letha Johnson visited last week with friends in Des Moines.

Mrs. Amanda Palmer is now convalescent, after a several weeks' siege of serious illness.

Mrs. W. A. Frye, who has been in a local hospital for the past week, is reported to be doing nicely.

Little John Norwood Ashby has been kept out of school as a result of burns he accidentally received.

Mrs. Sarah Holland Johnson's illness is considered quite serious. All hopes for her recovery is shattered.

The emancipation proclamation was appropriately observed at the A. M. E. church on New Year's night. An address by Mr. C. R. Joy (white) was the dominant feature of the evening.

The speaker, who is one of our leading financiers and a business man of large qualifications, told many truths that were heartily appreciated.

Miss Eldora Burton has gone to Oskaloosa to visit Miss Deborah Barber.

Mr. Taylor Robison of Bellflower, Mo., spent the holidays with his Julia Outlaw, Mrs. Daisy Pettis and sons, Arthur and Tina Robison.

Mrs. Etha Goin entertained at her home the 29th ult. at a 6 o'clock dinner, Mrs. Jno. Payne, Mrs. ner in honor of Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind. Covers were laid for twelve, consisting of a very delightful and tempting menu. The out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., and Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind.

Among the social holiday functions was a party given by the Misses Bland at their home, Sixteenth and Fulton streets. Forty-four guests were present and a very delightful time was enjoyed.

Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind., was the honored guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., on New Year's day

Several Keokukians were present. A social time that will not soon be forgotten was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley South on New Year's night, in honor of Mr. Taylor Robison of Bellflower, Mo.

Don't embarrass yourself and your correspondent by me making repeated calls. Every subscriber ought to know when their subscription is due, so those who are in arrears please remit and thus help to enable your agent to purchase stamps, which you know are quite necessary for the transmission of news articles. Anybody desiring to pay or enter subscription telephone Red 1402.

Wishing you all a bright and happy new year, I remain yours for The Bystander.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Watch meeting was observed last Wednesday evening at the A. M. E. church and was well attended by the citizens of Burlington.

An oyster supper will be given at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening by the members of the choir. Everybody is cordially invited.

News has reached our city that Mrs. Jeanette Earle, formerly of Burlington, but who left the city a short while ago for Quincy, Ill., was united in marriage to Mr. James Stewart of Kansas City, Mo., recently. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends of Burlington.

Mr. Thomas Saunders of Des Moines, Iowa, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Alex Saunders, of this city.

Mr. McDowell, a citizen of Burlington, who for some time has taken great interest in the church work, solicited among the people of the city and succeeded in raising a neat little purse of eleven dollars, and it was presented to the pastor, Rev. B. R. Penn, and family as an Xmas gift, which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Sarah Leavinston and daughter, also her little grandson of Frankford, Mo., spent the holidays with Mrs. Emma Earle, sister of the former. They were accompanied by Mr. David Small, who visited a short while in the city, after which he left for Monmouth, Ill., for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Rena Toller is ill at her home on South Main street.

Mrs. Katie Boyd, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Frank Mathews has returned from her visit in Clarinda, Iowa.

Mrs. Sarah Dickson, who has been visiting with relatives in Louisiana, Mo., has returned to her home in this city.

Mr. John Ross of Monmouth, Ill., left for his home Monday, after visiting his sister, Mrs. Emma Earle, of this city.

Mrs. Fannie Parker, who has been ill at her home on South Ninth street, is better at this writing.

Mr. Alex Saunders entertained a company of young people Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Leslie on South Main street in honor of his brother, Mr. Thomas Saunders of Des Moines. Music and dancing was the feature of the evening, after which covers were laid for the entire company to an elaborate turkey dinner. At a late hour all returned to their many homes, reporting Mr. Saunders a royal entertainer.

Mr. A. Boyd has returned to his employment in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Peter King is ill at her home on Leebreck street.

Mr. Thomas Whale, who has been confined at the Burlington hospital, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Emmet Clay is on the sick list this week.

A surprise donation was given to the pastor and family last Wednesday evening by members and friends of the church.

Eleven little friends of Master Floyd Pleasant gave a surprise party Tuesday afternoon, January 6, 1914, in honor of his 11th birthday. Many presents were received by the little guest as a remembrance of the event. All enjoyed a jolly time.

Mrs. Ella White visited her daughter, Mrs. Weldon of Keokuk, last week, and while there the stork visited the home and left a little granddaughter, who came to gladden the hearts of the parents.

Mrs. Florence Powell is on the sick list this week.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor entertained the members of the McKinley Baptist church choir at a six-course dinner Sunday. Th edinner was given in honor of their organist, Mrs. Grace Burriss Blackwell, who will leave Friday noon for Chicago to join her husband. Mr. Blackwell recently located there in the embalming business. The members of the choir presented Mrs. Blackwell with a beautiful lavalier.

The ladies of the Pro. Art club gave an Xmas tree and entertainment at the McKinley Baptist church for all of the little colored children of Rock Island. There were over fifty-five little children who received stockings, dolls, mittens and handkerchiefs and many other articles. This is the first benefit entertainment the club has ever given and it was highly appreciated. Mrs. Chas. Golden, Sr., was chairman of the committee and her work is highly commended by the members of the club.

Mrs. Henry Houston entertained the Morrison, Golden, Jr., and Taylor and Brooks at dinner New Year's

day. Mrs. Houston is one of our best cateresses in Rock Island.

The hair dressing parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Golden, Jr., are being remodeled and when finished will be the finest in Rock Island.

Mr. Dairy Travers and Miss Mary Terry stole a march on their friends and were married Xmas eve. Success to the happy couple.

Mrs. John Slaughter remains quite ill at her home on Eighth street.

Mrs. Jennie Bradley has been very sick, but is slowly improving.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

The W. R. C. club will have a public installation next Thursday evening at the Second Baptist church and refreshments will be served.

Rev. J. W. Bowles was called to Keokuk to preach the funeral of Mrs. Belle Moore last week.

Mrs. J. W. Eubanks is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Ambrose Jackson entertained Mrs. E. J. Thomas at luncheon on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucy Blackwell has returned to her home at St. Joseph, Mo., after several weeks' visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McClelland.

The White Rose club met with Mrs. Archie Redd on Thursday afternoon. After the business hour and program the hostess served a three-course luncheon.

Mrs. E. J. Thomas has just returned from a visit in Chicago and reports a good time.

Rev. L. H. Owens