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Ring soft and low ye brazen bells!
 Each mournful note the end foretells
 Of dying year -
 Reverberating, sweet, sublime,
 Your solemn voices lift their chime,
 And as the last tones die away,
 The year is but a memory.

Ring loud and clear, ye silvery bells!
 Each joyful note the birth foretells
 Of glad New Year!
 Herald a true and lasting peace,
 Proclaim that strife and wrong
 shall cease,
 Ring in a deeper, truer sense
 Of God's benign omnipotence.

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A New York church that keeps silence respecting its wealth is the Dutch Collegiate, which is reputed to have an income from investments of \$400,000 a year. Trinity church has an income from its investments of over \$1,000,000 per annum.

Monster Eight-Year-Old.
 A German medical paper reports that at a school inspection in Brandenburg an eight-year-old boy was presented who weighs 9 stone and stands 5 feet 3 1/2 inches. The young prodigy is physically and mentally well developed.

German Canaries the Best.
 German canaries excel all other canaries as singers. One has been known to continue a single trill for a minute and a quarter, with twenty changes of note in it.

Export of Coal.
 We export \$20,000,000 worth of coal a year. France produces about 34,000,000 tons of coal a year and has to buy 15,000,000 more.

World's Coldest Spot.
 Yakutsk, Russia, is the coldest place in the world. The mercury sometimes falls to 73 degrees below zero.

Improved Electric Lamp.
 The Nerst electrical lamp consumes but half as much energy as the ordinary incandescent lamp.

Cost of Fires.
 The annual loss from the burning of buildings in the United States is about \$135,000,000, not including cost of insurance and the appliances for fire protection.

The various churches gave their usual Christmas festivities. The Christmas tree feature was of more general interest this year than heretofore. The trees at all of the churches were laden with many good things to please the hearts of the dear friends and the little ones. Among those that celebrated the usual custom were the Second Baptist, Vine St. Baptist, Pleasant Green Baptist, Allen Chapel, Ebenezer and St. John's chapel.

If our readers could find as much time to pay for the Son as the Son finds time to supply them with the news, it would be enabled to give lots more news and better encouragement. Editor Duncan Oath of the Liberator brought out a commendable holiday number. Mr. Oath is bringing the Liberator to the front.

The four K. of P. lodges of Kansas City, consisting of McKinley No. 21, Lilly No. 8, New Era No. 40 and No. 43, held a joint installation December 30th, at 553 Main street. Officers installed as chancellor, commandery were C. B. Russell of McKinley; Felix Payne of the New Era; W. H. Taylor of Lilly and H. R. Graham of No. 43. The ceremonies were performed by Grand D. D.'s R. F. Adams and Lewis Woods. Our success during the past year has been wonderful, but we look for a greater progress in the future. The K. P.'s are looking forward to giving a grand entertainment some time in January, 1904.

Dr. Snelson, who has succeeded Dr. Owens as presiding elder of the Fifth Episcopal district, opened his first quarter at Allen chapel last Sunday, under very favorable comment. The Doctor took for his text, "What profits a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul." He drew vividly to the minds of those present the examples to be followed in the explanation of the text. Dr. Snelson enters upon the duties of his new field with the promises of a flattering success. Rev. Vaughn of the St. John chapel preached the sacramental sermon with the assistance of Rev. F. J. Peck. Dr. Peck is well pleased with the outlook of Allen Chapel, both as to finance and increase of membership.

Dispute Over Planet Mars.
 A recent dispatch from Prof. Percival Lowell from Flagstaff, Ariz., stating that a large projection of Mars has been discovered, leads Prof. Garrett P. Serviss to declare that the planet is undoubtedly inhabited. On the other hand, Prof. Flammarion of Paris declares that the projection is only an illumination of the clouds or lofty mountain summits in the setting sun, and that many other analogous observations have already been made.

Has Faith in Kansas.
 Gov. Bailey of Kansas has inexhaustible faith in the agricultural future of his state. Since his inauguration he has had numerous offers for his fine farm in Nemaha county, but has never been tempted by the figures offered. There are several hundred acres in the place, and the governor has been offered \$75 an acre several times, but thinks it worth the even \$100 at least.—Chicago Chronicle.

Best Coal for Navies.
 The coal from the Glamorganshire field in South Wales is regarded as superior to all other steam coal by the navies of the world. Its rival from the United States is the Pocahontas coal from West Virginia.

Lives of Dogs and Cats.
 The dog grows for two years and lives for ten or twelve. The cat grows only for about eighteen months and may also live for ten years, in very exceptional cases for twice as long.

THE OXFORD.
Swell Folks Make a Swell Affair.
 The president, A. L. Cox, and Secy. I. H. Triplett, and Leon H. Jordan, treasurer, deserve great credit for their management of the Oxford club at this time.

The Oxford Club gave their ball on last Tuesday evening at Burns' Hall which was a grand success in every way. The members at this time spared no pains in entertaining their guests of both in the city and out. The members of the club carried out their part of the program to the letter. They were all in Full Dress. The hall was beautifully decorated and the menu was indeed grand. The ladies that were in attendance were nicely dressed. In their costumes they represented most every color which was suitable to the occasion; they had flowers to match. Those present were the following: Prof. W. E. Griffith and wife; T. H. Clay and wife; Ed. Clay and wife; John Hearn and wife; Frank Buffkin and wife; Dr. J. E. Berry and wife; Sandy Edwards and wife; Dr. F. C. Chattman and wife; J. E. Carpenter and wife; George Teeters and wife; Will Garritt and wife; Harry Rilly and wife; Mrs. John Lang, Mrs. Sallie Booher, Mrs. Jane Woodland, Mrs. Ada Jordan; Misses Jennie Clay, Edna Jordan, Annie Jones, Stella Cole, and Miss Ida Foster; Miss Nella Lore, Miss Ella Watkins, Miss Ida Godford, Miss May Barnes, Miss Minnie Hubbard, Miss Ella Sweatman, Miss Lulu Sweatman; Mr. C. A. Jackson, Mr. W. H. Watson, Mr. A. L. Cox, Mr. James Wilson, Mr. James Young, Mr. Kirk Wilson, Mr. J. T. Roberts, Mr. L. Montgomery, Mr. John Russel, Mr. Charles Washington, Mr. Will Griffin, Mr. Blake Brown, Mr. L. H. Jordan, Mr. J. W. Moss, Mr. W. H. Page, Mr. Ed. Louis.

We are to feel congratulated of the Oxford club at this time.

LEXINGTON NEWS.
 Rev. Caldwell from the Indian Territory preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Maggie Davis left Saturday morning for St. Louis.

Miss Bettie Collins returned home Sunday morning.

Mrs. John Johnson is quite ill.

Mr. Henry Mason is on the sick list. Mr. Harvey Washington, who was sent to the home of Mrs. Nancy Brown, died Wednesday, December 15th and was buried on the 17th. His funeral was preached at the A. M. E. church by Rev. A. A. Gilbert.

Mr. Barber Hook, Mrs. Shell Olden and also Mr. James are on the sick list.

Born to the wife of Rev. J. P. Epps, a girl.

Mrs. Argie Williams is quite ill. Mrs. Rhoda Reed of Kansas City were.

Mr. John Mewer of Odessa was the guest of Mr. Grundy Burton Sunday.

Deborah Tabernack, No. 31 will give their entertainment on Dec. 25th. They will give away a fine certificate to the one holding the lucky number.

Smallest Inhabited Island.
 The smallest inhabited island in the world is that on which the Eddystone lighthouse stands. At low water it is 30 feet in diameter; at high water the base of the lighthouse the diameter of which is 28 1/2 feet, is completely covered by the waves.

British Potato Famine.
 The Yorkshire Post, Leeds, England, says that to find a parallel for the serious outbreak of disease in the potato crop one must go back to the black years 1877-1879, or even to the years of 1872-1873, when the regent potato, from which many growers had made their fortunes, utterly failed.

Good Old Tsi An.
 Protests against Empress An's course may be withdrawn, now that it has been discovered that she is behaving journalists instead of editors.

Bank Notes as Fuel.
 The novel spectacle of a steamer being stoked with bank-notes was once witnessed at a Mediterranean port. Forty-five sacks of the apparently valuable paper were tossed into the furnace of the vessel's boiler. The notes were canceled documents of the Bank of Algiers.

Charge for Table Napkin.
 On the continent of Europe the table napkin is charged to you, put down in cold pencil on the check brought by the waiter—two cents in our money, whatever it may happen to be in centimes or pfennigs.

Regulation for Track Walkers.
 Track walkers for certain Massachusetts railroads are now required to wind a registering clock at certain points every hour and records are kept, to be examined weekly by the superintendent.