

to make an accurate report of the...
Washington, D. C. Church.
If you want to know the news, read
the PLANET.

FROM NEW IBERIA.

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Washington, D. C., Dr. T. Leroy Jeffers
made an application for a patent
on a new turner he invented. The
invention is semi-automatic, and can
be adjusted to almost any size book.
We are pleased to say that Dr. Jeffers
has invented an invention that
would be of great assistance to musi-

cian. Mr. S. E. Lee, of Beaumont,
Texas, Saturday evening, Mr. Lee is
the business manager of the "Afro-
American" a six column, and a patent
book paper, published by the young-
men of Texas. Saturday evening he tried
to organize a stock company at Dr. Jeffers'
residence. The company was organized
to establish a department in the "Afro-
American" for the interest of our people
here, but he did not succeed.
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WEST-INDIAN NOTES.

NOTES FROM THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

His Body Mysteriously Disappeared.

GOOD PREACHING IN THE WEST
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Personals and Briefs—Toipis

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FLY, ENVIOUS TIME.

THUS SANG MILTON OF THE DE-
PARTING YEAR.

Man and His Marvels has always but
Timeless Time Holds On—The Death of
the Year Brings a Feeling of Sadness.
A New Face at the Door.

Even now the gray dawn of the new
year is peeping over the horizon. We
can almost hear the bells tolling the
midnight mass for the dying year:
Yes, the year is growing old.
Yes, the year is growing old.

Let us affect a gay spirit, if we will.
There is an indescribable, unnamable
sadness that comes over us all at this
dying of the old year. There is a feeling
of unpeopled and unloved loneliness,
that takes possession of our souls
as the taper of the old year burns
low. If a man ever feels the chill of the
supper hour, this is it. One
hears strange sounds and sees uncanny
visions:
Through woods and mountain passes
The wind like autumn, rolls.
They are chanting solemn psalms.
Singing, "Pray for this poor soul."
So Longfellow dwelt mournfully on
the passing of the old year, and in like
manner did Tennyson bewail its de-
parture:
Full knee deep lies the winter snow,
And the wind whistles and whistles
Toll ye the church bell and slow
And tread softly and tread softly
For the old year lies a-dying.
Faintly and faintly
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so readily—
Old year, you shall not
Angst gently. Death is almost here:
His face is growing sharp and thin.
Alack, our friend is gone!
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin,
Step from the corpse and let him in
The stander, who shall
And wail at the door.
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend—
A new face at the door!

And thus the old year dies and the
new year begins.
Again the silent wheels of time
Their annual round have driven:
The New Year has its breaking:
The wave is breaking on the shore,
The edge is falling from the cliff,
Again the shadow moves o'er
The old year's O' Time!
And time speeds on that ever chang-
ing, tireless, crumpling time; that time
of which Milton sang in a voice that is
now hushed by time:
Inevitable, till thou run out thy race,
On the last day of thy wretched hours,
Whose speed is but the heavy plummet's pace
Which breaks and under ordinary circum-
stances is no more than what is false and vain.
And merely mortal dress.
So little is our life,
So little is our life;
For, what canst thou say that thou hast accom-
plished, and that of all thy greedy self consumed,
Thou long'st to die, and art not
With an individual life,
And joy shall overtake us as a flood,
When everything that is sincerely good
And perfectly divine,
With its own body and love, shall ever shine
Above the supreme throne.
Of him to whose happy making shall alone
When our heavenly guided soul shall
climb.
Attired with stars we shall grow quit,
Triumphing over death and chance and sin,
O' Time!

And so time goes on and has gone on
for ages upon ages. Time changes:
Before my breath, like blazing fire,
Man and his marvels have been
And changed, forsaken and decay.
Time has
* * * seen strange mutations;
The Roman empire has begun and ended—
New worlds have risen—we have lost our
land.
And countless kings have into dust been
blown.
But no matter how we bid the parting
year farewell, or how we shall hail the
new—no matter how we measure it—
time keeps slowly but surely ticking
away.
Time, like a brilliant steed with seven rays
And with a thousand eyes, imperishable,
Man and his marvels have been
On him second the learned and the wise.
Time, like a seven-headed, seven-navel car,
His rolling wheels are all the worlds, his axle
is immortality.
Each new year brings us nearer the
earthly end, nearer the call of the faith-
ful Bellman, who sings:
Along the dark and silent night,
With his lantern in his hand,
And the twinkling of my bell,
I come to bid you all good night.
Death and drearfulness call on
To the general session,
To whom death has been
All accounts must come to clear,
Of sins we've made here, many.
'Tis not for God, God knows, if any
Rise, ye debtors, then, and fall
In mortal sin, and all
Ponder this, when I am gone—
By the clock 'tis almost one.
—Chicago Record.

No Church Services in Scotland.
Ever since the reformation New Year's
has been the place of Christmas;
but, strange to say, although the
formers in their zeal discontinue Christ-
mas as a popish, they did not in any way
encourage or countenance any religious
services on New Year's day. The Eng-
lish peasant goes to church, and returns
to eat his Christmas dinner. His brother,
the Scottish plowman, lets no thought
of religious service enter into his enjoy-
ment. In the Scotch Highlands, where
a most pagan observance of a pagan
feast has taken deepest root in Scotland,
the home of the covenanters and cradle
of theology, where the kirk still holds
the place of honor, and the Scotch
Scots, pre-eminently religious above
all the nations, will have no church ser-
vices enter into the enjoyment of their
national feasts.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Scotch "First Footing."
In Scotland "first footing" was for-
merly universal. It was the Scotch
people who first began to celebrate it. At
a little before 10 o'clock young fellows
would start out from home to "first
foot" their sweethearts, and to be
the "first" to enter on New Year's day
was deemed a sign of success in court-
ship.—Selected.

General Horace Porter, in his "Cam-
paigning with Grant" in 1862, re-
lates an anecdote telling how Gen.
Grant sided a drover in turning his cattle.
General Porter adds: He knew, of
course, that the man did not recognize
him, but he supposed the man was
lacking in proper military respect, he
would perhaps have administered to him
the same lesson which he once taught a
soldier in the Twenty-first Illinois, who
was straggling behind as a sentinel,
and he had supposed the man was
smiling blandly and said, "Howdy, col-
onel!" His commander cried, "Hand
your pistol," and upon taking it
faced the soldier and came to a "present
arms." Then handing back the musket,
he remarked, "That is the way to say
'How do you do' to your colonel."
O. & O. Christmas Holiday Rates.
Specimen rates for Chesapeake & Ohio
between stations named:
Richmond and Lynchburg—\$5.00
Richmond and Norfolk—3.50
Richmond and Old Point Comfort—3.00
Richmond and Lexington, Va.—6.00
Richmond and Clifton Forge—7.70
Richmond and Washington City—4.55
Between all stations of Chesapeake
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One and One-third Fare for the Round
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These tickets will be on sale Decem-
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MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

SUNDAY BEFORE XMAS
AT OUR CHURCHES.

Good Sayings of our People About Xmas.

A BRILLIANT MARRIAGE IN THIS SECTION.

Miss Pierce Weds at Palm Yra, Va.—Our Last Warning—Other Items from the Ward.

esop was a most happy one and he
called them most heartily to the
honor done him while in our city. Mr.
James Smith takes the lead as the fun-
ny man.
Each clan or Stag made for home to
sleep and dream over the joys and
pleasures of the past. But Oh, how
we laughed in our sleeve at "Magno"
as we devoured the good things of
earth and thought how low we had
again invaded his territory and was
safe in one of his strong holds.
On our way home on west Broad
street, we heard the interesting voice
of a woman calling for a police. We
instinctively turned to see where we
were. The police came quickly and
quickly found no one on the premises.

A Centenarian Burned to Death.
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15—
Alice Thomas, a colored woman, who
is known to be over 102 years old, was
fatally burned at the home of her
granddaughter, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, of
northwest, about noon yesterday. She
was left alone in her accustomed
room near the fire and in some way
she slipped and fell against the fire
and was unable to call for assistance,
and even had she called, there was no
one in the house to get her rescue.
She was helpless to aid herself as she
was in a room, and must have had
a horrible death.

Stylish positions, artistic lighting,
and finely-finished photographs; new
chairs and back-grounds of the latest
designs. See the list of the Jefferson,
No. 523 East Street.

SONG OF THE BURDEN BEARER.
Over the narrow footpath
That led from my door
I went with a thought of the Master,
As oft I had walked before.
My heart was heavy and sad,
And with weary eyes were dim,
But I knew I had a burden,
I could get a glimpse of him.

Over the stony pathway,
To the fields all sown and bare,
I went with a thought of the Master,
As oft I had walked before.
And a face that told of care,
I had the light of the morning,
This is the color of the dawn,
But a gracious look of the Master
Shone in the strength of morning.

Nothing that was altered—
I had still the same old face—
But I bore it now with awe—
Which comes of answered prayer.
I had the light of the morning,
This is the color of the dawn,
But a gracious look of the Master
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It seems that this year will be
crowded with marriages. The
number to be will not be less than 5
Sickness is still prevalent in this
section, but we hope the unfortunates
will soon recover.
The number of marriages by old
maids and bachelors in this, and ad-
joining sections for the year has been
estimated at 10. Can you enumerate?
It has been said that those black and
white girls who are engaged to be
married on Sunday were up-to-date.
On last Wednesday night, Miss Jo-
sephine Doyle, a popular young Miss of
this section was married to Mr. Brown
on West Leigh St. It was a brilliant
affair.

We were glad to note that Miss Carrie
Pierce, a well-known young lady of this
section will be married on Monday,
December 22nd to Mr. Albert Jones at
the residence of her father, Mr. J. J. Lewis,
on Va. at 8:30. We are glad of her
success and hope for her a bright and
happy future.
—M. E. Sangster in Witness.

BECKER'S ABOLITIONISM.
It Aroused Threats Against His Life and
Against His Church.
Mrs. Henry Wood, in a graphic
and unimpeachable article entitled "When
Mr. Beecher Sold Slaves in Plymouth
Pulpit" in The Ladies' Home Journal,
tells of the peril in which the famous
preacher placed himself by his fearless
advocacy of the abolition of slavery. "In
1847 Mr. Beecher became the pastor of
Plymouth church, Brooklyn, and in his
inaugural sermon, he says, 'he frankly
stated the position that he intended
to hold in opposition to human slavery.'
The majority of the church members
agreed with him, but the majority of
the people of New York and Brooklyn
were not abolitionists. Of the real-
ities of slavery they knew nothing."
They regarded it sentimentally as a pa-
triarial institution that had come down
from the Bible and that was the only
southern people amenable to develop-
ing charming ladies and eloquent poli-
ticians.

Mr. Beecher came to open the eyes
and arouse the consciences of these sen-
timentalists, and he encountered as bit-
ter an opposition as that which he had
faced in Cincinnati. He was abused as
a negro worshiper, he was threatened
with personal violence, a mob was
formed in New York to tear down the
church in which he preached. I have
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