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EDITORIALS

NEW YEAR

We hail the new year of 1917 and bid her good morning, and say farewell to to the old year which has just gone with its errors, failures and successes. We have had our joys and our sorrows, but they are passed for 1916 never to again to return. Yet we will only think of the past to give us experiences for the future. We may say like the poet "I might have been" or "If." Let us try to forget the past and turn our face toward the future that lies before us with her unknown problems, trials and troubles or joy and sunshine that awaits us, and prepare ourselves to meet this 1917 with hope and courage to surmount the difficulties that may confront us. My wish is a prosperous new year to all.

COLORED CANDIDATE FOR JOBS AT CAPITOL.

With the opening of the Iowa state legislature and inauguration of the new governer next week our city is full of colored politicians and would-be politicians and hangers-on after the political spoils. There are many worthy candidates among the many, yet there are a few unworthy ones who do not represent anything but themselves and that not very well. The following are the best list that we can get now: For messenger to the governor, D. Miller, the present messenger under Governor Clarke; assistant postmaster, Mrs. Fred M. Goodson of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Elbert H. Hall of Des Moines; for janitor of state room of senate, Earl Logan of Des Moines, Wm. Thompson of Ottumwa, Fred Wright of Davenport. Honor Roll of Boards, of the house are E. Hyde and Henry McCrosen of Des Moines, Ralph and Harry Burnaugh, W. J. Jones, Boston, Wm. Jenkins, Des Moines; for janitor of the actual state room, Rev. Geo. C. Young, Mrs. J. E. Williamson, Rev. Alex Griffin and Mrs. Wm. Jones, all of Des Moines.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1917.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion are presenting, as always at this season, to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1917, a calendar for the new year. It is decidedly unusual, and exceedingly artistic. The colors are well chosen and delightfully harmonious. It was made primarily, moreover, for actual use, and is well suited for the Practical Home Calendar.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

(Late Week.)

One of the most brilliant receptions given in this city for some time was that one given by Mrs. C. Cain last Wednesday evening at the Lincoln Beautifulness hall. Fully 200 persons were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen are visiting Mr. Allen's parents in Leavenworth, Ks.

The funeral of Mrs. Nettie Bryant was held at the L. M. Brown undertaking parlors last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Nettie Richardson-Robinson of Ottumwa is visiting old friends in this city, where she was raised.

Mr. Henry Walker, who resided here several years ago, is spending the holidays in the city and shaking hands with old friends.

The T. L. C. club carried out their usual custom of sending Christmas dinners to the sick, aged and lonely.

Mrs. Sarah Ross, who resides about in Capital City, Mo., is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. C. R. Marshall.

Mrs. Jackson and Chester Waters are visiting relatives in Chicago.

Mr. Harry Brown is visiting at his old home, Kirksville, Mo.

Miss Marie Wilkerson is suffering with a very severe cold.

Mrs. C. Cain served Christmas breakfast to a large number of her friends. Mrs. Cain has entertained at breakfast every Christmas for about twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Payne entertained at a beautifully appointed dinner Christmas. The decorations were in keeping with the day. The dinner was delicious.

Fever Sores.

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DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Wm. Brooks lodge, No. 77, U. B. of F., held their annual election of officers at Odd Fellows hall December 27, with the following result: Mr. J. Frank Brown, W. M.; A. D. Rice, D. W. M.; Robert Samuels, W. S.; H. Mullen, assistant W. S.; Wm. Brooks, W. T.

Mr. Lewis of Centerville is visiting in the city.

Chester Waters is home from a visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Lucy White of Chicago is a guest of Mrs. J. R. Christmas.

There will be a pew rally at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday, January 22, under the auspices of the trustees.

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

One of the most notable events of the pre-holiday season was the wedding of Mr. Howard Bannister and Miss Grace Harris, two popular young people of our city. The happy event happened on the 21st of December at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Harris, followed by a reception in the evening at the home banquet hall. They were the recipients of many nice presents and are at home to their friends at 395 Thomas street.

Mrs. Mary Bannister is quite sick at her home on Thomas street.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Pryor had the sad misfortune to lose their seven-year-old son just before Xmas.

The members of St. James A. M. E. church held a reception New Year's day at the parsonage in honor of their pastor, Rev. Jas. M. Henderson, and mother. Many called during the hours and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Quintman Hicks entertained at a seven-course dinner New Year's eve. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. King and Miss pal Wade.

Mrs. Etta Grant of Sioux City, Iowa, is in the city, the guest of her daughter, Miss Geraldine, and sister, Miss J. Protean, of University avenue.

Queen of Sheba chapter, No. 70, O. E. S., are preparing for a grand ladies' minstrel and masquerade ball at Union hall on St. Valentine's night. Mrs. Mayme Graves is general chairman, with Mesdames May B. Mason and Mattie Hicks chairmen of program.

The Crispus Attucks Home will be formally opened to the public at a reception about the last of this month.

Watch meeting services were well attended at both Pilgrim Baptist and St. James A. M. E. churches. Many did attend the latter. Rev. Henderson has a very unique way of conducting this, as well as all of his services.

The State Federation board will meet Friday with Mrs. Jennie Wilkerson of Minneapolis.

Mrs. H. A. Johnson of Lyndale avenue was hostess for the Bachelor Whist club Tuesday afternoon.

The Self-Culture club met Wednesday with Mrs. Thos. Steele of Lyndale avenue.

Dr. Noble Turner, Lawyer W. T. Francis, Messrs. Geo. W. James, Chas. James and S. Ed. Hall were making their annual New Year's calls this year.

Mrs. Dorothy Waters of Anita was called to Creston, Iowa, last week by the death of her mother, Mrs. Martin, an old settler of that little city.

Now that the festivities are over, let us settle down to business and start the new year right by paying up your subscription to the Bystander. I will call soon.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not as cold, but a temperature of about 60 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

OTTUMWA, NOTES.

Mrs. Minnie Brown, who was injured in the car last week, is improving under the nurse's care.

Miss Edna Cox, who underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph hospital, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. E. D. Johnson, wife of Mr. E. D. Johnson, was buried Saturday from the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Paul Stevenson, formerly of Kansas City, was called home to the funeral of his mother, Mrs. L. Stevenson.

Mrs. C. Morse entertained six couples at an opossum supper New Year's day at her residence, 1528 Burlette.

Miss Gertrude Kelley of Kirksville, Mo., is in the city visiting Muriel Brown.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Cora Lewis Anderson returned to her home in Buffalo, New York, on Tuesday morning.

Rev. John Dowden was in Sioux City this week on business.

Mr. David Morris of Omaha was visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Harris, of Albia a few days of this week.

Mrs. Wm. Bennings has visited the past week in Albia with her daughter, Mrs. Brown, and son, Mr. Walter Bennings.

Mrs. Oscar Roper and Mrs. Joe Jamison returned to Albia from Des Moines, after visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittian Thomas entertained at an English breakfast on Christmas morning the following persons: Rev. and Mrs. Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davis.

Miss Jennie Lewis was an Ottumwa visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Bennings entertained at 12 o'clock dinner on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and family of Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davis and Miss Ada Davis and Mrs. Will Bennings of Fort Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen and children visited in Ottumwa on Christman day with Grandma Talbert and Bud Jackson.

Mr. Charlie Davis came up from Ottumwa and visited over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davis, and entertained on Sunday afternoon to 6 o'clock dinner Mr. and Mrs. Brittian Thomas, Mrs. M. F. Ward and Miss Pauline Thomas.

Mrs. Joe Robinson and daughter, Miss Alberta Robinson, have been visiting in Buxton during the holidays.

The Young Girls' club met at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA.

The Mothers' club delightfully entertained their husbands December 28th at the home of Mrs. Reescoe. An excellent program was rendered, after which light refreshments were served. The committee in charge was Mesdames Burnaugh, Greenup, Reed and Keith.

Miss Genevieve Pickett entertained a number of friends Saturday in honor of her 14th birthday. A pleasant time was enjoyed by those present.

Miss Grace Harris, who teachers in Buxton, is spending her Christmas vacation with her relatives.

The B. Y. P. U. held a social in the church basement Saturday night. A neat sum was cleared.

Miss Etta Searcy and Mr. Harold Gooch, who attend Iowa Wesleyan, are spending their Xmas vacation at their homes in Ottumwa.

Mrs. C. Hubbard is on the sick list.

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PAID FOR OWN EDUCATION

Officials and Members of St. Paul Baptist Church in New York Unite in Celebrating Tenth Anniversary of Their Diligent Leader—Much Good has Been Accomplished.

By W. BARNETT DUNNIN.

New York.—The appreciation shown to many leaders in the various lines of religious and educational work by those among whom they labor is a most notable sign of progress in our social life. One such event recently took place at the St. Paul's Baptist church in this city when the officials, members and friends united in a magnificent celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Rev. H. Arthur Booker, the successful pastor of the above named church.

The committee in charge of the celebration was headed by Deacon William H. Turner. The auditorium of the edifice was tastefully decorated with the national colors, potted plants and cut flowers. The ushers were chosen from the female members under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Smallwood. They were beautifully gowned and wore their regalias, which designated the auditorium to which they belong.

The efficient work of the deacon board is a fine tribute to the Rev. Mr. Booker as a Baptist determinist, for

REV. H. ARTHUR BOOKER.

the majority of the present members of the board were ordained and trained to the work since Dr. Booker became pastor of the church. The program of exercises was presided over by the Rev. Dr. Granville Hunt. The choir furnished appropriate music, and Deacon J. O. Cross and T. R. Harper, a licentiate of the church, took part in the opening of the program.

The following named persons represented the auxiliaries of the church: Deacons, J. T. Edwards; trustees, W. M. Johnson; Sunday school, Miss Janie Freeland; Missionary society, Mrs. Ripter Hall; ushers, J. L. Brown; lady ushers, Mrs. Janie Smallwood; B. Y. P. U. literary, Miss Julia Simmons; the Busy Bee club, Mrs. Janie Anderson; the Royal Banner club, Miss Mary Smith; the Progressive club, Mrs. Clara Moore; the Bull Moose club, Mrs. Beatie Anderson; the Helping Hand club, Mrs. Florence Harris; the Lily of the Valley club, Miss Edna Banks; the Brilliant Star club, Mrs. Martha Jackson; the Joseph club, Master Harrel Batts; Pastor's Aid society, Miss Marion Johnson; the Cheerful Givers' club, Mrs. Jeremiah Thomas; the choir, A. De Ancy; the church, W. H. Turner, clerk.

The speakers and their subjects were: "Rev. Booker as Pastor," Rev. M. B. Hudes, D. D.; "Rev. Booker as Preacher," Rev. W. L. Lucas, A. B., B. D.; "Rev. Booker as State Worker," Rev. G. H. Sims, D. D.; "Rev. Booker as Financier," Rev. A. C. Matthews, B. D.; "Rev. Booker as Friend and Citizen," Rev. J. E. Robinson, B. D. A brief response was made by Rev. Mr. Booker.

The Rev. Henry Arthur Booker, son of William and Julia Booker, was born in Amelia county, Va., about three miles from Amelia Court House, in 1875. As a boy he attended the schools in the county, but when he was still very young his mother died, leaving him, with three brothers and one sister, to make their way in the world as best they could with the help of a good father. Shortly after the death of his mother his father went to Richmond, Va., secured work and sent for his children. Here young Booker worked with his father and then in other places till 1888, when his father died.

He then went north, going first to Stamford, Conn., where he remained for about a year, and then to Brooklyn, where he was converted in the Bethany Baptist church, baptized and became an active worker. It was soon evident that he was called to the ministry, and, feeling the need of preparation, he consulted his pastor, Rev. R. I. Gaines, who advised him to take a course of study.

Before his conversion Rev. Mr. Book-

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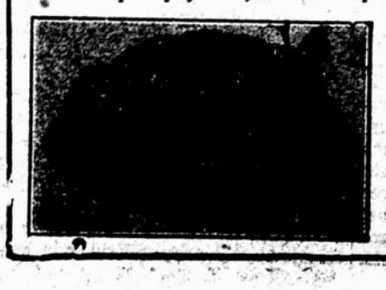

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