

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES SAINT PETER'S CHURCH YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The children's services at Saint Peter's Sunday school on Easter and Christmas have for years been notable occasions, and the celebration yesterday afternoon was no exception. The church was beautiful in its Christmas decorations of holly, pine and bamboo, and the happy faces of the children gave an added brightness to the scene.

The offering, two large baskets were placed at the foot of the chancel and every child of the Sunday School carried a gift to be sent to the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. Fruits, candy, clothing, toys—a profusion of things that will make a happier Christmas for the little folks at the home. Every child carried something and seemed glad to share his Christmas pleasures with the orphans.

TREASURER J. C. BRAGAW THANKFUL

In another column you are publishing a letter received this morning from Mr. Henry Clews, New York City, treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund.

Please allow me to supplement that letter by thanking again each of the one hundred and seventy odd individuals, clubs, schools, and other organizations that make up that list which Mr. Clews rightly characterized as "remarkable."

I wish to express particular appreciation of the services of the Bay State and Trust Company and the Bank of Washington, through whom many of the gifts reached me, and of the Daily News, whose liberal donations of space in every issue for six weeks was no small factor in the success of the effort.

Since the check was forwarded to New York I have had three dollar bundles for the same purpose—one dollar each from Master S. C. Cary, Jr., J. H. Calloway and Mrs. E. V. Mayo—and this will be sent you promptly.

It has been suggested by several that the Fund should be kept open, and as the needs of those for whom we have appealed will not cease at Christmas but will continue in distressing volume for many months, I shall be glad to receive further donations and to forward them. All such gifts will be acknowledged through your columns as heretofore.

JOHN G. BRAGAW, JR.,
Local Treasurer Dollar Christmas Fund.

A MUSICAL COMEDY AT NEW THEATER

The New Theatre opens tonight with an entire week's engagement of the "Southern Beauties Musical Comedy Company." This troupe comes here with the very highest recommendation from every town that they have played in. It is considered the best company on the road of its kind. This troupe travels under a strict guarantee to please every one. They will give an entire change of program every night. On Tuesday night this playhouse will have the first installment of the new serial photoplay "The Trey O' Hearts." This serial is conceded to be more interesting than "Ludlow Love." The New Theatre will give three matinees this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There is no doubt but that they will have capacity houses all of the week.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE
In twenty miles of this city, who have relatives and friends you would like to visit this Christmas time. If you can't go, send them your photograph. It is so personal in nature. It will be almost like a visit to them. Think how far a photograph will go.

QUEST OF MRS. SWINDELL.
Mr. Harvey Briley and son of Paeolus, N. C., spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Swindell at her home on West Third street.

Washington Is Thanked For Its Belgian Contributions

The following letter, received in this morning's mail, will be read with interest and appreciation by all who took part in the gift sent from Washington for the Dollar Christmas Fund for Homeless Belgians.

Washington, N. C.
Dear Mr. Bragaw:—In behalf of the committee of the Dollar Christmas Fund and in my own name as treasurer, I beg to acknowledge your valued donation of \$369.34 contributed by the town of Washington in North Carolina and vicinity. I note with satisfaction that your gift is entirely voluntary and that there has been no personal soliciting. We are all very grateful to you for the practical way in which you have shown your sympathy for the cause of the distressed Belgians.

We are very glad to know that you have had the assistance of the local paper in your work of mercy. Will you please thank the numerous contributors mentioned in the remarkable list you enclose, and assure them that their charity will assist very considerably in the work of relief we have undertaken.

Permit me also as treasurer of the fund to wish you all the compliments of the Christmas season. I know that you realize with me that each one will be happier at Christmas inasmuch as he or she will have helped to make happy a people be-

reft of every comfort through no fault of their own.

Yours very truly,
HENRY CLEWS,
Treasurer.

WILL RESUME WORK AGAIN JANUARY 4

The Washington Buggy Company plant which has been shut down for the past several weeks will resume operations Monday, January 4th. This will not only be pleasing news to the employees of this large plant but the entire city as well.

SEEKS DOCTRINAL LIBERTY
New York, Dec. 21.—Rev. A. J. Muste, left this city today to become pastor of the Central Congregational church of Boston, leaving the Washington Heights Reformed Church in West 131st street. He prefers his new church, he said, before leaving because it offers more freedom.

HINDENBURG EXPECTS NEW RESISTANCE

London, Dec. 20.—The Germans advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica rivers have reached the Russian positions along the Bzura river and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura, destroying bridges behind them. Two German detachments who followed over a partly burned bridge, are said to have been practically annihilated, 50 survivors being taken prisoners.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans now are not more than 30 miles distant. Field Marshal von Hindenburg expects stern resistance which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer. They are protected by the Vistula river, which the Germans have not been able to cross.

The Russians are continuing operations against East Prussia, although the capital of Poland was not threatened and by counter attacks are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemyśl, according to the Russian official statement has entirely failed.

The offensive operations of the allies in the west are being carried out under conditions of siege warfare and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans, who in their entrenchments and surrounded by wire entanglements, make an advance of even a few yards very costly for the attacking force.

In Flanders the allies have gained a little ground at considerable cost. Along the coast the allies' warships continuously are bombarding German positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgian border south to the river Oise, where the ground is hot as wet as in the flooded regions of Flanders.

Along the Aisne and in the champagne district the French artillery now probably stronger than the German, has been keeping on the move but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive. They claim a slight advance.

The Serbian and Montenegrin armies again have united after defeat of the Austrians who invaded Serbia.

BREEZY NEWS FROM THE FIELD

"After appearing in nothing but light comedy role for awhile, it was a decided relief to portray a character like Joe Lark in 'The Black Sheep,' declared Tom Moore, Kalem's popular leading man, recently. "For the last few months, 'I have done nothing but light comedy work. Then came 'The Black Sheep,' and the role of Joe Clark. I don't know a single other role which afforded me such pleasure to portray. There was a double reason for this. The first, because it was wonderfully dramatic role. The second, because as Joe Clark, I was able to drive home with terrible force the fact that man must suffer for his folly. The miracle of this drama cannot be denied. I think that when photoplay patrons see it upon its release on Monday December 28th, they will vote 'The Black Sheep' one of the most powerful dramas ever told in motion pictures."

What is perhaps one of the most merciless exposures of the danger is contained in "The Derelict," the Kalem drama which is to be released Wednesday, December 30th.

Miss Maria Sias, the charming Kalem leading actress, who enacts the role of the wife in this drama, had ample opportunity to observe the results of the use of habit-forming remedies. When not engaged in working before the camera, Miss Sias does settlement work and frequently finds wretches who contracted the drug habit by too frequent use of "catarrhal" powders and "headache cures." It is because the producing director embodied Miss Sias's suggestions in "The Derelict" that photoplay patrons will find this drama of unusual realism.

C. E. Forbes of Greenville, N. C. was a passenger on the Norfolk Southern train yesterday.

DR. FLETCHER CHARMED HIS AUDIENCES

The members of the First M. E. Church congregation were treated to an intellectual feast yesterday morning and evening in having the pleasure of hearing the Rev. M. Fletcher, principal of the Washington Collegiate Institute. Both this morning and evening discourses were masterpieces of thought and logic. At the morning hour his subject was "Faith, Hope and Love," and at the evening hour he preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "If a man die shall he live again." Mr. Fletcher is a speaker of rare ability and simply charmed and captivated his congregation. As stated above it was a feast of good things. The speaker made a most profound and lasting impression upon his hearers. The music at the evening service was attractive. The soloists were Mrs. William Eley and Miss Elsie Buckman.

On next Sunday at this church the new presiding elder, Rev. Mr. Reed, will fill the pulpit.

POLICE SHAKE-UP

Stung by the criticism of the police department that its demoralization was responsible for such gang trines as the Buff murder, Police Commissioner Woods made many changes among his deputies.

First Deputy John McClintock, he said, would leave the department. During the prolonged absence of Commissioner Woods, First Deputy McClintock has been the acting commissioner. He was in charge when Buff was killed. Under him the rest hunt for the assassins was made. He was in charge, too, when Commissioner Woods lectured at Harvard on "How to Catch Gunmen."

NATIONAL GRANGE CLOSSES SESSION

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 21.—The first annual meeting of the national Grange to be held in this city was brought to close today and the delegates departed for their homes in all parts of the United States. Next year's meeting will be held in San Francisco. About 2,500 delegates were present. During this week the delegates have visited every part of the "strawberry and peach tree" estate, which is not a great deal larger than some of the large ranches of the west represented at the Grange. The meeting was pronounced one of the most successful ever held.

ATTEMPT TO ROB BOOZE DEPOT MADE

The expected happened Saturday night. Not a few citizens have predicted that an effort would be made to enter the liquor depot of the Southern Express Company situated at the corner of Union Alley and Main street before Christmas and the prediction is now a reality.

Sunday night between nine and ten o'clock several citizens standing on Main street in front of the depot heard glass crash. They immediately rushed down the alley and on reaching the rear of the building saw three negroes packing sand down the alley towards Second street. The would-be booze thieves failed in their effort to secure booze gratis for Christmas. There is no clue as to the guilty parties.

LACKAWANA'S EXTRA DIVIDEND

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 21.—An extra dividend of 10 per cent was paid today by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. Since 1909 the Lackawanna has unflinchingly declared this extra dividend just before Christmas. From 1905 to 1906 these extra dividends were 20 per cent. Since the organization of the company in 1849 it has paid 599 per cent to its shareholders.

VISITORS TODAY

Among the welcome visitors to the city today are John W. Chapin, of Aurora, E. B. White and Thomas Brantley of Edward, and Heber Beacham of Small. They returned to their home on the afternoon Washington and Vandemere train.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

After Wednesday of this week the Public Library will close for two weeks to allow the librarian her annual vacation. Patrons who wish to do so may on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week borrow two books on each card, these books to be due the first of re-opening of the library after the holidays.

TEACHERS MEETING OF BEAUFORT COUNTY WAS HELD SATURDAY LAST

The second monthly teachers' meeting of the teachers of Beaufort county was held in Washington, Saturday last, and practically all the teachers of the county schools and several of the city graded school teachers were present. By prearrangement the school committees of the county met in joint session with the teachers. A good number were in attendance, but not as many as should have been.

The second book of the North Carolina Teachers' Reading Circle, "Country Life and the Country School" was the basis of discussion. Three chapters bearing on the relation of the teacher to the rural problem were made special topics for critical study. Excellent papers were read by Misses Ava Jones, Margaret Tuten, Ruby Stille, Mamie Moses and Mr. Wilbur Ross. After each paper the meeting was thrown open for a few minutes round-table discussion. Prof. N. C. Newbold, former Superintendent of the Wash-

ington Graded Schools and now Assistant State Supervisor of Rural Schools, in an excellent address, emphasized the committeemen's relation to his school and community.

The fact that practically every teacher in the county is a regular attendant at these monthly meetings and they never refuse to take the parts assigned them or do anything to make the meetings a success, shows a most encouraging professional spirit among our teaching force.

The next meeting will be held on the 23rd of January and every one interested in the schools of the county are cordially invited to be with us. I am sure that if a large number of the committeemen and party are cordially invited to be with the teachers and hear them discuss the various problems that arise in their work it would result in a much better understanding and would promote the interest of the schools.

W. G. PRIVETTE.

FUNERAL OF MAJ. BLOUNT YESTERDAY

The last sad tribute of love and respect was paid to the late Major John G. Blount yesterday afternoon when the funeral took place at 3 o'clock from St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The floral offerings were beautiful being the handsomest seen in this city in quite awhile.

The choir sang appropriate hymns. As the remains entered the church Mrs. D. M. Carter sang most touchingly, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." The other selections used were "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Hark, Hark My Soul." At the cemetery quite a number of appropriate selections were used. Thus passes to the great beyond one of Washington's oldest and much beloved citizens.

CONDITION PRECARIOUS.

The condition of Mr. J. Sam Hodges, who resides a few miles from this city on the Williamston road, today is reported to be precarious. He is suffering from an acute attack of pneumonia.

PLENTY OF GOLD COIN

And bright new crisp \$1 and \$2 bills for Christmas. The Savings ure in providing a supply for its friends. 12-21-tfc.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO AID YOUNG MUSICIANS.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The third of a series of musicales to aid young artists by the Music League of America will be held at the Blackstone Hotel this evening at which the artists Nikolai Sokloff, violinist; Robert Cottachalk, tenor, and Florence de Courcey, contralto. A notable list of patronesses have come forward to the musicians. The purpose of the league is to assist worthy young artists in getting a hearing before the public.

NOW COSTS 10C EXTRA TO GET GIRL

It now costs ten cents extra for a fellow to secure his best girl and skip off to some J. P. or minister and be made one. This extra business has been in vogue since December 1, the result being that several of the local ministers have had to go down in their jeans for the stamp tax money as the groom has been in ignorance of the requirement Young women who enter the state of matrimony from now on can inform their husbands that they are worth just a little bit more than the cost of the license fee for the minister because it is a fact. Certificates of marriage now have to be plastered with a ten-cent stamp. All the would-be and prospective Benedicts are now given fair warning.

SATURDAY VISITOR.

Mr. W. M. Fife, formerly of Fayetteville, now representing the Frank H. Fleeer Corporation of Philadelphia, manufacturers of chewing gum, was a Washington visitor Saturday.

This chewing gum company is one of the largest concerns in Philadelphia and the president, Frank H. Fleeer, is well known throughout this state. He has a large farm of 3,000 acres near Thomasville besides other interests. The gum made by this company is enjoying a large sale. Their special brands are "Bobs" and "Spring Root."

CAPITALS CHARITYBALL.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The charity ball for the Children's Country Home will be held tonight. The military, navy and diplomatic circles will be generously present and the affair will partake of an important society event. A group of the most prominent young matrons in the city have tonight's affairs in charge and a large sum, it is estimated, will be realized.

Attempt Was Made to Rob L. N. Williams Friday Night

Mr. L. N. Williams, the deaf and dumb boot and shoe maker, who runs a shop on Market street on last Friday night while going to his home on West Third street was intercepted by two colored men masked, just a short distance from his home. Mr. Williams was asked for his money and he being not able to speak, the highwaymen proceeded to use a stick on Mr. Williams. He was hit on the arm, shoulder and leg. In the scuffle Williams succeeded in securing the weapon and was getting ready to use it scientifically when his interceptors taking second thought concluded to seek other quarters. Mr. Williams had considerable money on his person at the time and

aware of the fact. While suffering from his wounds today he is still able to attend to his regular duties. Mr. Williams was unable to recognize the men. The surmise is that the negroes were

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