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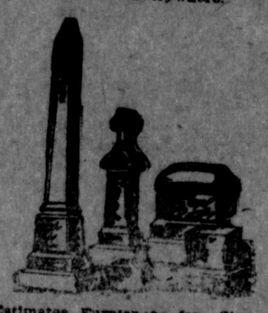

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May the editors of this paper have a very Happy New Year.

Rev. F. A. Baker and family were guests this week of relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. J. L. Smith visited her brother, Mrs. L. S. Price, near Lynch' this week.

Mr. Harry Link, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higman, near town.

The community is planning a school of Religious Education to be held in Asbury M. E. Church. The equipment for this week-day school has arrived and within a week or so it will be in session. There have been about 70 children enrolled. This school will be undenominational and it is hoped many more children will enter yet and much interest be manifested. The Board of Religious Education of Millington is, President, Rev. F. A. Baker, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church; Vice President, Rev. J. H. Garner, rector of Holy Cross Chapel; Treasurer, Mrs. Jonathan Jones; Sect., Rev. Albert Van de Vander, pastor of Trinty M. E. Church, South; Mr. S. T. Pippin and Mr. Harry Higman.

Miss Clara Bollinger was the guest this week of relatives in Elkton.

Miss Marie Vansant visited her sister, Mrs. Ford Phillips, of Wilmington, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin spent the past ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rasin, of Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higman entertained Rev. F. A. Baker and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higman and Mrs. S. W. Mallalieu at dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. Harry Lane and son, Charles, of Ridgely, Md., were guests last Tuesday of Mr. J. E. Higman.

Mrs. L. A. Hurtt visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall and son, Mr. Walter Woodall spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Philadelphia.

The regular monthly meeting of the Queen Esther Circle, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held on Tuesday evening of last week in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Copper, of Chesterville, Mr. and Mrs. Eunis Walls and son, Roland Bartlett, and Mr. John Walls, of Wilmington, were guests last Sunday of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tobin and little daughter, Jean, visited her mother, Mrs. Carrie S. Ellison, of Chesapeake City, last Monday.

Miss Dorothy Taylor, of East Orange, N. J., spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Taylor. Mrs. Ira Gale and daughter, Florence, spent a couple of days this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Norman Higman, of near town, was the guest last Monday of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Cox, of Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slaughter and Mrs. Kate Garton visited relatives in Elkton last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Walls, of Wilmington, spent the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls, near town.

Miss Martha Lutes spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Asbury M. E. Sunday School held its re-election of officers last Sunday and the following were elected for the ensuing year, Supt., Mr. Harry Higman; Ass't. Supt., Mr. Leo Gale; 2nd Asst. Supt., Mrs. Ham Neal; Supt., Cradle Roll, Mrs. Samuel Everett; Secretary, Miss Myrtle Jones; Asst. Secretary, George Duling; Treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Jones; Missionary Treas., Miss Carrie Wiest; Librarian, Nellie Everett; Asst. Librarian, Morris Hankin; Organist, Miss Florence Dixon; 1st Asst. Organist, Mr. Carlton Wallen; 2nd Asst., Organist, Arlene Gale and Chorister, Mr. John H. Wiest.

Mrs. Maggie Poore was the guest this week of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Stewart, of Wilmington.

Mr. D. B. Ford and family, of Chestertown, visited his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Massey and two children, Lawrence and Carolyn, spent Thursday of last week in Wilmington.

Mr. J. C. Numbers, of Parlin, N. J. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Services at Asbury M. E. Church, tomorrow, January 1, will be as follows: 10 a. m. Sunday School, Mr. Harry Higman, Supt.; 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Baker; 7.30 p. m. revival service. These services will be continued each night for at least two weeks and the pastor will be assisted by visiting pastors of the community during these services. These services will be continued each night for at least two weeks and the pastor will be assisted by visiting pastors of the community during these services. The public is invited to attend all these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Bailey, of Wilmington, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Booth, of Media, Pa, and Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, of Chester, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Harry Higman this week.

Mr and Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Spry and Miss Elizabeth Craig, of Wilmington, were guests last Monday of the former's daughter, Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, near town.

Mr. W. C. Myers and family, of near town, spent Christmas Day with relatives at Frederica, Del.

Mrs. Eva Marvel and Mrs. George Jones spent Thursday of last week in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, Mr. Noah Walker and family, of Baltimore, Mr. P. H. Wood, Jr, and family, of Wilmington, Miss Katherine Vansant, of Galena, and Miss Ruby Ahern, of Pittsburgh, Pa, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons, of Wilmington, were guests last Sunday of her mother, Mrs. Annie Poore.

Mr. Frank Lambert, Sr., of Chestertown, spent the Christmas holidays with his son, Mr. Frank Lambert, Jr.

Mr. George Smith moved last Saturday from the Barwick farm, near Sudlersville, into the Shahan house on W. Cypress St.

Miss Helen Higman, of Wilmington, spent the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higman, near town.

Next Monday, January 2, at 10 a. m. The Middletown District Ministerial Association and their wives will meet at Asbury M. E. Church. Dr. Harvey W. Ewing will be the order of the day. The community is invited to hear this inspiring address by Dr. Ewing, his subject will be, "The Man Nobody Knows? Dinner will be served the ministrs and their wives in the Community Hall by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mr. Lester Woodall, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Frank Lambert, Jr., of Wilmington, spent Thursday of last week with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brice, of Fairlee, spent the week end with his son, Dr. Merritt Brice.

Miss Florence Comegys, of Stamford, Conn., visited her mother, Mrs. S. S. Comegys, this week.

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A New Year's Conscience

by Martha Banning Thomas

SOME of us were born in New England and have that kind of a conscience. Why New England should produce a particular conscience different from any other's conscience seems a little difficult to explain. However, there seems to be a tradition about it. If you possess a New England conscience you are supposed to be responsible to the last degree. You go one point further than actually neccessity and worry for fear you won't think up all the possible things you might have done under a certain set of circumstances.

Well, then—

We all rather like to think we obey our conscience; it gives us a faint glow of saintliness. (Though, of course, to admit this publicly would ruin us for life!) Whatever conscience is—"a still, small voice," unbroken habits of right thinking, an instinct that urges us toward the best—most of us possess an inner law of some sort or another; and we either follow this law, or push it off irritably.

At New Year's we take stock of our affairs. And very often conscience sits as judge. And let us never forget that we are responsible. Not to be responsible is a kind of crime. Just

so far as we have pushed our abilities, then just so far should we use them for the finest development. To do less is sheer waste of invaluable material. To do less is being false to ourselves. To do less is sinning against truth.

Convictions may change from year to year; we should keep stride with them as strong men—not take it out in thinking but demonstrating them by doing. If we are good workmen—be it in the woods or in the shop, country or town—and do not do that work for the glory of doing it well, then we never should have been trusted with ability. For ability is a two-edged sword—if not sharpened for the gallant battle of life, it turns to rend the owner.

Let this year's conscience be nourished by that higher, unwritten responsibility which answers the quiet, inner knowledge of life carried forward with the utmost strength and courage.

Happy New Year to our consciences!

A Good Resolution

One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference. How arguing over nothings mars the home harmony. An erroneous opinion may need correction, but what possible difference does it make whether Aunt Jane came to dinner Tuesday or Wednesday, or whether it rained Friday or Saturday.—Advent Christian Missions.

A PSALM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

By Dinah Muloch Craik

A FRIEND stands at the door:
In either tight-closed hand
Hiding rich gifts, three hundred and three score;
Even as seed the sower,
Each drop, he treads it in, and passes by;
It cannot be made fruitful till it die.

O good New Year, we clasp
This warm shut hand of thine,
Loosing forever, with half sigh, half gasp,
That which from ours falls like dead fingers' twine:
Ay, whether fierce its grasp
Has been, or gentle, having been, we know
That it was blessed: let the Old Year go.

O New Year, teach us faith!
The road of life is hard:
When our feet bleed, and scourging winds us scathe,
Point thou to Him whose visage was more marred
Than any man's; who saith,
"Make straight paths for your feet," and to the opprest,
"Come ye to Me, and I will give you rest."

Yet hang some lamp-like hope
Above this unknown way,
Kind year, to give our spirits freer scope
And our hands strength to work while it is day.
But if that way must slope
Tombward, oh, bring before our fading eyes
The lamp of life, the Hope that never dies.

Comfort our souls with love—
Love of all human kind;
Love special, close—in which, like sheltered dove,
Each weary heart its own safe nest may find;
And love that turns above
Adoringly, contented to resign
All loves, if need be, for the Love Divine.

Friend, come thou like a friend,
And whether bright thy face,
Or dim with clouds we cannot comprehend,
We'll hold out patient hands, each in his place,
And trust thee to the end,
Knowing thou leadest onwards to those spheres
Where there are neither days, nor months, nor years.

Every Year a Milestone

Every year is a milestone—A stepping-stone or a stumbling [illegible]? Your life is a part of many l[illegible] these many lives are a part [illegible]. Character is the est[illegible] our conduct in life by [illegible] well about you.

1928 Greeting

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 6:24-26.

A NEW YEAR'S TURN

BY ELEANOR E. KING

THE window frame shivered, creaked and gave way under the prying force of the jimmy. The flat palm of a massive hand finished the raising process. A foot thrust over the casement was firmly planted on the floor of the darkened room. After a hasty survey of the apartment, the man called out the window, "Pard!" then whistled softly.

In due time "Pard" arrived via the window route. A systematic search of the house was instituted, and the valuables deposited in the living room.

"New Year's means lots of parties, and a party for us, eh, Sam?"

"Pard!" Sam painfully exclaimed from the depths of one of the bedrooms, "you bozo, drop every last thing in your hands."

"Sam, you sap," growled the other disgustedly, "you ain't gone sentimental again? I thought if I got you through Christmas all right, you'd come out all O. K."

Sam walked over to him and put his hand on his friend's shoulder. "You have been a friend to me. See this picture? It was there on the chifforobe. That's her, 'Pard'! I'd do anything on earth for that," and he slapped the picture vehemently, only to meet his "Pard's" sour looks. "There ain't no time like tonight to begin all over again. Tonight starts a New Year, an' a start with this in my possession means sure-enough success. I'm young. She don't know I went to the dogs, 'Pard.' She never will—if you're a friend. I'll pay you fifty dollars to leave that stuff right where it is an' beat it. This is all I'm taking, and her father will never miss that." Sam gazed into the eyes of one who meant so much to him, then into "Pard's" glowering ones.

"To think my year's work was to turn out like this. A softy, a sap what thinks a New Year says a new start—and after that thing, too."

His laughter subsided as the scraping of a key and the tumblers of the lock gave a warning note. Four feet found their way over the window sill into the darkness of the night.

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As the Old Year Dies

To most people the passing of the year, even though the new period holds hope of advance and happiness, has its sad aspect. The [illegible] neglected opportunities, wasted hours and days, chances [illegible] worthy endeavor ignored. The retrospect is in many cases not pleasant. But it is well to look back, to review that which has just passed, and note the things left undone as well as those that have been done as a guide and a warning for the years to come.

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