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THE MASONIC TEMPLE

We would not care to live in a land where there were no churches. The modern church of today represents the best efforts of 2,000 years of christianity. Without constant reminding of the teachings of Jesus Christ, the world would sink into abrupt chaos. As the body of man needs the soul within it to make it function, so does the soul of man need the spiritual urge that is founded upon faith in a Deity.

There are other forms of religious and moral instruction. One of them is fraternalism. Birmingham is, indeed, fortunate in having in its midst a number of good fraternities. Take a man from a good christian home and church and let him partake of the work in a good fraternal organization, and he comes forth a bit finer in morality and thinking—if he will. For, after all, it is up to the individual to put into action the precepts and examples found in any house of instruction, and also the thing does not count for virtue.

Last week the Masonic fraternity of Birmingham dedicated their new Temple on South Woodward avenue. As far as material things go, this Temple is one of the finest in the land for a community the size of Birmingham. This shows that local Masons are ready and willing to dig into their pockets for a house in which they can carry on their work. But the wonderful possibilities of good things for the community to come forth from the edifice are inestimable.

Local people have a chance to pride themselves on the erection of this Temple—whether or not they belong to the Order. Every church, lodge or school house that flaunts its columns upward is evidence of Birmingham's attempt, or climb, further on the ladder of spiritual growth and understanding. Good can only come from such undertakings.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Birmingham boasts of many things, among which its public school system plays no minor part. All over the State of Michigan the fame of local schools has travelled and our citizens have a right to feel elated that the money they pay into their school fund is worthily used.

Without our eyes the world would, indeed, be filled with darkness for us. The majestic beauty of Nature is hidden from the blind—and our sympathy goes out for all so stricken. In some parts of the world there is no public school system, and our heart goes out in sympathy for the people who live there. The eye of their intelligence is like unto one who is blind—and nearly all of the good things that life extends to the human family is kept from them.

God has decreed that we shall all come into this world without any visible mark of intelligence. In this respect we are equal. Not until many months have passed does a baby show response to the world about it. And from this period until the Grim Reaper cuts it down with his ever-wielded scythe, the baby—through youth, manhood and age—depends to a great extent upon scholastic training for advancement in the world of men.

We cannot spend too much money for the education of our children. We ought to spend ten times what we do on our school system—and less on armament and similar things that work only destruction upon mankind. The teachers in our public schools ought to be paid the highest paid of all public officials. The president of a college or university ought to be paid more than the president of a railroad. It is more important to manufacture keen intellects than battleships or locomotives.

Members of the local school board are pursuing a worthy task—though often a thankless one. But the self-satisfaction they get from doing their job well probably compensates them for most of their trouble.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of the schools of this district, is responsible more than any other, we think, for the good status of our school system. We have often heard it said that Birmingham is fortunate in having so proficient an educator at the helm of its school system. Every parent in the district whose child or children have received an education under his guidance owes him a vote of thanks.

Have you, Mr. or Mrs. Parent, ever told Supt. Vliet of your gratitude for working for the better education of your child? Do you ever communicate with your child's teacher and let her know that her efforts to instruct your offspring are appreciated? This is something you ought to do frequently.

You must not think that a home and a school are two separate, distinct institutions. They are as closely associated as the kitchen and dining room of a home; they must not be too far apart or the food will be cold when placed upon the table. As long as your child attends school, there must be close co-operation and understanding between the directors of the home and the school room. A school system cannot manufacture good products unless the raw material it gets possesses the qualities that are necessary for good products.

A JUDGE'S DIGNITY

From the time we are old enough to glimpse but the bare facts of this world, we are taught of the majesty of the law. This is good. Laws are made to govern those who break the common decencies that one individual should receive from another. We cannot be taught too much that we should respect the statute books of community, state and nation. (Perhaps some time we will be civilized enough to respect international laws—those things so often referred to during the late war as "scraps of paper").

So, the man or men who dispense in the name of justice their interpretations of our laws should also come in for respect from the people whom they are asked to serve. But, our opinion is that there is one substantial drawback to the complete administration of justice from the bench by judges—and that is the fact that all judges are merely human beings.

It is the most natural thing in the world for human beings to want to worship something. In days gone by most of the world knelt supplicant at a shrine; they erected images of their imaginary gods; they worshipped the sun and stars. This practice still holds in many foreign lands. Thus it is easy for us to look with reverence and awe toward the men who preside over our courts.

Detroit's municipal court system has just passed through a period of verbal warfare. Two of the judges could not agree on the same subject. Their varying opinions were given front page stories by all the Detroit newspapers. It was good, lively news. It is not often that distinguished jurists forget the dignity of their positions to the extent that they engage in a "scrap".

But judges are only human—they have their limitations. The same condition often exists in churches between fellow clergy. It is not good example for the laity to witness such clashes. It shakes their faith and weakens their idolatry. These periods of strife in court and church ought to remind us to be more tolerant of others, remembering that "let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY

By G. R. A.

Detroit is now in the throes of a "Safety Week". Statistics prove that the Fourth City is nearly first when it comes to traffic fatilities and injuries each year. It has got no direct crossing of any of Detroit's that one can hardly ever attempt a main thoroughfares without waiting to let from one to a hundred motor cars pass first—or else be run down. If every motorist would drive slowly; if he would have a good set of brakes on his car, and if every pedestrian would either "watch his step" or move out into the prairies —then would life and limb be safer on Detroit's streets.

Clara Phillips, California's "hammer murderess," is said to have been captured in Honduras. Old Sam must have a specially prepared sizzling grid to welcome her arrival.

A well known Detroit newspaper had a story last Sunday to the effect that the Fourth City's water "is the purest in the world." From statistics issued from Detroit's morgue last year, it is easy to see that its bootleg whiskey cannot be so wonderfully extolled.

Which reminds us that when it comes to water Detroit has nothing on Birmingham for pure water—only they may have a little more than we boast of.

A nation that is peaceful and unwarlike must have within its confines a good majority of splendid mothers. Inasmuch as France now has the greatest standing army in the world, we can't think much of its women. For, after all is said and done, men generally do what their women want them to do.

"Fitten Girls for Marriage" reads the headline in a Detroit paper. And then the article goes on to tell that the thing is done in Northern Rhodesia. That ought to be a good plan —sort of puts the expense on the girl's father, instead of her husband. Funny world, isn't it, Folks?

Now that the people of Birmingham have voted for a new sewer, let's not kick and grumble when we are asked to pay for it at tax time.

School will soon be out. Have you picked out a place to spend your summer vacation? We suggest that you see Michigan first.

Well, Folks, they've removed the "municipal golf course" from Woodward avenue. Now wouldn't it be nice if they'd put some decent street lights along this thoroughfare, so we couldn't see the former holes?

Our friend, L. L. Stevenson, New York correspondent for the Detroit News, writes that "stage door johnnies have forsaken the stage doors and now wait at garment factory entrances and exits for pretty models." Now—now, Louis—how do you know all these things?

As we write this, Detroit has an elephant on the way and is now engaged in finding a suitable name for it. This reminds us of the days when We were a boy—back in Cleveland, Ohio, when the Cleveland Press carried on a campaign for the purchase of an elephant the same as the News is now doing. We well remember how eager we were to have the elephant, for we lived but a mile from Brookside Park, where the elephant was to be kept. We remember sending in some pennies—seven of them, we think—and were on the job to help receive the animal. It was a lady elephant, and received the name of "Minnie." Alas! she has long since gone to her reward—but we well recall many happy childhood moments of sharing peanuts with her.

Females of Chicago who are fond of swimming in Lake Michigan can wear a combination of Eve's fig leaf and an Egyptian hieroglyphic this summer for a bathing suit, according to news reports. It is said that automobile roads leading into Chicago from all parts of the world are in wonderful condition, men,

While cleaning a fish, a cook in a New York restaurant found a diamond ring worth $600. And yet they say there is no money in the restaurant business.

It ought to interest local people to know that Elijah B. Howarth, Jr., representative, and Andrew B. Claple, senator did not attend every one of the 79 days of session during the recent legislature at Lansing. Mr. Howarth missed 19 days, while Mr. Glaspie was absent 20 days. Unless they have sick, here is no plausible excuse for their not being in better attendance at the business meetings to which they pledged their faith with the people.

Instead of referring to our main highways as "thoroughfares," would it not be more to the point to call them "thorough-dares"—since it requires a good deal of courage to attempt a crossing by pedestrians?

Governor Grossbeck is interested to know why some of our state roads last longer than others. We think we can enlighten the Governor by selling him to look up the character of the various road builders. No matter how much sand, gravel or cement you may have on hand, you can't make 'em stick together, Governor, unless you mix 'em properly, and don't use too much water.

Now comes the announcement that spring potatoes are high in price. It seems that the cold weather we've had has retarded the growth of home-grown "spuds." So we've got to pay freight on the ones we get from the south. Perhaps the reason cotton is so high—on account of the cold weather in the temperate zone. And sugar also.

Michigan's State University will graduate 1,500 students in June. That means that 1,500 well groomed intellects will scatter about the world in an attempt to earn a livelihood. If the University teaches boys and girls to think, then we have that many thinkers added to what we already have. That is good. But isn't there something wrong with our country when only 1,500 pupils graduate from a University in a state as large as Michigan? There ought to be at least ten times that number to insure the future well being of civilization. Every state in the nation ought to graduate more boys and girls from its institutions of learning. Perhaps we'll come to that some day.

"Low Rail Rate Will Solve Coal Problem," reads a newspaper headline. Excuse our "French," dear readers, but it'll take a helluva lot more than mere "low rail rates" to turn the trick—what is most required is a bunch of legislators in Washington, D. C., who really have the interests of the people at heart and who can enforce their righteous opinions when they have formed them. Fewer "investigations" and more action will prove that railroads are not entirely hogs—even if they are made the "goats."

With $10,000 that she received as damages in a breach of promise suit, pretty Dorothy Newbury, of Lynn, Mass., says she will buy a bungalow "off in the woods," and keep away from men forever." All right, Dorothy, but don't stumble across one of those movie outfits that are on some wilderness location" or they might make you leading lady. And you know, Dorothy, Folks don't like movies that have not an element of love running through them—so your career would be of short duration.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago

Go set the bells to ringing
And fire off the guns
Blow your trumpets inside out
And bang the biggest drums
And if anyone should ask you
The reason of this joy,
You may tell them Charlie Rhynale
Is the father of a boy
The young M. D arrived late on the train Sunday evening. Everybody doing well, thank you.

The regular literary exercises of the Reform club will be held on next Wednesday evening. Admission two cents.

In the absence of their pastor, the ladies of the Presbyterian church went at it with a will and gave the church a thorough cleaning. A much needed improvements has also been made in rebuilding and remodelling the old chimnies of the edifice.

Mrs. J. D. Gibson presented her husband with a little daughter on Saturday last. Everybody happy.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

In common with numberless cities and villages of the land, Birmingham observed the heroic dead of the late war on Monday last. The weather was superb, the usual showers of the day being omitted, thanks to the kindly consideration of Jupiter Pluvius.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the procession formed at the Methodist church and proceeded to the Greenwood cemetery. J. Allen Bigelow acted as marshall of the day. At the head of the procession was the newly organized company of cadets from our high school, whose excellent marching under the command of George Raynale was complimented on all sides. Following the cadets were a squad of G. A. R. members and a company of 16 young women from the various young people's societies, all of the different churches led by Minnette Hunt and Edith Hamlin. At the cemetery a square was formed around the soldiers' monument. Patriotic songs were sung, a prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Church and addresses were given by J. Allen Bigelow and Rev. Eugene Allen. After two volleys over the graves of the soldiers and the depositing of the flowers by the young women the procession proceeded to the interseption of Maple and Woodward avenues where, after singing "Marching Through Georgia," it disbanded.

Little Leslie Mark Hanna, the 15 months-old son of John Hanna, had a narrow escape Memorial day. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon the little fellow was playing out on the curbing in front of the house and finally, unobserved by his mother, he wandered out into the street, when a man came along and carelessly drove right toward the little fellow. Just then, Mrs. Hanna discovering her baby's peril ran out to rescue him but did not succeed until the horse's foot had dealt an ugly bruise over the little fellow's right eye. Fortunately the buggy did not pass over him and he was only stunned and bruised. A swelling about the size of a hen's egg soon formed. Immediately after the accident little Leslie was carried across the way to Dr. Wilson, who said he was not seriously injured and such proved to be the case as he is lively as ever now.

Something like 15 years ago Charlie Dennis, brother of Morrell and Youngser son of Mrs. Cordelia Mc-Stay, left out to seek his fortune. When Charlie left he was the best player then in the celebrated "Hungry Nine" baseball club of Birmingham and for his fine playing ability, kind and cheerful disposition was liked by everybody. He left and nothing was heard from him till three years later a report from away out west came that he had been killed. Morrell wrote to the Register of Deeds in a Kansas town asking about his brother and received a letter saying that from the records he had disposed of his property and gone no one knew where. This report connected with the other that two men had been shot and killed and found floating in a boat, one of whom was named Charles Dennis, left the facts as that Charles Dennis was mourned for dead. One night last week a stalwart, well-fed, good-looking stranger appeared in town and proved himself to be the long lost son. Maybe the mother wasn't a happy woman as well as the rest of the family to meet their son and brother again.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Gillette, of Richmond, Michigan, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hilliard, of Brown street, over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Todd, of West Maple Road, and Mrs. B. F. Brown, of North Woodward avenue, attended the Michigan Baptists' Convention at Hillsdale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Seers, of Adams Road, left for a two months' tour of California last week.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the third day of May, A.D. 1923.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Emily R. Schlaack, Deceased.
Frank Schlaack, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.
It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.
It is further ordered, that the 10th day of September, 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.
ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.
A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 3-4-5

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Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th day of June, A.D. 1923 at 12:00 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, we will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the property or Saginaw Street entrance to the Oakland County Building in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage together with attorney fee, said interest from the date of notice and costs allowed by law and provided in said mortgage including an attorney's fee, said premises being situated in the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, and described as follows:
Lot Number Seventeen (17) of Block Twenty-one (21) and Lot 22 of Valentine's Addition to the Village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County aforesaid in Liber 11 of Plats on page 18.
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JOHN J. GAFILL,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
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Dated March 27th, 1923. 49-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the second day of May, 1923.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Duncan Adams, Deceased.
Sigmund Adams, having filed in said court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased now on file in said court be admitted to probate, and that letters of administration of said estate be granted to Sigmund Duncan Adams, executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.
It is ordered, That the fourth day of June, A.D. 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;
It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
ROSS STOCKWELL,
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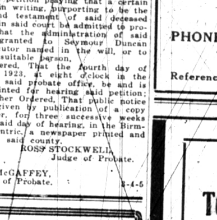
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	6:40 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
	7:25 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
	8:10 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
	8:55 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
	9:40 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
	10:25 a.m.	12:00 noon
	11:10 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
	11:55 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
	12:40 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
	1:25 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
	2:10 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
	2:55 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
	3:40 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
	4:25 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
	5:10 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
	5:55 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
	6:40 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
	7:25 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
	8:10 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
	8:55 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
	9:40 p.m.	11:15 p.m.
	10:25 p.m.	12:00 midnight
	11:10 p.m.	12:45 a.m.
	11:55 p.m.	1:30 a.m.

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Trains leave Detroit on the hour, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. inclusive.
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Limited cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 7:25 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 2:55 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 9:40 p.m. and 11:55 p.m.
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PERSONALS

Last week Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Staebler and Mrs. A. Roese, of Saginaw, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Swartz, of Hamilton avenue, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, of Harmon Avenue, have just spent the winter in California, returned to Birmingham recently.

Mrs. Stephen Hill, of Orion, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Woodley, of East Maple Road, several days last week.

Miss Winnifred Humphrey, of Saginaw, was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. F. R. Donovan, of Bloomfield Center.

Mrs. J. C. Sherwood, of Wallace street, having sold her home to J. R. Vincent, left for Long Island City, Saturday, to join her husband, who is employed by the Ford Motor Company there.

After a two months' tour of the West Mr. and Mrs. John Mooney and son, Leroy Phillips, and daughter, Mrs. Leon Richards, and granddaughter, Cherna Richards, returned to their home in Clawson last Saturday.

Mrs. F. L. Shattuck, of Pierce street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Patterson, of Chicago.

Last week end, Miss Virginia Hartwell, of Ann Arbor, visited her brother, Mrs. Arthur Hartwell, of Brown street.

H. R. Kwans, of Jackson, moved to 207 Euclid avenue, last week.

Charles Edwin Jones, local real estate man and builder, is completing four new houses on George street, near Clark street.

D. J. Doherty, of Marlette, spent Friday with his son, Frank Doherty and family, of Lincoln avenue.