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## WHO LOSES FAITH LOSES ALL

In an age that seems more swiftlooted with every recurring school, new things eaching the hundred things of the hundred things of the hundred things of the hundred things of the hundred in the hundred hundred hundred in the hundred hundred hundred hundred in the hundred the far spaces and jots down the road for another genera-tion to outleap him.

But Christmas changes never.

Somewhere in all the adventurous complexity of

human nature there is a beginning; traced back through experience it is found to be in the cradle, of life no less than of belief; in a superb simplicity. It is the hour of the dawning child life, when faith is large and Omplete, because helplessness needs lean on faith, where all is in-scrutable. Helplessness begets gratitude, generosity, kind-liness, the primitive virtues which are all of a plece and not a veneer of sophistication, topped with a seasonal sur-

hot a veneer of sophistication, topped with a seasonal surface of good-will.

For the child the shepheres ever watch their flocks by nights; for the child the star, never fails to lead the three wise men from the East; for she child the heavens open the choir of angels, and their golden-voiced herald of the Prince of Peace; for the child everything is a miracle and nothing incredible. The world is an illusion of sweet dreams; the fairies dance under the trees; the Indians people the corn-shocks; the birds have voices for other things than song. Illusion is the embroidery of faith; the liberty of simple-mindedness, in which all men, conactously or unconsciously, are partners.

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He who ceasek to dream, loses the half of life; but the who loses the capacity for faith loses all of it, and is already dead. Christmas, defying the logic of the times, ignoring the akepticism of the chemical analysts, rests purely on the faith that, in every human being three is a divingity for whose coming the shepherds watch, the star shines, the wise men purset their journey and the angels sing through opening heavens—at Christmas.

#### AN OLD STORY RE-TOLD

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the mer-chandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

My son, if sinters entice thee, consent

thou not . . . For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And thou not. they lay in wait for their own blood; they lark privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof." Proverbs.

Over in the Chapel of Daines & Bell, local under-Over in the Chapel of Daines & Bell, local undertakers, last Thursday afternoon, funeral services were conducted for Henry Blackman, a man who, 48 years ago, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Jackson prison for slaying his mother and sister, in the then little settlement of Royal Oak. This man got into an altercation with members of his family over the distribution of some property that they had inherited—he was engaged in the passion of trying to get material possessions; and a double slaying was the result. was the result.

He spent some time in Jackson, and was later trans-ferred to the insane ward at Ionia because he killed a guard in Jackson. (Therefore, shall they eat of the fruit of their own way; and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of the fools shall destroy them."—

Could you have seen Henry Blackman as he lay in his coffin, you would have been struck with amazement that this kindly face, pillowed in a patriarchal beard that that this kindly face, pillowed in a patriarchal beard that extended half way to his waist, could have been one time the leering mask of a murderous design. You would have felt extremely sorry that this man—once a tiny, loving and lovable babe—had come to such a tragic ending.

And then wouldn't you wonder just what conditions had surrounded this man from babyhood to manhood that would have allowed him to slay his mother and his sister? And wouldn't you wonder just what is wrong with society that allows repetitions of this man's life to continue even to the present day of modern civilization?

And then wouldn't you wonder why society hasn't better succeeded in applying some of King Sofomon's Proverbs—proverbs that he spoke as far back as 990-931 B. C., when he was king of Israel?—

Then, if you are acquainted with the affairs of men and the marts of trade, you couldn't help but wonder how this old world, with so many millions of persons in it, run along as well as it does!"

Mohammedans of Morocco usually divorce a wife after living with her four or five years, thus displaying greater patience than some Americans.

The growing movement on the part of the churches to end all wars might be appreciably advanced if they would end war among themselves.

An exchange records that a deat prisoner was given a hearing, but we doubt whether he heard it.

Some are not satisfied in getting in on the ground unless they can have access to the cellar also.

### ON CHRISTMAS MORN

I'd like to wake up early Christmas morn To find myself the owner of a horn. A pair of skates and lots of other toys. The kind that Santa brings to girls and boys. And on how full my cup of joy would be if I should find beside my gifts, a tree!

I'd like to have a sled all bright and new, My stocking filled with nuts and candy, too, For just one day to set aside the years With all they hold of happiness and tears, To be a little child/again at play, A happy carefree wild on Christmas Day.

And though I know those golden days of yore are gone and I shall be a clilid no minre.

R's better fun I really do Believe
To be a Santa, Claus on Christmas Eve,
And then on Christmas Day to share the joy
I've given to a bright-eyed girl and boy.

Beatrice McDonald.

## ARE NOU A, SUCCESS?

Are you successful? Are you a "go-getter?"
These two questions do hot mean one and the same thing. The writers of books on "How to Succeed" think they do; but they don"t.
It is possible for a "go-getter" to be successful. It is also possible to be successful without being a "go-getter."
The "go-getter" is the individual who stirts out to make as much money as he can, or to climb as high as he can. The Roman Emperor Maximin was a "go-getter."
In his youth he was a Thracian shepherd; but being ambitious and about eight feet tall he joined the army and se-

In his youth he was a Thracian shepherd; but being ambitious and about eight feet tall he joined the army and secured rapid promotion. His one idea was to get ahead, and he was not particular as to the means. He secured the favor of the Emperor Alexander Severus, and repaid the laboration of the temperor Alexander Severus, and repaid to the control of the secured the favor of the Emperor Alexander Severus, and repaid to the secured the favor of the Emperor Alexander Severus and Parameter Severus and P

the favor of the Emperor Alexander Severus, and repaid him by having Alexander put to death in Maximir's own tent. Maximin was then proclaimed emperor. The "go-getter" had succeeded. But he was not a success. After three bloody years he was assassinated by his own army. While Maximin was having his ups and downs, there were a few million Romans not mentioned by Gibbon who were marrying and raising families and educating their children and keeping their promises and trying to be decent, self-respecting citizens. In the opinion of Maximin and the authors of books on "Success," they were probably no-accounts, failures. But in the long history of the humdir race they were the successes, Maximin and his like the failures.

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

Mine host Daines, had a large at-tendance at his annual Christmas turn to old Michigan

The flivvers were out last Saturday and Mill street assumed the appearance of Lafayette avenue.

A Whist club was organized at Mattie Baldwin's last week. The second meeting takes place at the residence of J. Allen Bigelow tomorrow, Friday evening.

General Sherman says he doesn't ant to be President.

At a glass ball shooting match last Monday, ten balls each, the following hits—Frank Jenks, 6; Frank Crouck, clean score; Bert Raynale, 7; Charles Mudge, 9; Bert Peabody, 1.

clean score; Bert Rayaule, 7; Chan's Mudge, 9; Bert Peabody, I. Chan's Mudge, 9; Bert Peabody, I. Shairis and the service of the Rochester Era, spent New Year's Day with his bit on the Standard time racket but plodded right along time racket but plodded right along time racket but plodded right along time racket but several towns are returning to they old time. Shairis lack. A. Dewey's and M. H. when workmen quit at siy p. m. and employed by the Armour Racking and than on displaying the properties of the Rochester Tracket Year Change and M. H. Company of Chicago and has not display the properties of the Rochester Tracket Year Chicago and has not display the properties of the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the played to the Rochester Tracket Year Day with his broad and the Parket Day with his broad and his broa

43 YEARS AGO TODAY
Found, a pair of red mittens and wife took up their grip sacks and dyne to the balmy orange grofes the Eccentric office.

67 Floria. We heartly wish them

ance of Lafayette avenue.

Guess the Detroit Daily Times has 'gebusted,' at least weve only received four copies of that wonderful heet.

In Jerusalem, Tucker show at Library Frederick Whittlesey. Norman Hall kiel not hyke a patrol. New Year's eve and yent back to Fontiac Crueffer's Guilream members of a so the nine o'clock car. What is the ized to carry and serve in the chancel, nature with year town?

To any manufacturing organiza-ition that will locate in town, a good title square polynom for evention in the village will be given moving gallery. What the next for an unlimited number of years move in the drama by remains to be free of any charge whatever.

A. Whitehead is home from a few days visit in Chicago.

# WHAT BIRMINGHAM NEEDS MOST

By R. J. Coyell, of West Maple

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ac center of Lamb of God, bearpennant of the Church. The
spels, Matthew, Mark, Luke,
un, symbolized by the angel,
inged ox, and the eagle, oce spreading ends of the cross

### After 45--What?

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The Methodist Church
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Robert Marenus Atkins, Minister
Sunday Services—
11 a. m.—Servion subject, "The

Glory of Life."
7:30 p. m.—Sermon subject. "Ring
Out the Old, /Eing in the New.
Christmas cards by the choir.
9:45 a. ft. — Sunday School.
Classes for everyone.
6:30 p. ft.—Epworth League for
young people.
Welmesday at 7:30 p. m., the Mid
Week Pythowship Service.

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Waiting Room.
Sinday 10:30 a m. Sunday
School, for children up to 5 years old.

Dispersion to 20 years old. 11:45.

Off-deselay evenings, 8 o'clock.

And the services of the services of

St. James' Episcopal sday night 11:30—Midnight ucharist.
Friday, Christmas—Holy Commun.
10:00 a. m.
Sunday, Dec. 27, St. John Evan-

8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion. 11:00 a. m.—Primary School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Prayer. 4:00 p. m.—Carol Service and hristmas Story. Junior School.

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