

Locals And Personals

Mrs. Dan Paterson is somewhat indisposed and we hope for her a speedy recovery. Miss Estelle B. Pinckney left the city Wednesday for Jacksonville, and other points in Florida to spend the holidays. Dr. and Mrs. David Dixon, and their sister of Barnwell, are in the city this week visiting friends. We regret very much to learn of the illness of Miss Mayme Griffin and hope she will soon recover. Miss Cynthia Nicholas arrived in the city Saturday and will be the guest of her aunt in Heathwood for the holidays. Miss Mamie Howell, of Asheville, N. C., is in the city, visiting relatives and friends; we wish for her a pleasant stay. Mrs. Artless Wallace Grace, of Atlantic City, N. J., is in the city for an extended stay, visiting relatives and friends. We wish for her a pleasant stay. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Goodwin, of Evanston, Ill., were visitors in the city Sunday and Monday. They were enroute to Winter Park, Fla., making the trip in their new Locomobile. Mr. L. Palmer Chappelle, a student in the Medical School of Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., is in the city for the holidays visiting relatives and friends. We wish for him a pleasant stay. Mr. Talmadge Chappelle, a student of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, is in the city for the holidays, visiting relatives and friends. We extend him the keys of the city. Le Cercle Entre nous Club had its hostess on Thursday afternoon, Miss Thomasina Thomas. Despite the fact that the weather was very inclement, the members were out to enjoy the afternoon. After the games, a delicious salad course was served. Prizes were won by Misses Cornwell and Sutton. The Club De Luxe was entertained on Thursday afternoon by Miss Lucille Monteith at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Barnes. The Christmas spirit prevailed throughout the evening and after the games, a very delicious salad course was served, followed by sweets. Miss Mabel Jenkins was the winner of the first prize. Mrs. Elisker L. Starks of 713 Richland street left Thursday, Dec. 17th for her former home, Tuscaloosa, Ala., to spend the Christmas Holidays with her sisters, brothers and other relatives and friends. While away she will visit Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham; as she has a brother at the last named city. She will return home after the New Year. The following invitation has been received at this office: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Z. Asman request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Miriam Elizabeth to Rev. Lewis K. McMillan Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th, nineteen hundred twenty-five eight-thirty o'clock at Second Calvary Baptist church Columbia, S. C. VANCE-LEMON NUPTIALS. Thursday evening, at 8:30 o'clock,

clock, December 17th, a lovely home wedding of charm and simplicity was solemnized, when Miss Virginia Vance became the bride of Prof. R. Isaiah Lemon, the Rev. E. A. Adams, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, officiating. The occurrence was of unusual and pleasing interest to the many friends of the contracting parties, which was witnessed by a well crowded house. The bride is the youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Vance and is an attractive young woman of pleasing personality. Prof. Lemon, a member of Allen University's major faculty is an accomplished young man of exceptional sterling qualities and is much esteemed. The popularity of the couple was shown by the many beautiful and useful gifts received which were on display. Best wishes are tendered them from a host of warm and sincere hearts. PAUL BAXTER ANNOUNCEMENT. Mr. Jonathan A. Baxter, of Georgetown, S. C., has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Marian Angelin, to Mr. Robert Hopton Paul, of Columbia, S. C. The wedding will take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, at 6 o'clock. This announcement is of interest to a large circle of friends in Birmingham, where Miss Baxter, the charming bride-to-be, is instructress in art at the Industrial High School, having held the position for three years. She is leaving for her home on the 24th, and many delightful affairs are being planned by close friends to fill up the interim, among them "a gift tea," on the 19th, and a tresseau luncheon, and finally "a saronara party, which is the Japanese for good-bye, if it must be. Mrs. W. S. Williams and Miss Janet Goodgame will attend the wedding. Mrs. Williams will sing the nuptial music and Miss Goodgame will serve as maid of honor.—Birmingham (Ala.) Reporter. Rev. Ezekiel H. Trezevant, A. B., S. T. B., from Boston, Mass arrived in the city last Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Rev. Trezevant will leave on Dec. 31, for Chicago, Ill., where he will enter Chicago University, to take his Master's Degree. We wish for Rev. Trezevant much success. MAIDEN HOW ART THY KISSES? Maiden, how art thy kisses? I would know I would kiss thee I would crave never more. Maiden, how art thy kisses Are they as thine heart? Loving, warm or Conquering as Cupid's dart? Maiden how art thy kisses? Are they as thine eyes? Appealing, entrancing Captivating all that before thee lies. Maiden, how art thy kisses? Are they like the voice of thine Fender-sweet Soothing to the mind. O maiden, thy rosy lips betray thee Thy kisses are sweet as honey from the honey bee Oozing, dripping sweetness Maiden, I would kiss thee. Lawrence Dunmore, Georgetown, S. C.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

We have endeavored to give to our readers an up-to-date weekly paper, but in so doing we have had to work without "looking at the clock," day and night. We have decided to give our over-worked, worn-out force a week's vacation for the holidays. Next paper January 9, 1926.

THE GREATEST WONDER.

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In the calm and quietude of an autumn evening, in the White mountains of New Hampshire, as the sun was slowly stooping to bid farewell to the dying day, I stood gazing upon the beautiful vista, sunset. As the rays of the setting sun fell upon the trees adorned in the autumnal colors, there arose before mine eyes a scene from the great drama of life at which I was amazed and exclaimed, Wonderful! Thereupon stood I reflecting upon the question, What is the greatest wonder in the world? Have you decided upon what you consider the greatest wonder in the world? First, what is a wonder? A wonder is anything that is not well understood, something to be admired, something at which to be astonished. For instance, let us consider the Seven Wonders of the world. Go, if you will, to Rome, and there visit the coliseum, a great ellipse covering six acres of land built throughout with stone and concrete. As one looks upon this amphitheater, he is amazed and exclaims, Wonderful! Turn then to Pisa and there look upon the leaning tower, with its six galleries of pillars rising to a height of 179 feet and with a deviation from the perpendicular of fourteen feet. As one gazes upon this mighty structure defying the laws of nature, he is astonished, and exclaims, Wonderful! From thence to Babilon, and there the hanging gardens, forming a square with an area of four acres. As one looks upon its terraces supported by masonic arches, rising to the height of seventy-five feet, and upon its groves where blooming flowers diversify the scene, he is dumbfounded, and exclaims, Wonderful! Look then to Egypt, and there behold the mighty pyramids with their broad base, which is symbolical of the beginning, and terminating in a point to symbolize the end of life. As one looks upon the Sphinx whose grim look portrays the determination of the Negro race, he is astounded, and exclaims, Wonderful! Or when one sees the Palace of Cyrus cemented with gold, or the Colossus of Rhodes with vessels passing between its legs, or the statue of Jupiter made by Phidias, he is delighted and exclaims, Wonderful! Is either of these the greatest wonder in the world? Or is it the aeroplane by means of which one may eat breakfast in New York and supper the same night in San Francisco? Or is it the radio by means of which mother's babies in Florida may be lulled to sleep by the dreamy tones of a melody played in Canada? Truly these are great wonders, but the greatest wonder in the world is woman. A threefold wonder is she: sweetheart, wife and mother. Woman is the guide and counsellor of youth, and the confidant and companion of manhood, in her relations of sweetheart, wife and mother. Her influence affects the entire destiny of man. Thackeray says: "Man is destined to be the prey of woman." The greatest qualities of woman are displayed in her relation to others. Woman is the nurse whom nature has given to all mankind. She takes charge of the helpless, and nourishes and cherishes those we love. She is the presiding genius of the fire-side. Here she creates an atmosphere of serenity and contentment suitable for the nurture of character in its best

form. Her eyes shed brightness everywhere. They shine upon coldness and make it warm, upon suffering and relieve it, upon sorrow, and it is made cheerful. She is justly styled the angel of the unfortunate. When one thinks of these qualities of woman, how can he but admire her and be astonished and exclaim, Wonderful! In the first place, consider, if you please, this wonder as a sweetheart. She makes and breaks hearts, she is a magnet which attracts or repels. Hazlett said: "In her presence, one feels as if he were breathing a spiritual ozone." "Ever the portrait of a good woman," says he, "forms a companionship in whose presence wrong actions are impossible." Think of her comfortable understanding, her sweet comradeship, her restful confidence, and her tender affections. Her love is the Divine passion by means of which the whole world is kept fresh and young. Her love is the perpetual melody of humanity. It sheds an effulgence upon youth and throws a halo around old age. It glorifies the present by the light which it casts backward. It has an elevating and purifying effect upon character. Think of woman as a sweetheart, and I hear the unconscious exclamation, Wonderful! In the second place, think of this wonder as a wife. There is nothing which so settles the turbulence of man's nature as one's union with a high-minded woman. In youth she is a comfort and ornament of man's life; in old age, when life has ceased to be an anticipation, and has become a reality, she remains a faithful helpmate. Somewhere, however, across the matrimonial highway where the newly married ride serenely, is the grade crossing, indifference, with the danger signal, non-appreciation. Some men stop while others ignore. To him that ignores comes strife, contention and separation; but to him that stops come satisfaction, contentment and happiness. Mark your appreciation is the daily bread upon which the heart of the wife feeds. Without it, her heart will starve. With it she will be man's best counsellor for her instinctive tact will lead him right where his unaided reason might go wrong. When one thinks of the dependable companionship, the unwavering faithfulness, and the undying devotion of a wife, he exclaims, Truly, she is wonderful! In a third place, behold this wonder as a mother. Gretry has called mother nature's masterpiece. Mother has written no Illiad, nor Hamlet, nor has she designed a cathedral of St. Peter; she has carved no Apollo Belvedere, nor invented telescopes, but she has done something far better and greater than all this. It is at her knees that great men are made, the greatest production of all the world. Mother is an angel to whom I lent a body for a brief season, at you and I might exist. Think of the wonderful love she has for a love that will not let us go, as old as the ages, as pure as gold, as firm as Gibraltar, and stronger than death itself. That is mother's love. Think of her patience, as less as Niagara, as continuous day and night and as long suffering as Job. Such is mother's patience. Think of her self-sacrifice. How she aches that we might be happy. She suffers pain, endures hardships and disregards her own needs that we might succeed. Great men make great sons, and great men make great nations. It is mother's blood that inspires inventors to invent, sculptors to carve, discoverers to discover, and architects to construct. It is mother, then who has made the great wonders of the world. How much greater is the maker of the thing made! Mother is for the million things she gave me. O—means of that she is growing old. T—is for that she shed to save me. H—is for that part of purest gold. E—is for that she kept watch over me. R—means right and right she'll always be. Put them together, they spell mother, a word that means the world to me. Stop! O mother, a moment! Look at woman again to the voice of your own conscience and declare that woman is the best wonder in the world. Mrs. Addie Lyle is very ill at the Benedict hospital, but at this writing, she is reported to be rapidly improving. We hope for her speedy recovery.

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