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Phrase of the moment

Face the new year courageously no matter what may be your difficulties, or anxieties never fear the future; just as you think so shall your life be; Job in his afflictions exclaimed, «The very things that I feared has befallen me». Each being has in his hand the remedy of all his ills, if he will only use the Spiritual powers of his mind, to be the master of himself and the dictator of his Will; otherwise he will find himself carried about by the Slavery of desires.

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LIGHT. At EVENTIDE. THE END of the OLD and the BEGINNING of the NEW YEAR

The closing days of the year awaken retrospect and forecast, and now in the evening hour of this year let us review the months,—our hopes and ambitions and how they have resulted.

When the year was in its early morning freshness and lay before us fair and untried, how earnestly we desired to improve in spiritual as in temporal matters over past achievements.

We made strong resolutions to attain a higher nobler plane of life and to accomplish better results in the coming months, but the year has gone, what can we say of the retrospect? Comparatively few of the promising seeds of good resolve that seemed so easy of cultivation at the year's beginning have made a worthy showing in the harvest time. We find our good resolutions were as ropes of sand, mistakes, failures and disappointments have attended our best endeavours—bringing us dark thoughts of regret, and sadness. But while the shadows deepen into obscurity the sun breaks forth and illumines hill and valley. «At evening time it shall be light». (Zech. 14: 7). The Bible always speaks of the morning coming at the end. Evening and morning made the first Day. Evening and morning made up every day of God. Darkness and semidarkness first and after that the light.

Each day is a type of life. Its beginning, progress and completion The gospel manifested in the gift of the Son of God the central figure in the festivities during these last days of the year is the very essence of promises fulfilled, hopes realized and purposes achieved in the fullness of the time appointed. The gospel fills the closing days of the

«I brought good though as yet but seeds; Let the New Year make them blossom into deeds. I brought joy to brighten many happy days; Let the New Year's Angel turn it into praise If I gave you sickness, If I brought you care, Let him make one patience, and the other prayer. Where I brought you sorrow through his care at length, It may rise triumphant into future strength. If I broke your idols, showed you they were dust, Let him turn the knowledge into heavenly trust. If I brought temptation, let sin die away Into boundless pity for all hearts that stray. If your list of errors dark and long appears, Let the New born monarch melt them into tears. May you hold this angel dearer than the last— So I bless his future, while he crowns my past.

JOHN E. ROGERS

year and of life with light and hope.

We stand upon the threshold of another year. The past is irrevocable. The future is before us. What is the forecast? How shall we prepare to go up into it? There are tasks awaiting us, there are temptations, difficulties & sorrows before us. Where shall we find strength and comfort?

Take a suggestion from the Jewish people. They had the gospel in types and shadows. In Exodus 40: 2 we read that the tabernacle (God's dwelling place) was set up on the first day of the first month. When religion was revived under Hezekiah, it was on the first day of the first month that the House of God was sanctified. The Christian's body and spirit is the tabernacle of God. Why not let every one dedicate his body and spirit to God on this first day of the New Year that in this time of crisis—of uncertainty, we may have divine guidance, divine strength and comfort to tide us through the months to come. The desert is pathless, we need a guide, we need protection from the blazing sun by day & the chilly reaction at night in life's journey and all this can be found in the indwelling presence of Him who in the eventide of the passing year is being worshipped and adored.

Be trustful. «As thy days so shall thy strength be». These are God's days, leave them with Him. The Spirit of Christianity draws over our life not a cloud of despondency but a sky if not a radiant, a serene, chastened and manly hope. «There is a past which is gone forever, but there is a future which is still our own».

Let us ponder earnestly these lines of Adelaide Proctor in «The Old Year's Blessings».

The New Year

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

In a few days there shall be ushered in the Cycle of time upon us the year 1932. The past year has been to most of us a most distressing one; not only to the labouring classes who have been found by the millions in nearly all countries of the globe in want of proper employment with which to take care of those dependent on them; but so will it be found among the great Capitalists, financiers and Statesmen of the world.

Some Capitalists having their great fortunes locked away with out seeing any safe investments in which to operate; others seeing the failures of the business in which they were formerly engaged and from which they made millions, thus getting them near unto bankruptcy, the value of their stocks and shares being reduced to nothingness. Others who earned their millions from investing in War Bonds thus assisting to carry on the Great War are finding all their moneys actually being confiscated by Moratorium of payments to the debtor countries, and now the chances of repudiation of such obligations on the part of these bankrupt countries.

The great Statesmen of the world who have been educated with the greatest care to fill the highest positions in the guidance of the affairs of State of these countries find themselves incapable to act, they cannot solve the great problems before them, to guide the Industries of the countries so as to find employment for the labouring populations, consequently their Commerce has been crippled and the value of their currencies as a means of exchange is deteriorated. There is a general unrest in the life of man that few men can understand, few can determine the cause and for which none can find an effective remedy.

The old year is going with all its calamities, and the new is dawning on us with still the same anxieties. The accustomed age worn wish of A Prosperous New Year seem to be a mockery at the genuine meaning of the wish, but yet it is the sincere wish of the heart from one friend to another, and so «The Searchlight» in all its genuineness of friendly, fraternal feeling to our many friends, readers, subscribers, contributors, sympathizers and Patrons cannot but express that same genuine wish of a Happy, Contented and Prosperous New Year to all those who have contributed to her existence under all these strenuous efforts in seeing the dawn of another Year.

We stand upon the threshold of a New Year; The future is before us, and we can only make it happy and bring Contentment to our Souls by a true Resignation to existing Circumstances; President Hoover said in his recent Message to the American people «Our Prosperity lies in ourselves, do not depend on outside help for our future accomplishments toward Happiness» these are glorious words and should be fully realized by all who hear them; and so we in Costa Rica should take the full meaning of these words very seriously to heart, and begin to think as we have never thought before. We must face the future courageously, we must adopt our selves to conditions, we must cut lose all our former frivolities and lock only in our selves to our own individual actions for the consummation of our own happiness.

We must profit by the experiences of the past, watch around us for the examples of the more cultured, the more experienced, the more educated, the more prepared ones and go and do likewise, we must cease warring with each other, try to live at peace with all men, cease fighting with conditions.

Look at the wise example set us by the Directors of the great Company who is indeed the upkeep of this country, they with their preparedness to grapple with world affairs, saw that there would be a slump in their line of trade; have they planted any bananas in recent years here? No, they are willing to buy what you can produce and so just barely keep their business alive, but they will not fight conditions, and so it must be with us, we must all think out a simple line of life, just look to the upkeep of our belongings; if our present business proves a failure, think out something else.

The cost of living has risen and is rising daily, why, because our peasant population are depending too much on public works and others to find a living for them, hence there is no production of articles of home consumption, my advice therefore to our readers is to be self dependent, plant and raise all that is necessary to make your home comfortable and happy, thus by adopting ourselves to conditions as they exist around us, there is no reason why we should be overburdened with sorrow and despondency as 1931 has been, but by substituting faith in the great Ruler of all things, implicit confidence in oneself, an industrious application in whatever we may devote our attentions to and a Contented disposition, avoiding the frivolities of life and such things that satisfy but for a moment, there is no reason we should not realize the wish of a Happy and Prosperous 1932.

Philomela's Serious Talk With Girls

The little time that I have been up here in San José, I have noticed that there exists here a higher social environment than in Limon. The colored girls feel themselves more important, thus they live up to a higher life. They adopt the social life around them, they are more colour conscious, more refined, more intelligent than their sister in Limon. A girl that is reared in San Jose, moves in a higher social circle than one that is reared in Limon, irrespective of her colour. And why? Because she embraces every opportunity that affords her, she lives the descent life that is around her, her deportment in the streets will have to be in conformity with the customs of San Jose, and more over, she doesn't want her white sisters to say, «Que negrita más ordinaria».

But our sister in Limon, is something of the Pharisae type, She sings and makes a devil of a noise in church, she and her companions walk the streets in groups, and never a one to tell the other her actions are rotter. Little and big, old and young carry on their illicit love affairs, without tact and without reasons, such a love affair that seldom leads to the STATE OF MATRIMONY, but very often leads to shame and disgrace.

Let us see now what can be done to remedy this state? Can our clubs undertake this proposition? NO, BECAUSE VERY FEW OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS EVER BUY A «SEARCHLIGHT» AND THESE ARTICLES ARE NEVER BEING READ IN CLUB MEETINGS. BECAUSE OUR CLUBS ARE ANTAGONISTIC TO OUR INTERFERENCE, and because our clubs are only representing a false philosophy.

The ministers? Well! They could, but they dont like to be frank. The schools? The schools should but do they? The homes? Hopeless, like some mothers like daughters. Therefore we are in a delapidated world, no outlet to remedy a desperate situation.

Next week we will try and find a way out to the solution of our troubles. These series of articles are meant for the young ladies of Limon. There

Will be no relenting, until there is a noticeable improvement in their lives: Since they are painting themselves to the world, that they are the best type of colored girls, they will have to live it. Young ladies of the clearer dye, do not think that you are exempt from these articles, your time will be coming, so look out. Ta Ta.

Notice! Notice!

All Shareholders of the Agricultural and Building Corporation of 28 miles are advised to be present at an extraordinary Shareholders meeting to be held at Madre de Dios on Saturday the 16th day of January 1932, at 2 p. m.

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A fee of five colones per Shareholder to defray expenses of printing of such Certificates and other incidental expenses attendant on this meeting is asked of all Shareholders.

S. C. NATION
 President

A NEW FRATERNAL HOPE

With the new year, Mr. T. C. Lewis and several associates are instituting in San José and principal points on the Atlantic Division of the country a Fraternal Society to be known as The Grand United order of Benevolence.

It is understood that the aims of this order will be, that by a small monthly fee, Medical aid and nursing for the sick and distressed of the order will be provided; as well as, to find legal and diplomatic aid to those who have inadvertently fallen under the clutches of the Law.

Arrangements will also be made by which the beneficiaries of deceased members will receive not less than a thousand colones at such death.

The Society will be incorporated under the Continued on page 4

Learn to Know Yourself

«Do you want to be happy and successful? read our inspiration Column written by Professor Llewlyn-Prof of Psychology of the Federal Institute of Psychology.

To all Suscribers of the Searchlight, I guarantee free of charge to solve your Psychological Problems. State your difficulties written in your own hand writing, if not done in your own writing my Analysis will not be correct. All correspondence must be done through the columns of the Searchlight.

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My analysis is done through the natural Laws of Psychology, which is based on the function of the Mind. Your thought is like a rubber ball, sends out an evil or destructive thought; if it is not caught by your Target it rebounds to you with double force.

Ancient sorcerers, to damage their enemies, have a waxed image made, and would chant their curses on this image, sending a knife through the head of the imaginary enemy, calling it by name. All students of thought transmission know that if you are in a receptive attitude, you will receive the impression of any thought that affects you, whether good or bad.

Have you ever felt very happy, and suddenly feel depressed in spirit?

Read the Searchlight and many things will be revealed to you.

For the benefit of readers that are not aware of the relation between Mind and Body, I will give my first Analysis, on the Body use your imagination, and contemplate the Body and its parts.

A Coolie man stole a Chicken. The Judge gave him thirty days. In his plea the Darky said «Judge» I wasn't in that coop; I wasn't in? only my hand was, the Judge there upon sentenced that hand to thirty days in the Village Lock up. The darky found that he himself was mysteriously tangled up with every part of his dusky body-You the Ego the Soul or Spirit whatever you wish

to call the «I», lives in every molecule of your Physical Organism, called the Body». Get a splinter in your toe and you cry out, it hurts me. Has the «Me» gone down into the Toe? when you pinch your finger, you exclaim: «It hurts me» as the ME now jumped into your finger? you hear good news and say, It makes me happy, has the «Me» gone into your Brain?

The Ego is all over, in and through your Body, and that Ego is—Yourself—not your Neighbour; but you.

Sir William Hamilton said that the greatest thing in Nature is man, & the greatest thing in Man is Mind. Pope said: «The highest study in Mankind is man

The Greek Philosophers said: the highest knowledge was «Know Thyself». Holy Writ. What will a man give in exchange for his Soul (i.e. Himself). After you have read and studied many other things all the time, in this wide, wide world, you are now at last going to sit down close up to yourself and consider yourself. You are going to put yourself under the microscope of Mental Analysis, and through a study of my writings build towards Happiness and Success. What is Self. What is this thing which we wish to lead to «Success» A clear understanding of this point is the first necessity in the Science and art of self education.

If our view of self is hazy; if our idea of it is overcast by clouds of uncertainty; then our efforts will be scattered & inefficient. Self culture involves and requires a thorough knowledge of the thing we would culture, and perfect. To go at it ignorantly would do more harm than good.

Would you ask a man who didn't know what a Watch was, nor its various parts, to repair it, would you? how much less try to repair yourself, unless you know what you are, and how the various parts work together (i.e. Body and Mind). My writing in the SEARCHLIGHT is worth much considering the benefits you will get, be sure to get a Copy of the next Issue.

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Mr. T. C. LEWIS

Baptist School Breaking up

On December 15th Mrs. Mitchell did not spare pains to present a well prepared program to the public, demonstrating the ability of her children. A programme of thirty six items were well rendered, consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues. Miss Doris Cole, in her two songs, was the primadonna of the evening, whilst a quartet by the Misses Lydia Myers, Carmelita Escobedo, Messrs Herman Skinner, and Ben. Escobedo, was worth while mentioning. These last mentioned were only assisting the function, and their absence would not have been conspicuous.

Mrs. Bladina Mitchell is a product of Limon, graduated in Westwood Colleg., Jamaica, and we feel that she is capable of teaching any subject, preparing any pupil for higher studies. We would be glad if parents would send their children to such teachers, who have been trained from their own good Jamaica, to be taught. We wish Mrs. Mitchell success in her efforts.

Dolores Joseph Racketeering

The greatest racket played

El mordido por una culebra en Pococi rectifica los injustos cargos hechos contra don Alberto J. Piza L.

En honor a la verdad hago pública manifestación de agradecimiento a don Alberto J. Piza L. por haberme salvado la vida tan oportunamente al inyectarme dos ampollas de suero Butantan en el tren con motivo de haber sido mordido por una culebra terciopelo, y por haber sido él quien me proporcionó la asistencia médica y pases de ferrocarril cuando me conducía al hospital bajo su cuidado. La publicación que al respecto hizo el corresponsal de

LA TRIBUNA en Siquirres es completamente falsa.

- (f) José Manuel Meza
- (f) Alfredo Ortiz R. Testigo
- (f) Alcibiades Vargas G. Testigo

Con tan espontánea manifestación me basta para confundir a mi atacante, el pseudo corresponsal de LA TRIBUNA el Siquirres entre la abyección de sus bajezas. Bien podía yo no haberlo siquiera tomado en cuenta, por que contestar tan burdos ataques en el tono y forma que lo hace es rebajarme a su altura moral y darle una importancia que no tiene ni merece.

Quien es N. de la O. Miranda? Aquí cabrían tres interrogaciones. Me dice el señor Director de LA TRIBUNA que él ha usurpado el cargo de Corresponsal oficial de ese importante diario pues nunca se lo han conferido. Su actuación, sus burdos ataques y lenguaje escogido más propios son de una persona que desconoce en un todo el trato con gente culta que el corresponde a un secretario de la Jefatura Política de Siquirres.

Alberto J. Piza

The Gran Portland House

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they drew out to demonstrate that they were past masters in the art, thus disgusting the public.

We certainly wished our people would have a little more «stick to it—iveness» and let something nice be said of them. These girls surely need voice culturing, and stage training. They have to sacrifice a whole lot, to gain. Jumping gains before one even makes a start, will get one nowhere. We wished they would realize their follies, a return to the fold that was the only source of realizing for Limon an artistic troupe worth while.

The correspondent is not a friend of the Combination Co. more than he is a friend of the Rainbow Follies. He is only interested in the welfare of the community, thus, to whom this article may offend, do not heap any malice on his head, but accept his criticisms, as your stepping stones to success.

The Lone Wolf

Backeteering in School

It is disgusting to be paying entrance fee to the final exercises of these private schools around the town. Teachers must realize that if they want to advertise their schools, they will have to do so gratuitously. They cannot be milking the last penny from the public, and present kindergarten recitations, and songs. The movies is cheap at this time, one would prefer to see a well acted film, than going to hear infants recite for a fifty cents. This is too frequently practiced in this town. School breaking up is the final exhibition of the school to the scholars parents, to see what they have been doing for the year. It so happens, that no reading of marks are being done, and why? Teachers, if you cannot make a free demonstration of your work to the public, then shut up school.

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Popular Superstition

by CYRILLO

Then we also have the fleet manoeuvre of the navy and the shamfight of the army as very highly suggestive of a superstition that is based on the hypothesis, like affects like.

These Lasic principles of superstition are never considered or thought of by most people, for which reason the general idea about it is extended only to cases of demonism & spiritism. There is hardly a scientific error that is not, or was not, traceable to superstition. More full of it, I daresay, were Woodward, and Burnett, and Catcott, of cosmogony fame than is our present Brother Davis of pocomania tendencies. Personally, I do not see eye to eye with people of the Davis type: I cannot agree with their whole week fastings, their all-night orgies, their prancings, and such other aerobic exercises for which their rituals call; but I cannot, because of these idiosyncrasies, rate these well-meaning folk as being superstitious; for, after all, they are haunted, or led, by some spirit or spirits evil, no doubt. I would not even apply the epithet to the obeahman without some reserve; for, I tell you, gentle reader, that trickster believes none of what he tells his clients; he simply formulates hypotheses to establish a case—much like a good lawyer who, having no facts to support his side, introduces legal technic lies into the case he is defending.

To sum up, superstition is merely magic with an ill-found hipot-

hesis, and as such a very strong opponent to Truth. Where Chrtstianity is concerned, it presents itself as a very stubborn obstacle, constituting, therefore, a great social evil. There may come a time when, with all its illegitimate hypotheses, it will flee before the Truths of Christianity as its alchemy has done before the universally approved and accepted teachings of chemistry, and its cosmogony before the established facts of geology; but the imagination of man's heart being evil from his youth, and the speciousness of superstition being a welcome guest there, I hardly think such a consummation a mundane reality.

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Another Outrage by Police Officer

To the Editor of the SEARCHLIGHT.

So as to make public an outrage that has been perpetrated on me I beg that you will publish the following.

On the 29th Nov. 1931, the Cairo Agent of Police sent to call me at his office, while going I met him at La Francia Water Tank, I asked him what he wanted me for, he told me that my son Peter Davy a youngman of 19 years

threw a stone in Matilda Jame hen coop and broke the leg of one of her chickens and that I would have to pay for it, I told him if the woman can produce two legal witnesses to prove that my son did it, I would certainly pay for it; he thereupon took the lock up key from his pocket and gave it to a police to conduct me to the jail and lock me up at one o'clock. About an hour after he brought me out for trial. The Complainant Matilda James was present without any witnesses, she said it was my wife Mary Davy whom she saw driving the chickens out of our fields on the 26th. Nov. and when the crickens came home in the evening she found one of the fowls with a broken leg so my wife is responsible for it.

Upon her statement the Agent of Police said I must pay two colones for the fowl and ten colones multa, naturally I refused, he thereupon replaced me in the jail locked the door and went away from 3 o'clock on the Sunday 2th. to Cairo Branch & never returned until 2 p.m. Monday 30th without being able to get a morsel of food or a drink of water for 25 hours; through my friends I appealed to the Jefe Politico at Siquirres and that gentleman ordered my release.

This is the sort of disadvantages under which we suffer along the lines, where the government put these class of men to rule as Judges,
Yours truly

Sgd. Charles Davis
Cairo.

Ed. Note—These are the outrages committed from time to time by these

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Education of The Negro

by O. F. Harrison

general and not enough to inspire him to his racial dignity.

«The purpose of elementary education», says Professor Huxley, «is to train the young in the use of those tools wherewith men extract knowledge from the ever-shifting succession of phenomena which pass before their eyes; and to inform them of the fundamental laws which have been found by experience to govern the course of things, so that they may not be turned out into the world naked, defenceless, and a prey to the events they might control».

Our youths are sent to school to be instructed in what is known as the three R's. They are taught to read in order that they may have access to infinitely wider stores of knowledge than could ever be opened to them by oral intercourse with their fellowmen; they learn to write that their means of communication with the rest of mankind may be indefinitely enlarged and that they may record and store up the knowledge they acquire. They learn Arithmetic that they may understand all those relations of number and form, upon which the transactions of men, associated in complicated societies are built, and that they may have some practice in deductive reasoning.

Thus reading, Writing and ciphering, are intellectual tools whose use should, before all things, be learned thoroughly; so that the youths may be enabled to make their life that which it ought to be, a continual progress in learning and in wisdom.

But in addition elementary education endeavours to fit the youths out with certain equipment of positive knowledge. They are taught the great laws of morality; the religion of their sect; so much history and geography as will enable them to know where the great countries of the world are, and how they become what they are.

There is no doubt that all these things are most fitting & excellent in teaching them and the omission of any of them would be a sad blow to their intellectual outlook.

All these subjects are taught to the youths of the other races; and yet surely there is some great difference between the youths of the other races and the Negro. And what has made the difference? I answer boldly: The instilling in to their minds of racial pride and national glories.

thought is steeped in the philosophy of race superiority. Darwin, that great English Naturalist, says. «In these islands», meaning the United Kingdom of Great Britain, «we are in the habit of regarding mankind as of one species, but a fortnight's steam will and us in a country where divines and savans, for once in agreement, vie with one another in loudness of assertion if not in cogency of proof, that men are of different species; and more particularly, that species Negro is so distinct from our own that the Ten Commandments have actually no reference to him».

I have quoted Darwin only of his attitude on the Negro, but the quotation could be multiplied from several eminent leaders of thoughts not only in Science but also in Literature, in Art, in History, in Philosophy and in Religion. All which prove conclusively that until the Negro becomes thoroughly educated in the history of his own race and with a national outlook as advocated by Mr. Marcus Garvey his chance of success in this world is doomed to an everlasting failure.

Race segregation with all its ill effects, is meeting the Negro youths in every turn of the way and yet we are educating them in such a manner that they shall enter the world, as ignorant of themselves and their relationship to the rest of mankind as the day they were born. The entire world is full of artillery; and we are turning out our children to fight in it equipped with the shield and sword of an ancient gladiator.

Posterity will cry shame on us if we do not remedy this deplorable system of Negro Education. Probably we ourselves may live long enough to have our consciences cry shame on us.

It is my firm conviction that the only way to remedy it is to adopt the programme of the Universal Negro Improvement Association & to make the teachings of Mr. Garvey an integral part of Elementary Education.

Finally the Negro must adopt those methods which will assist him, materially, in combating the clandestine motives of his adversaries. He must endeavour to seize every opportunity that comes his way; and by a systematic study of his environment and a willingness to adopt proper methods for race adjustment he will soon win his way to national glory and racial independence.

To all Clubs and Associations

The Alpha Literary Club is disposed to accept challenges on any subject, other than religious, for debate. But the irresponsible, injudicious men sent out as Agents of Police. This is a case for the British Consul to intervene, if the victim of such outrage would make proper representation, such a man would certainly be dismissed, so as to avoid an International claim for Arbitrary arrest and detention.

following shall be the conditions under which she shall give and accept challenges. Clubs must guarantee to accept the decisions of judges without any fussing, as these after dissatisfaction only give rise to no end of after talk, which will certainly disgust intelligent people intimidating them from assisting in any further debates. As the judges are supposed to be intelligent, respectable people, fair play is expected at all times. Therefore, the decision of the judges shall be final. As debates are only held

Watch the Scout Boys

It is understood that some of our lads are hav-

ing hard practice for the past three weeks. They are preparing to make a record walking trip to San José leaving Limon at 4.30 p. m. on the 26th inst. making stops at the following stations Siquirres, Turrialba and Cartago if necessary, arriving at San Jose on Monday 28th at about 10.30 a.m.

Those engaged in this walk are R. Johnson, F. Dailey, S. Edwards, G. Taylor, and T. Brewster. They will be taking snapshots of the most important stations and sceneries along the lines. The most of the walking will be done at nights. They have consulted the reporter of La Tribuna who has promised to get their necessary papers.

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to train the minds of the young people to argue reasonably, no hostile spirit should be manifested after the victory or defeat of any club.

No going over the subject shall be tolerated, for any reason whatsoever, as this is a direct insult to these gentlemen and ladies who were asked to participate as judges, without any financial consideration on their behalf.

No outsiders shall interfere with the debaters, whilst debating. No consultation or passing of facts or any paper whatsoever, as this will lead one to judge the dishonesty of party of parties who stoop to such low means to win. In the course of the debate, debaters shall be their own masters, and it will be up to them to find rebuttals and facts to take care of any rising situation.

No summing up of facts will be tolerated by anyone before the decision is given by the judges, as judges are supposed to be able to deduce the best arguments for the evening.

Debate. Catholic Atheneum vs. Alpha L. C.

The public is asked to note

that the date of this interesting debate is 29th and not 28th, as was printed on fly sheet. Error is printer's error. The subject for debate shall be. *Resolve that the Moving Picture is more harmful than beneficial.* The Alpha Boys shall defend the benefits of the movies. Come and listen to three new orators presenting to you in Ciceronian style the good in the Movies, whilst the Catholic Atheneum, for the first time in the annals of Limon Church, will present three orators who are bent on whipping the Alpha Club. This is quite an interesting subject. Is Moving Picture beneficial or injurious. Parents, come and heard whether you should send your children to the show or not. There is no greater sermon than the one preached by your boys and girls.

This is a new life open to us in Limon, and it is for parents to help keep it alive. Do you know what will come out of these debates? Your children shall become interested in these enterprise, and one day shake the world by their oratorical powers. Therefore remember the date, TUESDAY 29th 1931, at 7.30 p.m. Silver Collection. Literary Director of A.L.C.

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Christmas is near and you must visit Limon, whenever you do, remember the only place you can get a real good meal and feel perfectly at home is at AIDA'S CAFETERIA at the U.N.I.A. building. Drop in and convince yourself.

Re, God and the Negro

Dear Mr. Editor:

It is with mingled feeling that I read your article of last issue entitled "The Negro At The Church" Naturally, The Negro is by temperament especially fitted for Christianity because he possesses in a great degree the two essentials: Mildness of disposition and credulity.

It is only the man who is not of a grasping nature who will not accept Christianity. The Negro is already by temperament what the other Races with their churches, and colleges, are trying «apparently in vain to» become; because two thousand years of Christianity could not prevent them from disturbing the peace of that world to which they have been preaching the gospel of peace for a long time.

I spoke also of credulity. I believe that one of the great handicap of the Negro today is too much credulity - too much acceptance of a religious faith of which the great majority know about as parrots. They repeat things simply because those who preceded them repeated them, all without a single thought as to the liability of human nature to make mistakes.

Christianity is a handicap to the majority of Negroes. As I pointed out, it is only the man of a quiet, unselfish nature who will accept it, while the man who needs it; the greedy man, cannot, by nature, accept it.

Christ himself, more than once, pointed out how hard it was for a rich man to become a follower of his. The acceptance of Christianity by the quiet man thus places him even more at the mercy of the greedy man.

It is like making the lamb gentler while the wolf is waiting ready to pounce on him.

The Negro needs the teachings of Nietzsche, instruction that will make him more assertive, more defiant.

While Church-going is good if no more, than for the cleanliness it entails, the human fellowship and the music, I feel that our preachers, regardless of color ought to keep pace with knowledge.

About ninety per cent of theological education is a perpetuation of those ideas that belong to the infancy of the human race, and the false-impossible Jewish history, but I must turn to the next phase of the article where it is said "Assuming that there is a God, what reason has the Negro to praise him" etc., etc. That sounds blasphemous now Mr. Ed I can see that you took objection on this wise, that God should not make the Negro hevers of voodoo & diavers of vwater. "God is love" and he as a loving father could never condescend to such a thing. That damaging statement was designed by an evil minded sect of white men who stop at nothing to defame the Negro, as well as also trying to break off our affini-

ty with him who created all things; of these writers, Jesus says, ye told the people that the Lord hath said, whereas the Lord hath not said.

No doubt we are told by some that God can not be known that He is so infinitely beyond our reach that no measure of human learning or investigation can find him out.

This is indeed the case, for Scripture itself asks the question, "Canst Thou by searching find out God? (Job 11.7) and it states that. The world by wisdom knew not God" first (I Cor. I 21) Nevertheless God has been pleased to reveal Himself to faith, and therefore, whilst the natural mind of man has to admit total incompetence, the weakest believer possesses this wonderful knowledge.

He knows God. Notice, dear Mr. Ed. That everything hinges on faith just as science and reason are correlative, so are revelation and faith. Reason may grapple with things within the boundaries of sight and sense; but faith is needed for the apprehension of things unseen and eternal.

I once heard of a man who had been an atheist.

He wrote a pamphlet in order to prove that there is no God. On reading his production, before it went to the printer, it struck him that, whilst he had effectively met every objection that reason could present, he had not dealt with faith. But here was his difficulty. How could he dispose of faith? He saw no way but to fall on his knees, and in prayer ask God, if indeed He was, to reveal Himself to him through His son. He did so he ask God to grant him this revelation, and a merciful answer was speedily granted him.

He learned his folly; he discovered not only that «God is», but that He is the God of all grace and love.

This man destroyed his miserable pamphlet, and his after life for many years declared, before thousands of witnesses, the verity and blessedness of his God given knowledge.

To be continued.

By James R. Barrett
San Jose.

Current News.

Sir Josiah Crosby, His Britannic Majesty's Minister plenipotentiary to Panama and Central America, resident in Panama who arrived here a fortnight ago, presented to the Executive a Commercial Treaty purporting to be between Great Britain and this country. The idea is to give favoured duties on certain merchandise imported into both countries from each other. The matter is being studied by the President and his Ministers.

The question of the emission of eight million colonies of paper money by the International Bank and the corresponding provision for safeguarding the rate of exchange, has passed its final stage in Congress, giving the Executive Council permission to launch this emission.

There was a strike on Monday in the workshops of the Pacific Railway. The workmen demanded their two Quincenas pay that was due them. The matter was amicably settled by the Minister of Public Works and the men returned to their duties.

Four more Banks of the United States of America have declared in Bankruptcy, involving fourteen and a half million dollars of the people's deposits, adding greater misery among

the working people; among these are the Merchants Trust Co. of Connecticut and the Broadway Banks Trust Co. of New Haven. En New Jersey several small Banks and in Kansas City the Atlantic and Pacific and Gulf Oil Co.

The American Senate has approved the moratorium on Moratorium, although President Hoover's name has been cruelly attacked in the debate by Senator Johnson. He said Mr. Hoover has smashed by this Moratorium the Constitution in fragments, the opposition went so far as to say that this stay of payments was intended to facilitate the Banking German Firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. who backed him in his election Campaigning.

General Morett has started a Revolution against the Government of General Gomez in Venezuela.

The foot-ball team Alajuelense which were victorious in the matches against Mexico returned to Alajuela on Wednesday; their reception was full of great rejoicing and enthusiasm.

The Peruvian team «Alianza» have arrived and will open up their tournament on Sunday against the Heredianos in the stadium.

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Cleaning up our Scouts

Mr. Editor, I have been awaiting anxiously the continuation of Mr. Dobson's articles, «Scouting not military, but disappointment is my lot always. I really appreciate reading articles like these, especially when they are written by our young men. I think that a greater amount of our young men should write their views, so that the public may be interested in their philosophies. I would like to read about the aims and objects of scouting, as given to them by Sir. Robert Baden Powell. Of course, some of our scouts know the scout laws to their finger tips, but are they living them?

The writer once attended a function in Kingston, given by the 5th. Kingston, St. Georges College troop on the return contingent of scouts from the Jamboree, in 1920. I can remember a story told to us by Scoutmaster Fred Fields, of the St. G. C. Troop, of course, I was a member of that troop, but just a Tenderfoot.

«Morality he said was greatly observed there, and of the two hundred thousand scouts that were present, only broke the line of one rectitude, and; for his action, he was disgraced. This Fellow was from one of the islands in the Mediterranean Seas, having been a King Scout for years. It was a Sunday morning after divine service, when hundreds of thousands of us had gathered in the open, that the commander in chief himself, called out his scout, and stripped him of all his badges, his whistle, his lanyard, and everything that pertained to scouting. We all felt sorry for him, but he deserved his fate. Boys who have climbed the ladder of scoutcraft should live a clean moral life. Scoutmasters should not, by their examples, scandalize those that have been placed under them. Troop-leaders, should realize what is meant by «A scout is pure in thoughts, words, and deeds. Follow the example that is being set down for you, by

your Scout Commissioner, Major William Dunn. Follow the examples of the scoutmasters scattered throughout Kingston and St. Andrews, They demand respect from the community at all times. Their wives hold prominent positions in the community, they are not vaifs and strays, who have no moral principles about them. They represent your mothers, and are ever ready to assist you. If we the leaders, the heads, are living shameful dirty lives, how can we expect you to live clean wholesome lives, how can we expect to demand that respect from you and the community? It is fine to present a well drilled troop to any visitor, it is well to know your right and left turn, but how can you feel wholesome in your conscience, knowing that you have not lived up to your scout laws? Our clean uniforms, our swollen ranks, our silvery blast from our trumpets, our colours floating through the air, our tramp of feet, heard in every street, are not worthy of praises, if we are only living a make belief life. Therefore, dear scouts, I hope when the time comes for you to elect to turn away from your clean & wholesome life, to vvallop in the mire of immorality, that you do not disgrace such a noble organization as the boys scout; but that you will forget that you were ever a scout, because the memory should frighten you».

And dear Mr. Editor, that was the lecture given to us by S.M. Fields, of the St. Georges College Troop, after he and seven others from our troop returned from the Jamboree held in England, and I can assure you it was a better troop after such a lecture. Now, many of her members are studying for the priesthood in the Mother country, for law, for medicine and other professions, and yours truly is writing for the SEARCHLIGHT,

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Happenings Around us

Although Jamaica and Jamaicans have subscribed over £ 3000, to aid the sufferings caused by the recent catastrophe in Belize Honduras yet there is much complaint by Jamaicans who were caught by the disaster, that they are being handled prejudicially there; no relief work is given them until the natives

are satisfied not even rations nor help are extended them until the natives are supplied; they are told plainly to go back to Jamaica.

What a calamity it is to be born a Jamaican under these circumstances, even Belize.

In Cuba we find that many Jamaicans there are wanting to return home as there is absolutely no work there for them; but these have built houses on hired lands and if they leave their belongings, they will all be lost. They have petitioned the Jamaica Government to afford them the necessary funds to demolish these buildings

and ship them home to Jamaica.

Politician dead

By latest information it is sad to announce that Mr. Augustus Bai Alves is dead. Mr. Bai Alves was one of the most devoted politicians Jamaica has known. He organized the Labour Union The Longshore Association associate with that organization in America, he dedicated all his life to the Politics of his country, though loss by his death will be keenly felt by all organizations which as its aims the ment of the v people.

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