

"OUR COUNTRY—In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be right—but right or wrong, our country still!"—Stephen Decatur.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself has said—
This is my own, my native land!"

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The Fiery Cross

"We respect all honest men in their sacred convictions whether same are agreeable with our requirements or not."

TRYING TO KID THE GOVERNOR, OR ELSE THE KLAN

UNKNOWN PERSON POSES AS
KLAN SECRETARY IN THREAT-
ENING LETTER.

EVIDENTLY FROM A GARY "RED"

The Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette under date of Dec. 15, and some few negro papers in the city of Indianapolis, print a most absurd article carrying daring headlines and telling of an unnamed communication from Gary, Ind., which threatens the Governor of Indiana with the direst kind of disaster if the chief executive of the state persists in hostile expressions against the Ku Klux Klan.

This is pretty thin. We have no doubt whatever that the Governor received such a communication, but we most emphatically deny that any official of the Ku Klux Klan or any other member had anything whatever to do with the composition, the intent, or the delivery of this letter. Examples of the Ku Klux Klan do not have the mental ability to conceive strategies that can not be seen through by all right-thinking 100 per cent. Americans with half an eye and this thing of "secret letters" and signing them "Klan" only serves to give further proof of the low tactics employed by those who fight the Klan.

The article follows:

Indianapolis, Ind.—Governor McCray, in a letter received Dec. 14 from a person representing himself as secretary of the Ku Klux Klan, was advised against taking a stand against the organization.

"We understand," said the letter, "that you have already expressed your disapproval of our organization, but don't go any further, for if you do a bullet is waiting for you."

The letter was written on pink paper and mailed in a pink envelope which bore a Gary, Ind., postmark dated Dec. 13, and timed 11:39 a. m.

The letter said:

"As secretary of the Ku Klux Klan I have been instructed to write to you to advise you before we begin our work here with the activities of our order. We are here to stay and laws have no meaning for us. We understand that you have already expressed your disapproval of our organization, but don't go any further, for if you do a bullet is waiting for you. We do not intend to let anything or anybody stand in our way. With 10,000,000 members we will sweep the country and governors had better be prepared for the worst for we mean business. Instead of criticizing, you ought to be glad to join our ranks. Remember, the eyes of the Ku Klux Klan are on you."

The letter bore no signature. Governor McCray expressed himself as not in sympathy with the organization at the time it was granted a charter in this state, but he has said nothing regarding the Klan recently.

"FASHIONS AND FINERY, OR THE KU KLUX?"

THIS WILL BE REV. SPRAGUE'S
SUBJECT NEXT SUNDAY
NIGHT.

Seven Thirty O'Clock at Hall Place M.
E. Corner of Hall Place and
Sixteenth.

The Rev. Horace E. Sprague will preach on the Ku Klux Klan next Sunday night at 7:30 in the Hall Place M. E. church, taking as his subject, "Fashions and Finery, or the Ku Klux Klan."

The church is located at Hall Place and Sixteenth St. and can be reached by machine over Capitol Ave. to Sixteenth St. and turn one-half square east; or street car, Illinois car to sixteenth and go one-half square west.
Be there early if you want a seat.

KLAN HELPS THE POOR

A Friend of the Children Contributes to Fund.

Greensburg, Ind.—This morning the fund received a very happy surprise in the contribution of \$70 giving the name of the donor as "The Friend of the Children." Without pomp or ostentation, without trying in any way to receive recognition or credit for this kindly deed the gift lay laid at the feet of this charitable undertaking even as the woman of old brought the precious ointment and poured it upon the Master's feet.

We trust that all who have so kindly given to this object of cheer will find happiness in the consciousness of the thought that the little children such as the Christ Child called unto Him and said, "Suffer them to come unto me," will enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We would like to thank each one individually but this being impossible we do so in this public way.—Greensburg News.

THE DISCOVERY OF A CROSS ON FIRE

STARTLED MANY HIGHLAND
PARK RESIDENTS IN BEDFORD
RECENTLY.

POLICE WERE SUMMONED

Officers Confabulated Timbers Used
Following Second Call.

Bedford, Ind.—The discovery of a cross of fire which brilliantly illuminated a broad expanse of territory on the Dr. R. B. Short Highland Park Place farm at the northwest edge of Bedford about 7 o'clock Wednesday night, threw many residents of that city into a state of intense excitement for a time and resulted in the police being notified by Mayor Johnston to investigate the unusual blaze. The police, upon reaching the scene, discovered that the cross had been constructed and brought them to the city hall.

The upright cross was about fifteen feet in height, while the cross-section was probably four feet in length. The timbers had been wired together and were wrapped with waste, rag and paper which were saturated with oil and ignited.

The blaze was first discovered over in a field on the Short farm almost opposite the Jay Giger residence on the Dixie Highway about 7 o'clock. When the police reached the scene following an order from Mayor Johnston who was notified of the happening they found no one in the vicinity of the cross which had burned out of its own accord and they returned to the city.

About an hour later a resident of the neighborhood reported having seen rays from a flashlight coming upward and a little later five men wearing long overcoats and black masks approached the charred timbers, moved them to a point near the Dixie Highway and after a brief period spent in re-erecting them and saturating the wrappings with oil again ignited the cross. A second call was immediately sent in to police headquarters and the officers this time took charge of the smoldering timbers and returned them to the city.

The men, after lighting the oil-soaked material around the timbers, hurried off over the hill to the north in the direction of undergrowth on the farm and when the police arrived could not be located.

Recently several persons have reported seeing white-robed figures congregated in the yard at the Boyd school house on the Heltonville road just northeast of Bedford and they were generally believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan which organization is understood to have established a branch in this county. The appearance of the flaming cross Wednesday night is generally attributed to members of this section but its significance has not been learned.



KLANSMEN ATTEND GOVERNORS' PARLEY

NORTH CAROLINA KING KLEAGLE
MAKES OWN NOTES OF CON-
GRESS AT WHITE SULPHUR.

POSES AS HIGHWAY EXPERT

Misses No Word of Discussion, but
Keeps Identity and Presence
Secret.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.—The Intelligence arm of the Invisible Empire reached into the conference of left today en route to President Harding's luncheon in Washington.

Its moving finger wrote assiduously as state executives denounced the Ku Klux Klan and planned to force its subordination to their laws.

Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas was prophesying the early disintegration of the Klan. Governor Ritchie of Maryland was suggesting that publicity would bring about its downfall. While they were doing this, it is learned, an Imperial officer of the Klan, with insatiable "poker face," sat a few yards from them in the room where the sessions were held. He missed no word of discussion or denunciation.

Headquarters to Get Reports

There were well-authenticated reports as the conference disbanded that within the next few days the White palace on Peachtree St., Atlanta, will have full accounts of all that took place.

Before the conference opened last Thursday a robust, blond man with curly hair appeared at the conference hotel coincident with the arrival of many of the governors. On the register his name appeared as C. C. McIlwain.

Carolina King Kleagle
"I'm in West Virginia to study highway construction," he told persons with whom he talked. Rugged features and a deeply tanned complexion supported his statement.

KLANSMEN IN ROBES AID WORTHY FAMILY

SICK FATHER WITH A FAMILY OF
SEVEN SURPRISED WITH VISIT
ABOUT SIX O'CLOCK TUES-
DAY EVENING.

LETTER ACCOMPANIES DONATION

Just about six o'clock last Tuesday evening, the family of Amos Shotts at 1120 S. Sheffield Ave. was greatly surprised and joyfully, no doubt, when one of the Shotts boys opened the door in answer to a knock and saw there two Klansmen in full regalia who silently handed in a large basket of provisions and an envelope in which there was a letter and \$25.00.

Mr. Shotts is down sick in bed and having a large family composed of his wife and three boys and three girls, the children ranging from three years to fifteen years, is certainly worthy of help. One of the girls is also sick in bed and one of the boys is in the hospital with a broken leg. Mr. Shotts is a man about 45 years old and, before he was taken sick, was always a good provider for his family being employed at the Union Stock Yards.

The following letter accompanied the donation:

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25, 1922.
Mr. Amos Shotts and Family, 1120 S. Sheffield Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.:
Greetings—
"The Eyes of the Klan Hath Seen!"
On account of your illness, rendering you unable to work, yourself and family have been, and are now suffering for the need of the necessities things of life.

Although you are not a member of the Klan we know that you are worthy; that you have heretofore maintained and supported your family, commensurate with your earnings.

When such circumstances present themselves we consider it a privilege to manifest the spirit of the Klan and to aid the needy. Mr. Trotter was a Mason, a Red Man and a Klansman.

LEE TROTTER DEAD

Indianapolis Klan Sends a Floral Fiery Cross.

Lee Trotter, aged 55, died last Sunday morning at 2:55 at his home, 529 Oxford St. The funeral was held at the home and burial was made at Crown Hill cemetery at 3 p. m. last Tuesday. A beautiful Fiery Cross of flowers was sent to the house and later taken to the grave. Mr. Trotter was a pharmacist.

Mr. Trotter was a Mason, a Red Man and a Klansman.

Twelve Big Trucks Loaded Down With Bushel Baskets
of Groceries and Other Good Things Distributed to
Many Worthy But Unfortunate Folk.

A Number of Families Having Several Children Received
Two Baskets—No Religious or Racial
Discrimination Is Made.

DISTRIBUTION MADE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Gigantic Fiery Cross Blazes on Thirty-Eighth Street, Near
Fair Grounds, Exactly at Midnight—Much Specu-
lation Regarding Its Mysterious Appearance.

The Indianapolis Klan played Santa Claus to more than one hundred worthy but unfortunate families last Christmas Eve. Twelve big trucks fairly honeycombed the city and each truck, when it started was loaded to capacity with bushel baskets of groceries, candies, shoes and bedclothing. Several colored and Catholic families were on the route, the Klan making no racial nor religious discrimination whatever. Many families that were blessed with several kiddies received double portions of the gifts. Only two words were spoken by the visiting Klansmen and they were, "Merry Christmas," as the following letter was handed in:



DATED AT Indianapolis, Indiana.

SEND REPLY TO

Christmas Greetings:

"THE BITE OF THE KLAN BATH CEN"
Once again over all the earth there reigned the spirit of Christmas; the spirit of joy and forgetfulness, which caused our God to send his sinful men the first Christmas gift in the person of his Son Jesus, and bade the Angels sing a Psalm of Brotherhood, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

God saw Man's need, and willing, answered, so the Ku Klux Klan has seen your need, regardless of race or creed, and has, in the spirit of Christmas, answered. We desire Christmas Fellowship over all our kind, and our working motto is, "FOR GOD SELF BUT FOR OTHERS."

May this material expression of the genuine Klan desire to serve be accepted in the spirit in which it is given.

Sincerely,

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

INDIANAPOLIS KLAN

REALM OF INDIANA

Few of those who received donations knew from whom the gifts came until the Klansmen had left.

Fiery Cross Blazes at Midnight
The activity of Indianapolis Klansmen was not done, however, with the distribution of the baskets, for exactly at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve a gigantic Fiery Cross suddenly lighted the heavens near the state fairgrounds at Thirty-eighth St. west of Keystone Ave. When the cross first appeared only two figures were to be seen about it, a photographer and a newspaper man. The Thirty-eighth St. Boulevard, however, was lined with machines, someone having reported that there was an accident and sent out the police emergency which, finding no trouble, did not linger there long. Much speculation as to who placed the cross there and fired it was heard in the big crowd that gathered but no one seemed to know though there must have been several Klansmen there. The cross remained burning until daylight on Christmas Day.

never fear, for His hand will ever guide them in all that they do.

I wish again to thank my many friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance to me in my illness.
50 S. Fifth Ave., Beech Grove, Ind.
—Frank J. Miller.

LEAGUE MEETING
The White Supremacy League meets with the president, Mrs. Otto J. Deeds, 344 W. Maple Road Boulevard (Scrib. St.), Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, 1923. Members only are invited and all members are requested to be present as there will be an important election of officers.

PAUL O. DEEDS, Secretary,
Washington 1948.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

Greetings, brother Klansmen. I trust that each of our millions of brothers of the Noble Ku Klux Klan is as regular and interested readers of our fine and rapidly growing little paper of Truth as I am. I can hardly wait from one edition until the next. My greatest regret is that it is not a daily publication. But come on, fellow Klansmen, that is our part of its great work and growth. It is what we shall make it. Therefore rather than let it die or even remain a weekly publication let it make it boom as no other paper has boomed from its infancy. Let the public become acquainted with the truth which our paper gives them. Let them see how opposition really promotes our growth. Opposition from the sources from whence it comes is our best commendation for rights, justice and our aims of 100% American Ku Klux Klansmen.

The protests do not come from Klansmen. Why? Because they are acquainted with the grand principles of our noble order. The greatest percentage of the kids come from one of three classes: Roman Catholic, Jew and negro. Or possibly we might add the bootlegger, and his many fellow crooks, and law-breakers. We ask, why should not their arguments be accepted for truth? Because neither of the above classes could possibly enter our ranks, they therefore know nothing can know nothing (except to fear us) until they do become 100% American citizens who have learned to attend strictly to their own business and allow us to attend to ours and assist our officers in supporting the Constitution of our grand old country—the United States of America—and driving crooks from our soil.

God, our creator and preserver, sees and knows the time is at hand when something should be done to save our dear Stars and Stripes from everlasting disgrace. I say disgrace for such it is when men (I can not say citizens) of our country deliberately ignore our laws and our constitution and do as they wish and get by with it. We do not know exactly why but we do know that all crooks must and will pay the price. Our officers need the steady support of every red-blooded American and that is our duty as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Each publication of the Fiery Cross brings forth much of interest in the fact of the different states, locations, etc., our enemies are making in their efforts to down and kill us. But, thank God, we are in the right with Him as our guide and their efforts are only in vain for they only make us stronger and more determined for America for Americans, white supremacy and a hell rather than have for all law-breakers.

It is interesting how enthusiastic our friends of the American Unity League are in their great struggle to down us. Do they not know the public sees and knows that the majority of its members are Roman Catholics and what their aim is? Shouldn't opposition from such a source make us grow? Yes. Show me a genuine law-abiding, white Christian, Gentle, 100% American citizen who is fighting the Ku Klux Klan and possibly I might listen to his arguments if I didn't feel he had some friends on the other side of the fence who are getting over to our side.

Is "Our" A. U. League running down murderers, bootleggers, moonshiners, highway robbers and publishing their names? No. They haven't time for trying to pry open the lid of Klansness. Let them get our list of members. Let them publish our names. But so long as the K. K. K. exists my name shall appear on its roster. That is their game—publish our names, bring fear to our hearts, cause us to withdraw and thus weaken so noble an order as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Why, ask, should any true blooded, 100% American fear to have his name made known in the list of Citizens of Right? For one of many do not fear them and no enemy of the Klan can cause me to withdraw my name. For we are right, now, once and forever for the laws of our America.

Our enemies say we are trying to make the law into our own hands. Again they are utterly wrong for we are merely supporting our officers, or rather see them to their duty.

In Hancock county, of which I am a resident, stills are running openly bootleggers are so thick in our county seat that they are almost forced to sell to each other. Why they are not caught and punished we do not know for any stranger can come into Greenfield and within an hour can say white man. The time has come to strike and I feel safe in saying that within the next six months every still will be out of existence and every bootlegger will run down and brought to justice and will do his time as should all other crooks. The mysterious eyes of the Klansmen are upon them, many of them are known and while there is yet time they would better get a new job of else quit the town for Greenfield is no place for gamblers, and bootleggers any longer.

We of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan pledge our support to our worthy officers in this their little city and our county of moonshine stills and bootleggers and gamblers.

Long may the Fiery Cross proclaim our rights as American citizens and shed forth its light of law, honor and truth to all 100% Americans and may it be a symbol of fear to the law-breakers of our America.

—A Hancock County Klansman.
Maxwell, Ind.

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

Dear Sir—Out near Beech Grove there is a new public school, just completed.

This is Center township school I am referring to, and do you know, that, to my disgust, I made a surprise search from the basement to the attic, endeavoring to locate that one article, which I think should be on every public school in this good old U. S. A.

A flag pole, from which old Glory might unfurl her wings, to let the little kiddies know that they are not attending some kind of a "fish-casting" contest.

Now if the school board has not ample funds with which to place an American Flag on that building, I would suggest that some of them should be deported back to Rome with the rest of the Dagoes.

—A K.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

Dear Sir—I have recently been an interested reader of The Fiery Cross and cast my lot with the cause advocated by the Klan.

I heartily endorse all the K. K. K. stands for, as I have inherited, from my earliest recollections, the things for which our blessed America stands—vouchsafed by the divinely inspired Constitution of the United States of America, the greatest document conceived by man from Eden down till now.

Like the universal sky, it spreads its ample folds over all, embracing all, protecting all law-abiding people, regardless of creed, class or color, who believe in it and seek our peaceful shores to share in the benign blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that it guarantees.

It does not interfere with my thought, belief nor action only as it affects the whole. I learned these things in our blessed common schools, in my academic and collegiate courses and taught it eight years as a teacher—as a Protestant teacher—a Gentle, white teacher; and I deplored then as I deplore now the fact that thousands of children born in America who are, to be citizens of the United States and should be trained to become 100% American citizens—while two-thirds of the teachers in our public schools owe allegiance first to the Vatican, on one of the seven hills of Rome, and our country second.

I cast my lot with the Klan because it believes "these same things and stands for law and order and law enforcement through the regularly constituted processes of law as provided by state and nation, by its officers and courts and in no other way, to aid in winning the right, high or low, justice, whether from the hovel or the brown stone front."

The Constitution allows Jews, Italians, Catholics and all others to have their secret orders and prescribe the qualifications required in order to belong to them—the Klan, as I have learned, is not fighting these orders—only ask the same privilege of organization—the Ku Klux Klan is a purely American order.

It has the same right as any other order of determining who shall or may belong to it. Do they not? The qualifications that are universally proclaimed are: Must be 100% American, must be Gentle, white and Protestant, and also a gentleman, and believe in law and order, civil justice and believe in the tenets of Christian religion. It certainly would make a formidable fine bunch of patriotic fellows banded together for a lofty purpose.

—H. M. H.
Crawfordsville, Ind.
**GREETINGS SENT TO
CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEMBERS BY KLANSMEN**

**MINISTER DOES NOT LIKE THE
DEMONSTRATION.**

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

The members of the local Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday-Schools were very much surprised Sunday morning when their respective superintendents read a letter which they had received through the mail the day before, and which contained a ten-dollar bill, sent by and with the greetings and best wishes of the local members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The letter at the Presbyterian church was read at the closing of Sunday school by Superintendent Hasselbring, and was without comment. At the Baptist church after the letter was read by Supl. Neger the matter was discussed and a motion was made and carried that the money be accepted and a vote of thanks be extended to the members of the Klan.

At the Methodist church the calling of the roll of singular was the subject discussed (and caused) by several members, some of whom spoke very bitterly against the Klan. Supl. Hagon wanted to accept the money he extended a vote of thanks to the Klan, while others were very indignant and wanted to return the money to the Klan but didn't know where to send it. "All dressed up and no place to go."

The Methodist minister, Rev. Hagon, is a young man, who seems to be a regular he man, was quick to rise to his feet and express his sentiments in no friendly manner and caused the

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THE Ku Klux Klan Your Duty

To ignore the problems of our Race and Country is to defraud posterity willfully. The greatest danger facing the American Republic today is the gradual displacement of our religious, social and political foundations by those of alien origin.

To fight for the conservation of our Race, and for its betterment, is not a matter of racial prejudice; it is love of country. It is a true sentiment based upon knowledge and the lessons of history, rather than upon a silly sentimentalism bred in ignorance.


The remarkable growth of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the face of wholesale calumny has driven the anti-social and anti-American forces to desperate measures. With their lying propaganda they are striving to discredit this noble organization in the eyes of Americans.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan shall ever safeguard the integrity and Welfare of our native institutions. They are anti-nothing except that which is avowedly destructive to constitutional privilege. They are intolerant of nothing except that which represents the forces of evil.

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Dominant Interests of Nation Form
Definite Program in Series of
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Chicago—A definite program to amend the immigration law has been worked out by a group of the chief agricultural, manufacturing and financial interests of the country in a series of conferences that ended in a meeting at the Sherman hotel here.

These interests have canvassed the situation and find the present flow of immigration is insufficient to meet the needs of agriculture and industry generally. They wish some of the workers may be met.

The present labor shortage which exists chiefly in a few industrial districts, notably the building trades, is only a curtain-raiser to the shortage that may be expected next year, in the opinion of these employers, unless a greater supply of foreign workers is available than the present law promises.

Changes as Proposed
They therefore propose to have the law amended so as to provide:

1. That emigration shall be considered in computing quotas permissible from foreign countries, not the native difference between the number of immigrants and the number of emigrants—being regarded as a living wage. This amendment would permit the arrival on American shores of a good many thousands more than now are permitted to land.

2. Examination of immigrants at ports of embarkation abroad, rather than on their arrival in the United States, thus eliminating rejections at ports of entry here.

3. Control by the secretary of their arrival in the United States during the period of their alienation. This measure is sought for educational purposes, it is said, and with the further thought of eliminating at least to some extent, congestion of immigrants in the chief centers of the Atlantic seaboard.

4. Discretion, to be vested in the secretary of labor, as to the admission of aliens over the numbers prescribed in their quotas.

This amendment is deemed desirable for the purpose of meeting shortages of labor in certain industries.

It is said legislation embodying the foregoing program will be introduced in the congress soon. Among those participating in the conferences which finally resulted in formulating the foregoing program were:

J. R. Howard of Chicago, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Gray Silver, Washington representative of the National Association of Manufacturers; Frank W. Norton of Philadelphia, secretary of the Railway Business Men's Association; James A. Emery of Washington and Earl Constantine of New York of the National Association of Manufacturers; and John White and Rodman Glidner of New York, representing the National Association of Credit Men.

First steps looking to amendment of the law are understood to have been made by the agricultural interests. In their behalf it was said the farmers are among the first to feel the effects of a shortage. In the last year they were assisted in finding harvest laborers and other labor by the employment service of the department of labor, and very little, if any, actual shortage was experienced. The coming year, however, promises a more difficult situation in their opinion.

Opposes Literacy Test.
It is the desire of the conferees also to have the literacy test abandoned. "The tests of admission," Mr. Emery said, "should exclude, as we do at the present time, the diseased, the criminal, the defective and the enemies of all countries and of this government. But we should abandon a literacy test voted by three Presidents, which the Lenoxes and Trotskyes pass with ease and which is a handicap and neither a mental nor moral test of capacity for citizenship."

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The extent of the labor shortage, according to reports to the department of labor, is not great at present, although virtually all classes of labor are employed with the single exception of clerical workers.

Reports of conditions in business and industry generally received here by government and private agencies during the week show virtually no change from the situation of the preceding week, except for a slight slackening in the volume of trade—Harden Cuffix in Indianapolis writes.

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Put This In Your Pipe!

We unqualifiedly and without equivocation assert that the INDIANAPOLIS NEWS intentionally falsified the TRUTH in its account of the appearance of the FIERY CROSS on Thursday last, Christmas Eve. The NEWS says that a crowd of 500 strange men dispersed when a police squad arrived. We were there (having received a tip by telephone that there was a story to be had—and we understand that the NEWS and the TIMES and the STAR received the same tip in the same way) and surely there is nothing "strange" about us unless it be "strange" in these days to stand fatfooted for an operative 100 per cent Americanism. That is the first count in the indictment!

The emergency squad arrived just before the Cross bled forth and it was that who left at once, not the crowd, one of the officers being heard to say, "Hell, this is no place for us—let's go!" That is the second count!

The NEWS says, "No women were in the crowd." We personally noted that MORE THAN ONE-HALF THE SPECTATORS WERE WOMEN! That is the third count!

That newspaper account also says: "Soon AFTER the departure of the strangers the POLICE returned to Indianapolis." Fine! We left the spot forty-five minutes after the police had gone and ours was one of the FIRST of the MANY machines to go! And that is, well, ALMOST the LAST count! There are more, but why go on?

Our Business Girls.

A condition, which is true in most large cities, we take it, has been brought to our attention as being pretty general in Indianapolis. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stand foursome on "The Protection of Our Pure Womanhood." Therefore, discussion of this condition in Indianapolis is not out of place in the "Fiery Cross." One of the most sacred institutions in the land is the home and every girl that works in an office is the potential mistress of an American home and the potential mother of future generations of Americans. The modern girl in the business world has a hard enough time resisting temptations without having to be repelling advances of vultures in human form. These business men, most of them, who insist on dating their stenographers and imply that should they refuse that their jobs are in danger, are, as a rule, heads of families and ordinarily, men who have not got the spirit of a real home life. This editorial was written because it has been brought to our attention that the practice is general.

While it applies to a specific case, in one particularly large railway office, nevertheless it was written in the mood, "If the shoe fits wear it." The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan insists that this obnoxious practice be broken up.

A Question.

The following question has been propounded to us by a 100 per cent American minister of the Gospel: "If William J. Burns, head of the U. S. Secret Service, is a representative member of the Knights of Columbus; if he not only has at his command one of the world's greatest private detective bureaus; if through those most powerful agencies for getting at and behind facts related to various criminal acts, trespasses and breaches of law; if through many months of such investigation urged and provoked by certain governors of states who solicited federal aid against the Ku Klux Klan; if through violations on the part of the (invisible Empire); if Attorney General Daugherty announces that the department of justice can find no ground for the prosecution of the Klan—do you think the Klan is guilty of any of the alleged infractions of the law or indecent and even ungentlemanly conduct?"

"Let 'em howl, brother of the white robe, the folded arms, and the silent voice."

We are grateful to "Tolerance" for increasing the sale of "The Fiery Cross" since the first named paper made its appearance on the streets of Indianapolis.

Let us correct a statement made in the Times Christmas Day. The crowd viewing the blazing cross on "Tech" did not disperse, but the police emergency squad laid off early, finding nothing that required their aid at the celebration.

Wonder why the newspapers don't say "Ku Klux Klan" right out instead of "Robert and Hooded" men in that Louisiana frame-up? The same tactics were used concerning that Newcastle bathtub murder. These are the latest absurd samples of "Accusation Without Proof!"

Because America Has Been the Haven of Refuge to the Disinherited

By SAMUEL WEST, Prose Essay, Denver Community Contest.

I believe an American citizen for the opportunity to be a citizen of the greatest republic in the world and to help constitute government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Because by becoming an American citizen I realized for the first time in my life that men are created equal by being endowed with the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to rich and poor alike.

Because it is a mark of distinction to be a citizen of a country which has progressed more in science, invention and industry in the one hundred and forty-six years of its independence than any other country in the world.

Because America has always maintained that right is might and has always been of service to the world, maintaining that the badge of service is the badge of sovereignty.

Because America has been the haven of refuge to the disinherited, the oppressed, the suffering and the submerged.

Because its symbols are the law and torch;
Not the sword to threaten slaughter;
Not the flame to dazzle and scorch,
But a light that the world may see
And the truth that shall set men free.

Dead European Towns.
Europe is full of dead towns—trailing glories from the age before the Turks captured Constantinople and Columbus discovered America. Many of them lie on small rivers, as Bruges does. For in the days when an ocean ship was only an inland rowboat a river harbor was preferable to the best ocean port. Such was Seville, such was Pisa, such once was Florence. But when the Turks cut the Indian trade routes, and when ships became too big for river harbors, the cities sprang up and old, glorious cities died. Some have come to life again, like Florence and Nuremberg and Seville, because of new conditions. Some, like Pisa, and Rothenburg in Bavaria, and Regensburg in Dalmatia, stayed dead.

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FIRST OFFICIAL ACT OF ORGANIZATION. BURNING OF FIERY CROSS ON BLANDY'S HILL ANNOUNCED ITS PRESENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

Approve Work Being Done by Hospital.

Zanesville, O.—Any doubt that the Ku Klux Klan might exist in this city has been set at rest as a result of an occurrence of the past week. Many people seeing the fiery cross which was burned on Blandy hill two weeks ago, believed that the Klan is now operating in this county, but definite knowledge of this is now at hand. The following letter was received by one of the committees working for the Bethesda hospital campaign and is self-explanatory:

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Whereas, the Ku Klux Klan is a patriotic, fraternal, benevolent organization, and does not discriminate against a man on account of his religious or political creed, and

Whereas, we believe in law and order, just laws, and liberty, and do not take the law in our hands, but as citizens, we believe

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Make our homes as comfortable and enjoyable for our wives and children and future generations, and

We believe that by having a larger Bethesda it will be of great assistance in making Zanesville citizens healthier and wiser, and

Therefore, we believe every possible care when they are so much in need of it.

We want to commend you again for this noble work and may the Great God of all bless and prosper you in this noble work.

We are sincerely yours,

The Ku Klux Klan of Montgomery County.

Klan Shows Interest in Public Good.

The donation accompanying the letter was a substantial one and indicated that the Klan was interested in the welfare of the community.

With the exception of the fiery cross announcing the presence of the Ku Klux Klan, this is the first public manifestation of the organization.

The letter was received by one of the committees and the money was turned over to the chairman of the executive committee who recognized the donation as any other contribution might have been handed. It is understood that the letter and the money was received on Thursday.—Zanesville Times-Recorder.

KLAN PAID TRIBUTE

Members of That Organization Attend Funeral of Dr. Klotz.

Tipton, Ind.—For the first time in the history of Noblesville the Ku Klux Klan took part in a funeral Friday afternoon, attending the funeral of the late Dr. Klotz.

After all the other services at the grave had been concluded 18 members of the Klan, dressed in full regalia, approached the grave. Prayer was offered and a large bouquet was presented. The bouquet was made of red roses, being 54 inches tall and represented the brief services, the light was sounded and the white-robed men walked away.—Tipton Daily Tribune.

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GIVING LIFE TO KU KLUXISM.

Ku Kluxism is an evil in itself. But it may prove to be responsible for an even evil, far worse, which it did not deliberately create. This is the capitalizing of opposition to it into a political asset.

The Ku Klux Klan arose this time during a period of unrest just as it did after the Civil war. It would have in the natural order of things a life just as long as that period. It would die of its inherent weaknesses even if not a word were said against it. Its very existence is ridiculous, and ridicule would tend to destroy it. Its practices are like those of the coyote, and while contempt would eventually force it to disintegrate as a thing despised, its principal policies are based upon intolerance—and intolerance can not flourish long in the American atmosphere.

That which should be avoided is crystallizing the movement, changing its loose organization into one closely knit and strong, and giving members who have gone into the Klan as a joke or on an excursion or adventure take their membership with the seriousness of church communicants.

A state governor and an ex-governor of a state are assuming an attitude of "russing" against the Ku Klux Klan. They are marching and waving flags with exhortation of their own they are calling for force which differs in kind only from the force used by the Ku Kluxers. For what looks very much like political profit they are providing that opposition which has caused many a weak movement a life which otherwise would perish in other words, these governors, their followers, imitators and echoers are strengthening the Ku Klux Klan.

It is a human trait to stand stoutly by a position taken. Observe how men will argue heatedly for a bad cause. Note how politicians who have committed themselves to a wrong course will stick to it when they are bitterly assailed. The membership in the Ku Klux Klan went up by jumps when Mayor Hylan of New York issued a bombasting pronouncement against the society.

Ku Kluxism carried its own germs of death. Better to let these microbes work their ends than to give the Ku Kluxism a strong and vital life which the microbes will know in time to Toledo Blade.

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CURRENT CLIPPINGS

KU KLUX CITES BEVERIDGE LOSS AT INDIANA POLLS

Washington, Dec. 23. — The defeat in the recent election of W. W. Maestri, as assistant for the governorship of Kansas and of Albert J. Beveridge for United States senator from Indiana was brought about primarily as a result of Governor Allen's fight against the Ku Klux Klan in Kansas.

This was the answer of the Invisible Empire to Allen, who has announced that it held attempt on the part of Imperial Wizard Evans to convert him to the Klan cause has ended in dismal failure.

Evans and other Klan leaders apparently are in Washington hoping to vindicate the Klan of the many charges against it. They also desire to place on the official record the Klan aims and beliefs. "The wizard has been President Harding and some congressional leaders.

Confers with Officials

Evans admitted that he has been to many of the official buildings in Washington, although he declined to say who he had seen. "It seems that it is not enough for Governor Allen to defeat his own policies, his industrial court and the candidates he backed in his state through his activities against the Klan," he said.

"The Imperial Wizard's party now here, declared, 'It seems he was still up convinced when he defeated Albert J. Beveridge in Indiana, where he made four major speeches in Beveridge's behalf, denouncing the Klan in all of them in most virulent language.

"He apparently seeks to sink still further into the mire of political oblivion through a continuation of his attempted persecution of the Klan, although repudiated in unmistakable tones at the polls.

In answer to the charges relating to conditions in Louisiana, alleged to have been brought about by the Klan the Imperial Wizard offered the pageant's crime record for that state's news.

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—Connersville News-Examiner.

GIVES \$300 TO HOSPITAL

Klan Gift Presented to Methodist Institution.

Norton, Kan.—The Ku Klux Klan of Norton and neighboring territory gave \$300 to the Methodist hospital of Norton when a White Cross Sunday collection was taken at the church yesterday morning. On White Cross Sunday a talk is made or a sermon preached on the work being done by the Methodist church through hospitals, homes for aged, and in other ways to relieve physical suffering.

"Free will offering is then taken to see our this worthy work.

Rev. W. G. Thompson, pastor of the church, asked Dr. C. S. Kenney to make the White Cross Sunday address. After his address, Dr. Kenney called for contributions. It was then that he said he had been given an envelope by a representative of Klans men of Norton and neighboring territory containing \$300. He said the Klansmen are in hearty sympathy with the church's program to relieve physical suffering and desired to help the good work by their financial contribution. Their contributions brought the total amount contributed up to \$132.

Dr. Kenney also said he had been asked by the same Klansman to read fundamental requirements of the Klan organization. Briefly they are:

As the Klan is strictly an American organization, only native-born Americans are eligible to membership.

Belief in the tenets of the Christian religion and in the Divinity of Christ are also requirements—for which reason Jews are not eligible to membership.

Belonging to the White race is an other requirement, because the great advances in human liberty have been made by white race men.

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The Klan has no quarrel with the Catholic religion, but will call Catholicism in any movement for the public good. The Klan is a secret organization, hence Catholics do not belong to it.

Many of the men who have always sided in every movement for the development of Norton are members of the local Klan. Dr. Kenney said he had been told, "That no one has cause to fear any lawlessness in any way."

Free Thompson said it was the first time he had heard Klan tenets discussed publicly, and if they were as free as he said, he had no objection to make. Rev. Thompson said he believed the Klansmen had made the gift in good faith, and that he would accept it in good faith.

"A hospital is not a liability, but an asset," said Dr. Kenney in his White Cross Sunday address. He traced the development of hospitals in Norton. Finally Dr. Kenney built the Lathrop hospital, which was taken over by the Northwest Kansas Methodist conference last September. The conference has two hospitals in the state—at Salina and Norton—and will erect three more—at Goodland, Hays and Belleville.

KLANISM TO MEET "FIRING"

New York—New York city employees holding membership in the Ku Klux Klan will be discharged when their identities are learned, Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld declared.

Announcing an investigation of reports that the Klan was making a membership campaign among municipal workers, "The city," he said, "will not tolerate such a thing as a government department. Every discovered Klansman will be fired."—Toledo (O.) Blade.

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testant or Jew, any one of them is equally as much an American as any other. However, the persistence among us a type of citizenship that has gone far afield from the letter and spirit of the Constitution that persists in keeping in the forefront the old quarrels of Europe and the departed centuries with the result that we are living in the day of the rising tide of religious bigotry and intolerance. The past has brought us its misunderstandings we will grant. The nation was cut in twain and grapples in civil war and suffered in the blood of fratricidal strife, but the war is over and who among us today would lend our hand to waving the bloody shirt and stirring the passions of a half a century ago? The war is over and a new day has dawned and our task is to still further cement the ties of solidarity and brotherhood between the North and the South. Why even the boys in blue and the boys in gray now sit about the same campfire in a necessary comradeship. This is as it ought to be. When our Protestant sires came to Plymouth, and our Catholic friends came to Baltimore there was inaugurated a new day in a new world and the past was a closed book, and profiting from the teachings of history our fathers set their hands to the task of building a civilization that would be delivered from the ills and tyrannies of the old world, and they planned the building well. Here, as in no country in the world, should we be free from the blight of religious strife. Yet its hideous face, its consequences heart, its blighting spirit is the American and even anti-American can purposes persist in marring the tranquility and peace of our people. I don't deny by the name that whether Protestant or Catholic or Jew or whatnot, those groups of men who are engaged in the un-American business of stirring up religious hate and rancor in this country are traitors before the altar of true Americanism, and are attacking the very Constitution of the United States. They are not 100 per cent. Americans. They are not fifty per cent. Americans. I hold no brief for the Roman Catholic church and make no defense for her. She needs no defense of mine. I am a Protestant by birth and education, and conviction. My roots go back centuries into the struggles of the old world. Some of my forefathers were Huguenots and fled France. Others were from Cromwell's young army. One of my sires fought at Londonderry under Prince William of Orange and I believe that my Protestant antecedents would meet the requirements of the most fastidious. But I am living in a new world and in a new day and under a new charter of freedom, and the antagonisms of the past must give way to a new spirit of mutuality and tolerance and good will or the dream of the framers of the Constitution of the United States will become yet a hideous nightmare. This is not a fight of Protestant or Catholics alone it is a fight of good Americans in all churches and we have got to stand together and strike this thing to the

earth whatever be our badge or sign. I am well assured that there are in the heads in the Catholic church. I know there are Catholics who have permitted their zeal to put their disapproval in the background. And we are on our own heads. I have been a minister for nineteen years and it has been my personal observation that I have never known one single noble protestant actively engaged in the dissemination of the literature of religious hatred who ever amounted to modernism to my church. I have known them again and again to be men who seldom if ever attended divine worship, who contributed little if nothing to the support of their church and her great benevolent programs, and if the lift of the Protestant church depended upon them there would be no Protestant church in a league. The farther a man gets into the spirit of the church the more the virus of rancor is eliminated from him. The religion of Christ is a religion of good will and peace on earth, and we have no right under the guise of any profession to make anything less than that.

Another provision of the Constitution is the guarantee of free assembly, a free press and free speech. We have no man or group of men here who can say as did a kind of France, "I am the state." The Constitution takes care of that. I can criticize the city government, a court or a congress or the President himself. That is a going none but it is true. I don't have to know much to exercise this right, either. Yet, I hold in my hand in except taken from a speech delivered in this state by an organizer of one hundred per cent. red-blooded Americans, who in the introduction of his speech announced that he is going to speak in the interests of this organization because he has earned in his travels over this country that it is not a safe thing to talk about it unless you are a member of it. In other words he prefaces his speech on one hundred per cent. Americanism by the statement that Americans who differ with him and his comrades had better keep their mouths shut if they know what is good for them. I don't know of other groups who would not be safe. Can a man defy the constitutional guarantee of free speech, or even cover his duty with a veiled threat and be a one hundred per cent. American? As a citizen I will exercise this right, and you will exercise it, and when we forget it we are no longer Americans but knaves and vassals.

"The Constitution guarantees me the right to the personal ownership of property. No man can take my property away from me, and no one can, save the state and then only by saying me to it. As a citizen I have a right to engage in lawful business and this right is stamped and sealed with the Seal of the Republic. Any man who deprives me of that right is attacking the Constitution as well as myself. Can any man or group of men be accepted as one hundred per cent. Americans who deprive any citizen, native or foreign-born, but a citizen holding his documents of citizenship who will engage in a boycott, the most depraved, sneaking, unprincipled, cowardly and craven act of conspiring men. The boycott is in defiance of law, and the sponsors of a boycott are in this act breaking the law. Is this the business of one hundred per cent. Americans?

"Any man who sees an advantage in the boycott is either an imbecile or weak minded. Suppose that other groups engage in this business. What would work for one side here, would not work for that side somewhere else. Let us imagine that the Catholics should decide to organize a boycott against the Protestants of New England, in a region from Maine to Rhode Island and all the way to the coast against the Catholics. What would happen? There would be an Exodus more than likely. We are struggling to regain lost prosperity and the devil who tempts us is the conspiring groups who in seeking their selfish preference tear down faster than we can build. The spirit of the boycott in the spirit of disintegration and collapse. One hundred per cent. Americanism will have no part in an illegal act even under cover of darkness.

"Both Parkington recently declared that America reached the peak of her spiritual and idealistic greatness in the days of the civil war, and that from that time to this this spirit has been waxing and waning until today we are in the sloughs of spiritual torpor and morbid materialism. I hope he is not right. If he is we are in a desperate situation, and we do not join hands tonight, and go into the high places with Abraham Lincoln until we shall be transformed with his Americanism, and extending not our clenched fists, but our open hands of friendship and true Americanism and say with him, 'With malice toward none and charity for all. God help us.'

CALIFORNIA CANDIDATE
ASSAILS KLAN; HISSED
Oakland, Cal.—While Thomas Lee Woolwine, Democratic candidate for governor, was denouncing the Ku Klux Klan at a public meeting here last night a man arose and walking to the front set a small statue of a robed and hooded Klanman down at the speaker's feet.

Taking the act as a signal, a crowd of men, estimated at 100, walked from the hall in an orderly manner. There was some hissing meanwhile, after which the candidate continued his speech.—Danville (Ill.) Commercial News.

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RICHMOND KLAN BUSY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

MAKES SUBSTANTIAL DONATION TO SALVATION ARMY.

Aids Officials in Gathering Evidence on Gambling.

Richmond, Ind.—Earlier in the week I had a reference in this column to the gifts of Christmas baskets and money which the Ku Klux Klan in this county was making to the Salvation Army. The baskets were at the Army headquarters, yesterday, and made an imposing showing. There must have been nearly a hundred of them. In addition, the Salvation Army people said that the Klan turned over a big wad of money, to be used wherever it may do the most good. The gifts represent a total of several hundred dollars.

In addition to the gifts to the Salvation Army, I learned of a number of individual cases, which are pretty well known in this community, of the Christmas activities of the Klan. One is that of a street car employee who has been laid up with carpalitis and who has just received a purse of something like \$50 to tide him over, until he gets well. Another is that of a man who has just lost his six-year-old boy, and has now himself been taken down with diphtheria. This poor fellow has three other children dependent on him and was worrying intensely about what was going to happen to the family when the Klan stepped in and began playing Santa Claus. The man is getting the best medical attention, serum treatment, etc., several times a day and has hope in the children are to get clothes and a lot of presents, and the man's mind is relieved from all care. Another case is that of a woman in one of our factories, who also lost a baby this week. Some members of the Klan took time from their own affairs to accompany the little daisies to the hospital, where they were to be buried. Others agreed to look after the family and two heaping bushel baskets have been contributed for the family's Christmas, beside the subscription of money.

Another phase of the activities of this body, which comes to me from what seems unquestionable authority, was brought about in connection with a recent tragedy which shocked this community. That tragedy was the result, many of the dead man's friends believed, of the activities of a certain gambling outfit that was operating without much pretense at secrecy, in this city. Just how much the suicide had lost, nobody seems to know very positively, but it amounted to hundreds of dollars, which went into the hands of the gamblers. I was told, yesterday, that a lot of evidence had been collected by members of the Klan in this county, and then the gamblers got wind of it. The whole thing was hastily closed up and has stopped for ever, so far as this city is concerned. The same authority told me that members of the Klan have collected and turned over to the police, of late, a lot of evidence which has enabled the city authorities to arrest and convict some notorious bootleggers and other offenders this winter. —Richmond Item.

Ku Klux Aids Salvation Army
Several hundred dollars in food and cash will be turned over to the Salvation Army by the local organization of the Ku Klux Klan, according to Capt. L. W. Amberger, who is in charge of the Richmond corps of the Salvation Army, last night. A number of baskets of groceries have been delivered at the headquarters of the Army, and the balance will be taken there today. The donation of the Klan was of great importance to the Army in furthering its Christmas plans. Capt. Amberger stated last night. Owing to the light donations which have been made by the people of the city this year in response to the appeal of the organization, it was thought necessary to cut the issuing of baskets to poor people from 75 to 50. The Army distributed 75 last year. With the Klan donation the army will now give away over 30 baskets, Capt. Amberger said. The baskets will be ready for distribution Saturday morning. Most of the people receiving them will call at the headquarters of the army, on S. Fifth St. In the few cases where the recipients can not just call, the baskets will be delivered by Capt. Amberger. Each basket will contain a chicken and sufficient vegetables for a dinner. —Richmond Item.

HAD SEEN THE LIGHT



"The Jail Visitor—Don't you know it's wrong to go about holding people and robbing them? One shouldn't do such things. The inmate—It sure is a risky job for one. We generally travel in pairs with another guy for lookout."

Our Long Suit

AMID the vicissitudes of this changing time and with the consciousness of temporariness that comes with the flight of a year, it is pleasant to think of the enduring character of the best thing in life, unflinching love, as does the writer of the following verses:

CARDS and the game are ours as time flits by
And deals us chances on the uncertain stage,
But, while our wisdom may increase with age,
We seldom win, however hard we try.

Clubs promise most to our insistent youth,
And diamonds glitter to our later gaze,
But melancholy spades our hopes amaze,
And leave them buried after all, forsooth.

We count the riches of the passing days,
Our gains, our losses, and our gain withal,
Our greatest gain, the one that once so small,
Ever increasing, stays with us always.

Joy after joy approaches and departs,
But we have kept the fellowship of hearts!
—Timothy Barry

Old and New Year
by
Mary Graham Bonner

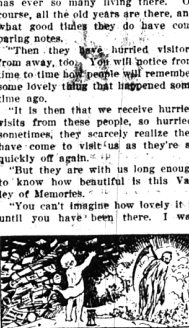
"Well, well, well," said the Old Year, "it is so nice to see you, New Year. I congratulate you, and as the good people say, I wish you a Happy New Year."
"Thank you, thank you," said the New Year, in a sweet, young voice. "I have great respect for you, Old Year. You have been so wise and so good. You have done so much that I find, now, how I shall be a lot like you at all. I feel so uncertain of myself."

"Oh, you'll get over that," said the Old Year. "You are a little nervous now, but you will be all right in no time at all."
"Why, I remember last January—my very first moment of all—I was all over my nervousness before the month was over."
"Were you, indeed?" said the New Year. "Well, that is most encouraging to hear."
"Yes," said the Old Year, "one gets over one's nervousness very quickly when one is a year. I don't know how it is with people, but I know how it is with a year."

"Of course, I suppose a person might need more than a few weeks to get over nervousness, but then a person is about so much longer than a year. After all, a year isn't so long."
"Where are you going now?" asked the New Year.
"Why, don't you know?" the Old Year asked.
"I've never been told," said the New Year. "You see, I have lots to learn. I'm so young," and the New Year sighed a little.
"Oh, you mustn't sigh," said the Old Year. "It's so beautiful a thing to be young and strong and new, and brisk."

Of course, too, it is especially nice for a year, because so much is learned in advance, as it were.
"You don't have to begin and learn everything over again, as though you were the first year that had ever been. And people help you so much, too. They go on just as they were going on before, and try to keep you from feeling sensitive and shy."
"People make it so easy for you. You'll discover that."
"But you were asking me where I was going, and I must tell you."
"I would so much love to know," said the New Year.
"I am going," said the Old Year, "to the Beautiful Valley of Memories. Oh, they tell me it is so wonderful a place, and because it is so beautiful."

no one minds growing older or anything of that sort.
"That is why I am not and why I can greet you so gayly and so cheerfully."
"The Beautiful Valley of Memories has ever so many living there. Of course, all the old years are there, and what good thing they do have comparing notes."
"Then they have hurried visitors from away, too. You will notice from time to time the big people will remember some lovely thing that happened some time ago."
"It is then that we receive hurried visitors from these people, so hurried, sometimes, they scarcely realize they have come to visit us as they're so quickly off again."
"But they are with us long enough to know how beautiful is this Valley of Memories."
"You can't imagine how lovely it is until you have been there. I was



given just a little look at it today, and you see already I talk as though I were an old inhabitant.
"There are houses there, and they are so sweet and so pretty, with lovely flower gardens filled with favorite flowers. All our flowers have wonderful memories. There are forget-me-nots in one bed, because they are the favorite flowers of one who has so many memories about them.
"But roses are favorites. There are favorite pines. And there are all sorts of lovely things there."
"Oh, the Old Year is not sad to leave for the Old Year is going to have so good a time. And you have no idea how our valley is loved. Everywhere around it is known and many people long to go there, though they do not know just where it is."
"The Beautiful Valley of Memories," they say, "oh, it seems to me I know of that! I don't spend a part of my childhood there? It sounds so very familiar. I am sure I spent happy days there once."
"The New Year, I wish you well. It's a splendid world, and you'll meet ever so many fine men and women and boys and girls."
"Goodbye, and the best of luck."
The Old Year was gone, and every one was shouting "Happy New Year," and the New Year was especially happy to think that the Old Year, too, would be happy!

BEGAN NEW YEAR MARCH 25

March 25 was the usual New Year among most Christian peoples in early medieval days, as in Anglo-Saxon Europe December 21, was New Year day. William the Conqueror, ordered the observance on January 1, at the time of the German conquest, but later English, with the rest of Christendom, began her new year on March 25.

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

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