

## TO ALL OUR PATRONS

who, through their confidence and patronage have caused us to have a most successful year, we extend the season's greetings and wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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### Esther Boule's Book Corner

#### "THE LITTLE GIRL"

By Katherine Mansfield

Alfred A. Knopf

For the many who have been charmed, amazed, delighted, with the works of Katherine Mansfield, "The Little Girl" will be an interesting study. It will not be another "Bliss," another "Garden Party," but it will be a very interesting preface to these.

If Katherine Mansfield were alive it is doubtful whether she would have allowed this volume to be published—since she is not perhaps you will feel that it is taking an unfair advantage of her to do so. It seems to me that there are two justifications for this. First, since there is no possibility of our ever having anything more from her pen, we cannot help feeling that everything is significant. As the barest sketch of a great painter becomes valuable after his death. Secondly, this publishing of the early early works as they lead up to her more perfected form gives us an unusual opportunity of studying the development of that form.

It is a long way from the not very remarkable little story "The Freedom of Rosabel" to the hard polished brilliance of "The Fly." The first was written when Miss Mansfield was eighteen years old, the latter when she had reached the highest perfection which she was ever allowed to reach, in the months before her death at thirty-four.

In "The Little Girl" we have Kezia and her incomparable grandmother appearing for the first time. There is a suggestion of the subtlety of the later "Prelude" or "At the Bay" and yet the strength is not there. These early stories have not lived through enough.

Tracing this wonderfully sure crescendo of power, both of the spirit and of form makes us realize only more clearly how much we missed when the projected novel which was to grow out of "At the Bay" was never written.

#### "NINA"

By Susan Ertz

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In "Nina" we have a character not only unusual in fiction but in life, a woman for whom love goes beyond pride or even, we often feel, beyond common sense. And yet, the author's sympathy of portrayal is shown by the fact that we never lose patience with Nina, nor quite because we see him too much through Nina's eyes, with Morton, the object of her love.

Nina's aunt has adopted Morton on whom she lavishes all her very selfish affections, and the two are brought up as brother and sister. Finally the aunt's jealous disposition forces them into a youthful and ill-considered marriage, which brings little but unhappiness to Nina. While Morton loves her, yet she realizes even on her honeymoon, that he is no happier with her than with other women. He is constitutionally inconceivable. Lovable and charming, but unable to return the kind of devotion which he arouses.

Then comes a struggle which is an unequal one mainly between you and Nina, you urging her to shake free of Morton and have a life of her own, she and Morton presenting an unshakable front behind which is guarded Morton's happiness.

The book is interesting for it arouses controversies in almost every mind on the never solved question which many a philosopher in less readable form has tried to solve for us, the question of how far a human being can lose his identity in serving another human being without injury to that other human being and to himself.

Susan Ertz, as in her last book, "Madame Claire," has proved she can write interestingly, with sympathy and a good deal of humour.

#### A STRONG LOVE STORY A WHITE STONE

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#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Subject for next Sunday's Lesson Sermon, "Christian Science." Services are held in this church 87 Hazel avenue, every Sunday morning at 10:45, Sunday school meets at nine thirty o'clock and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 887 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening and Sunday afternoon from two thirty to six o'clock.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

The Rev. P. C. Wolcott, D.D., Rector.  
The Rev. Philip W. MacDonald, M. A., Assistant.

Sunday services—  
The Holy Communion—7:30.  
The Church School—9:30 a. m.  
Matins—11:00 a. m.  
(The first Sunday in the month, the Holy Communion).  
Evensong—5:00 p. m.  
Thursday and holy days, the Holy Communion—9:30 a. m.

#### EBENEZER CHURCH

J. G. Finkbeiner, Pastor  
9:45—Sunday school session.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
7:30—Evening services.  
New Year messages and special music.

On Christmas morning a sunrise joy service will be held beginning at 7:00 and continuing for thirty minutes.

Watch-night services will be held, December 31, beginning at 9:00 with an intermission from 10:15 to 10:45. Before the intermission brief addresses will be given by representatives of various churches interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. After the intermission Rev. Frank Fitt of the Presbyterian church and Rev. W. B. Doble of the Grace M. E. church will give twenty-minute addresses. The last fifteen minutes of 1924 will be spent in prayer and testimony. The public is invited to this service.

#### GRACE M. E. CHURCH

North avenue and Laurretta place.  
Wm. B. Doble, minister.  
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.  
10:45 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
3:00 p. m. Junior League.  
6:30 p. m. Epworth League, Topic: "The Wisdom of Forgetting." Phil. 3:12-14.  
7:45 p. m. Evening service. Beautiful pictures illustrative of the childhood story of Christ.

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH HIGHWOOD

The following order of services will be observed at St. James church, Highwood, on Christmas day:  
The masses will be at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45 and 10:30 o'clock. High mass will be celebrated at 6:00 o'clock, with sermon by the reverend pastor. At 9:00 o'clock the children will have charge of the singing.  
Rev. Claude J. Fernin, S.J., of Loyola university will preach at the last mass of the day.  
Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve from 3:30 until 6:00 and from 7:30 until 10:00.  
The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas—  
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 o'clock.  
Sunday school for the children at 9:45.  
Benediction of the blessed sacrament will be given at the close of the last mass.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Friday—  
7:00—Boy Scouts, Troop 2, at Elm Place school.

Saturday—  
2:30—Cradle roll and beginners' Christmas party.

7:00—Boy Scouts, Troop 3, at Lincoln school.

Sunday—  
9:45—Church school.  
10:00—Community Bible class. Mr. Emery S. Hall, leader.

11:00—Morning worship. Rev. Frank Fitt will preach on "The Power of Faith."

6:30—Young People's society. Ellen Grieg, leader. Topic: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," in song and pictures.

Monday—  
3:00—Primary department Christmas party.

#### UNITED EVANGELICAL

Green Bay road and Laurel avenue.  
F. R. Cardwell, pastor.

Wednesday night, Christmas Eve, the Sunday school program will be rendered at 7:30.

Sunday services—  
9:30 a. m. Bible school. Every scholar should be present on the last Sunday of the year.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

7:45 p. m. The church choir will render their Christmas cantata in song. The choir has been under the direction and instruction of Professor Gerard Dinkeloo for some time. The presentation will be of value to hear.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to attend these services.

#### DEERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The various departments of the Church School have heartily enjoyed their Christmas parties under the supervision of the departmental leaders. On last Thursday afternoon the little tots of the Cradle Roll and Beginner's departments together with their mothers and grandmothers enjoyed a fine party in the basement of the Church. There were games and stories for the little tots and then ice cream, cookies and apples for all present. On Monday evening of this week the Young People's department enjoyed their party. The young men furnished the ice cream and the young ladies brought the cakes. On Tuesday afternoon the Primary department held their party and on next Monday evening the Junior department will enjoy their party. After all these parties are over it will be difficult to say which party was the best. All will be loud in their affirmation that the party of their department was the best.

Dr. Cutler, of Highland Park, taught the adult Bible class last Sunday morning. A goodly number of adults were present for the first session of the class. A fifty per cent increase is looked for by next Sunday.

Services for Sunday, Dec. 28:  
9:30 Graded Church School.  
10:45 Morning worship and sermon.

7:30 Evening worship and sermon. The new hymn books, "Hymns of Praise," will be used at this service.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, members and friends of the congregation are invited to meet at the Church for a New Year's Eve Social. A special program is being prepared and a time of fine fellowship is assured. At 11:45 a watch-night service will be held in the church auditorium.

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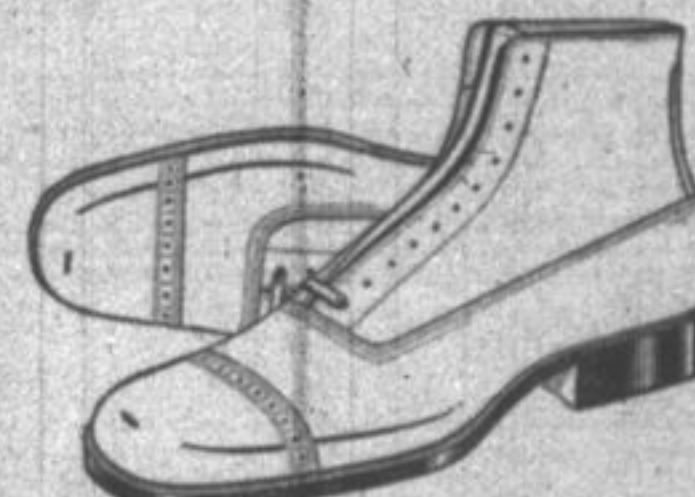
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