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Editorial.

Personals and Notes.

Central College closed this week for a two weeks' vacation during the holidays. School will reopen, January 4, 1910.

Rev. George Shepherdson, of North Michigan conference, a student at Central College, preached in the College chapel last Sunday evening.

Rev. Rolland O. Tussing, appointed as an evangelist by the Sandusky conference, writes us that he is ready to engage in evangelistic work. Anyone wishing his service will write to him at 151 Trenton Avenue, Findlay, Ohio.

Mr. Lester Shepherdson, of Hart, Michigan, a former student at Central College, who is teaching school this year in Michigan, spent several days last week with friends at College Park. While here, Brother Shepherdson gave the CONSERVATOR office a call.

Rev. M. F. and M. A. Durham, evangelists, sent in a nice list of new subscriptions to the CONSERVATOR which they gathered during their evangelistic meeting in Berlin, Ontario. They request us to say that anyone wishing to write them can always find them by writing to Lock Box 129, Lansing, Kansas.

Bishop C. L. Wood notified the CONSERVATOR office that it was necessary for him to recall the Publishing Board meeting until after the holidays on account of his being detained at the bedside of his aged mother, who has been ill for quite a long time, and may be nearing the end of her earthly pilgrimage. She is in her ninetyeth year.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Lilly, of College Park, Indiana, have been engaged in a revival meeting at Zion mission, St. Joseph conference, near LaFayette, Indiana, during the past week. Rev. Burton

E. Carmany, of the North Michigan conference, a student in Central College, is the pastor. He went to his pastorate on Wednesday of this week to engage in the revival work with Brother and Sister Lilly.

It is doubtful if any important legislation will be enacted by congress before the Christmas holidays although it is probable that the District of Columbia appropriation bill may be passed. The bill as presented called for less money than that of the previous year but congress has already cut it down nearly a million of dollars. Economy is the watchword on the lips of the president, his cabinet and of congress.

We note with interest, the fact that the Indiana State Board of Education has recognized the Academic course given in Central College as equivalent to that of a commissioned high school. This means that those who graduate from Central's Academic course will have the same rights and privileges as those who graduate from a commissioned high school in the state of Indiana. This ought to be an inducement for students to attend Central.

The hundreds of thousands who have used them will be glad to know that the combined pocket diary—1910—memorandum book and calendar for 1910 and 1911 with other handy information issued by C. A. Snow & Company of Washington, D. C., is ready and will be sent to any address on receipt of two cents postage. Write to C. A. Snow & Company, Washington, D. C. The editor has received a complimentary copy and we find it to be a useful possession, and worth several times its cost.

The following note was received at the mission room this morning, December 20:

"On board R. M. S. 'Baltic,' Wednesday, December 8, 1909:

Dear Howe:—Just a few lines. I have finished my breakfast, and am all O. K. this morning and am enjoying the voyage. This is the fourth day out, and we have sailed 1500 miles up to this time. So far everybody is enjoying the trip. Few have been sick. The waters are very still, and the ship has been steady. There are about 1400 passengers on board. The 'Baltic' is a fine ship."
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Christmas Time.

We are reminded that another year has passed into history. Christmas time has come again with all that it brings to us. With this season of the year comes joy, gifts, cheer and comfort to many, while others are without the good cheer and comforts of life. But while this is true, we are glad that Christmas time speaks to us of better things than earthly joys. In these

"better things," all the world may have a part.

Whatever foundation there may be for placing the birth of Christ at its present generally conceded date, one thing is certain, that we have a Savior who is a comfort and refuge in the wintry seasons of life as well as companion and guide in the periods when the flowers bloom and the zephyr fans. Christ is no fair-weather Savior. He is a very present help when the blast is sharp, the sky clouded, the hopes blighted, and every prospect covered with ice and snow. How our poor, suffering humanity should greet this Christ as it keeps the anniversary of his birth! He has come to the destitute, to the wandering, to the fainting, to those cold and naked, shrunken with sickness, chilled with disappointment, immersed in bereavement, and bending over open graves. He comes with a "balm for every wound, a cordial for every fear," with a robe for every penitent, and a home for every wanderer, and a throne for every child. Let us bring him our hearts and ourselves, with our gold and frankincense and myrrh, and join hand in hand as we unite in the chorus of song—

"We love to sing around our King,
And hail him 'blessed Jesus,'
For there's no word ear ever heard,
So dear, so sweet as Jesus."

The Incarnation.

"And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1: 14. Christmas Day, we are all agreed, is the greatest birthday in the year. It is the birthday of the greatest man, of the greatest teacher of men, of the greatest benefactor of the human race that ever lived. It is this, but it is also much more. For as on this day was born one who, whilst he is truly man, is also, nay, immeasurably, more than man, he who was born on this day did not begin to be when he was conceived by his human mother, since he had already existed from before all the world, from eternity. His human nature, his human body, and his human soul were not, as is the case with us, the whole outfit of his being; they were, in truth, the least important part of it. He had, we repeat it, already lived for an eternity when he condescended to make a human body and a human soul in an entirely new sense his own by uniting them to his divine and eternal person. And then he wore them as a garment during his life on earth, as he does now in the courts of heaven. And then the apostle says that "He took upon him the form of a servant," and that "He took not on him the seed of Abraham." And so in the collect for to day we plead that he took our nature upon him and was at this time born of a pure virgin. And it was in this sense that he became or was made flesh.