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Editorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1924.

We spoke in the B. M. E. Church at St. Catharines last Sunday upon "The Historic Background of the Race." We have never spoken to a more enthusiastic audience. We found the people eager, waiting and ready for any form of race co-operation which means progress. As we stood in that historic church building, whose beams and rafters were hewn by refugees who had escaped from slavery, we were reminded that St. Catharines was the very first station of the underground railway planted upon Canadian soil, and later, the next day, when we were escorted around to view the magnificent homes and the other signs of prosperity of the colored people, we were forced to believe concerning them that virtues of the fathers had been visited upon the heads of the children even unto the third and fourth generation.

We believe there is no place in Canada where our people own better homes than in St. Catharines.

The parsonage of the B. M. E. Church on Water Street is a big, roomy, comfortable and beautiful building. This, of course, speaks volumes for the condition of the church. The small building on North Street, in which Superintendent S. R. Drake was born, which was then a log cabin, has been stuccoed in order to beautify and to preserve it. Mr. Geo. Bell, whose home is on Welland Streets, is one of the city's most prosperous business men. His home is not surpassed in beauty by any other building on his street. Mr. Peter Freeman, whose beautiful home is situated on Welland Street, is a painter and paper hanger, and the leading one of the city. Mr. Aaron Carter, who owns a very large home on Welland Street, is remodeling the building, making it into a three-story apartment house. Prominent among the citizens and property owners is A. J. Carswell, who has been employed as measurer at the Welland House for thirty years. Mr. B. Brewster, whose very beautiful home is on North Street, is one of the head carpenters working upon the new Welland Canal. Mr. Chas. Bell owns a very cozy home on Geneva Street; he is in the ice business at which he is doing exceedingly well. Mr. Morris Dorsey is among the leading plumbers of the city as well as one of the largest property owners.

Other homes which we were privileged to see were those of Mr. Frank

Collins, Mr. C. Harper, Mrs. S. Sumner, Mr. Fred Dorsey and Mr. Ivan Dorsey.

We left St. Catharines, the Garden City, with the conviction that with just a little more coaxing, just a little more effort on our part, St. Catharines would become the garden city of the race; that St. Catharines is a good place to live in, and, as Rev. Logan expressed it, "a good place to die in, although I have not tried THAT yet."

March 31st, 1924
54 Fulford St.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins, Montreal, Que.
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Having read in the Dawn of Tomorrow, in the Montreal news, in the 29th of March, 1924 issue, of Dr. Clauzel, M. D. I beg to correct this mistake. I am not an M. D. I do not practice medicine. I am an N. D. Please change the error in the next issue and oblige,

Yours truly,
Dr. Wm. Clauzel

FOLLOW ME

By S. E. G. Allen

Father in Heaven, Thou seest all beneath,
Thou knowest all; nothing is hid from Thee.
And unto us Thou didst in love bequeath
Blessings unnumbered, saying, "Follow Me."
And we have thought to follow, failing oft;
Yet wished we knew the truth, to follow truth.
But Satan wins us, Satan stealing soft,
Unbidden, but too welcome guest, forsooth.
And we, beguiled, will listen to his cry,
Seductive, winsome, but weak mortals we,
Refusing when still sweeter voice says "I
Will hold and guide you if you follow Me."
Could we but trust, with faith unfaltering, trust,
Keeping our hand in Thine. Help us to see
The path of right—the one sure path we must
Not fail to walk in, would we follow Thee.

DO HONOR TO BURLEIGH'S SERVICE

New York, N. Y., April —. (By The Associated Negro Press)—A signal honor to Harry T. Burleigh, for 30 years baritone soloist at the fashionable St. George church, white, will be paid this coming Sunday when an entire program, made up of Burleigh's own music will be sung. Some fifty songs have been written by Mr. Burleigh, besides two festival anthems and four compositions for the violin. He received much prominence a few years ago when he was called upon to sing at the funeral of the late J. Pierpont Morgan. He has also sung for the cultured of this and other lands. In 1917 Mr. Burleigh was awarded the Spingarn medal. He was born in 1866, grew up through hardships, and made the position of soloist at St. George after having been deck hand, stenographer, janitor and so forth. Sixty applicants applied for the vacancy in the choir at St. George at the time he did. He was the only negro, but he won.

LONDON NOTES

Wedding

Miss Margaret Harris, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of 522 Philip Street, was united in holy wedlock to Mr. William Ward, of Omaha, Nebraska, on Monday, March 24th, at 4.30 p. m., at the home of her parents. Rev. F. O. Stewart, of the B. M. E. Church, officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Leone Clinton, of this city, while Mr. George Harris, brother of the bride, acted as the best man. The happy couple have left for Detroit for their honeymoon. A number of guests were present.

Mrs. Joseph Cromwell is convalescing in St. Joseph's hospital after undergoing a very serious operation. She expects to be removed to her home soon.

Mr. Leslie Cromwell, of Toronto, is visiting his father, Mr. J. Cromwell, in Broughdale.

Mrs. Geo. Chandler has returned to Fort Erie, Ont.

Mrs. Joseph Cromwell, who underwent a slight operation in the St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving favorably.

Mr. Leslie Cromwell, of Detroit, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cromwell.

Mr. Harry Fountain and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Chandler, have returned from Fort Erie.

Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, and children, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. E. Groat.

Madam Hunter has returned from Toronto, where she was called to fill several vocal engagements.

Mrs. Bella Johnson, of Toronto, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Rachel Fountain, for a few days.

One of the very best concerts which Londoners have witnessed in many years was held in Ulster Hall, on March 18th, under the auspices of the women of the Hill Street Baptist Church. The drama consisted of two acts, which were beautifully portrayed by Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. H. Benie, Mr. Paul Lewis and Mr. Fred Ball. The play was interspersed with recitations, songs and selections from the orchestra assisted by the Detroit Jazz Orchestra.

On Thursday evening, March 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, of Trafalgar Street, held a social evening for a few of their friends. The evening was most pleasantly spent playing games and other forms of amusement.

FORT ERIE

Mrs. Norman Wilson visited her mother, Mrs. Chandler.

Mrs. George Chandler has returned home to London.

Mrs. Clay and Miss J. Brown visited friends in town.

Mrs. Shellow, of Buffalo, visited her father, Mr. Harper.

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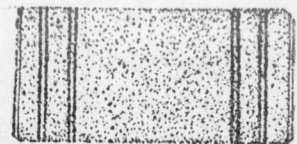
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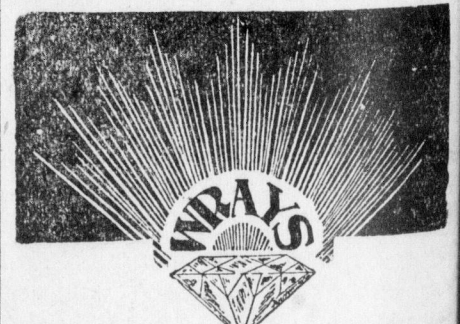
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