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Editorial

OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

We enter the fifth anniversary of The Dawn with a feeling of pride. We feel that at a great sacrifice we have kept alive an organ which speaks fearlessly for one of the minority groups and one of the under-privileged races of the Dominion. We have always insisted on equal opportunities in our national life for Negroes and through the assistance of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, we have succeeded in opening new fields of labor for the colored people, in placing some of them in positions never before held by them. We have urged our young people to prepare themselves for the highest service to their country, telling them that Canada is only in the making and that attitude which Canada shall in the future assume towards them depends largely upon the attitude which they assume towards themselves. The Dawn has not grown in size nor in circulation as rapidly as it should have, yet its size is far bigger than the interest shown in it by a majority of the people whose cause it champions. It has stood for equal opportunities for all citizens. It has repeatedly called the attention of our country that its colored citizens are not being given a square deal and that in neglecting the colored people they are doing a great wrong to a people who among their most loyal citizens. It has endeavored to fill its columns with items telling of deeds well done, of the upward strivings and inspirations and yearnings of a minority and a repressed group. Though ever fighting the Negroes' cause, strange to say, it is the majority group that supported The Dawn through their advertising and through their subscriptions. Perhaps it will be surprising to the general public to know that 80 per cent. of our subscribers are among the majority group. One of the most interested persons in The Dawn and the principles it stands for is a retired public school teacher among the majority group. Her letters of sympathy and congratulations are among our dearest treasures. Her regular messages inspire us with hope and make us feel as if

our efforts and our labor are not in vain. She is approaching the evening of a long, long journey, yet she never fails to send us beautiful letters of appreciation. And thus we have faced the East with new hope, new courage and new zeal. We know we are fighting for a principle. We know that in the end right always wins!

COMMUNICATION

London, Ontario.
July 24, 1928.
To The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People: Gentlemen:

Permit me to congratulate your organization on the Fifth Anniversary, it must be gratifying to your organization to have successfully overcome many of the obstacles during these five years, and are on the way to success. I am sure your organization is an important one and should be commended.

May I also congratulate you on the success of The Dawn of Tomorrow, as a publication in the interest of the colored people, and hope that both of these important organizations will continue to flourish and improve as time goes on. Wishing you every success.

Yours respectfully,

G. A. WENIGE,
Mayor.

COLORED RACES WILL AID HUMANITY IN CRISIS

"Civilization began with the brown races," declared Lew Head, former editor of a Pasadena daily, now living in Los Angeles, speaking at last night's mass meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in session here, "and civilization will reach its highest achievements when the brown races of the world have first, conceived the need of consecrated leadership; second, sponsored those leaders, and third, through them energized an improved civilization on this earth. There is a power in the colored people of the United States that either has not been discovered or, if discovered, has not been harnessed for practical use."

"The present civilization has about spent itself. Humanity is on the verge of a tremendous crisis. Just what direction the march of human progress is to take, is now back where it was when civilization started, waiting for responsible, intelligent and consecrated leadership. It is not beyond belief that out of the brown races of the world, over half of its population, will come this leadership."

"We are interested, I take it, in the facts and theories that crowd outworn major activities off the face of human experience and supplant them with new conceptions of government, social, moral and political. In this transition of a minor into a major influence the colored races of the world have the opportunity to play the biggest or at least a very large part. As I see it, the preliminary equipment necessary to transform the latent power of the colored people of this and other nations into determining potency, arranges itself about as follows: "First, it is necessary that the colored races become minority conscious, and have a well defined and achievable purpose and competent leadership; second, that this minority be cohesive, organizable, well directed and willing to program without pestiferous quibbling; third, that its objectives be common to the mass, easily understood, and above all else, fair and reasonable; fourth, that action be united, constructive, intelligent and persistent; fifth, that progress always be under vigorous control, never fanatical."

IN LIFE'S DAILY STRUGGLE

As life lengthens yearly, more prone we're to listen
To pleas for the fellow who's down and who's out;
We know not what joining of adverse conditions
Have figured in bringing his failure about.
Perchance 'twas bad breeding and folly in rearing
Brought lack of resistance and proneness to sin,
Which lurked, like a poison, deep down in his nature,
Forbidding the runner life's laurels to win.

We know not the conflicts which waged in his bosom,
When oft three seemed quiet and calmness without;
Nor know we the raging of tempest-tossed billows
Which circle the craftsman with dangers about.
Perchance slowly coursing his veins, at life's outset,
Was blood that was languid and pallid and thin;
What chance in a struggle, as fierce as life's battle,
Had one, so anemic, men's plaudits to win?

Oh, grant him some mercy who falls by the wayside,
Whilst bigger and stronger rush rapidly by!
Let ne'er Priest nor Levite, in our generation,
Pass far from the fallen and leave him to die!
Hats off! to the gallant, the noble, kindhearted
Who'll tarry a little, by those who are down,
To help the discouraged, in life's daily struggle,
To win, from their Master, both plaudits and crown.

—Mack.

"I'm twenty-one today, and I can vote."
"No, you can't."
"Why not?"
"There's no election."
The Manitoban.

Mr. Head asserted his belief that the power of achievement lies in the colored people and urged that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stand ready to lead in the present generation, leaving a well defined basis for the next generation to espouse, and carry on toward the attainment of an advancing civilization participated in by colored people of the United States and the world.

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