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Editorial

THE 18TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N. A. A. C. P.

We have just finished the annual report of the N. A. A. C. P. The report shows, not only the ideals of the organization, not alone what they have fought for, but what they have accomplished. It has gained notable and far-reaching victories for Negroes in the United States Supreme Courts. It has successfully fought residential and school segregation in many parts of the country and it carried on a ceaseless war against peonage. These are only a few of its accomplishments. It, in short, tried to help to establish in America the kind of democracy which the world needs today. It is seeking to give to America the kind of "100 per cent. Americans" that are worth while.

Too much praise cannot be given to those intelligent, courageous and fearless men on whose shoulders the weight of the organization rests. Only future historians will accord them their rightful place in America's achievement. There are also many outstanding men and women of the white race who have devoted their time and finances to the work in a whole-hearted way. These men and women have helped to make the work of the organization possible. They are benefactors of the Negro races, true advocates of real democracy and benefactors of peace, right and justice.

A VERY "CHEAP" TRICK

A certain bakery in the city hired a young colored man to drive a truck. His delivery route took him to all of the Dominion Stores, Ltd., eleven in number. The young man is intelligent and nice-looking, as well as one of London's leading athletes. He has on many occasions brought victory to London in more than one line of sports. Yet because he was colored two of the eleven clerks of the Dominion Stores objected to the young man delivering bread to their stores. As a consequence he lost his job.

Such cheap clerks as these (they evidently must be of the

poor white trash variety) have no right to a job at which they are depending on the public for support. Any poor workingman who is mean enough to take bread and butter from the mouth of his fellow worker is too mean to live.

We do not believe in retaliation, yet we would call the attention of the managers to the fact that the colored people of the city are among their best patrons. These stores would certainly not be helped if the colored people refused to deal with them because of the mean trick their two clerks did to the colored man. The management should investigate and the two clerks should be discharged.

THE DEATH OF MELVIN COOPER

The death of Melvin Cooper in Chatham last Sunday morning has removed one of the cities oldest and most valuable citizens. He had been one of the pillars of the church for more than 40 years. He was a 33rd degree Mason, president of the local branch of the League for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of every organization which made for the progress of his race. He was intensely interested in the young people and was ever pointing them to higher and better things. Mr. Cooper had devoted his life to service and he was ever found in the front ranks of those who served. He will be greatly missed by the whole community, but his noble life will serve as a great example. His memory will linger still with all who had ever come in contact with him.

WOMEN—Earn extra money sewing spare time. No selling. Experience unnecessary; materials supplied; easy work. Stamped envelope brings particulars. Priscilla Garment Co., Derby, Connecticut.—Adv't.

WOMEN—Earn big money spare time sewing at home. Materials supplied. Experience unnecessary. 2c stamp brings particulars. Steward Mfg., 114 Mercer St., New York.—Adv't.

WOMEN—Make money sewing at home, spare time. Experience unnecessary. Everything supplied. Steady work. 2c stamp brings particulars. Pearl Garment, 543 Broadway, New York.—Adv't.

Letters to the Editor

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

My Dear Mr. Editor:

1. I happened, recently, to be a guest at an International Tea of the World Students Christian Federation in Annesley Hall, Victoria College, Toronto. Introduced as one of the speakers on that occasion, I started to address friends and the representatives of the world before swallowing the last mouthful of my cake. A lady whispered, "You may not be quite right in stating that 'Africa is the seat of great angel and the most happy home of man,' but your personality and gesture will surely lead you to success." It is surprisingly true that certain

duties are best performed when one ceases to be a person and becomes a symbol. He realizes that he, of himself, can do nothing; but, what he symbolizes gives him courage, strength, and should add wisdom.

2. Just when I needed material for a certain article I came across notes by Pastor T. H. Jackson, of the Niagara Falls B. M. E. Church, published in the last issue of the "Dawn." This is rather luck and more than good. I know of no reason why I should not take advantage of it in the near future.

3. Ability to count weeks and months is a necessity of life. A continuation of my studies in one of the British Inns of Court will soon be advised from the Eastern Provinces of Nigeria. Should it rather not be an expressed, emphatical demand?

Here is a statement of fact worth not only reading but pondering.

A maiden by name Zeso had a few hundred pounds in a British bank which failed. In the payment of dividends, her name was mistaken for Zero, and, consequently she loses all. Being a lover of a capitalist she soon afterwards entered the Royal Bank of Canada with a few thousand dollars. "You are quite welcome, Miss Zeso," said the teller. "No, we must use our brains," was the reply, "and, my name in all banking transactions from now on shall be 'Aabbee'; omit 'Miss' and forget Zeso."

4. My object in writing this letter is to ask readers to accept my thanks in advance and favor me in exchange with information relative to mysteries in Alphabetical Order.

Very sincerely yours,

ERED ETIM EBITO,

An African student.

388 Bathurst Street,

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Toronto,

April 24, 1928.

Dear Sir: I sincerely appreciate your timely and straightforward editorial in answer to the article in the fourth column of the Daily Mail and Empire by Mr. J. V. McAree with regard to mixed marriages in your issue of March 31st. Your editorial was to the point of good correction to the wild and misleading statements of Mr. McAree. It couldn't be made plainer when you told him that millions of mulattos in America are from white fathers and colored mothers, and in most cases the white fathers didn't offer marriage, being lord of all he surveys, while the colored man in most cases do the right thing by the white woman when they are mixed that way, and also support his offspring. Yet his free action is a great wrong to a white standard of thoughts, but in many well traveled lives it is nothing to compare to the world-wide illuse of the women of the Darker Races by white men. Darker Races by white men—traders, planters, sailors and soldiers—without any offer of marriage in 1914, "Might is Right." So, Dear Mr. Editor, I thank you very much for handling the article in

your editorial without fear or favor, and I trust our fair-minded white friends will appreciate your able and timely answer of correction to Mr. McAree and the said gentleman will read your editorial and be fair in future in his articles about other races.

Yours sincerely,

D. H. BROWN.

SOCKS, WAR TIME

Grandmother sighs, "Too old, I fear,"

As back and forth her chair she rocks.

An angel whispers in her ear,

"Dear soul, you might be knitting socks."

Despairingly another cries—

"I've nothing but an empty box

To send"; an angel sweet replies,

"Dear soul, why not fill it with Sox?"

And even while on knees at prayer,

At each heart's door an angel knocks

And says to each who lingers there,

"The dear boys overseas need

sox."

Long as for that dear work there's need,

Though Satan, wily as a fox,

May say "Not so," we'll give no heed;

Dear boys, dear boys, we'll still

send sox. —S. E. G. Allen

CHATHAM NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bell Jackson, of Colborne Street, has been visiting in Detroit for the past week, having been called to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Ward, who was a former resident of this city.

For a period of six or eight weeks this city has been in the grip of a real revival spirit, which truly has been and still is much needed here. For two weeks Mrs. Emma C. Bowman, evangelist, of Cleveland, Ohio, held the reins at the Community Church, while at the same time Messrs. Clark and Bell, Irish revivalists of wide reputation, were thundering from the pulpit of the Alliance Church. Mrs. Bowman, whose efforts bore fruit here, had also a great success at Dresden, after which she went to London.

Rev. W. N. Reid, pastor of Campbell A. M. E. Church, has been conducting rousing revival meetings in Chatham Township and Dresden, having held also a very successful twenty days meeting in his own church here, assisted by other ministers. The spiritualizing power of Rev. Reid's sermons have caused him to be very much in demand.

Revival services are being continued this week at the First Baptist Church by its new young pastor, Rev. W. A. Burke, assisted by other pastors and ministers. Rev. Burke is filled with spiritual zeal for the salvation of the souls of men and his meeting promises to be a spiritual triumph, as we believe all have been, many souls also having been won in them.

Mrs. Ada Bennon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright, of 233 Wellington Street East, is in the city for a few days visiting her parents and friends.

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