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Editorial

OUR YOUNG MEN PASS ON

We have always looked upon the passing of our young men and young women from Canada to the United States and to other countries as one of the saddest aspects of the race. We have tried to examine the circumstances surrounding their leaving and we find that in nearly every case it is the highly ambitious and talented boys and girls who are leaving us; those who have been specially prepared for service through trades and technical school. They claim that for some reason, they can not find employment here in Canada for which they have prepared, nor can they find employment here in other fields which are remunerative.

The awkwardness of the situation is clearly illustrated in the passing of Stanley Drake, of London, Ont., to Detroit. A few years ago Mr. Drake finished a course in mechanical drawing in the technical school, London. On leaving the institution he was given a highly commendable letter by the principle and was sent to a certain business firm which was in need of a draftsman. The head of the firm read Mr. Drake's letter, conferred with his superintendent and then assured Stanley that he would be sent for within a few days. More than three years have elapsed and yet he has not heard from this firm. He tried another firm and then another, to be turned down each time. The best position which he could obtain was that of janitor, which he accepted. He filled this position with honor and credit, remaining in it until friends in Detroit interceded for him and secured him a better position.

In the passing of Mr. Drake from Canada to the United States, Canada loses one of her finest young men. He is a young man of sterling qualities, an accomplished musician with a thorough business education. As an exponent of integrity, as an example of a Christian gentleman, of big-heartedness and kindness, Stanley will be hard to replace. We never knew him to refuse to lend a helping hand whenever asked to do so.

Canada, and especially the Colored people of Canada, can ill afford to lose such young men. It is our duty to see to it that conditions which make it necessary for such young men and women to leave, are changed. We believe it is the duty of the business firms of our country to open the doors of opportunity to our boys and girls, whereby they will remain at home, and Canada will not be drained of her young manhood and womanhood and of her very best talent.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Last week were agreeably surprised by receiving paid subscriptions from Sir Adam Beck, Mr. E. J. Carty and Mr. Stewart, of the Patricia Theatre. We appreciate these subscriptions, not so much because of the money attached thereto, but because

these men show a genuine interest in the upward progress of the race. With Mr. Carty's subscription came the following letter.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,
95 Glenwood Ave., City.

Dear Sir,—I herewith send you a check for two dollars to cover cost of subscription to your paper for one year.

Hoping that your attempt to better colored people and have the white people know them better will meet with the success it deserves, I remain one who numbers many of your race as his friends.

Sincerely yours,
E. J. CARTY.

We thank you Mr. Carty, for the expression of your interest in our cause. We feel sure that not only many, but all of us will look upon you as a friend.

We Greet the New Government

Even as "The Dawn of Tomorrow" was issuing forth to carry greetings to Canada in the name of her sons and daughters of color, the Lieut. Governor of Ontario was administering the Oath of Office to the Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier-elect of Ontario, and his Cabinet.

We therefore feel honored to have come into existence during the birth of a Government that bids fair to maintain the glorious traditions that have been Ontario's since Upper Canada ceased to exist; and indeed long before.

As a humble publication, devoted to the interests of the Darker Races, which form a large part of this great Empire, it is our intention to exist for good.

Our name, "The Dawn of Tomorrow" is dedicated to the memory of our fathers and mothers who prayed for it, and we their posterity are determined to maintain those God-given privileges which are all men's heritages by divine right; though stolen and withheld from those whose skin was dark, for centuries; yet were restored, as we believe, as the result of those petitions to One whom we are all privileged to call Father.

David, King of Israel, sought the son of Jonathan, his benefactor and friend, to honor him, because of memories of his father the son of Saul.

We, as Colored people, seek to honor His Majesty George V, grandson of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Defender of The Faith, and may we add without sacrilege, Refuge of The Oppressed; because of memories of the kindness and aid given to our travelling, despised and sorely pressed ancestors, whose only crime was being borne black; by his illustrious Grandmother.

Silver and gold, to the amount worthy of presentation to a King, have we none; but as a people, we have inherited an unquestionable loyalty, which was being demonstrated centuries before the birth of King Tut, and which has stood the tests of torture, blood and fire until this day.

Sir Francis Drake pays glowing tributes to the fidelity of Diego, the sable son of the West Indies; and sixty years ago, on the occasion of the war of the American Rebellion, an astonished world beheld hundreds of blacks, men and women, fighting for Ol' Massa and Ol' Missis, even as the Federal forces knocked at the gates of Petersburg and Richmond with the Emancipation Proclamation. History fails to record a greater loyalty than that demonstrated during the late World War, when the Government of the United States entrusted the safety of the President, Government Buildings and its Capital City to the keeping of Negro soldiers, whose brethren, at that moment, were being hanged from trees and bridges, riddled with bullets, and burned at stakes in the southern states of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Be it remembered, that the dark-skinned warriors at Chateau Thierry were not unaware of the fact that while they were helping to make the world safe for democracy, the Ku

Klux Klan were organizing in their home-land to await their return, rob them of their manhood, and reduce their kindred to little more than serfdom.

To the Hon. Premier Ferguson, and Government of Ontario; it is this loyalty that we place upon the sacred altar of British Liberty and Justice, as it exists in Ontario, and represented by you; trusting that it will prove to be an honor to the Dominion of Canada, a credit to the British Empire, and approved by His Most Gracious Majesty, the King.

We ask in exchange, but equality of opportunity, British justice, and the protection of the Union Jack.

We trust that yours may be a successful administration, and assure you that as individuals or as a racial group, we place our services at your disposal, in assisting to maintain a government that shall be a standard for all other governments. Again we greet you.

Robert P. Edwards

What Are You Doing?

August 1st is coming. Another waymark will be passed by the Negro in British lands. It is not my intention, however, to review the past. Men of other days gloried in the past. The Negro may well look back on the past and glory, but I desire to call your attention to to-day, dear friend.

What you are doing to-day helps to determine what you will be to-morrow. This is true in all walks of life. If you're doing nothing to-day, the chances are that you will be doing nothing to-morrow.

Surely, there are Negro boys and girls in Canada with sufficient God-given ability to make a good showing in anything man may do. Each has his talent, each must cultivate it.

It is up to you, dear reader to determine what the dawn of your to-morrow will be. The world is sadly in need of men. Men of ability, men of character, men who are not afraid of difficulties are wanted, wanted to-day!

What are you doing to-day? Are you taking hold of the opportunities that Canada affords you to-day, or are you wasting precious time, just "taking it easy" I mean? Know that you'll never get anywhere that way.

Are you building to be one of those whose lights will shine brilliantly when to-morrow dawns, or will it go out in obscurity? To-day is the day of destiny. And the progress of the individuals to-day largely decides the to-morrow of the race.

What will be the dawn of your to-morrow, dear friend?

I do not count success by dollars and cents. Really successful men have never counted it so. I believe that. Do you? They were enraptured with their "to-day" and "to-morrow" dawned with the fruits of their "to-day".

Make me no resolutions, no promises. Awake to the glories of to-day. Do something to-day. Something of real value, I mean. And remember that the dawn of to-morrow will hold but the results of to-day.

A Biblical Scholar

"And do you know your Bible, my child?"

"Oh, yes, I know everything that's in it. Sister's young man's photo is in it, an' a ma's recipe for face cream, an' a lock of my hair, cut off when I was a baby, an' the ticket for pa's watch."

—Melbourne Punch

"Mary, are those eggs fresh?"
"How should I know? They haven't said anything to me."

I am a five cent piece.

I am too small to buy a loaf of bread; I am too small to buy a half pound box of chocolates; I am too small to buy a ticket for a movie show. I am also too small to buy a box of undetectable rouge. I am even too small to buy one package of good cigarettes. Nevertheless, some people seem to think I am some money when I go to church.

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