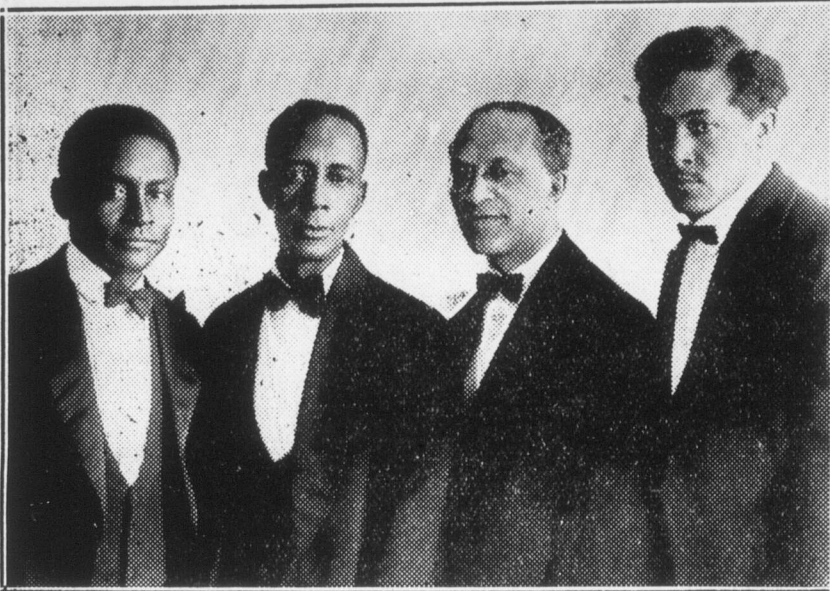


The London Elite Quartette



WILL HOLD A

CONCERT

IN ST. GEORGE'S HALL, DUNDAS STREET

Friday, February 6th

Old Time Spirituals, Popular Songs, Old-Time Favorites,
Medleys, Comic Songs, interspersed with Jokes and a
Comic Skit entitled, "Ghoses er no Ghoses."

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE SELECTIONS BY OTHER
LOCAL TALENT

**Programme Begins
Promptly at 8 p. m.**

Come and give your system its February thaw by enjoy-
ing a hearty laugh from beginning to end.

Admission 35c.

F. BALL, Trainer

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Open for Engagements both in the city and surrounding
district. Apply to Manager.

In South Strange Forces Meet

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the South to safeguard the intimate
separatism of interracial relations.
The application of the new segrega-
tion laws in Virginia recently exclud-
ed from the white schools they have
always attended children proved to
have one-sixteenth of Negro blood.
At the same time the children of the
lawmakers are turned over to the ex-
clusive care of colored servants, who
so dominate the Southern nursery
that college-trained young mothers
complain that they have no voice
in the upbringing of their own child-
ren. "You git right outa yere, Miss
Sally," I heard one commanded, "I
don't want no compersation 'bout this
yere chile." In the newest skyscrap-
ers I have seen elevators marked
"Colored," which seem designed to
segregate on the way up Negro cli-
ents who are going to transact busi-
ness in the offices of white firms.

If anything, therefore, there is a
tendency to strengthen the social bar-
riers. But the Negro can no more be
segregated from the movements of
his time than can the Hindu and the
Chinese; less, indeed, because it is
his fate to be planted in the very
track of the industrial juggernaut. He
also is subject to machine pressure,
to social change; he experiences his
own revolution. A Negro college
girl investigating for the Rosenwald
Foundation reported many instances
of the sharpening competition be-
tween blacks and whites on the lower
rungs of industry. "But the Negro
moves a step higher when he is push-
ed out," she said. "He has to be
prodded into learning a trade." She
had figures to show how his econom-
ic level is slowly, very slowly, ris-
ing, as without figures one can see by
watching how, North and South, the
Negro is edging into better residence
districts. The most notable of all
the improvements in the South, and
the least noted in these articles, are
the magnificent network of new
State highways and the multiplica-
tion of modern country schools. They
are like open doors upon the world
for millions heretofore sequestered,
millions of Negroes as well as mil-
lions of whites. The Southern darky
has a range and freedom of movement
he never knew before. How he en-
joys it is evident enough in the black
caravans rolling along the smooth
roads, visiting, prospecting, or "jes'
explorationin' of this big ole worl'," said the chuckling father of a family
of eight pickaninnies packed in an
old flivver and wholly undismayed by
the lack of any other habitation. The
South is educating the Negro, not
as zealously as it educates the white
but more systematically than ever
before. To what end it hardly knows.
It raises his standard with the rest.
So the Negroes move, too, as at
the hand of a colossal scene shifter.
They are a patient race and the South
treats them with patience rather than
with abstract justice. In general, its
policy has been one of temporizing,
punctuated with exclamations of an-
ger and periods of generosity. Every-
body vaguely realizes that the out-
lines of the problem are changing,
and will change beyond recognition
as the cotton field is mechanized. The

STRATFORD NOTES.

The following spent a happy new
year visiting friends of Lucan: Mr.
James Hesson and grandson, Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Hesson and son.

Mr. Thomas Jackson of Drayton
has recently passed away.

During the Xmas season Mr. and
Mrs. Gordon Baldwin paid a visit
to friends in Brantford.

The B.M.E. Church had a concert
and Christmas tree on December 19th.
Services were carried out throughout
Christmas day.

Mrs. H. Duncan and daughter were
the guests of her mother, Madam Har-
rison, throughout the holidays.

LONDON NOTES.

A number of baskets were distrib-
uted throughout the city given by the
C.L.A.C.P. which we hope brought
cheer into the homes.

Miss Rudd of Toronto was the
guest of her sister Mrs. Lillian Rich-
ardson during the Xmas season.

Miss Dorothy Chantler and Mrs.
Budd spent a pleasant visit with
friends residing in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins enter-
tained friends on New Year's night.

Miss Saxon Harris spent a most
pleasant Xmas at her home in Shrews-
berry.

Mr. Stanley Drake of Detroit vis-
ited his home and friends for a short
period at Christmas.

Mrs. Jane Cromwell spent the X-
mas season in Detroit with her hus-
band, Mr. Walter Cromwell.

Mr. Fred Harris of Trafalgar St.
has been ill for the past few days
but is recovering.

Mrs. Addie Martin was visiting
here from Chatham for a short per-
iod.

Mr. Fred Smith of Woodstock visit-
ed friends here, also Mr. Johnson re-
spectfully.

real crisis, it is acknowledged, lies
ahead. That is another shadow, and
the greatest, to add to the picture
of confusion.

In the South, as was said in the be-
ginning, you see how the coming of
industry plows through every social
stratum and puts a whole population
to the stop-watch and stretch-out
system. In the same gesture the pop-
ulation submits and resists. The
manufacturer, the merchant, the busi-
ness woman, the whole social and
domestic organism, the wandering
black, all strike against being robot-
ized as instinctively as does the cot-
ton mill operative. For drama in the
Greek manner, where the dramatic
personae are always fates and great
forces at war, there is nothing on the
contemporary scene more absorbing
than the conflict going on in the mind
of the South between—well, let us
say, not to go too far—between col-
lectivism and Jeffersonian individual-
ism.