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Harmon Awards For Fine Achievements

New York, Dec. 8.—Announcement of the first of a series of awards to Negroes of American residence in recognition of their outstanding creative work was made Tuesday by the Harmon Foundation and the Commission on the Church and Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

A total of \$3,000 in cash with gold and bronze medals will be distributed in the William E. Harmon awards for distinguished achievement under the direction of Dr. G. E. Haynes, the commission's secretary, in the fields of literature, fine arts, science, including invention, education, business including industry, and religion. Six first prizes of \$400 each with a gold medal and the same number of second prizes of \$100 with a bronze medal were awarded to colored persons who were considered to have created something of national significance in the several fields, and one award of \$500 and a gold medal was given to a white man for outstanding work in improving relations between white and Negro people in America. Formal presentation in the home cities of the successful candidates will be made on January 1 which is Emancipation Day.

Juries of five, specialists in the type of work being considered, passed upon the entries in each kind of achievement. On every such jury at least one member was a Negro. Among the judges who acted were: E. E. Just, professor of biology, Howard U.; Jno. Hope, Pres. Morehouse College; R. E. Moton, president N.N.B.L.; Bishop R. E. Jones M. E. Church, New Orleans; Rev. Peter Ainslie, Baltimore; John Hays Hammond, scientist and author; E. E. Slosson, chemist and editor of Science Service; Grosvenor Atterbury, architect; H. G. Leach, editor of the Forum; Jno. H. Finley, editor of the New York Times; Paul Monroe, director of the International Institute; S. A. Lewisohn, financier; J. E. Spingarn, author and literary critic; Dr. Preston Ware Orem, composer and musical editor; H. T. Burleigh, composer and soloist St. George's Episcopal church, New York; W. S. Braithwaite, poet and editor; Dean W. A. Boring of the School of Architecture.

CHATHAM

A very serious accident occurred last Sunday when Mr. Hodge was badly burned by an exploding gasoline can. He was sent to the hospital where he is improving.

A mock conference held in the A. M. E. church was enjoyed by all.

The Harmony Arc club gave a definition social Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. Lynn, Princess St.

Mr. Samuel Simmons who has been critically ill is improving slowly.

The funeral of Miss Gladys Lewis was held last Tuesday from the family residence, Wellington St. The service was conducted by Rev. Brown of the B.M.E. church.

The Sunbeam Club of the B.M.E. Sunday school, under the auspices of Miss L. Lynn, gave an afternoon tea at the industrial school from 3 to 5 o'clock.

TORONTO

As usual, services are being held in the three Colored churches of Toronto. Despite the smallness of the congregations, the services in each church are of a very high order. Rev. F. O. Stewart, pastor of the B. M. E. church, gave two excellent messages on Sunday. Speaking at 11 a.m. from II. Tim. 2:3, subject, "Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ." The evening subject was "The Marvellous Man." Text, John 18:6. At Grant A. M. E. church the pastor, Dr. T. H. Henderson, held forth the word of life during the day. Rev. A. McEwen William of the First Baptist Church, conducted services during the day. At 8:30 p.m. Rev. Williams and his splendid choir and quartette conducted a service of song in the Wesley United church, giving an excellent programme of Negro Spirituals and other pleasing numbers. The choir and quartette of this church are becoming very popular and well known throughout the city.

Mrs. Serena Sharp has been confined to her home for the past week owing to severe illness. Mrs. Anna Clinton, of 214 Roberts, is also confined to her bed, but is some better at this writing.

Don't forget the concert and dance at Orange Hall to be given December 30, by the Home Service Association.

You are probably not interested in prize fights one way or the other, but when you read of the injustice handed to Tiger Flowers and the unsportsmanlike way the commission and referee took away his title you cannot think that in order to win a title now you have to murder your opponent. Flowers almost did that and even had Flowers knocked Walker out, he (Flowers) would have been disqualified. It has been clearly proven that Flowers had lost the fight three days before it was fought. Isn't that strange in this civilized age?

We hear quite a number of nice compliments about the Lady Canada Cafe and its managers. We hope you have been there and enjoyed some of their home cooking and excellent service.

Mothers and fathers, bundle your boys and girls up and send them to Sunday school. Any Sunday school will do, and you will be giving them one of the best and most lasting doses of medicine that you can give them, and one that is sure to cure.

Christmas is almost here and, as usual we are trying to get something for all our acquaintances, which is impossible, and in so doing we are spending money we need and cannot afford, otherwise, trying to keep up with the Jones, and the after effects are certainly terrible on our constitutions and pocketbooks. But each year we do it, and enter the New Year needlessly in debt and embarrassed. Still it seems to be human nature and each year we decide not to do it and do it over and over each year. What the remedy is I can't tell you.

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