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## Messrs. Joseph And McPherson Journey South

Arriving in St. Louis early in the afternoon we had the rest of the day before us to look over the city. First we visited the Colored Y.M.C.A. where we were received most cordially. The Y.M.C.A. being equipped with a fine cafeteria we naturally stayed there for lunch. After lunch we inquired regarding places of interest in St. Louis and were informed that the "Poro College" was by far the most outstanding evidence of colored enterprise there, so we immediately made our way to that place. The cost of the buildings is in the neighbourhood of \$750,000 and it takes up the space of one whole block. It is equipped with every modern convenience to make an institution of this kind as efficient as any in the world. The founders and sole owners of this college are Mr. and Mrs. Malone, who personally supervise the business. Besides their business interests which receive their close attention, they devote much of their time to welfare and community problems. Before leaving the city we had the pleasure of meeting several people who are engaged in various lines of business who impressed us that whatever the future may hold for them, business at present was good in St. Louis.

Leaving St. Louis we arrived in Little Rock the next morning where we spent the day, during which time we visited Shorter College which is under the control of the A.M.E. Ch., also the Arkansas Baptist College. We came to find out through conversation with some of the students that some are making their way through school at their own expense, which means depriving themselves of many necessities of ordinary life. This goes to prove that the Southern Coloured boys and girls are seeking after knowledge no matter what the cost. This should inspire the coloured children in the north that have the advantages of free education to make the most of it. We resumed our journey that evening to Hot Springs and were made welcome to the home of some friends. Hot Springs is located in the heart of the Arkansas mountain district which makes it an ideal spot for resorters. We found the bright sunshine and warm breezes most enjoyable after the cold winds and snow of the north. We found the Colored

## Colored Children Winners in Races

London, Ont., June 20—At the public school picnic held at Springbank on June 4, the Jenkins family contributed several winners to the days events. Jimmie won in the 12 years old boys' race. Evelyn came third in the race for girls of 10 year. Kathleen came third in the race for girls 8 years old and Freddie came second in the 6 years old boys' race. Jimmie also won a prize that week which his teacher offered to the member of the class who had the highest mark in arithmetic. He led his class by a good margin. There are 48 pupils in his class.

## McGruder Children Clean Up at Toronto

Toronto, June 20th—Saturday, June 5th was field day for all the public schools of the city. It was a day in which the children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGruder were much in evidence. In other words they brought home the bacon for the Givens St. School. Ethel with three other girls won the relay race for girls twelve years old. James won the twelve years old boys race. Lillian came second in the race for girls 8 years old and Edna came third in the race for girls 7 years old.

people of this city to be enjoying an era of prosperity brought about by their progress along lines of industry and enterprise. They have entered every line of business that is possible in a town of this kind which makes it possible for them to patronize their own almost exclusively. There are many beautiful homes owned by coloured people; some of them could be classed as mansions, so imposing do they look. The organization known as the "Woodmen of Union" have erected a building here, the cost of which is around half-a-million dollars. It is controlled solely by coloured people. Everyone from the president to the janitor is of our race. In this building are not only the offices of the organization but also hotel, mineral baths, hospital and restaurant facilities. The Knights of Pythians also have a structure of the same kind so any stranger coming here need not be at a loss to find first class hotel accommodation. I could go on writ-

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## Californian's Invention Sought By Railroads

San Francisco, Calif. June 9th—The invention of a colored American resident of Fresno, Calif., may meet a long existing demand of electric railway companies that employ cable cars in their service. The invention is believed a perfect type of cable car brake. The inventor is Richard B. Spikes of 1477 F. Street, Fresno.

Spike is in this city at the present time in answer to a request from the California Cable Car Railroad for permission to inspect the patent, with views of getting an option of the same if it meets the demands.

The type of cable car brake in use at present is not perfect and has caused wrecks, one occurring here recently with a result of six deaths and injuries to 126. Spikes' invention eliminates the faults of the brake now in use.

Spikes, who is 50 years old, has patented 28 inventions, most of which are in use. One of his inventions, a semaphore system, brought \$100,000. Another, a brake testing patent brought \$20,000.

## New Orleans Singer Triumphs in Germany

Berlin, Germany, June 9th — Edna Thomas, of New Orleans, one of the leading singers of Negro spirituals, repeated her London triumph in Berlin. German critics were amazed to hear in Negro music of half a century ago the fore-runner of the modern jazz.

The singer closed her programme with old Negro street cries from New Orleans and Baltimore, and songs in the Creole dialect. The audience remained and demanded encore after encore until she finally was forced to beg to be permitted to go home.

Chicago Daily News Co.

## America Urged To Join Conference

Washington, D.C., June 2nd—The Washington Government is urged by the administrative committee of the Federal Council of Churches, to take part in the international conference on slavery and forced labor next September.

"The objective of our Government in this co-operation," the committee

## Dresden Takes Up A Worthy Cause

Mr. Jenkins, Sec. C.L.A.C.P.,  
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:—

I am instructed to inform you of the progress of League work at this centre.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, June 1st, with a small but interested group of members and friends present. Owing to the illness of the president's wife, the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Rev. J. H. Penick.

The program consisted of an address by Rev. Penick and several impromptu addresses and musical selections.

During his address the Vice-President presented a very worthy objective for consideration. In our midst in the neglected Institution burying ground lies the body of the man who inspired the internationally famous character, Uncle Tom. This hero has become an embodiment of all the characteristics of our race, a standard of the worthy qualities of the American Negro. In paying tribute to his memory we build a monument to all that is best in our people.

A motion to the effect that re-interment of the body of the late Josiah Henson, "Uncle Tom," and the erection of a suitable monument to his memory be considered as an objective for the League, was unanimously carried.

It was pointed out that such action would show some evidence of racial pride, secure for us favourable publicity, and in time aid us financially.

We present the matter to you and to fellow Branches for consideration. Have we assurance of your moral support? Are you willing to aid us financially and to open the matter for public subscription to both races in your locality? Or can you suggest better means of fulfilling our purpose? What do you think of the proposition? We would be pleased to get a consensus of public opinion through the Dawn of Tomorrow.

I remain, sir,

Yours truly,

HILDA CARTER (Sec.)

said today, "should be to secure the maximum possible protection and liberation for the peoples of Africa and elsewhere that have been so long and so ruthlessly exploited by greed and avarice."