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Editorial

DOES JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE

As the Christmas season approaches we believe the spirit of "Peace on Earth, good will to all men," grips, to a greater or smaller degree or smaller degree, every human being of all civilized countries. Naturally, therefore, being of a receptive, meditative mode, we begin to think of the great sacrifice, which was necessary to bring "Peace on Earth" and "good will to all mankind." We think of the cross and the crucifixion and we reverently sing: "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?" No, Jesus does not bear the cross alone nor has He ever done so. For as He first took up the cross and began that agonizing march to Geth-Semane He found a Negro, Simon the Syrian, who was willing to help Him bear His cross. As the Master grew faint and weary from the weight of the cross Simon, with broad shoulders and with a heart filled with love and sympathy, stooped down and picked up the cross and he hore in for Him. And he bore in all the way. And since that memorable event the descendents of the tribe of Simon have never ceased to help the Master to bear the cross, of sins of this world, the cross of greed, the cross of hate, and mockery and discrimination. And this, they have done with a meekness of spirit which passeth all human understanding. When upon this continent their yoke was hardest and their conducted by Mr. Geo. Bell. He provcross was heaviest, their bards and ed himself a very able speaker and their poets sang songs, and their was rewarded by a good attendance songs, although crude of expression at both services. and at times weird in sound, still breathed the same spirit which burst from the lips of the Master in His great agony on Calvary: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." How aptly does Cotler's poem express our feelings: Brother come,

And let us go unto our God. And when we stand before Him

I shall say— "Lord I do not hate,

I am hated.

I scourge no one. am scourged.

I covet no lands,

v lands are coveted.

I mock no peoples,

My reonle are mocked."

and brother, what shall you say?

If there are any of the elements of Falls, Ont., on the 10th.

Dawn of Tomorrow the spirit of Christ in which my people exceed all other peoples it is the spirit of loving kindness and the spirit which causes men to forgive and forget. If we had contributed nothing in science, in music, in leterature or in art-these two contributions alone would entitle us to a place in the, for these two are the greatest of them all.

Oh Christ! Thou canst not bear the cross alone. The sins of this world are too great and too grevous. And so, we your dark brethren, come, from the beginning, even now and forever more to do what in our power lies to help you bear the cross.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN FRANCE

Oh little Christ, why do you sigh As you look down tonight On breathless France, on bleeding France.

And all her dreadful plight? What bows your childish head so low? What turns your cheek so white?

Oh little Christ, why do you moan, What is it that you see

In mourning France, in martyred France.

And her great agony? Does she recall your own dark day, Your own Gethsemane?

Oh little Christ, why do you weep, Why flow your tears so sore

For pleading France, for praying France.

A suppliant at God's Door? 'God sweetened not my cup," you say, "Shall He for France not more?"

Oh little Christ, what can this mean, Why must this horror be, fainting France, for faithful

France, And her sweet chivalry?

'I bled to free all men," you say, "France bled to keep men free."

Oh little, lovely Christ—you smile! What guerdon is in store For gallant France, for glorious

France, And all her valiant troops? Behold I live, and France, like Me,

Shall live for evermore."

JESSIE HANSET, Negro Poetess.

ST. CATHARINES

Services morning and evening were

Members of the Sunday School are preparing to have their Christmass tree on the 22nd.

Rev. Drake will be with us at the quarterly meeting services on the 21. The Free Masons will hold services on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.

A large crowd is expected at the reception and dance to be held in our hall on the 23rd, under the auspices of the Masonic Order

A number of young folks enjoyed the recent snowfall, Geneva Street being the scene of sleighing and snow-washed faces.

Mrs. T. J. Williamson and Miss Eunice Shadd visited Buffalo last week

Miss Louise Bell reports having spent a delightful evening at Niagara

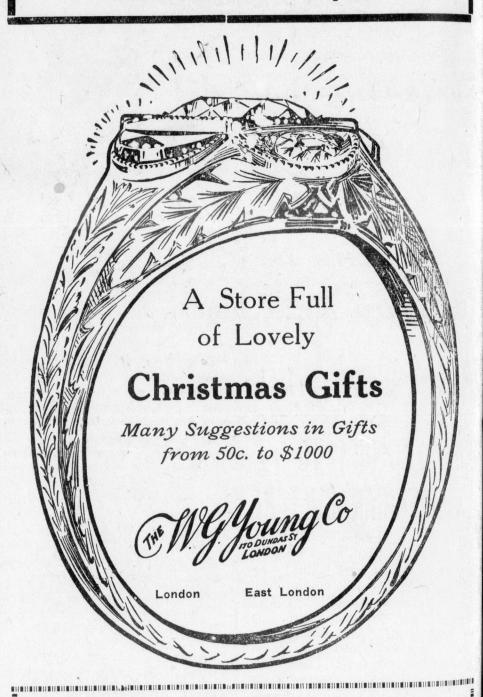
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