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## Should Acquaint All Them With Negro Literature

New York, May 4.—Writing in the May number of *The Messenger*, a Negro magazine, Miss Kathryn M. Johnson, well known distributor of Negro literature and coauthor of the book, "Two Colored Women with the A.E.F." says: "There is no doubt of the great need of the education of the white people through the distribution of literature concerning the Negro. . . . That a white man could grow up in the South, or in any other section of the country, and learn nothing about Negroes except that they have been slaves, is not a thing to amaze one; but the tragic thing about the whole matter is that not even Negroes have had a chance to learn anything of themselves, until within the last few years."

For some years Miss Johnson has been selling throughout the country a "Two Foot Shelf of Negro Literature" with much success among Negroes, and she now sees that the same work could be done among whites. "I think a similar plan" says the author, "could be worked out among the white people of the country through a bureau for the distribution of Negro literature, whose purpose would be to make out a speaker's itinerary, arrange dates for public addresses in churches, schools and from public platforms of any kind. These public addresses could be followed by some one who could sell magazines to the people, distribute printed matter, and personally visit the homes of whatever people there were in the audience who expressed an interest in purchasing books." She then relates the successful efforts she has made to get books on the Negro into white libraries and clubs and homes. Miss Johnson concludes that such endeavor increases the whites' respect for Negroes and thus helps in solving the race problem.

Other articles in the May *Messenger* are: "Moslem Propaganda Among Negroes," by A. T. Hoffert, "Impressions of Morocco," by J. A. Rogers, "Negro Land Grant Colleges," by Robert S. Wilkinson, "Negro Distance Runners," by E. B. Henderson, "The Best Editorial," selected by Eugene Gordon, "Book Reviews," by



REV. W. CONSTANTINE PERRY, OF  
NORTH BUXTON

He was the guest of the Brotherhood of the B. M. E. Church on Men's Day. Rev. Perry delivered two very splendid sermons on that occasion.

## Rev. Drake Is Still Very Ill

Rev. S. R. Drake is still confined to his home, 229 Maitland street, with a serious illness. His condition at present is critical, showing very little progress. However, his physician is hopeful of his ultimate recovery. Owing to his run-down condition, it is naturally expected that his recovery will be slow. Friends from the entire connection have visited him, bringing comfort and expressing sympathy with his family who greatly appreciate such tokens of esteem. Letters and messages are being received from every church in the B. M. E. conference over which Rev. Drake has presided for the past 19 years.

James W. Ivy, "The Negro Theatre," by Theophilus Lewis, "Text Books in Public Schools," by Alice Dunbar Nelson, and the usual illustrations, departments and cartoons.

## Mother!

Queen of the World, by love enthroned, on whose head rests the diadem of honor, loyalty and blessedness—we, the children of the Human Clan, salute thee. We bow our heads in humble humility, kneel prayerfully; we raise to thee in a chalice of purity the best work of our hands, the sacred thoughts of our minds and the love of our hearts.

A. M. K.

## Detroit Policeman Charged With Killing of Negro

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York, April 29.—After a number of conferences between W. Hayes McKinney, chairman of the legal committee of the Detroit Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Robert M. Toms, Detroit prosecutor, Mr. Toms has recommended the issuance of a warrant charging Patrolman William Hoyer with manslaughter. The warrant was signed by Judge Arthur Kilpatrick.

It is alleged that Patrolman Hoyer on January 7 last came upon two colored men fighting and ordered them to hold up their hands. One of these men, William Aldridge, while holding up his hands, attempted to explain the cause of the altercation and, it is alleged, was struck in the mouth by the patrolman and then while holding his hands over his head, Mr. Aldridge was shot and killed by the police officer. When the body of Aldridge was searched it was found he was unarmed.

The N. A. A. C. P. is prosecuting this case as a result of numerous reports of police brutality in the city of Detroit.

## Toronto Baptist Divine Resigns Pastorate

Toronto, Ont.—Rev. A. McEwen Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has resigned his pastorate to become a member of the editorial board of the publishing house

## J. J. Rogers Informs Public On N. Africans

New York, April 11.—Writing in the May number of *The Messenger*, Mr. J. A. Rogers, noted Negro author and journalist, says of the North Africans, "The Moors are a mixture of African, European and western Asiatic stock, with the Negro strain dominant. Look at any Negro community, particularly one in the north, with its sprinkling of fair and dark white persons, and one has a pretty accurate idea of a Moorish town as say Rabat, and the native quarter of Casablanca.

"The best that can be said of the average Moor as I have seen him here," continues Rogers, "is that he is very backward. He has a tendency to reduce his expenditure of energy to a minimum, and large numbers of them may be seen in the smart French quarter, stretched out on the pavement of fine buildings, sound asleep, clad in indescribable rags. Such squalor, such ragged, dirty clothing, such wretched beggars in swarms, such neglected children, I have never believed existed before in clad in indescribable rags . . . .

Mr. Rogers is touring the countries lining the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and will be abroad for some time. When last heard from he was at Palermo, Sicily. His first article is entitled "Impressions of Morocco." All is not rags, dirt and squalor, however. Mr. Rogers tells of Moors whose own magnificent homes, are very wealthy, are scrupulously clean and dash about town in expensive motors. He tells much of their work, their art and their customs; all curious and interesting to black people in America. The *Messenger* is a Negro magazine published in New York City.

of the National Negro Baptist Convention of Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Williams, who has served the First Baptist Church for six years, and is a member of its well known quartette, was born in Tennessee, and is a graduate of the Roger Williams University of that state.

At a meeting of the church recently a pulpit supply committee was elected with Robert P. Edwards, chairman.