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Editorial

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CHRISTIANITY AND THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

The great Christian Poet, Dante, believed profoundly in the divine election of the Roman Empire. Rome, he was quite sure, had "a special birth and special progress thought out and ordained by God." He discerned the purpose of the Almighty to be the re-conformation of the human creature to Himself. The supreme act of God was the sending forth His Son to earth to effect this harmony. In preparation for this advent there had been two outstanding events; the birth of David, of whose house He was to come, and the birth of Rome which was to prepare the world for His coming. Dante believed that God had guided and controlled the destiny of the Roman people: "many a time the arm of God was seen to be present" in their history. To those who held that the power of Rome was acquired not by reason or by universal consent, but by force, he would answer that force was not the moving but the instrumental cause.

The British Commonwealth is a wider area than it ever entered the mind of Caesar to conquer—a quarter of the earth's surface. No one man, nor any set of men ever planned it. It is simply a part of the divine plan. It has grown, not of itself, but in the eternal purpose of God. In her ample domain there dwell some of all of the races of mankind.

Does it not appear then, that Britons have been called to perform the pleasure of the Almighty, as was the Roman Empire of yesteryear?

Assuming that this is true, what attitude shall Britons assume towards this holy election and this sacred duty? Should they assume a spirit of arrogance or should they be imbued with the spirit of meekness and of sacrifice? If Britons are ever inclined to become narrow and to look down upon other peoples or to hold contempt for any people, whoever they may be, Britons should remember God's warning, through Amos, to Israel: "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore, I will visit upon you all your iniquities." A people who believe they have a mission from God, whose possessions include all the races of the earth should be free from arrogance, contempt, prejudice and narrow-minded-

ness. Of the \$450,000,000 British subjects, about 47,000,000 reside in Great Britain and Ireland. Of the remainder, 18,000,000 are of British European stock. What a great opportunity has this sixty-five millions, to carry on the torch of Christianity to the remaining three hundred and eighty-five millions. The British people are in a position to do either more harm or more good for the cause of Christianity than any other nation of the world to-day. Which shall it be?

THE FUGITIVE'S FAREWELL

The following verses, signed by R. T. Reed, appeared in "The Voice of the Fugitive," at Sandwich, Upper Canada, on January 15th, 1852. At this time the operations of the Fugitive Slave Law were driving many of the Colored free people of the North into Canada and making it much more difficult for a slave to escape from bondage. The verses appear worthy of reprinting and have been supplied to The Dawn of Tomorrow by Prof. Fred. Landon, of the University of Western Ontario:

Farewell to the home of my childhood.
Farewell to the land of my birth;
The fountain, the grove and the wild-wood—
The loveliest portion of earth;
Yes, sweet sunny southland
I bid thee farewell,
And go to a country of strangers to dwell.

Yes, there where the boast is the loudest
Of "Columbia, the home of the brave"
The tyrant is sternest and proudest
To fetter and torture the slave.
Columbia, thy Eagle
I cannot endure.
I flee to the Lion
On Canada's shore.

Adieu then, forever, I'm weary
Of living the life of a slave,
Though Canada's frigid and dreary
It still is the home of the brave.
For the Queen of old England
Has spoken to me,
And the words which she utters are,
"Come and be free."

A TRIBUTE TO CANADA

(By Rev. Chas. C. S. England, Amherst, N.S.)

O Canada, Fair Queen of the North!
Our Love for thee hast grown with the years. Thou hast always been our friend. When our fathers crossed the borders from the lash of the whip, you clasped them to your bosom and shielded them from all harm. When England, touched with the pleadings of Wilberforce, broke our fetters, thou wert ready, even then noble queen to welcome us to thy lands.

We pray that thou wilt continue to prosper, and because we have proved faithful to thee, open up for us greater avenues of usefulness; and may you shine as a bright star in the constellation of nations.

LONDON NOTES

Much credit is due to the committee, Mrs. Frank Budd, Mrs. F. Kelly, Mrs. H. Berry, for the wonderful success of the concert which was given under the auspices of the Hill Street Baptist Church. The proceeds realized were \$105.85.

B.M.E. Church Notes

Sunday was another day of spiritual "feast of reason and flow of soul." The pastor delivered two very helpful sermons, to a very interested audience.

The Brotherhood of our Church conducted the service for the Robinson Memorial Brotherhood at 10 a.m.

Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Drake spent the week end in Woodstock.

The general Superintendent will pay his annual visit to our Church on Sunday April 27th. Reserve this date.

The pink tea social under the auspices of our Stewardess' Board proved to be quite an attractive feature.

Owing to a minor accident on Friday, Mr. Fred Harris, of Trafalgar Street is quite indisposed and unable to attend his work.

Mr. R. Curtis and Mr. Harry Johnson of Brantford, were week end visitors with Mrs. Mabel Miller. Miss Asher of Toronto is also spending the week with Mrs. Miller.

MONTREAL NOTES

We greet the advent of the Monitor. The new race paper has our best wishes.

Mrs. G. Tomlinson has been ill at her home for some few days.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Taylor announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Helena Marion, to Mr. Jno. Moses, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Moses, of Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Dr. Warner preached in the Union Church last Sunday and Rev. Jones occupied the pulpit in Bethel A.M.E. Church. Both gentlemen preached wonderful sermons, which were most interesting.

Mrs. Philpott, who has been critically ill for more than a year, passed away on the 23rd.

The many friends of Mr. Howard Elliott are sorry to learn of his illness in the general hospital.

Mrs. A. Lawrence, of Atwater Ave. is quite ill.

There passed away on March 20th, one of our most highly respected citizens in the person of Mr. G. McIntosh of Demerara, B.W.I.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Edward Taylor, of Green Ave. is much improved in health.

The Benefit Concert under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., in aid of the family of the late Mrs. Philpott was a marked success.

The Gamma League held Service at the Union Church on March 23rd.

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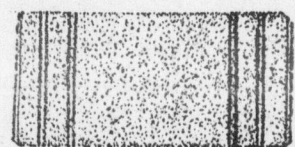
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