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## LEAGUE MAKES DEFINITE PLANS FOR YEAR 1926

At a recent meeting, in London, of the Executive Committee of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People they drew up and decided upon definite plans for the present year. Chief among these plans is the educational programme for both young and older people. By request of the Educational Committee, which consists of Prof. Fred. Landon, chairman; Prof. J. A. Dale, Mr. Justice Renwick W. Riddell, C. L. Burton, Esq., Jno. McDonald, Esq., W. T. Sampson, Esq., and J. F. Jenkins, a substantial sum has been set aside to assist talented and worthy colored boys and girls in furthering their education. While the Committee had in mind the young people, it is believed that assistance would not be withheld from adults with special talent, who are desirous of improving themselves. This view of the situation follows from the fact that the educational program of the present year includes adults as well as the young people.

If, therefore, persons who are desirous of furthering their education and who are unable (financially) to do so themselves, will communicate with the Executive Board, such requests will be given earnest consideration.

Another plan agreed upon is to continue to establish branches as rapidly as possible throughout Ontario wherever there is a sufficient number of colored people resident. It was also decided to keep in touch with the seven branches already established, in Chatham, Windsor, Dresden, Toronto, St. Catharines, Brantford and Niagara Falls in order to keep alive the spirit of enthusiasm and to see that the League's plan of self improvement, is carried out.

The official organ, The Dawn of Tomorrow, was the subject of the gravest consideration. In view of the fact that The Dawn is considered of much importance to the League, both for its educative value and as a connecting link between the various branches, the Executive decided to assume the financial obligations of the paper for the present year. This will mean a great advantage to the Dawn

## Judge Condemns All-White Jury

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 7th— Because no colored citizens are allowed to serve on juries in the courts of the State of North Carolina, and because he felt that therefore a Negro could not be sure of a fair trial in that State, Common Pleas Court Judge James B. Drew, on Saturday, refused to grant papers for the extradition of Sandy Huser, an aged colored man wanted in Winston-Salem on liquor charges. Instead, Judge Drew ordered that Huser be released on a writ of habeas corpus.

In making what he considered a clean stand for justice, Judge Drew stated:

"I am not going to send this man back to North Carolina, where it is evident, if the facts, as related here, are correct, he will not be given a fair trial, and where he was indicted by a Grand Jury on which colored people were not permitted to serve."

Judge Drew opposed the extradition of Huser when he was informed by D. C. Kirby, a North Carolina attorney that Negroes were not allowed to serve on juries in the State of North Carolina.

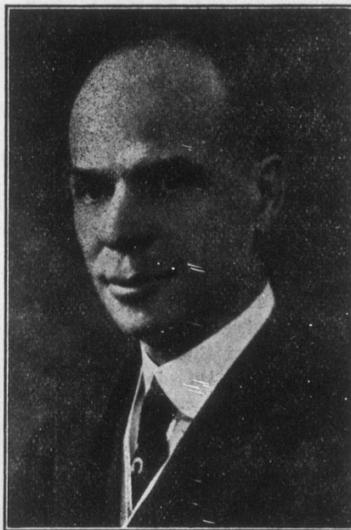
from a standpoint of size, reading matter, and regularity of publication. Subscribers and agents may expect their papers regularly in the future.

The Board feels specially favored in securing the services of B. E. Fountaine, well-known artist and vice-president of the National Movement, to solicit funds for carrying on the work of the present year. Mr. Fountaine's interest in the League as well as his integrity, is beyond question. In accepting this position he was forced to give up a better one. But he cheerfully consented to do so for the sake of the League. He will enter upon his new duties immediately.

Arrangements were also made for emergencies in which the betterment and self-improvement of the colored people are involved. In carrying out this programme the Executive asks the co-operation of the various branches and that of the general public.

## Some Facts About Mr. Leon Joseph

Some facts about Leon Joseph QXv Leon Joseph, of Toronto, Canada, is a native of New Orleans, La. He served there as the Vice-President of the Allen League for many years and was also one of the founders of the New Orleans Coloured Y.M.C.A. He has been a resident of Toronto for the past twelve years. His activities during that time are worthy of note. In the winter of 1921 he was the instigator of a series of free suppers which were given in the basement of the Grant A.M.E. Church for the freindless and unemployed. During



MR. LEON JOSEPH, one of Toronto's most valued citizens who is soon to leave for New York where he will reside. He will be greatly missed by the people of Ontario.

the winter of the next year, 1922 owing to his thoughtful idea, a concert was given, which netted a goodly amount of cash for the object of relieving the unemployment situation which was rather acute at the time. A year later, in 1923, being financial agent for the Grant A.M.E. Church, it was through his inspiration and the co-operation of the pastor that they succeeded in liquidating the church mortgage, the amount of which was \$5,000.

He was also influential in 1925 in securing for the church, the sum of \$690 which paid off the second mortgage on the parsonage. In the same year Mr. Joseph was responsible for

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## BRANCH OF LEAGUE AT NIAGARA FALLS

Last Friday evening Secretary Jenkins was called to Niagara Falls for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People. Owing to the fact that one of the oldest citizens passed away just before Mr. Jenkins arrived, the enthusiasm for the meeting was somewhat dampened. However, a branch of the League was formed and much interest was shown by those who were present. The meeting was held in the B.M.E. Ch. and both Rev. Johnson, pastor and Mr. Quarls were very instrumental in assisting in the establishing of the League. By a unanimous vote the house went into permanent organization, but since several of the most prominent citizens were unavoidably absent, the election of permanent officers was deferred until a later date.

We believe, from the earnestness which was apparent, that the Falls is destined to have one of the strongest branches of the League.

## Elevator Operator Saves Woman's Life

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23—Only the quick action of Henry Smith, an elevator operator in the Criminal Court Building of this city saved the life of Mrs. Georgette Romini, white.

Mrs. Romini had just come from an inquest into the murder of her husband and was in a dazed condition. On leaving the office of an assistant state's attorney on the second-floor of the Criminal Court Building, she saw the elevator about to leave. She rushed forward in an effort to make it. Just as it started up, she shot her hands between its closing doors, flung the gate open, missed the elevator, and, carried by her momentum, plunged partially through the opening. Smith instantly stopped his elevator dead and held it motionless while the woman, supported by the side of the car and her hands, dangled eighty-five feet above the floor of the shaft. Onlookers warmly congratulated Smith on his quick thinking. Had he raised or lowered his car a few inches, Mrs. Romini must either have fallen to her death or been crushed between the elevator and the floor.