

## TORONTO

The first memorial service of the John Henry Valentine Lodge, No. 740, I.B.P.O.E. of W., was held in St. James B.M.E. church on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 2.30 p.m. A very interesting program was rendered and enjoyed by a splendid audience. Mrs. H. Laurence McNeil of the First Baptist Church sang a very pleasing number "Open the Gates of the Temple." The First Baptist choir gave two beautiful anthems, Mr. R. P. Edwards acting as director, who also gave a reading entitled "Thanatopsis." Mr. W. J. Williams, Exalted Ruler, gave a synopsis on the history of the order. The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. F. O. Stewart, Sub. Reunion. Text: John 5: 28, 29. Mr. F. N. Lee, secty. of the lodge acted as master of ceremonies.

The second quarterly communion service of the St. James B. M. E. church was observed on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Bro. G. Coates gave a very timely message at 11 a.m. Text: John 4: 10. Sub. "Living Water." At the afternoon service 3.30 p.m. the speaker for the occasion was Rev. E. A. Richardson of St. Catharines. The speaker chose for his text the words recorded in St. Luke 22: 19-20, and gave a very helpful and inspiring message. Again at 7.30 Rev. Richardson was the speaker and his message on the subject "Spiritual Recuperation" was very fitting for the closing days of the old year and strengthening for the prospective days of the new. The choir as usual gave splendid numbers, assistings materially in the success of the day.

The infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrew Johnson of 10 Ravina Crescent have been quite ill for the past few weeks but are recovering very nicely at this writing. Mr. Johnson is the chorister of the B. M.E. church choir.

AWARD MADE TO  
TEACHER-ARTIST.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15. — Miss Laura Wheeler Waring was presented with the Harmon award for work in art by Mayor Mackey, Monday, in the Chamber Wylie Church. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, of Washington, president of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, delivered an inspiring address upon the occasion.

Miss Wheeler is the daughter of the late Rev. Robt. Wheeler, for 33 years minister of the Talcott Congregational Church. She is an instructor in art at the Cheyney State Normal School.

The Philadelphia artist has studied under eminent teachers, including Henry McCarter and the late Wm. Chae. She won the Cresson Memorial Scholarship which gave her an opportunity to study in France under Boutet de Monvel, Printet and Eugene Delecluse.

JUDGE HAILS LINCOLN'S  
BIRTHDAY, FREEING 32.

Chicago, Feb. 15th — Abraham Lincoln's birthday has real significance to Judge Howard Hayes of the S. Clark Street Municipal

MADE PLEA FOR  
THE COLORED.

Rev. T. H. Jackson, Minister of B.M.E. Church, Tells History of His Race on This Continent. Fine Program Was Given.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—An impassioned plea to open up the gates of the business world to the negro was made by Rev. T. H. Jackson, pastor of the B.M.E. Church, at the benefit concert at Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church last night, in a brief address, during which he related the story of the migration of the negroes to Canada from the South and of their services and loyalty to the British flag since their arrival. An excellent program of readings and vocal and instrumental selections, was given by local and out-of-town talent.

The speaker traced the history of the races of the West Coast of Africa that comprise the majority of the American negroes, from the time of their sale into slavery to the present day. He told how, ignorant as they were of the wiles of the whites, they walked into the traps set for them by the slave traders and were herded into low compartments of the old sail boats to huddle together on their hands and knees throughout the long voyage to America and on arriving there were sold, body and soul, into bondage.

Recalling the emancipation of slaves by Queen Victoria and the invitation extended to the negroes to escape into Canada to find freedom and franchise and the days of the migration before the Civil War when thousands of the oppressed fled their masters to seek liberty in the land of the north, he asked why they should not call themselves British who had found liberty only under the British flag and who had faithfully served it ever since.

"We have peace and liberty," he declared, "What we want is opportunity and whenever we get it we make our way. When you people open your doors to our boys and girls and give them a chance in the business world, let our girls in your offices as stenographers and behind your counters as clerks and let our industrious men have a chance to go ahead of the ones who have to plod along, then you will know what they are capable of. Let us all pray one prayer, to ask God to make us one so that distinction of race will be no more and the negro will have a fair chance to go ahead and support his family respectively.

Instrumental numbers were rendered by Professor Charles Duff, Joseph Campbell, Mr. Black and Miss Audrey Smith; vocal numbers by Gordon Mitchell, Mrs. Hunt of Toronto, and Mrs. Boland of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and readings by Misses Mildred Dykes and Gertrude Bell. Two fascinating numbers were the pantomimes given by Misses Marguerite and Mildred Jackson, while hymns were

Court. Judge Hayes was the only judge to sit Monday. He celebrated the day by discharging thirty-two colored prisoners all against whom there was no specific charge.

sung by Mrs. Hunt. Accompaniments were played by Miss Reta Smith of St. Catharines. The Pennsylvania Four, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., gave an entertaining series of instrumental numbers and a touch of humor was added to the concert by Mr. Black by his humorisms.

COLORED LAWYER DEFENDS  
WHITE MAN IN U.S. COURT

St. Louis, Mo.—Attorney John L. Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, is in St. Louis on legal matters pertaining to a conspiracy case in which the United States Government has against seven white men, charged with smuggling whiskey. All of the men have been convicted except one, Charles Noyes. He is being represented by Attorney John Thompson. The case is being tried in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here before Judges Sanborn, Stone and Kenyon.

Attorney Thompson is past grand-master of the Iowa Masons and is the first colored lawyer of his state to practice his profession in the U. S. Court of Appeals.

## SIMCOE

The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurst on the 23rd of January last and left them a fine baby boy weighing nine pounds. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Emma Thompson of Rondeau, Ont., has returned home after a three week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Hurst.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON  
EDUCATION.

"We come back to the query that is contained in the concentrated wisdom of the ages: 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

"All of our science and all of our arts will never be the means for the true advancement of our nation, will never remove us from the sphere of the superficial and the cynical, will never give us the civilization and a culture of any worthy and lasting importance unless we are able to see in them the outward manifestation of a spiritual reality."

"Unless our halls of learning are real temples which are to be approached by our youth in an attitude of reverence, consecrated by worship of the truth, they will all end in a delusion. The information that is acquired in them will simply provide a greater capacity for evil. Our institutions of learning must be dedicated to a higher purpose. The life of our nation must rise to a higher realm."

W. Goos: "Say, doctor, I have a constant ringing in my ears!"

Doctor: "What is your profession?"

W. Goos: "Bell hop!"

First Student: What are you going to do this summer?

Second Student: I have a position in father's office.

First Student: Good! I'm not going to work either.

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