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Editorial

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THE INTER-RACIAL CONVENTION

The inter-racial Convention which was recently held in Indianapolis by many colleges, universities and high schools of the United States is one of the brightest rays of hope that has shone upon this continent since before the day of emancipation. Writing in the May Crisis, Mr. Willard E. Uphams (white), who attended the convention has the following to say: "I too, a white student, saw several thousand of The New Humanity at the Indianapolis Convention. Irresistible tides of power, immeasurable in consequences were released at the great meeting and are sweeping away the old foundation of prejudice and ignorance, particularly in the universities and colleges. Moreover, if there is one thing above another which impressed me, as a leader of one of the discussion groups at the Convention, it is that the young Negro, as I saw him there, is prepared to assume his full share in our common task. I was so impressed by the reasonableness, the moderation, the ability and the sense of fair play demonstrated by the Negro representatives in my group that I was moved to write to the 48 leaders to see if their experience would corroborate my own Their testimony shows my optimism is not groundless but confirmed by common experience. Among the things I asked were these: What spirit did the Negro student manifest? Did they antagonize or win other members of the group? What were their solutions for the inter-racial problems? Did they show ability and readiness in bringing about a New Day? My correspondents were uniformly interested and sympathetic. 'I am so glad to know,' a leader from N.C. wrote, 'that some one is going to interpret the spirit of the Negro student at the Indianapolis Convention. It was one of the outstanding things about the meeting to me, and I have had many Southerners to whom the whole issue was presented, tell me that they got a new vision of it all through the convention. My own opinion is that the Negro students carried off the honors in my discussion group.'

"Finally, this ought not to be omitted, about a Negro girl. This girl was from a Southern Normal School. She did not participate during the first three quarters of an hour. When she did participate she spoke for about seven minutes, meeting the

points of view expressed by others in the group, with which she did not agree, in a true spirit of love. Her commendation of attitudes in which she did agree and with which her people agreed seemed to be a rather convincing argument for them. It was quite clear that her remarks and her spirit won the admiration of the group and antagonized no one.

"Writing of the white students one leader says: 'Even those whose prejudices were stirred by what took place have had their citadels stormed and they cannot get away from the facts. One white girl in our group was so sincere in her attitude of changing her convictions in the light of new data as to be quite convincing to the group. She said: 'I believe that Christian white and colored people in the South will solve the problem by sharing life—yes, and I am willing to eat with them and I want you to know that it is the first time in my life I have ever said it.'

"Another incident, highly descriptive of the startling transformation that occurred was reported. A white girl had been getting violent on the subject of inter-marriage. A direct reply to one of her remarks by a Negro reassured her so completely she arose and said that although she had lived in the South all her life she had never known that there were such Negroes in the world. Now she could understand how some people liked them, considered them capable and were not afraid they would contaminate all the other races.

"The solutions proposed by the colored members were very conservative and cautious pleas for equal opportunities in education, in industry; for a chance to succeed in any profession they chose, without being held back by color lines; for schools, for the opportunity to own homes and to solve their own future with their workers. The expression that came from Negroes over and over in each talk—and several times in each—was that what it wanted on the part of their race is equality of opportunity which would mean the destruction of every type of discrimination that leads to the inferiority complex on the part of the Negro Race.

"Did the Negro show ability and readiness in bringing in a New Day? That the answers to this question were all in the affirmative is indicated by what has been said: 'Their ability and readiness to work together were certainly equal to, if not superior to that of the other students is the way one leader puts it.'

Letters to the Editor

MR. BREWSTER REPLIES TO EDITORIAL

Dear Mr. Editor:—
I have read about your Co-operation plan, also of suggestions. I know of no part of the country that would be suitable for such a conference but I do hope that where ever the place may be, it will be within the reach of everyone. As regards Co-operating, there could never be anything more advisable to the Negro peoples, both national and international. We are suffering through the lack of unity. Our minds have been poisoned against each other through the press and pulpit, causing us to be split into factions, with the result that every effort made by one of the race is op-

WINDSOR PLAINS, N.S. NEWS

Rev. Dr. A. H. Raynor, of Yarmouth N.S. preached to a very appreciative audience on Sunday evening May 11th.

Mr. Elias Upshaw Jr., who has been on the sick list for some time is improving.

Mr. John Oliver met with an accident on Monday May 12th in the United Gypsum Co.

Among the visitors recently arrived are the following: Messrs Walter Golan, Clarence Stoutly, Wm. Johnson.

Mrs. Geo. Fletcher visited Dartmouth recently.

Mr. Jas. Pierce, one of our progressive young men, has installed a radio.

Rev. A. W. Thompson, of New Glasgow has accepted the call extended to him by the united Baptists of Windsor Plains Church and begins his pastoral duties on Sunday June 1st.

Mrs. M. L. Ashe, of Windsor, N.S., who has been living in Montreal for several months arrived home on Saturday the 11th.

WELLAND NOTES

Mr. Emmett Smith of St. Catharines and his brother Edwin, of Port Arthur were the guests of the Misses Wilson last Wednesday.

Miss Annie Wilson received her diploma for dress making at the close of high school.

Messrs N. C. and Tom Wilson motored to Buffalo on business last Tuesday.

The Misses G. Hault and A. Wilson attended the banquet last Tuesday evening which was held in the Baptist Church under the auspices of the Brackett Class.

posed by another, and thus crumbles to the ground.

The Dawn of Tomorrow must be congratulated for such a noble thought. The nations of the world at least the leading nations, such as England, France, Italy and Japan are seeking co-operation. They are strong and yet they need it. They are mighty, and yet they need it. How much more should we not take hold of this glorious opportunity as it is now offered to us by the Dawn of Tomorrow? Are we not human? I am very much in favor of it and it is the duty of every thinking Negro to help support it. We need it.

My suggestion is that the agents of the Dawn send in the names of the business men of their respective communities, or be interviewed by the agent individually and gather suggestions from them, then I believe that the business men would be more interested and we would be drawing nearer our objective in dealing with the suggestions. A certain column of this paper should be devoted to such for a certain period. Then judges, that may be appointed by this paper could judge same and give out their verdict, which shall be final. Then we could start to accomplish the much desired goal.

Yours truly,
S. BREWSTER.

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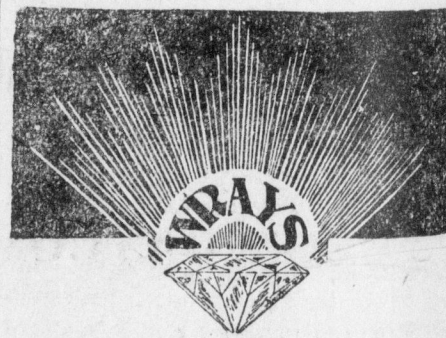
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