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A GREAT LEADER

One of the greatest leaders of the Colored race in America was Booker T. Washington. He had outstanding qualities as a platform speaker, as a teacher and inspirer of youth, as an organizer and builder, as a statesman, a Christian and a man. Those who heard him speak or who came into contact with him carried the thrill of his great name. The impact of his personality created an atmosphere of enthusiasm, confidence and good will. He broke down prejudice wherever he went and established in its stead the willingness to cooperate, the spirit of helpfulness and the ideal of friendliness between races. He founded the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama which has to-day a great property with splendid buildings and excellent equipment, endowment fund of five million dollars, a competent staff of teachers and more than sixteen hundred students. His work is being carried forward with marked success by Robert R. Moton the present able head of the Institute.

Booker T. Washington in his book entitled "Up From Slavery" made a contribution of the first rank to the literature of the Negro in America. In it one finds the best of the past and hope for a better future. The subject matter impressed the reader with its frankness, complete knowledge and understanding. The late Walter H. Page said it was the product of genius.

It was, however, in his speeches, that Booker T. Washington made his greatest impression on his fellow citizens. Fortunately many of these speeches are now available for re-reading and closer study. In the London Public Library and in the library of the University of Western Ontario are volumes of these speeches edited by his son, E. Davidson Washington.

by Col. Walter James Brown

Negro Spirituals

Many of our readers are doubtless familiar with the meaning of the term "Negro Spirituals". In these songs, which were the spontaneous improvisations of the slaves as they toiled on the plantations "down South", the Negro has given America its only folk songs, and it is a contribution as rich in noble music as is sentiment.

Save for the occasional visit of a touring singer, the Barbadian public has never had the opportunity of hearing these songs rendered by living artists.

For this reason we are more than ordinarily glad to note that steps are being taken locally to give these spirituals to the public. Already we have had the pleasure of listening to Lil David Play on Yo Harp, Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho, Sinners Don't Let Dis Harves' Pass, I Want to be Ready, I'm A-rollin'.

Not surprisingly, two of the leading spirits in this movement—Madam Rsbrooke and Mr. Claude Eastmond—are recent arrivals from the United States. The Rev. W. A. Beckles of the AME Church and Major Hackett of the Salvation Army are also playing a large part in introducing the Negro Spirituals to the Barbadian Public.

It is a welcome sign, not merely because it familiarizes us with the rich heritage bequeathed by those to whom we are bound by the common bond of race, it also brings, or should bring us nearer to our American brothers.

—The Forum.

W. P. Hubbard, 91, Made Party Cake

Four Generations Gather to Celebrate Ex-Controllers Birthday.

Four generations of his family will sit around the table to-night to celebrate the 91st birthday of ex-Controller W. P. Hubbard, a baker in his early career, he has made the birthday cake himself. It will be adorned by 91 candles. A lover of his garden he has made wine from the grapes he has grown for the toasts. Meticulous in everything he does, he hand-picked the eggs, if they did not come up to the standard of freshness and weight, they did not go into the cake.

The event will be celebrated at the home of his son, Fred L. Hubbard, 662 Broadview Ave., member of the transportation commission. Mr. Hubbard also has a daughter, Mrs. Wells of Washington, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Marvellously active for his age, Mr. Hubbard will be the life of the party. Even yet, he is active in many of the hobbies he has pursued for nearly three-quarters of a century. For four decades he has been a member of the House of Industry board and social service work, next to gardening, still occupies his attention.

Practically every day of his life Mr. Hubbard can still be seen springing along downtown. He still considers himself one of the best patrons of the street cars and takes a ride every day. Mr. Hubbard was born here, went to the Model School, and has attended St. George's church on John St. all his life.

AL HICKS NOW AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Al Hicks, Negro Sprinting Ace formerly of the Curly A.C. ex-regimental dash champion at Boston English High and New England dash champion enrolled as a freshman at Boston University at the opening of the second semester, Monday. He is one of the finest dash men to enter the pioneer fold and will be available for the meet against McGill University which will be held at the Arena the

WOODSTOCK NOTES

B.M.E. Church in Woodstock celebrated its reopening on Sunday, Feb. 26th under the supervision of Rev. Johnson who is in charge of this station as well as Brantford. The services were well attended, friends coming from London, Brantford, Stratford and Toronto. The afternoon service was conducted by General Supt. Dawson, his subject "The value of Education and how to use it." On Monday evening a grand concert was given assisted by many out-of-town talent and received with great applause.

The Fisher Men's Club of Dundas Street United Church conducted service in the BME Church on Sunday afternoon, F. Ball delivered the message, while Clarence Baker, Alvin Hodges, Charles Showers and others also took part in the service, which was much appreciated by the officers and congregation of the BME Church.

Mrs. John Lucas and Mrs. Agnes Brown of Brantford motored to Woodstock and spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Horace Marshall.

Mrs. Horace Marshall who has been very ill in bed is doing nicely.

Rev. T. H. Jackson of London spent a few moments with his cousins.

On January 30th a bouncing baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Blair (Eva Shirley Arvela Blair).

Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas and daughter Miss Marguerite and also Miss Lee of Canfield and Mr. Lavern Jones all of Brantford, have been visitors to the BME Church.

Miss Wise of Hamilton was the guest of Mr. Lavern Marshall for a few hours.

A duet solo was given by Mr. Fred Smith and Mr. Arthur Topp at Nazaren Church.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Topp motored to London.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Topp accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith motored to Hamilton and spent a very pleasant evening with Mrs. Maude Harris and also friends and relatives after which on their way home stopped at Brantford and visited friends.

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