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Editorial

UNSUNG HEROES.

There are men whose noble deeds are so apparent, who are so prominent in the eyes of the public that they are easily recognized and proclaimed as heroes. And yet there are others whose lives have been no less self-sacrificing, whose deed have meant just as much to humanity and for Christianity, but because of their modesty, and humility they go to their graves as unsung heroes. The world little notes nor remembers such patriarchs until they are no more.

Such a hero was the late Rev. R. A. Ball, veteran evangelist and minister of the B.M.E. Church, who died in Windsor on the 23rd of December at the home of his son, Charlie.

Born in St. Catharines eighty years ago, he spent most of these 80 years in the service of the Master and for the betterment of his race. As a boy we can picture him assisting his parents in caring for the fugitive slaves, see him sonsouling them and reading and explaining to these unlettered unfortunates, the issues and the outcome of the Civil War which meant so much to them.

More than 35 years of his life was spent in public service, and during his career as an evangelist and as a minister in charge, we dare say, no one person in all of Canada as done as much as he did to raise the status of the Negroes of this country.

No other minister has done more for the British Methodist Episcopal Connexion than did Rev. Ball. While he is not credited with building a single church, still the money he raised to lift mortgages from churches and church property would have built many churches.

He might have used the great influence and prestige which he won by an upright life and honest dealing, for accumulating wealth for himself and family, but he sought rather to pass these blessings on to all of his people.

One of the greatest influences in his life was that which his devoted wife brought. Her gentleness and patience and co-operation was an ever-anchor to him and served to give him great energy, steadfastness and direction.

As the Rev. S. R. Drake said, in delivering the funeral service, the life and influence of Rev. was not ended but would live on forever. So far as verse and bronze and granite go, he may remain an unsung hero, but he will ever live in the hearts and minds of many thoughtful people.

African Educator Addresses Students

Associated Negro Press.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 25—H. S. Keigwin, director of native development in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, who has been spending some time at Tuskegee observing methods in education, spoke to students and teachers Sunday evening. He said in part, "It is to me a privilege and distinction to appear and sit where your great founder, Dr. Washington made a name for himself and his race. His name has gone across the seas and is beginning to be well-known there as it is here. The Tuskegee doctrine of education has been recognized as sound, sane and helpful and in Africa we have deliberately copied the methods of your founder. I have thought of the secret of his success and have come to believe it was a sort of divine insight into the home life of people he was trying to help. He believed that the school must begin on the level of those taught."

Writes Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones: "Mr. Keigwin's work in behalf of the natives of Africa is a notable achievement which has commanded the gratitude of all who know his work. He is a Cambridge University man who has spent the most of his life in Africa. Through his early studies of the education of the colored people in America, he has acquired considerable knowledge of American activities in education and this has been applied with singular success in Southern Rhodesia."

Progress in Georgia Race Relations

Atlanta, Ga.—Education, justice in the courts, protection from mob violence, courteous public service, and right racial attitudes were among the subjects discussed at the annual meeting yesterday of the Georgia Committee on Inter-racial Co-operation, which was attended by more than fifty representative white and colored men and women from all parts of the state.

Reports were heard relative to the work of the State Commission, and that of local inter-racial committees in Americus, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Fort Valley, Macon, Monroe, Savannah, Thomasville, and Waycross. Efforts in the interest of anti-lynching legislation, better schools and other public utilities, adjustment of inter-racial difficulties, study of prison conditions and juvenile courts, street improvement, legal aid, and other lines of activity were reported. Special reference was made to the general co-operation of the press of Georgia in the anti-lynching campaign, which has brought the state's lynching record down to two a year as against a previous twenty-year annual average of eleven.

Dr. Willis King, of Gammon Theological Seminary, made one of the most effective addresses of the day. Other colored representatives taking part in the program were: Prof. H. A. Hunt, Prof. E. Franklin Frazier, Mrs. H. R. Butler, Mrs. Kemper Harrell, L. J. May, Mrs. Willie Hill Powers, Mrs. Pearl Smith, W. H. Harris and J. H. McGrew.

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