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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. Geo. Bell held service in the B.M.E. Church Sunday, Dec. 18th, during the absence of our pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, who was away in Toronto assisting Rev. F. O. Tewart in quarterly meeting services.

The Masonic fraternity observed St. John's Day in their lodge rooms on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Mr. John A. Dorsay, chaplain, presided.

We regret to report that Mrs. Ida Summers is still confined to her home through illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Harper, who passed away on Thursday, Dec. 8th at the St. Catharines Hospital, was held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of her son, C. E. Harper, North St. to the B.M.E. Church. Rev. E. A. Richardson conducted the services at the house, church and graveside. Interment took place in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, amidst a profusion of floral offerings. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Morris Dorsey, Chas. Bell, Sr., B. Fletcher, John Nicholson, Walter Cornish and Fred Dorsey.

Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd, the Watch-night service was observed in the B.M.E. Church New Year's Eve. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson gave an appropriate address on "What is yon life?"

Sunday services were deeply devotional. In the morning the pastor spoke on "Love"—Deut. 6-5, after which the old custom of love-feast, was engaged in. At 7 p.m. Rev. Richardson spoke from Phil. 3-13, and exhorted his hearers not to hinder their progress, nor thwart their spiritual fervor by looking into the past, but realize that with every new day comes newer opportunities. Let us purpouse by and through re-consecrated lives to improve greatly on the past. After solemn renewal of the covenant, the communion was administered.

Miss Harriet Young, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Nicholson, Vine St., are proud parents of a son. Messrs. Charles Bell, Jr., and Watson Graves, spent a couple of days visiting in Buffalo.

Mrs. Louis Bell and son Bobby, of Toronto, spent the holidays in the city, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell.

Miss Mary Grant, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and brother, Arthur, of Montreal, Que., were holiday visitors in the city.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Ida Summers is progressing favorably, but is still confined to her home.

TWO N.A.A.C.P. OFFICERS TO WRITE FOR ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA.

New York, Dec. 30.—Two officers of the N.A.A.C.P. have been asked to contribute to the new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica it was announced today. The two men so invited are Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, who will write on the literature of the Negro and James Weldon Johnson, who will write on the Negro music.

OWEN SOUND.

The members of the B. M. E. church are making big preparations for the sailors annual supper, under the leadership of H. Woodbeck and Mrs. A. Harrison.

The election of officers took place on January 9, 1928. Trustee are as follows: Jeremiah Smith, H. Woodbeck, Jas. Green, Clifford Johnston, Thos. Green. Church Stewards: H. Woodbeck, preacher's steward; J. Smith, E. Johnston, J. Green, Mary Bower, Secy.-Treas., Mrs. C. Johnston and Mrs. Wm. Harrison; B. M. E. Sunday school officers are as follows: Thos. Green, Supt.; Mrs. C. Johnston, asst. supt.; Mary Talbert, secty.; Mrs. H. Logan, treas.; 1st Bible class teacher, T. Green; 2nd Bible class teacher, Mr. C. Johnston; infant class teacher, Mrs. H. Logan; organist or musical director, Mrs. Wm. Harrison; librarian, Eleanor Talbert.

We are glad to report that Lanson Taylor is able to go around again after going through a serious operation. His mother, Mrs. L. Taylor is still suffering from nervous breakdown.

The pageant, play and concert in the B.M.E. church, was directed by Rev. H. Logan and took place on December 12th. It was a success in every way with a good crowd. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$60, which was used for paying on the church debt.

The children of the B.M.E. Sunday school, under the leadership of Mrs. Wm. Harrison and Mrs. C. Johnston gave a splendid Christmas tree and concert in the church. The children did fine and great credit is due to the sponcers for the way they had trained the children.

BAINE—In loving memory of our dear mother, Rebecca Baine, who entered into rest Dec. 9, 1926.

God is good he gives us strength To bear our heavy loss; He is the only one who knows How bitter is our loss.

We miss you at every turn, Along life's weary road; For life is not the same to us Since you were called away.

Sadly missed by daughters and sons.

STRATFORD

The B.M.E. Sunday School had the Christmas Tree on December 17th with Norman Pipe from Toronto as chairman. The church was nicely decorated and everyone reported a jolly evening.

Mr. Horal Ducan and Miss Alice Harrison were married here on November 24th. Mr. Bob Hesson and Miss Gertie Henderson acted as best man and bridesmaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown from Hamilton were visiting their mother, Mrs. P. Brown.

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