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REV. G. W. SLATER DEFENDS THE WEST INDIANS

(From the Edmonton Journal)

Editor, the Journal:

Sir:—In your issue of yesterday under the caption, "Varsity News," your reporter reports the address of a speaker to the French Club of the West Indies, which report does not convey a right impression of the natives of that region of the world.

I feel sure that the speaker having lived seven years there while telling the untowardness of the natives, must have also told of the excellencies of that people. From the report one would get the impression that all of the natives were degenerates without aspiration. Such an impression would be an erroneous one for this is a people who, a few generations ago, by most commendable valour, overthrew their masters, won their freedom, and secured the recognition of the same from both England and France. Also some of the brightest minds of the day in every interest of life are men of the West Indies. In their own native land there are many of them standing high in business, education, politics, and religion.

In the United States some of the leaders of the Negro people are West India people. Two of the bishops of our church, one of which is deceased, were West India prelates, besides many of our chief pastors, teachers, and business men, and they seem to excel in medicine.

The report states that the population is much mixed with African, Spanish and American, for which mixture they are deteriorating and losing vigor. This is not true to fact as many of the finest types of citizenship in that land are of mixed blood. While it must be admitted that there are deteriorations there, this is not peculiar only to the West Indies. It can be duplicated in any country in the world, even among the very highest of civilizations. It is not the fact of the mixture of blood that makes for deterioration, but bad environment and educational facilities.

The truth is that the men and women as well as nations that have contributed so largely to the world's great progress have not been products of unmixtures of blood, but

A. J. E. Butler Wins An International Championship

London, March 4th, 1924—At the National Partridge Wyandotte Club, which convened recently at Toronto, Mr. A. J. E. Butler, of this city won the champion male prize in competition with two hundred and fifty other birds. In the contest were eleven breeders from the United States and thirty breeders from all parts of Canada. Mr. Butler's success is especially gratifying to all Canadians as it marks the first time the prize has been won by any Canadian since the inception of the Club in 1903. He also won the bronze medal for the best colored male bird at the Exhibition. That Mr. Butler is held in the highest esteem by the members and officers of the association is shown from a letter which he received from Mr. J. F. Tallanger of Rochester, N.Y., who is general secretary of the club. Mr. Talangr, in his letter, asked Mr. Butler for articles for publication on his methods of mating, breeding, conditioning for poultry shows and so forth. Mr. Butler's strain of Partridge Wyandottes is among the best to be found upon the continent.

people through whose veins course the blood of more than one of the chief race varieties. The susceptibility of men and women of blood mixtures to the highest cultural development has been proven beyond a doubt.

Speaking of the West India people, Prof. Monroe N. Work, of the Research Department of Tuskegee Institute says that 70 per cent. of the population are Negroes, and that there is also a growing demand for educational and economic improvements."

Being aware of the power of the press for creating and maintaining public opinion which means so much to any struggling people, we are somewhat solicitous that any reference to the Negro be correct and fair and just. No white person, except he who has lived much among my people can realize the awfulness of the labyrinth of prejudice that we must work through to make just a bare living, to say nothing of in any way adequately enjoying life.

G. W. SLATER, Jr.



MR. A. J. E. BUTLER

Seeks Right To Cast Vote

Seeks right to vote. —4

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Birmingham, Ala., March—Considerable interest has been created here by the filing of a suit by Mrs. Cora Trotter against County Registrar J. K. Bowen, who refused to permit her to register for voting. He claimed that she did not know enough about the Constitution of The United States after he had given her a piece of paper and told her to write down what she knew. Mrs. Trotter holds that she is a property owner, has paid her poll tax, a citizen of age, and therefore entitled to vote. She is being represented in court by Attorney J. E. Robinson. She is the first colored woman in Alabama to demand the right to vote.

Harlem P. O. Rich In Racial Patronage

(By The Associated Negro Press)
New York, March—College Station one of the forty-eight branch postoffices in Manhattan and the Bronx, is at 140th Street, near eighth Ave., in the midst of the world's largest racial colony.

It is patronized by more foreign born colored than any other postoffice in America. Alexander King,

HERO SAVES JUDGE THEN SLIPS AWAY

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., March—Municipal Judge Edgar A. Jones was saved from falling down an elevator shaft in the County Building by an unknown colored man who grabbed him by the coat as he was falling into the shaft. The rescuer slipped away without giving his name.

Judge Jones was descending in one of the elevators when the fuse blew out and the car was forced to stop between the sixth and seventh floors. To allow the Judge to alight the operator reached down and opened the sixth floor door. He then placed his stool on the sixth floor and Judge Jones climbed out. As he stepped on the stool, the top broke off and the stool fell into the shaft. Judge Jones crashed to the floor. The man who was standing by the door, grabbed Judge Jones and prevented him from falling into the shaft.

ELECTROCUTED BY DROP LIGHT

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Newberry, S.C., March—Will Gary and Wesley Adams, truck drivers for the Newberry Cotton Mill, were electrocuted in the company's garage on Thursday as they were about to take a truck out. Gary pulled a drop light down to see if the truck had oil enough and was instantly electrocuted. Adams met a similar fate when he went to the aid of Gary. Several white men who came into the place later were more or less seriously shocked in their efforts to help. It is believed that the wire of the drop light became overcharged and that the damp cement floor of the garage contributed to the tragedy. Both men were married and known as good workers.

colored, is superintendent; an Irishman and a Jew are assistant superintendents. Out of a working force of ninety, there is a slight preponderance of colored employees. The white clerks outnumber the colored clerks, and the colored carriers outnumber the white carriers, but in each instance the margin of numerical superiority is scant.

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