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Friends of Miss Christina Charles will be pleased to learn that her condition shows improvement. At present she is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell of Ypsilanti and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell of Fletcher were week-end visitors of Mrs. Walter Cromwell of William street.

Mrs. Chris Brown has returned to the city after a very pleasant vacation spent with friends and relatives in Flint, Mich., Windsor and Detroit.

Mrs. Elaine Phillips of Detroit spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris.

Mrs. Mary White of Detroit, visited her auntie Mrs. Wm. Groat, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Groat have opened a most spacious rooming house at 240 King street, near the heart of the city. They are prepared to entertain many tourists.

Mr. Wm. Berry, Sr., has been very ill for several weeks at the home of his son, Mr. Wm. Berry, Jr. Recently his two daughters, Miss Lucile Berry of Buffalo, Miss L. Hunter of New York City, and Mr. Leonard Berry of Toronto visited his sick bed.

Mrs. Mamie Prior of Toronto was a recent visitor to this city.

The B. M. E. Sunday School picnic, held on August 11, was a decided success. About 75 people sat around the dinner table.

London people who went to Chat-ham on August to assist the C.L.A.C.P. in the great celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry, Miss Myrtle Prior, Mr. Frank Prior, Miss Bertha Moxley, the entire Drake family, Mr. Fred Ball, the Anderson family, the major part of the Jenkins family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Millie Smith, Miss Florence Lightborn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Poindexter, Mrs. Mary Coursey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly, Mrs. Eliza Groat, Mr. C. Smith, Mr. Harry Coursey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris.

Miss Aletha Smith of Woodstock is visiting Evelyn and Kathleen Jenkins of Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. Walter Cromwell of William street entertained friends at dinner last Sunday evening. Covers were laid for five.

Mrs. Francis Fitzhugh has returned from Woodstock where she visited friends.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wells and three of their children, the Misses Hattie and Lillian and Master Charles, of Clifton Forge, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. E. Butler of Wellington street. Mrs. Butler is a sister of Rev. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris of Trafalgar street entertained in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Elaine Phillips, last Thursday evening. Many of Mrs. Phillips friends were present on the occasion and the evening was a most pleasant one.

TOPICS OF THE HOUR

(By People of the Hour).

FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP.

Another great failure in our present leadership is the fact that the high destiny of the Negro by most of them is not recognized or understood. A great race will recognize no leader who does not see and therefore cannot point out the highway by which it may reach its place in God's plan of the ages. If the Negro is a great coming race it were well that its leadership were informing itself as to its past history, for the past will point the way to the future. We make the contention that the average leader is very uninformed and that this the main reason of their failure.

In proof that we are not recognizing the commanding position that God designs that we occupy in world affairs, let us cite this illustration. One of the editors of the Associated Press was stationed for a year upon one of the great western highways, along which came every type of humanity. Occupying a commanding position among whites with no Negroes in the community and finding no church there, that innate spiritual nature of the Negro began suffering, suffocating and in this situation this editor learned something of the real mission of the Negro to the world.

Down this great transcontinental highway came every type of humanity and men of every race. Air-men, world hikers, sailors, soldiers, marines, foresters, college boys and girls, the rich and poor, the ruined and disconsolate, all poured through this place of business. Then the great power of the Negro, his great mission began to manifest itself. Shut away from the church, this recluse began to preach, to bind up broken hearts, to direct the ruined and unbelieving and to the astonishment of our member of staff, every type listened with reverence and apparent awakening to light.

The Negro is the greatest preacher in the world, this is his mission. We have only given this illustration to clinch the argument that this old world tottering to disintegration, needs the relighting of the "torch" through the enlightened spirituality of modern Negroes. What need of the claim that we were great in distant ages, that we gave civilization to the world unless we PROVE IT NOW and we can in art and literature, and music and LIVING prove it true again. Civilization is tottering, problems face the world that seem a world consternation because other races cannot solve them. To the trenches, black heroes!

The call of the Negro press is that the Negro author, playwright, musician, poet and author stop writing for the Negroes and plunge up the mountains to his God-ordained destiny of again lighting the "torch of truth" for all nations and races, for truth is falling all around us, the pillars of the church are being undermined, music, art and literature are polluted with the dark stream of sensuality and there is no hope for the world unless Ethiopia stretches forth her hands to God as she in ancient ages was the creator of all original in art, so from her must spring the new light of to-day. Creative power lies unawakened because leadership does not sound the call.

We are black Canadians and we can prove our love and patriotism for our native land by dedicating ourselves alone to high ideals in music. Not the

music that sets men's feet tripping and rouses lower lusts, but back, back to the sublime promise of "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground." In literature that we shall not spread the poison of race consciousness in resentment but that we shall in literature and the drama show the wonderful heart of the Negro to love. Let us teach the young Negro, that he who develops LOVE shall be loved by other races and that he who develops hate shall reap HATE.

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