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ODDFELLOWS OF ONTARIO MET IN TORONTO

The thirty-fifth annual session of the District Grand Lodge No. 28, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, convened in Occident Hall, on Thursday and Friday, July 30th and 31st, 1925. The session was called to order at 9.30 by District Grand Master Major R. L. Dunn.

The District Deputy Grand Master introduced L. Crawford, delegate from Peter Ogden Lodge 812, who came forward and in well chosen words expressed his high appreciation in having the honor of welcoming the district Grand Lodge to the City of Toronto, and hoping that their stay will be a happy one. At this point the keys of the lodge were presented to the District Grand Master, which was accepted with a very brief address.

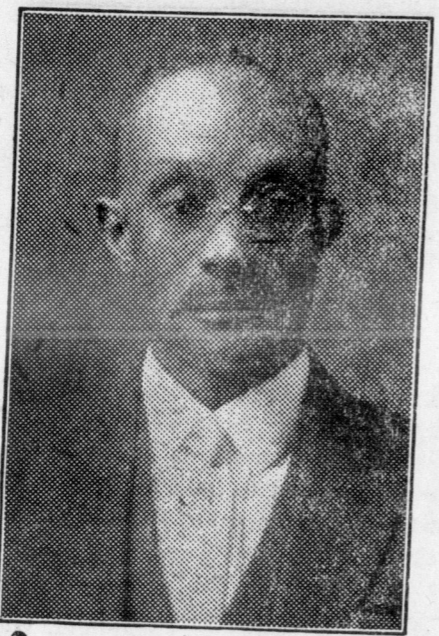
The following officers were also present, District Deputy Grand Master, A. L. James, Toronto; District Grand Treasurer P. Chase, Buxton; District Grand Director, A. Prince, Buxton; and District Grand Secretary C. T. Cherry, Chatham.

After the usual routine work attending the opening of the session, District Grand Master Major R. L. Dunn made the following appointments, J. H. Browning, grand chaplain; L. Parker, Grand Warden; and L. Crawford, Grand Guardian.

Following the appointments on credentials, grievances, rules and Grand Master's address, the session was adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 p.m. shortly after which routine business of the session was taken up and disposed of, this was followed by the reading of the reports of the district Grand Secretary and District Grand Treasurer. These were placed in the hands of the auditing committee, which afterward reported favorably thereon.

The session was brought to a close on Friday afternoon with the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Brother R. L. Dunn, District Grand Master; A. L. James, District Deputy Grand Master; P. Chase, District Grand Treasurer, J. W. Shreeves, District Grand Secretary; A. Prince,



REV. W. L. THRASHER, B.D., Pastor Baptist Church, Dresden, Ont., an eminent divine and a thorough race man. He has succeeded in creating greater interest among his people for the C.L.A.C.P. than anyone else.

District Grand Director; and C. Wright, District Grand Supervisor. All the officers were re-elected with a singular exception of the District Grand Secretary.

On Friday night a reception and banquet was tendered to the delegates in Occident Hall by the Committee of Arrangements. The Chairman, A. L. James, District Deputy Grand Master gave a presentation of the District Grand Master to the audience, who, in response, thanked the committee for their cordiality on behalf of the delegats.

Mrs. M. L. Fountaine gave an interesting address of welcome on behalf of Victoria Household of Ruth, extending a hearty welcome to our city, homes and hearts.

Other speakers for the evening were Brother L. Crawford, Dr. W. G. Morrison, and Mr. E. L. Cross, Barrister. The function lasted until early hours of August 1st, 1925.

The next session of the District Grand Lodge will meet in Buxton, July 29 and 30, 1926.

Montreal Lady Dies

There passed away on Sunday, 9th inst., Mrs. Daisy Paris, formerly of Barbadoes, B.W.I. leaving a sorrowing husband and two children to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday 11th, from Wray's Undertaking Parlors, Mountain St. Rev. Chas. Este officiated.

ADVENT OF LEAGUE IN CHATHAM, WINDSOR, AND DRESDEN ENTHUSIASTIC

On August 9th, J. F. Jenkins, Executive Secretary, left the city on a tour for the purpose of setting up branches of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People. He was successful in setting up branches in Chatham, Windsor and Dresden, where the coming of the League was welcomed with unbounded enthusiasm. On Sunday evening, August 9, Mr. Jenkins spoke in the A.M.E. Church, Chatham, of which the Rev. Wm. F. Seay is pastor. The Secretary chose for his subject: "A Vision in Life." The entire audience listened to Mr. Jenkins throughout with rapt attention. On the following Monday evening a meeting was held at Johnson's Hall, King Street, at which the League was officially organized, after Rev. Seay and Secretary Jenkins had explained the aims and objects of the League.

Tuesday, August 11, Mr. Jenkins proceeded to Windsor, where complete arrangements had been made for his coming and for setting up a branch of the League. The ministers of the city deserve great credit for their hearty support and for their assistance in making the meeting a tremendous success. The meeting was held in the B.M.E. Church with Rev. W. H. Jones in the chair. Many



THE LATE SIR ADAM BECK.

ANTI-EVOLUTION AND RACE PREJUDICE

An editorial in the "Crisis" for September, commently on the "Evolution trial" in Dayton, Tennessee, asserts that it was evidence of the ignorance of Nordic America, the same ignorance which brings about oppression of the Negro.

"The folk who leave white Tennessee in blank and ridiculous ignorance of what science has taught the world since 1859," asserts the editorial, "are the same ones who would leave black Tennessee and black America with just as little education as is consistent with fairly efficient labor and reasonable contentment; who rave over the 18th Amendment and are dumb over the 15th; who permit lynching and make bastardy legal in order to render their race 'pure.' It is such folk who when in sudden darkness they decry the awful faces of the Fanatic, the Fury and the Fool try to hide the vision with gales of laughter.

prominent speakers were present to add zest and enthusiasm to the occasion. After the Secretary had explained the purposes of the League the house immediately went into permanent organization. Some of Windsor's most prominent citizens were elected as officers, and as in Chatham some of the outstanding white citizens were chosen and agreed to serve on the Executive Board. The Windsor League started off with \$50.00 in its treasury.

On Friday, August 14, the 11th Concession of the Township of Dresden gave Mr. Jenkins the surprise of his life. While he expected to be greeted with not more than 40 or 50 people, however when he entered the hall he was met by an audience of nearly 700 enthusiastic citizens. Even the little children, of whom there were many, seemed to sense the fact that something was being created for their benefit. After a short address by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Thrasher, the welcome address by Miss Hilda by Mr. Simmons and the Rev. Penick, the house voted to go into permanent organization. Several solos and a number by the choir were beautifully rendered. Mr. Jenkins' address was most highly appreciated by the Dresden people. Rev. Thrasher proved himself to be a great organizer and a thorough race man.