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## What About Black America ?

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leading members of the colored race  
what is their attitude to this ques-  
tion. "The question never enters  
our minds," they frankly stated. And  
one, at least, added, "The whites look  
upon us as an inferior race. Well,  
we have our race pride. We are too  
proud to marry into a white race  
that holds such opinions." The ques-  
tion of inter-marriage is not one  
which this generation or the next  
need consider. When it really does  
arise it will have ceased to be a  
"problem."

Discrimination against the Negro  
as regards the exercise of the fran-  
chise is part of the larger question  
of American politics. Speaking as  
a friendly observer from another land  
I would suggest that the promotion  
by one or other of the old parties, or  
of a fresh party which may arise, of  
a far-reaching new political program  
would be likely to arouse such a re-  
newed interest in politics that the  
votes of all citizens, irrespective of  
color, would be eagerly sought by the  
contestants for the support or defeat  
of the proposed measures. It would  
be essential, however, that the Ne-  
gro question as such should not fig-  
ure as a plank in any such program.  
He must be a citizen with other cit-  
izens.

"I'm afraid a great many of my  
people like to be petted and treated  
as children. We must learn self-re-  
spect, a very successful Negro busi-  
ness man in Chicago remarked to  
me. I think he was correct. In-  
creasingly his race is learning to  
have a proper conceit of itself, but  
the other attitude often remains.

Hitherto, perhaps, the Negro has  
been inclined to let the friendly  
Northern white man be his spokes-  
man. Now he is becoming his own.  
His inferiority complex (blessed  
phrase, which we use so glibly when  
we cannot explain an attitude!) has  
recently made him often intolerant  
of mixed white and black staffs at  
his bigger schools. But there seems  
a welcome change in the realization  
that such staffs give a unique op-  
portunity for the races to mix and to  
get to know one another. But—and  
rightly—he asks that the white men  
and women shall be his co-helps,  
even his leaders; yet not imposed  
from without, but chosen by himself.  
Some valiant old workers for the Ne-  
gro have to learn the hard lesson  
that in future their part will be to  
learn to work with him.

Co-operation is being finely foster-  
ed by the Inter-racial Movement, and  
its work is one of the most hopeful  
activities in the United States. The  
permeation of the spirit it engenders  
will solve the Negro problem, which  
is as much a white as a black one.  
As one Negro doctor said to me, "We  
can't see our way through. We  
must live it through." And so, too,  
must the white race. Matters must  
not be forced, but the American pub-  
lic, and the Christian public especi-  
ally, must see that there is steady  
movement forward.

I share the belief of Dr. Moton, ex-  
pressed in a talk I had with him at  
Tuskegee. He said, "I believe God  
is making of America a great labor-  
atory for working out through the  
black and the white races the great  
problem of human relationships.

### TORONTO

On Sunday evening April 13th, a  
large audience came out to greet the  
Railroad men at their second annual  
service at the B.M.E. Church, 94  
Chestnut St. Sermonette by the  
pastor and address by Mr. Fox, Ser-  
geant Mays and Mr. R. H. Clarke  
were very inspiring and uplifting.

The choir rendered some beautiful  
solos and anthems, also the commu-  
nity band played some fine selections.

On Easter Sunday at St. James B.  
M.E. Choir presented the following  
programme at 8.30 p.m. Anthem "As  
it Began to Dawn"; soprano solo,  
"Alleluiah," by Mrs. Ardilla; anthem  
"The Angel of the Lord," baritone  
solo by Mr. C. A. Johnson; anthem,  
"Christ is Risen," piano duet, Miss  
Grace Price and Master Bruce Price,  
anthem, "From Egypt's Bondage,"  
pantomime, "Lead Kindly Light,"  
Miss Margaret Jackson and Miss Mil-  
dred Jackson, Mrs. Susie Hunt, sol-  
oist! anthem, "Unfold ye Everlasting  
Portals." Offering.

The funeral service of Dora Sharp  
Binford was held on April 23rd, at  
the residence of her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles Sharp, 306 Lippin-  
cott St. A large number of friends  
turned out to pay their last respects  
to the departed.

The many friends extend their  
deepest sympathy to the bereaved  
family.

Mr. James Butler is quite ill in  
the General Hospital.

Mr. Richard Jackson is quite ill at  
this time.

We are glad to report that little  
Kenneth Brown is slowly improving.  
He has been in the Sick Children's  
Hospital since last November.

Gen. Supt. Rev. Wright and Mrs.  
Wright were present in the city on  
Sunday and Monday, April 27th and  
28th. On Sunday evening the Gen-  
eral Superintendent preached in B.  
M.E. Church.

### OWEN SOUND

On March 17th the Missionary So-  
ciety of the B.M.E. Church held a  
"Jiggs" Supper at the home of Mrs.  
Ida Patterson. Many of the young  
people were in attendance and en-  
joyed themselves very much.

On Monday, April 7, Rev. Dr. J. B.  
Cropper of British Guiana spoke at  
the B.M.E. Church. For the past 24  
years Dr. Cropper has been a Mis-  
sionary representing the Presbyter-  
ian Church of Canada. He related  
some most wonderful incidents and  
experiences while he was in British  
Guiana. We were pleased to hear  
that there is no color line (social or  
otherwise) in that country.

Sunday, April 13 was quarterly  
meeting. Rev. Hodges of the Church  
of Christ Disciples officiated, assist-  
ed by our pastor, Rev. Gow. Rev.  
Gow spoke at both services. The  
day was a spiritual feast.

We are pleased to report that Mrs.  
L. Taylor is much improved after  
suffering from a painful accident of  
a few weeks' ago.

Mrs. Thos. Green has been indis-  
posed for the past few weeks suf-  
fering from nerve trouble. She is at  
present convalescing at her home  
and we are pleased to report that  
she is improving.

Mr. H. Woodbeck and Master H.  
Green left their homes on March 17th  
to take charge of the boat at God-  
erich. We wish them a prosperous  
season and a safe return.

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