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Editorial

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THE AWAKENING.

In the issue of The Dawn of April 19th, we wrote editorially upon the need of co-operation among our people, whereby business enterprises could be established in order to give employment to our boys and girls and in order that we ourselves might become an integral part of the commercial and business world. We invited all persons who might be interested to write us, giving their views upon the proposed convention. Since the editorial appeared we have been surprised beyond measure at the genuine enthusiasm which our people have shown.

Each day letters are pouring into this office, commending The Dawn for taking the initiative in this movement, suggesting places and times for the convention, suggestions of methods of creating interest in the conventions. Some have even submitted concrete and well defined plans for operating certain businesses. Some of these letters we have published, others we intend to publish from time to time, as rapidly as our limited space will permit us to do so.

One of the most pleasing notes which has been sounded—a common note sounded in every letter—is the suggestion to proceed cautiously, to be sure that the organization, when it becomes a living thing, is placed in the hands of honest, competent and scrupulous men and women.

These letters show that our people are becoming interested in their own welfare and in their posterity. When a people are willing to come together and sacrifice and work and INVEST their meagre earnings for a common cause it may be rightly said of them that they have caught the true vision of the future, that they have begun to tread the rugged road which leads to higher civilization and to racial success.

What matters it if some of our group have begun co-operative businesses and have failed? Is that a reason why WE can not begin and can not SUCCEED? Only recently the Home Bank has failed with an enormous loss to its depositors and investors and still the people have not lost faith in banks; nor have they lost confidence in business firms, young or old. So too, with us. We should use our failures as stepping

stones to success and as beacon lights warning us against the treacherous shoals and the danger points of the future.

It is said that the Colored people of the States today own 650,000 homes, conduct 60,000 businesses, operate 1,000,000 farms and that their accumulated wealth amounts to \$1,500,000,000. They own 45,000 church buildings. They own and control schools, the property of which is worth \$30,000,000, and on these schools they expended last year \$28,000,000. These figures at first glance seem mythical and yet they are vouched for by the United States Bureau of Statistics. If our brothers and sisters in the South have accomplished thus in spite of race prejudice, disfranchisement, the peonage system, the "share-crop" system (a system of highway robbery), discrimination in every walk of life—what might we do, WE who are his majesty's subjects, who are not proscribed against; we who are surrounded and protected by the spirit of British fair play and love for justice—what might we not do if we only try?

Two things however are obvious. So long as we are willing to do the scavenger work and to be the burden bearers in this country, or in any country, there will be no serious objection on the part of other races. Again, if we ever rise beyond this level it will be through our own efforts, our own intelligence, our own industry and through CO-OPERATION. We can never hope to climb to success upon the shoulders of other peoples. If in this country there are not enough positions for all we can not hope that our children will be given positions if it means that the children of other races must be excluded. But there is an alternative and the alternative is that we make places for our own boys and girls.

What would do more to stimulate race pride among ourselves, what could do more to raise us in the respect of other races, what could do us more good materially or spiritually than seeing a chain of well conducted business places established and conducted throughout the Dominion by our own people?

We feel highly gratified at the results so far obtained through our efforts to work up the convention. We hope soon to be able to announce definitely the plans, the place, and the time of the convention. Keep your eyes on The Dawn.

SENTENCES ARE REDUCED

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Washington, D.C., May—According to a letter written to Walter White, assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, all of the so-called Houston rioters, imprisoned in Leavenworth Penitentiary have received reduced sentences as a result of the recent investigation made by a board of army officers.

Life sentences were cut to thirty years, making these men eligible for home parole not later than 1928.

Others are eligible for parole between August of this year and 1928, it being possible for every prisoner by proper behavior to free himself in a period not to exceed 3 years and 7 months.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of our Dear Alice Hulett-Butler, who passed away two years ago. May 22nd, 1922.

MOTHER.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Griffin Hulett, who passed away, April 7th, 1919.

Years have passed and still we mourn the loss of our loved ones, who shed light within our hearts. Nor days shall lighten, till we too shall cross to where we will meet them, to part no more

WIFE AND FAMILY.
Niagara Falls, Can.

OAKVILLE NOTES

Mrs. Nelson left on Tuesday the 14th to visit friends in Western Ont. and Michigan to be away for two or three weeks. We wish her a pleasant time.

The social given by the Willing Workers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Decoursey on Wednesday evening was a decided success.

The Ladies of the Missionary Society gave a very successful social at the parsonage on Friday evening.

Miss Mable Decoursey was at home over the week end and worshipped at Turner Chapel.

Mrs. Crawley of Toronto is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams and worshipped with us at the morning service.

Miss Annie-Belle Duncan spent the week-end in Oakville visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bennett and attended both morning and evening service on Sunday. After the close of the evening service Mrs. Bennett entertained a few friends to tea after which Miss Duncan thrilled the hearts of everyone with her beautiful voice by rendering a piano solo.

Mrs. L. Gennett entertained several friends on Saturday evening in honor of her niece Miss Duncan of Toronto. Games and singing were the features of the evening after which refreshments were served. Everyone was highly pleased with the occasion.

Mrs. A. Stuart formerly of Oakville, returned on Friday after spending the winter in Detroit. Whilst preparing her beautiful home on McDonald Ave. she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bennett and is contemplating remaining at home which we trust that she will.

Mrs. Amon Duncan was called away on Saturday to visit an aunt in Simcoe who is seriously ill at this writing.

Rev. Nelson is much pleased with the hospitality shown him during the absence of Mrs. Nelson and on Sunday he was entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. L. Bennett. Covers were laid for nine.

Mr. Alex Waynor and Misses Marie Laform are on the sick list at this writing. We wish for both a speedy recovery.

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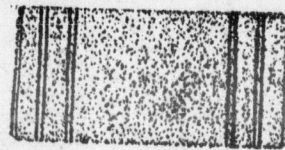
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