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EDITORIAL.

To Public, Subscribers and Supporters of the Dawn of Tomorrow.

This being the only edition in Canada published in the interest of the darker races in Canada we ask your full support as in the past. The Dawn of Tomorrow has been a great credit to our race and has brought about more understanding between us and our white brothers than any other medium in Canada. It is a medium through which we are able to express our views, and thoughts, knowing when we wish an audience we can always have one through it.

Let us put away our petty prejudices and treat each other as brothers. Let us, the Negro race, unite more closely, for in unity there is strength and the sooner we know that eternal vigilance is the price of success, then and only then, will we succeed in gaining our object.

Until we stand firm and let it be known that we are determined to have justice, not as individuals, but as a race, only then will we gain the respect of our white brothers.

In a conversation with Mr. C. L. Burton, he said, "You and your people may tell our race what you wish of us, but unless you keep prodding us as you would a coal of fire, we are slow to grasp." Let us not be thus. It is time now for us to start prodding and without tiring until we have as I said previously, accomplished all things due to a race of intelligent people.

Making a way clear for our boys and girls to attend any institution of education where they may want to go, able to prepare themselves for any station in life that any other boy or girl is able to fill. To bring this great object about for the advancement of our people, are we not the responsible party?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
Dawn of Tomorrow
London, Ontario.

I read with much concern your report in your paper about the ban placed on coloured students contemplating attendance at the Medical School, at University of Western Ontario, London.

It seems to me by the explanation given by the executive secretary, Colonel Walter James Brown that the ban on coloured students was placed because of objections by white patients in hospitals to being examined by Negro students and the

authorities considered placing the ban as a "step necessary to maintain our standard of learning." What means our standard of learning Colonel Brown and the Executive possess, I am at a loss to discover from the explanation, but I do know that any sane, right thinking human, Christian mind, will admit that the best standard of learning for any student is a standard which prepares him to face the world with human sympathy and a Christian understanding of Justice, fair play, equality, among the members of the human family, irrespective of color, class or creed.

It is a terrible blow, and a serious impact to the van of Christian and human progress, when any representative, of our institutions of learning in our Christian loving country, vouchsafe to set up a barrier and inject prejudice and discrimination in the minds of our youths, be they white or black, and have the audacity to play with words, sentiment, and the effect of such injections, by representing them as "steps necessary to maintain our standard of learning."

How could one conceive of our standard of learning being lowered by the presence of coloured students, or Negro students, or black students in our white institutions, I fail to see, but I do see the splendid opportunity of black and white students mixing and intermingling in institutions of learning helping each to understand by contact, the different racial ideals, customs, aspirations and hopes and what is most noble of all, understanding and realizing that we are of one blood, of one God, and have one ultimate purpose, fellowship and communion with God and man and maintaining and holding high, the pure banner of Christianity and humanity.

I think that the decision of the University authorities is to say the least, mawkish sentimentality, most un-British, cowardly and a principal subversive of the best teachings of the most dear and illustrious British Empire.

Further Colonel Brown seeks to do the impossible by juggling with words and attempting to suck and whistle at the same time. He says the "ban" is placed on coloured students, because white patients complain, or object to being attended to by coloured students and in the same breath he says that coloured Canadians are not banned and of course, I take it, that coloured West Indians and Americans are banned. A Negro is a Negro all over the world and there is no difference in a Canadian Negro, West Indian Negro or any other Negroes, and if this is aimed at West Indian Negroes at a time when Canada and the West Indies are endeavouring to build up a trade, for their mutual benefit and a more common understanding as members of the Empire it certainly would result in serious hardships and possible repercussion to both countries. I sincerely hope however as a West Indian and a Negro who has gone through a Canadian University, yea Dalhousie University of which I am justly proud, (and have had contact with white students and believe that they have been benefited and I have benefited by the contact, socially, morally and intellectually), that the authorities of Un-

A TRUTH I'VE FOUND.

The "Always Fit" have e'er been few
And, as a bolt from skies of blue
Men have been called, as I of late,
The passing of their ills to wait;
And though the time to us seems waste

Our pangs and pains seem loathe to haste

To speed away.

We've seemed too busy e'er to stay
From calling tasks an hour away;
Yet, forced vacations make demand,
"A Respite" is their stern command
From all which we have gladly done
As eagerly our path we've run

The westward way.

it thus befalls, sometimes, to men
To sheath their sword and dry their pen,

Nor cringe, nor dream, nor reason why

Awile we let the world go by,
With giddy whirl and toil and strife—
The heritage of common life

The earth around.

But troubles spring not from the ground,

Though mightily they may abound;
But bolts may come from skies of blue
With arches and worries not a few,
For subtle ills lie oft beneath
The guise of well-behaving teeth—
This truth I've found.

—MACK

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iversity of Western Ontario will see their way to take immediate steps to ban the ban and permit the saner and more Christian and human view to prevail in their dealings with students alike both white and black.

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