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Editorial

ASKS FOR BETTER CHANCE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

When members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science were in Vancouver they listened with deep interest to a dramatic appeal from Andrew Paul, a member of the Squamish tribe of Indians. Andrew Paul's plea was for a better chance for, not only his tribe, but for all of the North American Indians. He said in part: "Friends, what can I—a poor Indian—say to such an audience of the passing of my people. You have heard Dr. Smith tell of the old days, of our habits and customs of life that were familiar to my old friend the chief here.

"In the early days they followed the life described to you, but those days are no more. We have reached a new stage, a trying period in the crucial time indeed. Behind us are the customs followed by our ancestors for centuries; ahead of us are strange ways. Our fathers earned their living from the sea and from the forests. We of the generation of to-day, as Dr. Smith has pointed out to you, are trying to earn our living in mills, in logging camps and by long shoring. It matters not a deal for those who knew the old customs of our people, for they will soon pass on. We younger men, who have still fresh in our minds some of the legends and stories of our fathers, perhaps we cannot benefit—but what of the children? What of our race for the future? What does to-morrow hold for them?

"They cannot go back to the ancient ways and we want them to do better than they are doing. They must meet the new ways that are developing. They must strive with the white man for their living.

"I say to you and to all the white people through you, give them a chance. Give them the advantage of the same education that the white children get, open the way for them, learn to improve their minds so that they can have the same opportunities. That is the only way my people—the young children growing up—can really be benefited.

"There is a message I would like you to take back to the old land. Tell your friends that when the white man first came to the coast we swore allegiance to the British King; tell them that though they may be loyal in Great Britain they are no more

loyal to our king and empire than are the Indians of British Columbia."

Andrew Paul must have made a lasting impression upon those scholars who represented the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Turning aside from their discussion of flora and fauna, Anthropology, ethnology, physics, chemistry, geology, forestry and other sciences, here they were brought face to face with a real human problem. And if they could find no solution for the problem which Andrew Paul had presented to them what is there really in the advancement of science? They must have reasoned, for if, as science advances, it does not bring greater opportunities to all man-kind it falls far short of the aims of its promoters. Andrew Paul has well spoken, not only for his tribe, not only for his race but for all of the underprivileged and his plea will go echoing down through the ages.

The colored people of the Dominion through the Canadian National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are making a similar plea, are asking the same questions as did Andrew Paul as: "What of the children? What of our race for the future? What does to-morrow hold for them?"

TRUSTING

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Although the fig tree cease to flourish
And no fruit be in the vines:
Though the olive fail to nourish,
And the field yield hardest lines.
The flock cut off from every fold
And no herd left in the stalls,
Still, like good Hababbuk of old
My faith and trust hear slightest calls
The Lord Jehovah is my strength.
I walk with him in places high,
My feet like hinds feet till at length,
I know and feel him always nigh,
My joy still in Jehovah God,
Even while I pass beneath the sod.

MONTREAL NOTES

On Sunday, Oct. 19th at 3 o'clock there was a religious union meeting held at the Saints of Christ Church by the colored ministers of this city. Addresses were given by Rev. Jones, Rev. Adams, Mr. Charles Este, Dr. Clauzell and others.

Mrs. B. Johnson, social worker, spent the past week visiting institutions out of the city: viz.: Sherbrooke Knowlton, etc. in connection with her work.

The christening of Stella Ivy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Des Noyer St., took place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gordon Johnson is still quite ill at his mother's residence.

Mrs. J. C. Welch of the Auxiliary Board and an Executive of the Colored Home (Halifax) is visiting this city.

The Willing Workers of the Union Church will present the drama "Wanted, a Servant," on Thursday evening.

We are looking forward to a great musical treat when Roland Hayes the world famous colored singer will sing at the St. Denis Theatre on Thursday evening.

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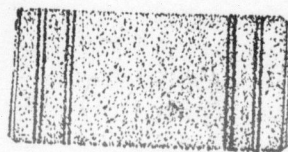
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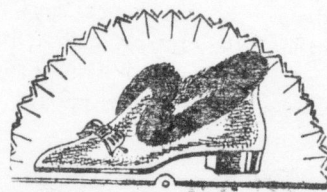
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