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WHERE SHALL THE NEGRO LIVE?

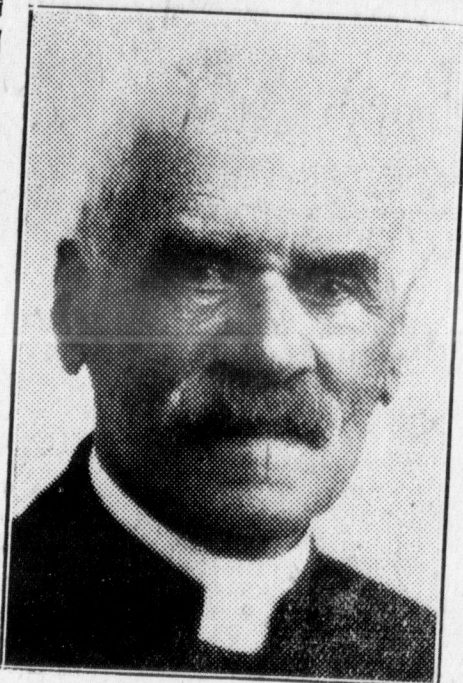
A symposium on "Where Shall the Negro Live?" is published in the November 14th issue of Christian Work, a religious weekly review (70 Fifth Avenue, New York), with answers to the question ranging from James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to H. W. Evans, head of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan point of view, which is also that of Senator Coleman L. Blease, of South Carolina, and Governor Thomas G. McLeod, of South Carolina, is that Negroes should be segregated from whites.

Christian Work introduces as follows the letter of the N. A. A. C. P. secretary:

James Weldon Johnson, the distinguished Negro poet and secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is helping to bring a defender to the defenseless among the Negroes and doing us all a service by calling our attention to the wrongs from which they suffer, answered as follows:

"The only suggestion I have to make is that if a colored family legally purchases a house in any neighborhood and conducts itself in accordance with the laws of the community and of decency, it has a right to stay there and to be accorded the guarantees of a democratic form of government and the common decencies of a civilized, Christian community. I cannot see any other course that can be pursued which would not contradict and stultify all our claims to democracy and Christianity. A city street is not in any way a social rendezvous. The fact that a man lives next door or in the same block places no social obligations upon his neighbors. In this city families live in the same house and do not know each other or seek to know each other. If we can set apart certain streets or sections in a city for Negroes why is not logical, in fact, why is it not then compulsory, to set aside separate cities, or communities, in which they should live? I do not see how we could take one step and not follow it through without being illogical and foolish."

Among those in substantial agreement with Mr. Johnson's position are: W. E. B. DuBois, Eugene Kinckle Jones, secretary of the National Urban League; Thomas Jesse Jones,



REV. R. A. BALL

Who will celebrate his 80th birthday at Windsor, Ontario, Sunday, November 29th; also Mrs. (Rev.) Ball her 79th birthday. Rev. Ball has been an active minister in the B. M. E. Church for many years, serving first as evangelist and then taking up pastoral work. He pastored very successfully at Windsor, London, St. Catharines, Toronto and Winnipeg. His work as a church builder and financier will be a lasting memorial to him, his consecrated life, his wise counsel, his personal service to those in the hour of bereavement and sorrow, to whom he gladly went. Because of this many will rise up to bless his name for many years to come.

A service in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ball will be conducted at B. M. E. Church, Windsor, next Sunday. A special fund is being raised by the church.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. M. Stewart and family, of 554 Hill Street, wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown them during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of husband and father; also to thank the staff and nurses of Victoria Hospital and A. E. Silverwood and employees.

Roger N. Baldwin, of the Civil Liberties Union; Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, head of the Federal Council of Churches; Father John A. Ryan, representing the Catholic Church, and Ellsworth Huntington.

Progress for Our Group

(From The Gary Sun.)

Ours is a wonderful race. We are at home in America. We have been a vital factor in the progress of our country. We are at home in South America, Europe and Asia. Everywhere the black man is found he is noted for his good disposition, patience and trustworthiness.

We can make more rapid progress if we study the best in our successful citizens of America and study the best in all peoples everywhere.

Our economic strides will be rapid when we learn to be efficient along the lines we follow and when our efficiency is the equal to that of any group in America or Europe.

Let us do this and our group will find ready patronage among our own and from other groups. Then we can be assured that we will make good positions for our boys and girls who must look to us or look in vain. Let us think together and work together.

WHITE AND COLORED WORKERS COMBINE

New Orleans, La., Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Amalgamation of the white and colored longshoremen, who have been on strike for the past two years, was consummated Sunday when the two organizations by a unanimous vote decided to join hands in an effort to win better wages and conditions generally. Hereafter the two organizations will meet as one body, with Harry Keegan, white, as president, and Mose Johnson, late president of the Negro longshoremen, as vice-president.

SAFETY BUMPER INVENTED BY INGENIOUS WAITER

New York, Nov. 18.—A new kind of an automobile bumper, said to be very practical, has made its appearance here. The inventor is a dining car waiter, James Whittaker.

The Whittaker bumper is really a safety device to eliminate some of the dangers of injuring pedestrians. It is arranged to catch or brush aside persons who might get into the path of a moving machine.

The invention was patented in 1924 and has been approved of by the State Public Safety Department of Massachusetts. Whittaker plans to give a public demonstration of the device in this city within the next few months.

ROMANS FOUND LONDON CITY OF IMPORTANCE

(From The Gary Sun.)

London is of great antiquity and unknown beginnings. It is mentioned very early in the history of north-western Europe. It is noticed in Tacitus, and later the Romans under Claudius took it and gave it a Roman administration. That occurred something like a century after the invasion of Caesar. The old Britons were a bold and warlike race, and, led by Queen Boadicea, they recaptured the city and burned it.

Soon thereafter it was rebuilt, remaining unfortified, it is believed, until the reign of Constantine, by whom it is thought the walls of London were constructed and the city erected into an episcopal see. The walls began in the neighborhood of the present tower, and were completed by another wall along the banks of the Thames. The importance of the city at that time is attested by the number of the Roman highways which led from it.

EFFORT TO BAR THE KU KLUX KLAN FROM CANADA

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 16.—Asserting that he ran the risk of being waited upon by "hoodlums in night gowns," Francis A. Browne, Laborite member in the British Columbia Legislature, Wednesday demanded that the Government act to prevent the organization of a Canadian branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Browne moved an amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne urging the Provincial Government to take all necessary steps to restrain "this seditious movement," and bar its membership from all elective or official positions under the crown.

Extra!

Jury Disagrees In the Sweet Trial

Detroit, Nov. 27th, 1925—After several hours' deliberation, the jury, in whose hands rested the fate of Dr. Sweet and nine other Negroes, have reported to Judge Murphy, the trial judge, that they have failed to agree.