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## NEW ASSOCIATION HOLDS SECOND BIG MEETING

Appeal to Employers to Treat  
Colored Men Fairly

"The Negro of today is facing an even larger and worse crisis than he has ever faced in other years and if we, the older people, do not alter it the conditions will be worse for the next generation," was the keynote of the address delivered to the regular meeting at the Y.M.C.A. last evening of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, by their president, J. W. Montgomery, of Toronto, last night. "We don't work for our own good alone, but for the little ones that are to come and who will follow in our footsteps, and as long as we have the backing of the men that we have our organization will grow because when they see the importance others will."

The chair was taken at the opening by Vice-President B. E. Fountaine who in a few remarks before introducing the president, made a complaint against The Toronto Mail and Empire regarding an editorial that appeared in that paper on August 18th, in which the following statement was made: "If President Coolidge can add to his reputation by asserting that Negroes have a right to be candidates for Congress his reputation must be in sore need of building up." The matter was put to the meeting and by a unanimous vote it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the paper in question and some means taken to secure a retraction.

Ex-Ald. Max Lerner condemned the attitude of the white man toward the colored man. "Where do the white men get the audacity to say they are better because their skin is white," he asked. "It is only climatic conditions that make a person's color, and we are all one with God, whether we are pink or green."

### Plan Convention Here

The general business transacted included the setting of the date for the Association's annual convention,

which will be held on Labor Day, 1925 in London. Plans were also made to secure a speaker of prominence to address a mass meeting of citizens and also the various clubs to lay before the men of the city the troubles of the colored race.

A series of resolutions prepared by the executive at a previous meeting were read and adopted. These included a proposal to carry on propaganda by which the employers of the city would be made to see that the black man could do the same work as the white man, a campaign through the various newspapers to educate the people out of racial prejudices and thus assist the colored children to obtain better positions. Should one of their members obtain a position and his services prove satisfactory, it was felt, it would help the organization. It was decided also that a campaign be organized by which the circulation of their official paper, "The Dawn of Tomorrow," might be increased, and through this means the plans and successes of their various movements be made known to the general public.

The secretary, J. F. Jenkins read a letter from E. R. Dennis, of this city, in which Mr. Dennis expressed regret that he could not be present, but assured the members that they had his sincere sympathy. The executive was more than pleased with the general tone of the letter, in which Mr. Dennis stated that it was a shame that the colored people, who are Canadians by birth and education, should have to take second place to people of other countries in obtaining positions.

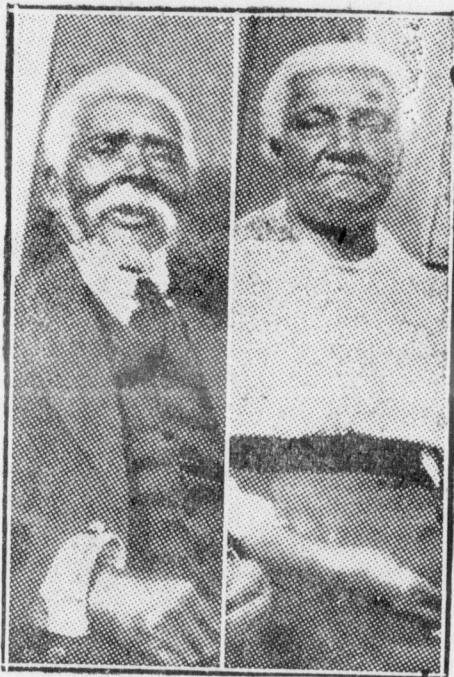
### Name Committees

The committees appointed by the executive were approved by the meeting. They are: Board of Directors, Sir Adam Beck, E. A. Silverwood, J. W. Wray, H. Wray, Mayor Wenige, Fred Landon, David Ross, Max Lerner, James Gray, E. R. Dennis, E. W. Cairns, R. H. Wade, E. J. Carty, J. A. Montgomery, B. E. Fountaine, E. M. Wood, F. Stewart, C. H. Brown, S. W. Cromwell, S. R. Drake, F. F. Fountaine, W. F. Seary, J. F. Jenkins, G. Q. Warner.

The membership committee is composed of: C. H. Brown, Mrs. Frank Budd, Mrs. Fred Ball, Albert Butler, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. Carberia and Mrs. J. Cromwell.

The publicity committee members are: Fred Landon, S. R. Drake, F. O. Stewart, E. M. Wood and J. F. Jenkins. A finance committee is to be appointed later.

OVER 100 YEARS OLD



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graves of Aylmer, Ont. Just a few weeks ago Mr. Graves celebrated his 100th birthday. He was once a slave in the State of Kentucky.

## Chatham Man Is Re-Elected G. M. Of Colored Masons

Mr. C. M. Cooper has returned from Amherstburg, where he has been attending the Grand Lodge meeting of the colored masons. He was unanimously re-elected to his high and exalted position of Grand Master of the F. and A.M. of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which position he has held for the past twenty five years. G. W. Turrell, another high officer of the order was re-elected to the position of Grand Commandery. D. Bissell was re-elected to the position of Grand Generalissimo.

## Wins First Prize In All-Canadian Vocal Contest

Mr. Andrew Johnson of Toronto won first prize in the All-Canadian Vocal Contest which was held last Saturday in that city under the auspices of the Canadian National Exhibition. It will be remembered that Mr. Andrew Moxley of London, one of our group captured Third prize last year.

## A. M. E. CHURCH CLOSES CONFERENCE AT HAMILTON, ONT.

The 40th session of the Ontario Annual Conference is history. Bishop W. T. Vernon and wife have endeared themselves to the members and friends of African Methodism in Canada. It will be remembered that Bishop Vernon was at one time Registrar of the U.S. Treasury, has been the president of Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., and of Western University, Obindara, Kansas.

The Conference was called to order Wednesday morning and Rev. A. T. Williams of Sarnia preached the annual sermon. Rev. W. H. Jones of Windsor was elected Secretary; Dr. W. E. Guy of Toronto Assistant Sec.; The Conference had as guests: Rev. J. W. Saunders of the Michigan Conference; Dr. J. D. Barksdale, Editor of the Western Christian Recorder, and Dr. Sol Lucas of the American Bible Society.

In conjunction with the Annual Conference was held the Layman's Movement, Mrs. J. C. Holland of Hamilton elected President and the Women's Mite Missionary Society, Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Windsor, President.

On Friday evening the 25th anniversary of its organization was celebrated. 25 years ago they reported for Missions \$14.00. This year the amount has swelled to \$571.00.

In a report made by Bishop Vernon we learned that over \$15,000 is appropriated for the Ontario and Nova Scotia Conferences each quadrennial. Ministers on the smaller charges receiving a regular stipend each quarter from the Missionary headquarters of the A.M.E. in New York City.

Bishop Vernon has promised to come into the province with pictures of native life in South Africa, also views of contributions being made to the spiritual and educational life of the nation by the A.M.E. Church.

The appointments were as follows: Presiding Elder and Financial Agent, Dr. T. H. Henderson; Toronto, Rev. W. E. Guy, Ph.B.; Windsor, Rev. W. H. Jones, D.D.; Hamilton, to be supplied; Chatham, Rev. W. F. Seay; Oakville, Rev. Thomas Nelson; Amherstburg, Rev. W. T. Alexander; Central Grove and New Canaan, Emmet Frye; Sarnia, Rev. A. T. Williams; Montreal, Rev. Julian Jones; Evangelists, Rev. J. H. Williams and Rev. J. C. Holland.