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## Editorial

### A SOLUTION OF THE WORLD PROBLEM

In speaking to an audience of more than one thousand people in one of the largest white churches of Atlanta, Dr. Mordecai Johnson said the race problem can be solved only by applying these basic principles, which Jesus preached and practiced:

1. A reverence for human life, for its own sake, which will make us unwilling to harm or humiliate or hinder the development of any human being.
2. The obligation to help every human being in need, irrespective of race or class.
3. A spirit that does not harbour hate or relation, but returns good for evil and wins its enemies by the compelling power of love.

We thoroughly agree with Dr. Johnson in believing that on such principles will the race problem be solved if it ever is solved. But we would also go a step further and say that the whole world problem will be solved upon the same basic principles if it is solvable at all. Respect for human life as such; respect for the feelings of others and an unwillingness to hinder progress in any form and among any people must precede anything like law, order or human happiness. Wherever in the world these principles are practiced at all, there we find a degree of peace and prosperity; where they are the least observed is where we find conditions approaching chaos and real misery.

It is also our bidden duty to help every human being in need, irrespective of race or class or nationality. How plain this must appear to the true followers of Christ! To deny this is to deny the fundamental teachings of Him; to refuse to do this is to brand ourselves as hypocrites and pretenders.

The spirit that harbors no hate nor retaliation, but returns good for evil is indeed a noble one. Such souls are rare, few and far between, but upon them rests the future hope of the world. One of the most pathetic incidents in connection with the crucifixion was when Jesus looked down upon the mob and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Can we mortals ever hope, through love of humanity, to forgive them that spitefully use us? This may seem hard and unnatural but ye followers of Christ, remember He taught this by word and deed.

That the world has not put into

practice these three principles is very evident; that the time when the world will begin to practice them to any great extent is in the distant future, is also apparent. But they are the only way. The greatest world problem is the attitude of man towards his fellow human beings. Because this problem has never been solved we have had wars, murder, hatred, suspicion, prejudice and jealousy. Perhaps it is too much to expect, but if they ever are solved it will be on the three principles which Dr. Johnson has outlined for the solution of the race problem.

### MR. A. R. KENNEDY

Perhaps it will suffice for us to say of him: "he served his people well." During his all too short sojourn with us Mr. Kennedy made himself felt as a writer, thinker, scholar, Christian citizen and a MAN. His presence will be sorely missed, not alone in the field of journalism, but his activities and his wholesome influence will be missed throughout the city and district, for he was ever ready to espouse the cause of right and justice. The colored citizens in particular will miss him, for some of his editorials in defense of their rights will ever stand as masterpieces in their categories. We regret for the Advertiser and for the good of our city that we have lost him, still we must congratulate the Stratford Beacon Herald on having secured the services of such a valuable man as Mr. Kennedy.

### THAT EMPTY PEW.

There are so many empty pews today that something should be said to arouse the interest of Christians in particular. Somewhere in the church perhaps ahead of you, is an empty pew which is silently eloquent of your duty and privilege. It speaks of your chance to share with others the inspiration and delight of the Church service. All that the occasion has meant to you it might mean to them, and more. The music, the singing, the association and the sermon which helped you and sent you out a better man or woman might just as well have trilled them also. The passage which inspires you, or perhaps was but common-place to you, might have been a veritable revelation to many with whom you meet and talk during the week.

If that empty pew were filled it would yield a net gain for all. It would improve the sermon which can never be better than the congregation. No minister can fill the pulpit of a half filled Church, though many of us are trying hard to do it. That empty pew acts as a short circuit. He cannot throw the current of interest across it.

Every empty seat could be filled without the expenditure of a single extra cent and with infinite profit. Sermon, music (warmth are all supplied, no matter what size the audience may be. As a matter of economics, success here is certainly cheap failure is very expensive. There is nothing in the Church so extravagant as that Empty Pew. It cost as much as the one occupied and pays nothing in return. Christians! Fill that Empty pew and you have not only given but you have gained.

Yours for progress,  
F. O. STEWART,  
Toronto.

### HAMILTON

Mr. Samuel Adams and Mr. Richard Johnson, of Oakville were visitors in town during the week.

Rev T. C. Holland spent Sunday in Toronto assisting Rev. Carpenter with services during the day.

The services at St. Paul's were held as usual Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Townsend, preached inspiring sermons at both services. The Junior Choir was in attendance at both services and rendered their selections in a most pleasing manner.

### Young—Morton

On Monday at 2.30 o'clock St. John's Anglican Church was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Violet Morton, of this city and Frederick Young of Niagara Falls were united in holy matrimony. The bride, who looked stunning in a frock of white sequined satin and veil was given in marriage by her father. Miss Stella Young, of Niagara Falls and Miss Ruby Morton were bridesmaids, while Mr. Joseph Morton acted as best man. Later a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Morton, Augusta St. The happy couple will reside at Niagara Falls, Ont.

On Wednesday evening, February 10th, a branch of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People was established. Mr. J. F. Jenkins of London was present and much enthusiasm and interest was shown during the meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. C. Holland; 1st Vice Pres., Mr. Howard Lewis; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. Israel Hesson; Rec. Sec., Mr. R. A. Hammond; Cor Secretary, Miss Marjorie Lewis; Treasurer, Mr. Edward Duncan. The next meeting will be held Feb. 17th for the purpose of completing the organization. During the evening a debate will be held "Resolved that the present coal situation is unjustifiable." Affirmative led by Rev. Townsend; Negative led by Mr. Israel Hesson.

The death of Arthur Ward Holland occurred in this city Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, five sisters and three brothers.

Mr. James Johnson has returned home from Chicago where he has been employed for some time past.

Mrs. James T. Bryant, who has been ill for many months is improving slowly.

Mrs. J. C. Holland left for New York City where she will spend a few days as the guest of her son Mr. Gilbert Holland.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Bell, in honor of Miss Violet Morton, whose marriage takes place shortly. Several young ladies were present and the beautiful gifts received were evidence of the high regard in which this young lady is held.

The Jr. Missionary Society is progressing nicely under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Lewis and Miss Elfrida Holland. A party was held for the little ones, and all enjoyed a sumptuous repast and a jolly time.

Miss Evelyn Duncan of Guelph is the house guest of Miss Elfrida Holland, Hunter Street.

Mr. Wm. Holland, Mr. Garnet Holland of New York, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson of Palermo, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp of Toronto, attended the funeral of Arthur Holland.

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