

OWEN SOUND

The B.M.E. Church celebrated its 74th anniversary on the 23rd and 24th of the present month. The celebration was a spiritual and a financial success. On Sunday, March 23rd, the pastor delivered a most fitting sermon for the occasion at the morning service. The church officers conducted the evening service, one of the speakers was Mr. Thomas Green, the oldest member of the church here. Mr. Green was very interesting and told much of the early history of the church. The first church here was founded in 1856. The ministers he recalled from the early seventies down to the present were Rev. J. J. McEwen, H. L. Brown, L. E. Anderson, J. A. Mayo, Wm. Dunn, J. Brown, W. A. McDuffie, L. M. Lewis, who was the last pastor occupying the pulpit of the old church.

Beginning with the present building which was opened Dec. 31, 1921, he said the first pastor was Rev. D. M. Lewis, then came Rev. J. J. Wm. Dunn, Rev. Hamilton, Rev. L. M. Lewis, again Rev. L. Johnson, Rev. Pummer, E. A. Richardson, H. Layman and at present Rev. W. A. Lewis. Some of the present workers of the church since 1899 were: Thos. Miller, E. Patterson, J. Condy, J. McLeod, Wm. Branscomb, Wm. King, S. Ford, Wm. Chandler, Wm. Hamby, J. Hansen, S. S. Miller, K. Green, M. Woodson, S. Hays, J. Branscomb, M. Taylor, E. Snodder, H. Hamby, M. Jackson and others. The church is progressing nicely under the pastorate of Rev. Lewis. He has made a tremendous impression upon our young people. The celebration closed Monday evening with a grand concert which netted the church \$68.00.

Miss Evelyn Lawson and Mr. Stanfield Cooper were married on March 21st at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Bowe. The ceremony was performed by Ad. Peterson of the Salvation Army. Miss L. Bate was the bridesmaid and L. Green was best man, although Mr. Cooper's home is in Collingwood the bride and groom are at present residing in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Clifford Danner has been confined to her bed for a few days.

The Missionary Society held a St. Patrick's Supper last Monday evening under the leadership of Mr. Bowe and Miss Peterson.

The B.M.E. quartette is scheduled to sing at Owen Sound North St. United Church on the 14th of the present month for the benefit of the St. United Church Choir.

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Though others with me do not see,
That never should we not worry me,
Thus it has been, and thus it will be
Till Time becomes Eternity.
And there'll be no more strife,
Oh! dear friend I never should be
So grieved as I cannot see
That Father's law, which sets men free
From narrowness and bigotry,
Do live the better life.

None prosper well, not knowing all,
Or loves his brother's sin to bawl;
At last triumph who should fall!
The voices which to others call
To him may speedily be
How at no man's hand and call
Who would my free-born soul en-
treat!
Before the Master Mind of all
My seeking soul must stand or fall
Through all eternity.

Out over the world there's constant need
Of kindly thought and word and deed
To daily paths I must give heed
For life is more than boasted creed,
Well worked thought it is,
There may be fables or sheep to feed
Or mine own soul to plant or weed
Where duty calls I'd of with speed
Whatever may be the time or need.
The summons is for me.

Let go what will, or come what may,
I will should walk on life's stern way,
What thoughtless critics have to say
Shall vanish soon as mist away.
While time and tide move on,
I'll never be sullen, never too gay,
Be slow to scoff, be apt to pray,
Some treasure in my heart away,
Till murmurs at my tomb must say,
We deeply grieve he's gone!
—MACE.

Fight for a Million

Chicago—Efforts to get an estate valued at \$1,000,000 from the hands of the colored wife of James Banks, 74-year-old Georgia white man started last month proceeded here Saturday when Joseph M. Little was appointed "trust friend" to Banks in Superior Court. Such action permits Little to bring suit for the annulment of the marriage of Banks to Delly Gardner, 56 years old.

Little is representing Banks' sister, Mrs. Fannie Banks Calhoun in the suit. He asks that Mrs. Banks surrender and render an accounting. The Banks' estate consists principally of real estate in Georgia and Don County. They also own a valuable orange grove in Florida.

It was decided that Banks is suffering from senile dementia and is incompetent to manage the estate. Banks professes sincere love for his wife.

New York, Mar.—The "Atlantic Bond," a paper published every month in the interest of African people everywhere, has just made its appearance here. The paper is published by the Afro-Publisher Company, 111 E. 12th St., New York, is editor of the publication.

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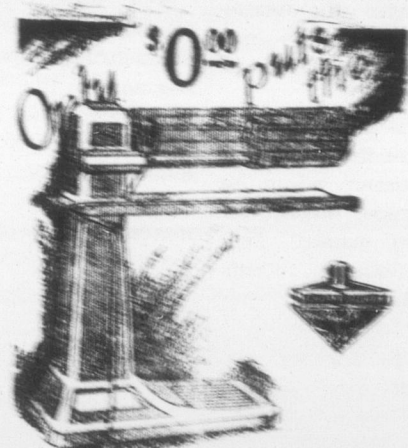
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