

# Our Correspondents

## TORONTO NOTES

### REV. BALL RETURNS TO TORONTO

Toronto, Ont.—The members and friends of Chestnut St. B.M.E. Church are congratulating Rev. R. A. Ball, the grand old man of British Methodism, upon his re-appointment to this pastorate.

A few years ago Rev. Ball served his present church for six years, and under his pastorate the church was greatly improved, making rapid strides along all lines. After serving the B.M.E. Church in Winnipeg, he was re-appointed charge in 1922, and already plans for the improvement of the neat and commodious building on Chestnut St. are under way.

The site of the present edifice was purchased 79 years ago by a group of escaped slaves.

Rev. Ball, who was born in St. Catharines 78 years ago, is still hale and hearty; his is a great power in this community, and an energetic leader of his people. He will be remembered by many, as the head of the once famous Ball Family of Jubilee Singers which toured Canada and the U.S.A.. Mrs. Ball is still a sweet singer, and their daughter, Mrs. Edna Parker is an accomplished musician. Rev. R. R. Ball, pastor of Zion Church, Hartford, Conn. is a son.

### Presiding Elders Tendered Dinner

Toronto, Ont.—Rev. A. W. Hackley, Presiding Elder of the Des Moines Dist., of the Wisconsin Conference, and Dr. T. H. Henderson, Presiding Elder of the Ontario Conference, and their wives were tendered a testimonial dinner last Sunday afternoon by the Pastor, officers and friends of Grant A.M.E. Church this city. The dinner was held in the dining room of the Church, which was tastefully decorated. Rev. Wm. E. Guy, the energetic pastor of Grant Church delivered a brief address of welcome which was heartily responded to by Rev. Henderson and Rev. Hackley, who having formerly served Grant Church as pastors were very reminiscent, and told of the early struggles of the church. Rev. Hackley is in the city for a brief rest of two weeks. Rev. Henderson is making his last visits to the churches throughout the district prior to the Annual Conference.

Rev. W. L. Brascoe, of Benton Harbor, Mich. closed a successful evangelistic campaign last Sunday, at University Ave. Baptist Church. Rev. A. McEwen Williams, the pastor, announces that there were five additions, and three candidates for baptism.

Rev. W. E. Guy, the able and energetic chairman of the Annual Sunday School Picnic Committee is arranging a group of interesting sporting events for the occasion which happens on Thursday, July 26th, at Grimsby beach.

The Trustees, and Trustees Helpers Auxiliary of Grant A. M. E. Church are planning a Midsummer Festival for early in August.

Mr. M. H. Echols, of the Equipment Department of the U.S. Government is holidaying in Toronto. He is the guest of Rev. Guy and Rev. Williams.

Miss Minerva Philips, head of the Music Department of the National Training School of Durham, N.C. is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bassett Abott of Lawlor Ave. Miss Philips was born and educated in Toronto, bringing honor to her Race by graduating from the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1921. She was for years Organist of the B.M.E. Church, and is now making good down south.

Miss Reed, and Mms. Leona Brewton tendered a Shower to baby Ethela Virginia Guy, the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Guy.

A large crowd left Toronto Wednesday morning, July 4th, for Niagara Falls. It was the occasion of the Annual Picnic of the U.N.I.A. The picnickers reported fine weather and a good time. Many crossed the border to assist the Americans in celebrating Independence day.

Rev. Wm. E. Guy has returned from a pilgrimage to Wilberforce University, where he attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of that mighty institution.

## HAMILTON NOTES

We are pleased to have our pastor, Rev. C. Emory Allan back with us once more enjoying the best of health and working very hard on the new Parsonage.

Mr. John Pierman is still confined to his home but is rapidly improving.

Mr. Arthur Workman, who had a very bad fall, is able to be out again.

Mr. Richard Hammond, 91 Oake Ave., our Postie, is on his holidays and expects to travel to parts unknown.

Mr. William Bell is still confined to his bed. At this writing we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duncan are at Mount Vernon attending the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Duncan's parents. We wish them many happy returns of the day.

Sunday, July 8th, will be our 4th Quarterly Meeting of this Conference Year. Rev. Grain of Oakville will preach and bring his choir over. Presiding Elder Dr. Henderson will preach morning and evening. Please come out and bring a friend and make this a big day.

We expect to have Mr. Jess Brown back with us in the near future to stay.

The Missionary Society and Laymen's Movement under the leadership of Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Adams are planning a three nights fair on July 30 and 31 and August 1. It will be held on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hollands. Look for notice later.

Miss Marjory Lewis is in Guelph attending the Sunday School Convention.

The quilt contest has been postponed until July 12th. A grand program will be given. Admission 15 cts.

The people of our Race in Hamilton wish the Dawn of Tomorrow God's speed, best wishes, prosperity and success.

## AMHERSTBURG NOTES

Miss Fern Thomas, Trained Nurse of Oberlin, Ohio, is spending her vacation at the home of her grandmother Mrs. Wm. Adams, Murray Street.

The Masonic A.F. and A.M. are conducting the celebration, August 1st, at Amherstburg Park.

Miss Francis Kirtley, King St., was pleasantly surprised July 4th by a visit of her Detroit friends.

Mr. Wm. Banks of Buffalo, N.Y., is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Holten.

St. John's Day, July 1st was celebrated by the Masonic A.F. and A.M. at the Town Hall at 3 p.m. They were assisted by Masonic of Detroit and Eastern Star. A large attendance from Detroit and Canadian cities was present.

Mrs. Jerome Simpson, King St., the charming hostess, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison, Mr. Monteith, of Sandwich, and the Rev. P. Brooks on the first of July.

The Eastern Star O.E.S., gave a lawn fete at the Matron's home, Mrs. Clara, Brantford. The yard was decorated beautifully with Japanese umbrellas and lanterns and the porch was cleared for the young people to dance. The committee is to be thanked for the enjoyable evening.

The Women's Missionary Society gave an ice cream and strawberry social last Wednesday for the benefit of the Parsonage.

Don't forget to patronize the colored bakery. George D. McCurdy Jr. is the Proprietor. Corner of Murray and King Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bell and son were Sunday visitors at Mrs. Bell's mother's, Mrs. Ann Foster. They motored down.

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