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PROPOSE UNION FOR THE THREE NEGRO CHURCHES

Open letter to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vernon and Dr. T. H. Henderson of the A.M.E. Church and Rev. S. R. Drake of the B.M.E. Church.

Rev. Sirs:—
The problems that have for years been facing the Colored Churches of Canada are growing daily, and it behooves someone to make suggestions that may be able to solve these problems. Since the consummation of Organic Church Union among the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists (white) the adoption of a similar union among our churches has been receiving its full share of consideration.

Our churches are facing more and more grave and serious problems in carrying on to any amount of success their mission and it's only union of these churches that will be able to solve their problems, and it is up to the representatives to start the ball rolling. The Colored people are either Baptists or Methodists, with few exceptions, but the rank and file are of these persuasions. Because the Baptists stand out for a certain scriptural principle in obedience to the command of God which has been accepted also by Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans, as authentic and which doctrine is being practiced by our Methodist friends, we dare not ask them to dispense with their right and unite with the Methodists except in communities where there are not sufficient people to carry on both Baptist and Methodist churches, and if the Baptists are in the minority, it would be more Christlike for them to unite with the Methodists and no doubt under such circumstances, a Union Church could be advantageously formed.

Now there are two branches of Methodism whose principles and governments are the same only different names; the A.M.E. and the B.M.E., one representing the American people, the other the British. We have learned that in England all the various branches of the Methodist Church are uniting to form one body. The same thing ought to be applied here among the B.M.E. and the A.M.E.

Discover New Race Of Dark People

Ney York, August 26th—Prof B. N. Gorodkoff, a Russian explorer who has traversed Western Siberia, reports the discovery of a hitherto unknown Dark Race on the River Poora. The tribe calls itself Neshen, which means "Forest Men". Their language is entirely different from that of any of the other nationalities populating Western Siberia.

These people have dark hair and dark complexion. They have no intercourse with their neighbours and few of them engage in fishing and hunting beyond the borders of their own little country.

The Advantages to be Gained.

1. It would impress our people that we or they, are all aiming for the same place.
2. There would be more unity among the Christians.
3. The third reason is vitally essential. There are not sufficient people in the various communities, especially where there is a Baptist, a B.M.E. and an A.M.E. to give the necessary support to the pastors in such a community, as is required. The poorest paid man today is the Colored preacher. Because of these many Churches, and the impossibility along with the unwillingness and indifference of some against paying a pastor, he suffers and becomes as it were a public charge. Therefore, if there should be a coming together of these two branches of Methodism we could have larger and stronger churches and a better paid ministry. The strength of the ministry in our colored churches is decreasing, especially from an educational standpoint. I am an opponent to men entering the high office, a position that calls for leadership, without some educational qualification or standing. Large churches, or say United Churches, would demand men of ability as leaders.

How Then Could Union Be Achieved?

To bring about a union of the A.M.E. and B.M.E. it should be accepted as a necessity by the representatives, irrespective of party interest. To deal with the constitutional rights and privileges, it would be necessary that both branches be united under the American Episcopacy or the Canadian. The B.M.E. being an incorporated Church and is naturally Canadian, it would not be inappropriate for

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COLORED SINGER WELL RECEIVED IN NEW YORK

By N.A.A.C.P. Press Service.

Marian Anderson, colored contralto, enjoyed a triumph at her appearance with the Philharmonic Orchestra in the City College Stadium on Wednesday night, August 26, having been chosen for this honor from 300 competing singers. F. D. Perkins, critic of the New York Herald Tribune, asserts that the audience was estimated to be the third largest of the entire season of Stadium concerts. Mr. Perkins in his review of the event calls Miss Anderson's "a voice in a hundred thousand" and continues:

"A notable feature in Miss Anderson's singing was its entire naturalness; all that she had to do apparently, was to sing, without any need of apparent effort to fill the Stadium spaces. In high and low notes, there was a full, rich quality that carried far; the singer had no more trouble, it seemed, in singing at the Stadium than in singing at Aeolian Hall, but seemed more at her ease, in smoother voice, than in the Aeolian Hall auditorium.

"A storm of applause followed the Donizetti number, very meritoriously sung, and Miss Anderson sang Woodman Terry's 'The Answer' as an encore. But expressively, she seemed most at home in the three spirituals scheduled for her second appearance: Harry T. Burleigh's 'Deep River' and 'Heav'n' and J. Rosamond Johnson's 'Song of the Heart,' in a performance characterized by what might be called expressive simplicity."

The New York Times reviewer said Miss Anderson made an "excellent impression" and found her "endowed by nature with a voice of unusual compass, color, and dramatic capacity."

Bell Boy to Supervise Production of His Play

New York, August 26—Garland Anderson, the colored bell boy who came here from San Francisco last year to raise money for the production of a play of his own authorship will visit New York again and it is said that this time his play will be produced in a Broadway theatre. Anderson originally came east at the invitation of Al Jolson, and was accordingly the subject of considerable attention.

It is now announced that Anderson has obtained backing in California

LEAGUE BRANCH ESTABLISHED IN ST. CATHARINES

Last Sunday morning J. F. Jenkins, our Executive and Organizing Secretary, left for St. Catharines for the purpose of setting up a branch of the C.L.A.C.P. in that city. On Sunday evening he spoke at the B.M.E. Ch. explaining in a short, but stirring address the aims and objects of the League. Rev. H. F. Logan, pastor, had done much to pave the way for the coming of the organization and for that reason the Secretary had only to emphasize and explain a few cardinal points concerning the movement. The citizens of St. Catharines were eagerly awaiting the coming of the League. On Monday evening a meeting was held in the Church for the purpose of affecting the organization. Rev. Logan acted as chairman and after a most inspiring address on the subject of unity he introduced the speaker, Mr. Jenkins. In view of the fact that it was an extremely warm evening, Mr. Jenkins boiled his address down to essentials only; however his short address was received with very hearty applause. Nearly every person present expressed himself or herself, as to the necessity of the movement. Although the crowd was not as large as other places where the League was set up still what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. The young people were much in evidence. Every person in the church pledged himself as a member and supporter of the movement.

After a motion had been offered and carried to go into permanent organization, the following officers were elected: Miss Veora Smith, President; Mr. Chas. Dorsey, Vice-President; Mr. C. Cornish, Recording Secretary; Mr. C. Gray, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. M. Dorsey, Treasurer.

and that he is now enroute to New York by automobile. The announcement further says that he is stopping off in various cities and "holding receptions". His play will be staged here under the management of Lester W. Sagar with John Hayden as director. The play has a colored bell boy as the hero.