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Editorial

PROMISING AND REFRESHING.

One of the most promising signs which Christianity has revealed in many years was manifested in an address last week by Ronald Fredenburg, premier of the Old Boys' Parliament. The address was made in the Metropolitan Church at the close of the Ontario Religious Educational Council. The sentiments which Mr. Fredenburg expressed is all the more significant and interesting because the speaker has expressed the beliefs of the thinking type of the real young Christian people. He divided the problems regarding which young Christian people must concern themselves into four parts: International relationships, inter-racial problems, social and industrial problems and the problem of reconciling the world to modern thought and modern modes of expression. From the many splendid things he said we quote the following: "Think of the tragedy of the followers of the Prince of Peace engaging in the slaughter of their fellow men." He also sketched the bitterness between Christian races, pointing out the amazing difference made by the color of the skin.

In conclusion, Mr. Fredenburg pointed out that in the past professing Christians have never allowed their Christianity to penetrate into any of these difficulties. "In the past men have never asked themselves what Christ would do if He were faced with the international problems, the industrial problems and the problem of intolerance. Christianity has been kept too much a thing apart. "It is all right to preach Christianity to the colored man so long as he is not to be the white man's equal; it was all right to have Christianity if it did not interfere with the ambition of nations; it was all right to have religion so long as it caused no discomfort to the comfortable classes.

Evidently this young man is a stalwart Christian gentleman as well as a profound thinker. He has sounded the warning. His advice is such that all Christian countries and Christian individuals should study most seriously. The farce whwch religious people have kept up for many years is becoming irksome. Mr. Fredenburg and many others are beginning to tear away its mask. Christianity is being made to stand upon its merits. Either

it must be our most treasured possession, to be lived for and to live by, or it must be to us a sham, a subterfuge or a thing of convenience. In speaking of the difference made by Christian people because of the difference in skin color. Mr. Fredenburg might have gone a little further and pointed out the difference in attitudes some people would take towards Christ Himself if they knew he had Negro blood in His veins; if they knew that Ham was a Canaanite (Gen. 10:1), that Phares, the great-grandfather of David (Ruth 4:17-22) was the son of Juda and Tama. a Canaanitish woman (Gen. b8) and Christ was, according to the flesh, "of the line of David." Matt. 3rd ch.) (Romans 1:3) (Luke 3rd ch.).

Christendom is beginning to wander and to lose its way. Its prestige is beginning to wane, not because of the failure of Christianity, but because of the spirit in which it is followed. Followes of the lowly Christ must go with Him all the way or He will raise up a generation of new blood, such as Mr. Fredenburg, to bear His cross.

BLACK MADONNA

Not as the white nations
know thee,
Oh Mother!

But swarthy of cheek
and full lipped as the
child races are.

Yet thou art she,
the Immaculate Maid,
and none other

Crowned in the stable
at Bethlehem,
hailed of the star.

See where they come,
thy people,
so humbly appealing,

From the ancient land
where the olden faiths
had birth.

Tired, dusky hands
uplifted for thy
healing

Pity them, O mother,
the untaught
of earth.

By Albert Rice, Negro poet.

New York Moderator Makes Modernist Statements in Sermon.

(By William Occomy)

Brooklyn, N.Y.—On Sunday evening at the regular services of the Nazarene Congregational church, Rev. H. H. Proctor voiced the sentiments of a large number of modernists when he declared in speaking of the material conception of hell, "So far as material ire is concerned there is no aterial ffire. A mother would not want to burn her child. God is Love and He would not want to burn His children."

He then stated that hell is out of date in the sense that "it is a place where people burn, that it is merely concerned with the future world, that it is a material fire and that it is the same as Sing-Sing."

"Hell is out of date in the sense that it is Sing-Sing. God will never drive one of His children to hell! On all sides God has put His cross that He might keep all out of hell," continued the speaker.—Boston Chronicle.

OPPORTUNITY.

Coincident with its plan of issuing occasional "special numbers," Opportunity, Journal of Negro Life, published by the National Urban League, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City, devotes its entire November issue to a discussion of the problems surrounding Negro life in the West Indies. As Mr. Charles S. Johnson, the editor, says, "There are at least 85,000 foreign born Negroes in the United States. They have come principally from the British West Indies, the Virgin Islands and countries of Latin America. This group, however small in numbers, has made itself felt."

Some of the articles in this issue of Opportunity are "In Our American Language," by Waldo Frank; three new poems by Claude McKay; "The West Indies," by W. A. Domingo; "The Virgin Islands, Past and Present," by Casper Holstein; "The Garvey Movement," by E. Franklin Frazier; "Negro Composers and Musicians of the West Indies," by A. M. W. Malliet. Messrs. Eugene Kinckle, Jones, J. A. Rogers, and Rev. Ethelred Brown contribute to a symposium on "West Indian-American Relations." There are also reviews and poems by Georgia Douglas Johnson, Jerome Peterson, Arthur E. King and Jean J. Adam.

GRACIOUSNESS A CHARACTERISTIC OF BERT WILLIAMS

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 2.—"Graciousness must have been characteristic of Bert Williams, the Negro comedian whose funeral was attended by high and low members of the theatrical profession, by millionaires and beggars, by ministers and race-track touts," writes William Feather in the Los Angeles Times on a series of talks on business philosophy.

"We have all observed that some people can win the admiration and good will, not only of their equals and superiors, but also of their employees, bootblacks, their servants, tradesmen, their barbers, waiters, bootblacks, chauffeurs and relatives. They do not attain this distinction with tips, bonuses, handouts and easy-going discipline, but by fairness, justice and a sense of fitness.

Unfortunately, some people are so vulgar that they mistake graciousness for softness. The gracious man and woman know how to handle these and if you have ever observed the act you will have noticed that they don't take off their gloves or strain their voices.

Graciousness is the outward manifestation of a fine soul Like the sun, it sheds its light every day of the year."

CRISIS LITERARY

PRIZES AWARDED

Second Annual Contest Reveals Talented Writers in Many Sections.

New York, Oct. 27.—Awards in the second annual Crisis Magazine Amy Spingarn -600 literary prize contest were made Tuesday evening at a meeting at the International House, as follows:

For plays—Willis Richardson, D. C., \$100; Eulalie Spence, N.Y., -50; Randolph Edmunds, O., Honorable mention; Lester Walton, M. Gregory, Chas Burroughs, judges.

Short stories—J. E. Matheus, W.Va. \$100; E. D. Sheen, Ill., \$50; A. S. Coleman, N.M., honorable mention; C. W. Chestnut, E. Poole, O. Cromwell, judges.

Poetry—A. Bontemps, \$100; Countee Cullen, \$25; Effie Newsome, Ala., Blanche Dickinson, Pa., honorable mention; L. Hughes, J. W. Johnson, B. Deutsch, judges.

Essays—L. R. Miller, Kan., \$75; A. Coleman, N. M., \$2g; J. E. Bagley, Cal.

Frank Horne, honorable mention; J. E. Spingarn, Mary W. Ovington, W. E. Dubois, judges.

Illustrations—A. Douglas, N. Y., \$75; H. Woodruff, Ind., \$25; Albert Smith, Paris, honorable mention; L. Mayer, L. Latimer, H. Seligmann, judges.

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