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Editorial

ON TRAINING THE CHILDREN

For many centuries the world has been training its children, and this is as it should be, for in "the treatment of the child the world fore-shows its own future faith".

In 1917 her children's education cost the United States \$915,000,000. In our own country the cost of education for that year was comparatively as high. And what do we teach our children? The three R's, grammar, latin, greek, higher mathematics, law, medicine, philosophy, art and science and many other very valuable branches of human knowledge. First of all the object of all education is the child himself; to develop human souls, to fit children for their life's work and for living here on earth. If this, then is the object of education it is apparent that one very important subject is not being stressed sufficiently in our schools. Should not human sympathy, brotherly love and the golden rule be given more attention in our schools? Is it not the lack of these principles which is today cursing this world? Such words as "spiritual rebirth", "high ideals", "the millenium", "no more wars", are idle talk till men will it to be so. So long as men harbor evil in their bosoms, just so long will evil abide in the world. The world must be educated out of these evils before we can look for the "spiritual rebirth", and the logical place to start this education is with the child. Until our children are taught the ways of reason, justice and true reform, hatred war and revolution will ever dog the onward tread of humanity. Until our children are trained that the golden rule really means something we shall ever have envy and strife among the children of men. Should we feel chagrin to point out to our children that our paths have not been perfection but that there is still a better way? Should we not point out to them the fact that we, through greed and selfishness, have failed and are miserable, but that they can, through the spirit of service and sacrifice, succeed and be happy? We should teach our children that the great trouble with men today is that they cannot conceive of a freedom for themselves which does not involve slavery for some one else. We should give them the kind of education which creates a freedom of equality.

Suppose our children were taught not to call a chinaman a "chink", or an Italian a "dago" or a Jew a "sheeny", or a Russian a "hunky", or a colored man a "nigger", a white man "poor white trash"—but that all are brothers making to a common ideal? Suppose we taught them that they can not hate without damning their own souls as well as those they hate? Suppose we taught them that all children are the children of races and that race and color are only incidental and insignificant facts? During the world war we spent more than one hundred million dollars which went to kill, maim and destroy our human brothers. Selfishness and hatred had become so dominant in the world that we had no other path to choose. Now are we willing to spend a fraction of that sum to inaugurate in our public schools, high schools and colleges a course in human brotherhood in order to insure the children yet unborn against the recurrence of such a catastrophe?

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On July 14th, 1923, The Dawn of Tomorrow made its initial appearance, and in its Editorial Page, declared the principles by which it would be guided in giving our people in Canada a medium with which to advocate opinions on those practical problems upon the solution of which depends their welfare, and a vehicle which would convey intelligence of passing events relative to them as a race, throughout the world.

Naturally there were those who predicted failure, giving as reasons: you would not get enough subscribers to encourage a race paper; there are not enough colored people in Canada to support it; our people are not ready for a race paper, and there is no need for such an organ. While each of these reasons were food for thought: we were convinced of the extreme necessity of a race paper for the Dominion of Canada, and were firm in the belief that our people would unhesitatingly support a journal of credit, of worth and of merit.

We are about to inaugurate a campaign for subscribers and have adopted the slogan "500 subscribers before New Years Day, 1924", and in doing so; we hereby give an account of our stewardship.

We have published and distributed 12 issues of an 8 page paper, to date. Each issue has carried interesting Canadian news, contributed by volunteer correspondents in various Canadian cities. Through our membership in The Associated Negro Press, we have had opened to us a news service equal to any similar service of any race, color or creed in the world; enabling us to publish fresh information concerning events that have recently taken place that are of interest to our race everywhere.

We take pride in recommending to our readers, our advertisers, and invite you to look over the lists of our advertisements and see from whence cometh our pride. All of them have something to sell; useful articles, food, clothing, etc., mingled with excellent service and courteous attendants.

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Another source of pride is: that

we have been enabled to have the picture of a race-man or woman grace every issue of the 12, and it is our intention to continue this policy. The summary is: that for the above reasons The Dawn of Tomorrow is a home paper, anyone of the family can read it without embarrassment on account of the matter it contains.

The Dawn of Tomorrow is an evidence of what co-operation can do. Our agents are volunteer workers, many of them not even retaining the small percentage that we offer for car-fare, postage, etc. Our correspondents are also volunteer, and contribute much time in gathering news for us.

We therefore feel that we have been weighed in the balance and believe that we have not been found wanting. We also believe that at this juncture we can conscientiously begin a campaign for subscribers.

We appreciate, and will always appreciate the support that our patrons give, have given, and will give us by purchasing single copies; but we recommend the subscription method as assuring you better service, and giving us guaranteed encouragement. There are still improvements to be made upon our little paper, and your subscription will encourage us to afford to make them.

\$2.00 assures you that The Dawn of Tomorrow will be delivered at your home every Saturday morning, by post, for 1 year. \$1.00 assures you of a similar service for 6 months.

ROBERT P. EDWARDS

Mr. J. Jenkins,
Editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed subscription for your new paper.

I might say that I take a great interest in your work. For a number of years I have lived in London, and I have always felt a lively interest in the welfare of the colored people of the city. I admire them in a great many ways. They have a great deal to contend with through life, and I think they have borne their troubles with considerable fortitude. There is one thing about the colored people I like very much, they are very fond of music, and they have a very happy disposition and are religiously inclined which I think is a great combination.

I think you have the right idea in co-operation, and no doubt you will meet with a great deal of success, and you certainly deserve a great deal of encouragement.

Yours truly,

JOHN MOULE,

The above letter received from Mr. Moule speaks for itself. Mr. Moule is in contact with our people in all walks of life and his good will is very much appreciated.

EDITOR

SIMPLIFIED ART

A certain painter is confined in an asylum. To persons who visit him he says:

"Look at this; it is my latest masterpiece."

They look and see nothing but an expanse of bare canvas. They ask:

"What does that represent?"

"That? Why, that represents the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea."

"Beg pardon, but where is the sea?"

"It has been driven back."

"And where are the Israelites?"

"They have crossed over."

"And the Egyptians?"

"Will be here directly. That's the sort of painting I like—simple and unpretentious."

—Art Record

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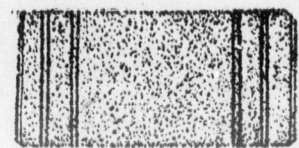
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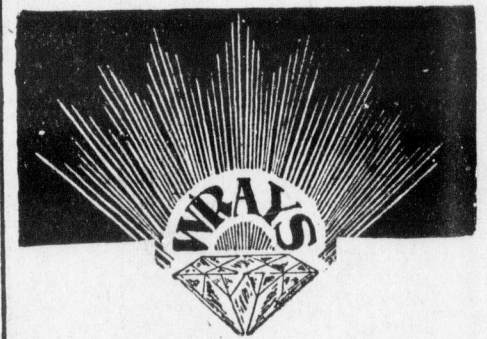
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