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Editorial

THE TORONTO NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

We welcome the advent of the Toronto Negro Business League. A fortnight ago some of Toronto's thoughtful business men came together and decided to form a business league. From the first the plan has moved with lightning-like rapidity. We were privileged to be present at a meeting of the League last Friday evening. From the earnestness and sincerity which prevailed, from the many grave and important questions discussed and the splendid manner in which they were handled, it was easy for one to predict a very bright and a very useful career for Toronto's Business League. Not a single topic was dealt with from selfish motives but rather all questions were viewed from the broader aspect. Instead of seeking their own interest only these big hearted men dealt with every question from a standpoint of good to the entire race and to the community at large. There was noticeable also the spirit of forbearance and a spirit of tolerance; a desire to understand and to appreciate one another's viewpoints. We left the meeting chambers with the conviction that if any organization was ever destined to do the colored people of Canada a lasting good, if ever an organized body was deserving of support it is The Toronto Negro Business League.

Following closely in the wake of the League comes the J. T. Bishop Co-operative Company of Windsor, Ontario. This company has been incorporated under the laws of Ontario with a capital stock of \$40,000. Mr. Bishop, who is president and general manager states that he has realized the vast possibilities ahead of such a venture but that he also realizes the necessity of co-operation in such an undertaking. The policy of this company is to establish a chain of businesses throughout the province, dealing in real estate, groceries and dry goods. As the company grows states the president, if properly supported, it will not only benefit those who hold shares in it but it will also benefit the race by creating responsible positions for the young men and women of the race who are prepared to fill such places.

These two organizations are the most promising signs of the growth of race consciousness. They are something concrete and tagible. We may

talk, preach and sing co-operation until doom's day but unless we really get down to business and do some real work, unless we begin to function; in other words, unless we co-operate we shall never accomplish anything. May I her quote a passage from the essay of Miss Viva Payne, winner of the third prize in the Co-operation Contest: "It is absolutely necessary for us as a race to co-operate with one another along the line of business, as there are so few of our people in Canada who are entering upon a business career: and the fact is lamentable. Because of this it is important that we stand behind those who have the courage to start in business. If a man in business opens a grocery store, let us make our purchases from him, give him a good advertisement among our white friends, and above all speak kindly of him behind his back. If our people engage in any business such as dry goods, refreshment shops, editing a paper, restaurants and numerous other enterprises, let us be men and women enough to stand behind them in every way possible." And a little child shall lead them. This is the spirit which our forefathers prayed for. Shall we, their posterity, not maintain it with our strong right arm?

A Letter of Appreciation

To the Editor,
Dear Sir:

Please allow us a humble space in your valuable paper to turn you with your noble printing staff, a vote of thanks, not only for accepting and printing the Race Overseas proposition in a recent issue of the Dawn of Tomorrow, but also for the noble editorial "A Fine Spirit" written by you, which has so inspired the missionary workers to take up the race press proposition in a Canadian race field campaign for a Race Overseas Printing Press, through The Dawn of Tomorrow. Plans have gone out, through the B.M.E. Ontario Conference mission workers, to Sabbath School workers, to Baptist Missions urging them to fall in line with the campaign.

Read the next issue of the Dawn to find the results of this great race progressive movement that is now moving out, and will continue in God's name until the Race Overseas Printing Press is located in Canada somewhere.

W.H.M.M.S. Sub Local Branch No. 11.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

He has achieved success, who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, and whose memory a benediction.

—The Nor'-West Farmer

The division of talents is about even When a dog is happy, he wags his tail; when a mortal is happy, he wags his tongue.

Letters to the Editor

J. F. Jenkins,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your kind publication of part of my composition. I noticed the last paragraph was not printed. Mr. Jenkins, I do not wish to be styled as a kicker, but in that last paragraph God's dear Son's name was not mentioned, and we all know Jesus was God. I think it very, very important that we take our heavenly Father in everything we do. We, as a race of people need God more than any other race of people on earth.

If you have studied Negro history you will have found that our people fell from grace and became miserable slaves because their forefathers forgot God.

We cannot have our being without God, without Jesus' loving kindness we would be cut off suddenly for our sins. You could not maintain your paper if God did not give you the strength and intelligence to do so. What could we do without God?

I notice that there have been longer pieces than mine printed in the Dawn of Tomorrow, in which there was no mention of God. Therefore I cannot think that my composition was too long to print. Also the contestants were limited to five hundred words and I only wrote four hundred and eighty-five.

I am not desirous for the printing of the last paragraph in order that it may bring honour to myself or that I think I am being treated unfairly, but I do think it was the most important part of the composition, inasmuch that unless we take Jesus in everything we do, we can do nothing.

If my memory serves me rightly there has been very little mention of Jesus Name in any of the write ups that have been printed in the paper. You acknowledge prayer on the front of the paper, why not acknowledge Jesus in my composition? We pray to Him.

I am only twenty-one years old, but my short life has taught me that without God we are lost eternally.

Dear sir, I believe you are a Christian gentleman and will take this letter as it is meant to be taken, and kindly print the last paragraph of my composition in your next edition if possible.

Respectfully,

VIVA PAYNE.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We regret very much that a portion of Miss Payne's essay was not published. Evidently some of the copy was destroyed or lost on the way to us as we did not receive the paragraph mentioned.

SMALL TOWN BARBER

LEAVES \$35,000
(By the Associated Negro Press)
Laurens. S.C., Jan.—Will Whitener, barber in this town for the last 38 years, died recently leaving a fortune of \$35,000. Whitener's shop was small, but his habit of frugality was always well marked. Half of his fortune was in actual cash in local banks and the rest in real estate. He sent his two children to college and provided for the education of two other members of his race.

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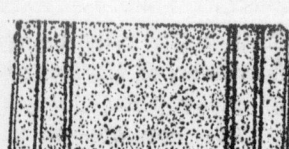
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