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### Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research. I find there were 16 persons lynched in 1925. This number, ranking with the number 16 for 1924 as the smallest number of persons lynched in any year since records of lynchings have been kept, is 17 less than the number 33 for 1923, and 41 less than the number 57 for 1922. Two of the victims were insane. Three others had been formally released by the courts. 10 of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 2 from jails and 8 from officers of the law outside of jails. Two of those lynched were burned at the stake and one was put to death and body burned.

There were 39 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. 7 of these were in Northern states and 32 in Southern states. In 26 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In 13 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchers. In 3 instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were indicted. Of the 41 persons thus before the courts, 21 were sentenced; 5 suspended sentences dependent on good behaviour, of from 4 to 12 months on the road; 1 for 30 days in jail; and 15 of from 6 months on the road to 8 years in the penitentiary.

Of the sixteen persons lynched all were Negroes. 6 or less than one half of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape. The offences charged were: murder, 6; rape, 4; attempted rape, 2; killing officer of the law, 2; attacking child, 1; insulting woman, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 2; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 6; Missouri, 1; Utah, 1; Virginia, 1.

Yours very truly,  
R. R. MOTON,  
Principal.

### TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, of 212 Woodfield Rd., entertained a number of friends on their 25th wedding anniversary. They received a number of beautiful silver presents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Simpson, 14 Lakeview Ave., entertained a few friends at whist on New Years night and quite a pleasant time was had by those present.

Mr. Brown, father of Mrs. A. McEwin Williams, made a short visit to the city and took his grand son A. McEwin Williams Jr. home with him for the winter.

The various societies and churches of Toronto succeeded in supplying Christmas dinners for all they found in need of help. That's the real Christmas spirit.

Quite a few Toronto boys and girls skate during the winter months. It would be a splendid idea to organize skating parties or a hockey team. What do you think of it?

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd entertained a few of their friends at home in their new flat on College St. Whist was the pleasure of the evening, after which a splendid repast was served to those present. All departed in the wee hours of the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson anticipate a trip home in the very near future.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Montgomery visited friends in Buffalo during the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Alonzo Jenkins returned from a visit to her home in West Virginia; but anticipates being in Toronto only a short time, after which she expects to return to West Virginia again. We wish you a bright and prosperous New Year in your new venture.

Quite a large crowd attended the dance New Year's night.

Did you read the report of the political meeting at Occident Hall as it was written up in the "Telegram" It is funny how such large papers can employ such small reporters.

Our three churches are now on a firm footing with three splendid leaders, and it is a pleasure to attend any one of them. Now is the time to get the church-going habit, it means a great deal to be a member of some church congregation, especially if you are sick and alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, entertained a few friends Christmas day. A very pleasant time was had and every one went home full of turkey and other good things.

According to all reports, turkeys, geese and ducks suffered a heavy setback this Christmas. Wise birds and fowls kept out of sight.

We see the Simcoe Cleaners are moving to 120 University Ave., Cor. of Dundas and University Ave. We hope it is a good move.

Mr. Geirie is always on the job at the Duncan Cafe supplying you with something good to eat. Don't fail to meet him while visiting in Toronto.

Quite a number of porters ate their Christmas turkeys at home this year.

Douglas Lewis our welterweight boxer, easily disposed of his opponent New Year's night at the Standard Theatre. Keep up the good work, Doug.

Sunday, Jan. 3rd, was observed as "Covenant Day" and truly the Holy Spirit was made manifest to the little band of worshippers who attended the services, especially at 11 a.m. Our pastor, though somewhat indisposed owing to a heavy cold, delivered a very timely message for the beginning of the New Year, using for his text, Ps. 55: 22, Sub. "Comforting Assurance." At 7 p.m. the subject was: "The Untrodden Path", text Josh. 3: 4. About 23 members renewed their covenant by promising to do some real work for the Church during the year 1926. A week of prayer is being observed from the 4th to the 8th of Jan.

The watch-night service was well attended on Thursday night.

Those of our number who are on the sick list are as follows: Mr. C. A.

Johnson, our chorister; Miss S. Stanfield; Mrs. Skanks; Mrs. (Rev.) Jackson has recovered from a severe fall on the ice. Mrs. O. R. Beecher is convalescing slowly at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Stewart wish to thank the members and friends of Toronto for their kind remembrances during the Christmas season.

Our 2nd quarterly communion service will be observed on Sunday, Jan-17th, when, Rev. C. W. Carpenter of Grant A.M.E. Church will be the speaker at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Jenkins, a sister of Mrs. R. H. Clarke of 964 Gerrard Street, is visiting her sister for a few days.

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