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Editorial

LOVE VS. HATRED

Not long ago the president of the Brotherhood Federation of Western Ontario, in addressing our local brotherhood said in part: "I have been brought into close contact with your race in this country and in Africa and after keen observation I have come to the conclusion that your capacity for love and for distributing loving kindness surpasses that of any other race of mankind." As a race we have been credited with some very fine qualities by those who know us best, but we consider the compliment paid us by the president of the Brotherhood the most flattering one that we have ever received or that any people can ever receive.

His remarks recall to our mind some of the old time Negro songs. In slavery days when our forefathers felt the heel of oppression they were inspired to compose songs. Through these songs they expressed their sentiments towards the world and towards their Creator. But they sang to bless, and curse not. Their songs ever breathed a prayer for their oppressors. "Give me that old time religion. It makes me love everybody." "It makes me love all my neighbors." "I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart"; "Steal away to Jesus"; "Pick up the little lamp, put um in your bosom"; "I'm gwine lay down my life for my Lord." Throughout these old time songs tell the story of patience, endurance, long-suffering and loving kindness. It is said that the folk-lore or old time songs of a people is the indelible stamp of the character of the philosophy of that race, a true mirror of the things they loved best and did most. Viewing then, the character of the Negro in the lights of the sentiments expressed in his songs, his capacity for love is indeed great.

We believe our race has been placed into the crucible and that the dross has been removed from the gold. We have emerged therefrom pure in heart and in spirit. Through much suffering and sorrow we have become the world's greatest reservoir of human sympathy and love. So we have much to contribute to the world if the world will only receive it. We offer to all mankind loving kindness.

Yes we offer the doctrine of love, not hate, for the root of true religion is summed up in the words "loving

kindness." It has only been through following in the path of love that the world has progressed towards higher and better conditions and out of the status of savagery. It is through hatred that wars have come into the world and brought with them suffering and misery. It will be through love that peace shall come and abide with us.

We know full well that at times the burden seems almost unbearable and we are tempted to return evil for evil but in our saner moments we turn and meditate upon the sermon on the Mount, upon such blessed teachings as "resist not evil," "Blessed are the peacemakers" "forgive men their trespasses" and "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

So, up brothers! Let us continue to spread the doctrine of love, not hate. Let us point the way to a lasting peace and enduring happiness. If through loving kindness we can make this a brighter, better, happier world we shall count our past sufferings and sorrows as naught.

THE CITY OF MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS AND LAKES

We have made the second trip to Hamilton in the interests of our paper. On both occasions we called upon the most prominent business firms of the city. In all of our travel we never received more courteous treatment and more encouragement. There was a genuine enthusiasm in the reception accorded us and a genuine interest shown in our efforts to give the Canadian Colored people a newspaper. "I have thoroughly enjoyed reading your paper. One week I did not get it and I was tempted to send for it," said one. Another said: "We have decided to give out no more ads. this year, but I have been so favorably impressed by your paper that I am going to break that ruling and give you an ad." Others discussed the race question with us (at their own choosing) with candor and fairness and promised us their support in our attempt to better conditions and to bring about a better understanding. A very prominent business man admitted, that he had been very much surprised to learn through our paper that we had so many men and women, boys and girls who were doing "big things". The thing that pleased us most is the fact that we found, not one person who was disinterested or unconcerned. We left with the feeling that Hamilton, the city so wonderfully blessed with mountains, valleys and lakes, is very responsive and grateful to nature and to nature's God, and that Hamilton was trying in turn to pass blessings unto others.

OPTIMISM VERSUS PESSIMISM

(Special to The Dawn of Tomorrow by F. O. Stewart, London, Can.)

By general observation of the human race we find, that the people of the earth are made up generally of three classes: optimists, pessimists, and indifferent. The radical optimist floats in a balmy spring air on a rosy cloud, calmly playing his stringed instrument and humming sweet melodies to the gorgeously feathered songsters that surround him.

The pessimist is like a fly with his wings stuck on fly paper, and bemoans his fate as that of every other fly. The indifferent is a happy go lucky sort of a person who does not care whether the sun shines, or whether it rains. It is quite true, that perhaps we sometimes can be too

optimistic in our aim to go forward in the world, and in such extreme attitude we become too happy in our mood, to be of much use on earth. At the same time we may be too pessimistic, and feel that the whole world is all wrong, and that every wind that blows will do us harm. But the indifferent individual, be it a man or woman is of absolutely no use because of the lack of interest they take in the things around about them.

Now apparently optimism has been the one means whereby many wonderful features have been accomplished. The earth was created in an optimistic spirit. Of that there can be no doubt in the mind of any man who believes in creation at all. But by the extraordinary conduct of our first parents in the Garden of Eden, this creation by the supreme Optimist, was changed into the most radical of pessimistic ventures.

Some of the greatest building and constructive ventures in this great world of ours have been the outcome of an optimistic even tempered brain. Take for instance, the great steamers that ply the oceans and seas, the great railways which operate from coast to coast. The vast number of institutions of every description i.e. hospitals, schools, etc., etc. These all sprang from some fertile optimistic mind that existed all down through the ages of time.

What we need in this era of the Twentieth Century, is more optimism, and less pessimism or indifference. And with more of the former spirit, and less of the latter two, the Church will be a success, our various enterprises we launch will succeed, we will have more faith in each other and believe that the future holds great things in store for the race we call "Ethiopian."

But remember this my friend: do not go to extremes, but be confident that where there is life there is hope. And bear this in mind, that the quality of optimism must be strained through the sieve of common sense.

To the reading public I would add this word: The creative genius, combined with much optimism, gave to the public the much needed paper, The Dawn of Tomorrow. May I ask this question? Will pessimism and indifference prevent this venture from being a success. Be a booster. Help it along.

Boost, and the world boosts with you; Knock, and you're on the shell; For the world gets sick of one who kicks, And wishes he'd kicked himself.

Boost when the sun is shining. Boost when it starts to rain. If you happen to fall, don't lie there and bawl. But get up and boost again.

Tries to Clean up Columbia

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Columbia, S.C., Sept.—Will Reed tried to clean up Columbia last Sunday night by shooting up one end of Washington Street. Somebody tried to take Will's sweetheart from him and he started shooting. After he was arrested at the Main Street office of his employer, he declared: "I won't let no white man run me f'om my gal. Dey lynch yer if dey ketch yo' talkin' to er white 'oman an' dey wants to run yo' if dey see yo' wid a good lookin' cullud 'oman. Dey suttinly wants de earth, dese white men." Just the same Will was fined for shooting in the public streets.

MUST ABOLISH SLAVERY

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Geneva, Switzerland, Sept.—Abyssinia must abolish slavery before she will be admitted to the League of Nations is the latest edict of the council of the League at a recent session. This pronouncement has been forwarded to the Abyssinian government. It is not known, at this time, what position the Great African Kingdom will assume on the matter of its rejection from the membership in the League.

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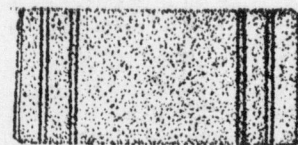
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