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The Good Works Of Leon Joseph

Leon Joseph of Toronto, Canada, lay-delegate from the Fifteenth Dist. to the A.M.E. General Conference, 1924, Louisville, Ky., was born in 1878. He was converted in St. James A.M.E. Church, New Orleans, La., and served it as class-leader and vice-president of the Allen League for a number of years. He is also a founder of the New Orleans Colored Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Joseph's Canadian activities are a source of inspiration to young men. He is a member of Grant A.M.E. Church of Toronto, which establishment he serves as class-leader, steward and trustee. A few notable incidents in his life may be noted.

A few years ago when the unemployment situation was acute, he inaugurated a concert in behalf of the unemployed which netted a tidy sum; he also promoted a series of free suppers which were held in the basement of Grant Church.

In 1921 he was elected Financial Agent for his church, which was burdened with a mortgage of \$5,000; being a firm believer in prayer, and trusting God for strength he conceived a capital idea, mparting it only to his pastor, the result of which in April of this year the mortgage-burning will be celebrated. Since the first of the year Mr. Joseph has paid off current expenses of his church to the amount of \$186.00

During his travels about Ontario, Mr. Joseph has been instrumental in preventing many unpleasant incidents which would have reflected serious discredit upon the race. Last August he actually prevented a riot by settling a gambling debt in which were concerned parties who were total strangers to him, and who were about to settle the debt by means of fire arms.

A thorough race man, Mr. Joseph is Manager of the Occidental Clothing Co., member of the Negro Business League, West Indies Trading Association, Home Service Association, Odd Fellows and Scottish Mechanics; he is also a trustee of the U.N.I.A. of which organization he was a charter member and its first treasurer. His friends are tendering him a testimonial and tea on Thursday evening, February 21st at U.N.I.A. Hall, at which time Mr. E. L. Cross LL.B., will be the speaker of the evening.

DEATH

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Say, what is death? ye that have felt its power,
Its blighting touch may come at any hour.

'Tis but a folding of the hands in sleep,
A smoothing down with tearful tenderness

The brow o'er which we cannot now but weep,

Regrets for which there can be no redress.

Tears come unbidden, and we cannot stay

The tides of sorrow that will overflow.

We feel as if we could but ween away

For dear lost ones, because we loved them so.

But not forever does this parting come,

'Tis but "a little while" and we shall meet,

Where no such severance is known, in some

Bright home we will again our loved ones greet.

'Tis in our Father's love, the heart made pure,

"That where I am, there ye may also be"

Where partings are unknown, the promise sure,

We will again our dearest loved ones see.

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Mrs. B. CROMWELL



MR. LEON JOSEPH

Peel County Farmer Passes Away

The funeral of the late Alexander Lawson, of Lawson Bros., Alex. and Reuben of the 3rd line of Peel took place Jan. 25th, 1924, at his late residence, and though it was a very stormy day there was a very large attendance of relatives, friends and neighbors in general. Out of town relatives from Detroit, Sarnia, Guelph, Palmerston, Listowel, Drayton, Wallace, Lebnannon and Windfield were there.

Alex. Lawson, farmer, passed away quietly into the great beyond on the 23rd. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, seven sisters and six brothers. He was an expert in his line and one of Peel's wealthiest farmers. After his father's death, which occurred in Jan. of 1899 he worked his mother's farm for some time, after which he moved to the town line of Peel and Marlborough, where he farmed for 3 years, following which he purchased the present homestead farm. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Peel.

Reuben Lawson, his mother and the whole family wish to extend many thanks to the friends and neighbors for so kindly assisting in conveyance to and from the cemetery and so kindly assisting in the accommodation of the relatives and friends.

Hunt for the good in the other fellow; he has to do the same in your case.

W. V. Franklin Given Damages

Damages were awarded W. V. Franklin, of Kitchener, in his suit against Alfred Evans at the Middlesex assizes last Saturday before Justice Haughton Lenox. It is alleged that the defendant refused to serve him food on account of his (Franklin's) color. It took the jury only 20 minutes to decide that Mr. Franklin should be awarded damages.

When Mr. Franklin was called to the witness box for the defence counsel, "Have you any ground for damages?" Mr. Franklin's eloquent and polished reply was: "Not in dollars and cents, but in humiliation and inhuman treatment at the hands of this fellow man, yes. Because I am a dark man, a condition over which I have no control, I did not receive the treatment I was entitled to as a fellow human being. God chose to bring me into the world a colored man, and on this account, defendant placed me on a lower level than he is."

Although Mr. Evens, the defendant, appeared in his own defence, denying the charges in full, the jury saw fit to award damages to Mr. Franklin.

Popular Toronto Young Man Dies

Toronto—The death of Eric Stafford Murdock, one of the most prominent and popular young men of this city occurred last Saturday evening, at the home of his parents, 88 Lippincott St.

Mr. Murdock, who was born 24 years ago, was a valued employee of the F. W. Woolworth Co., Ltd., having been in their service for the last five years. He also attended the night-classes at the Dominion Business College, and would shortly have graduated.

He was a strong Christian and served his church as a steward and class-leader, and was also a member of the choir. He was buried last Tuesday afternoon from Grant A.M.E. Church where the service was conducted by Dr. Wm. E. Guy.

Mr. Murdock, who was an only son, leaves to mourn his loss a faithful mother and father and three sisters, as well as hosts of friends.

Mother: "No, Bobby, for the third time I tell you, you can't have another chocolate."

Bobby (in despair): "I don't see where father gets the idea that you are always changing pou mind."