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Harlem Library Gets Douglass Pen

New York, April 1.—The pen with which Frederick Douglass wrote his autobiography was presented last night by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the 135th street branch of the New York Public Library.

The speakers were Robert W. Bagnall, N. A. A. C. P. Director of Branches; Robert H. Blackall, who gave the pen to the N. A. A. C. P., and Miss Ernestine Rose, Branch Librarian. James Weldon Johnson presided.

A group of spirituals was sung by Miss Roberta Bosley.

Mr. Bagnall spoke on the life of Frederick Douglass, laying special stress on Douglass' many contributions toward the making of America as it is today.

In his presentation speech, Mr. Blackall, who had known Frederick Douglass personally, gave details of his acquaintance with Douglass. It was Mr. Blackall's father who, as superintendent of the B. & O. S. W. Telegraph Company at Rochester, overheard a message about an attempt to capture Douglass as a fugitive slave, and got him over into Canada to avoid his being taken back south.

PROHIBITION

God calls each one to work for Him,
most sure,
And for His work He would have
each heart pure
And so for this He every fault
would cure.
All those with common sense must
surely see
That from this evil Drink we should
be free.
Through Prohibition only can this
be.

The Christian public would do
something grand,
But they must learn to take a firm
stand.
With Prohibition they could sweep
the land.
And many noble souls are working
now.
With this same end in view their
soul's vow.
And may high heaven with them
great zeal endow.

And God bless every effort that is
made.
No better work than one united and
On all drink places, high or low, the
guide.
Oh, how much better this old world
would be,
If from this bitter evil it were free.
And Christ Himself would surely
bless it.

And Prohibition we must learn to
love.

That surely is the will of God above.
Each must be pure and swift as a
young dove.

In this great evil, to close every door
For we must learn to hate it more
and more.

This fatal cup we surely must ignore.
S. I. G. Allen.

Canadian Anti- Slavery Group

(By PROF. FRED LANDON)
(Continued from last issue)

Many other examples of the effect of the Fugitive Slave Act might be noted. The colored population of Columbia, Pa., dropped from 943 to 487 after the passing of the bill. The members of the colored community near Sandy Lake in north-western Pennsylvania, many of whom had farms partly paid for, sold out or gave away their property and went in a body to Canada. In Boston a fugitive slave congregation under Leonard A. Grimes, had a church half built when the blow fell. More than 40 members fled to Canada. Out of one Baptist church in Buffalo more than 30 members fled across the border, a similar migration taking place among the colored Methodists of the same city though they were more disposed to make a stand. At Rochester all but two of the 114 members of the colored Baptist church fled, headed by their pastor, while at Detroit the colored Baptist church lost 84 members, some of whom abandoned their property in haste to get away. A letter from William Still, agent of the Philadelphia Vigilance Committee, to Henry Bibb at Sandwich says there is much talk of emigration to Canada as the best course for the fugitives. The Corning Journal illustrates the aid that was given to the fugitives by northern friends. Fifteen fugitives, men, women and children, came in by train and stopped over night. In the morning a number of Corning people assisted them to Dunkirk and sent a committee to arrange for passage to Canada. The captain of the lake steamer upon which they embarked, very obligingly stopped at Fort Malden, on the Canadian side, for "wood and water and the runaways walked ashore to freedom. "The underground railroad is in fine working order," is the comment of *The Journal*. "Rarely does a collision occur, and once on the track passengers are sent through between sunset and sunset. That time did not dull the terrors of the Fugitive Slave

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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harper are all smiles over the arrival of a son, Richard Lawrence.

The variety musical concert given in the B. M. E. church Monday evening was a success. A splendid program was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to report that Miss Louise Bell, Welland Avenue, is confined to her home through illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

STRAITFORD

Miss Clara Armstrong spent the week-end at her home in Listowel.

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