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Editorial

UNITY

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People has just been advised that a Dominion charter has been granted the organization. Immediately upon the receipt of our charter steps will be taken to organize branches in Chatham, Buxton, Windsor, Woodstock, Brantford, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Toronto.

Our object is to organize all of Ontario first and then branch out into the other provinces. We hope to organize in every community in the Dominion where there are any colored people. To begin with the work of necessity must be slow. However, we are planning to make sure of the undertaking as we go along.

The Executive Board has sent out letters to a few friends of the movement asking for funds with which to begin the work. It has fallen our lot to follow these letters in person and I am pleased to report that the responses have been very generous. In following these letters perhaps the only question we are called upon to answer is "What is the object of the League?" It would seem wise therefore to restate our object.

The League was organized to improve the conditions of the Canadian Colored people along economical, industrial, political, social, moral, intellectual and spiritual lines. We hope to bring the standard of citizenship up to the highest standard of Canadian citizenship. To do this we shall encourage them and assist them in educating their children in the high schools, technical schools, colleges and professional schools. We hope to inspire them to use their head and their hands in the most efficient way in order to assist in building up our country. We hope to impress employers of labor with the fact that unless our people are given a chance to work at remunerative positions, if they are not given a chance to do the work for which they have prepared themselves—if they must ever do the scavenger work only, they can not make the best citizens. We hope to send up a concerted plea 20,000 strong for a Canadian's chance.

It is useless for us to repeat here the old adage: "In union there is

strength." Still we might say that if there ever were an opportune time for the colored people of this country to unite it is now, and with The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People. Our white friends are showing their willingness to help us. There are on our Executive Board, Supreme Court judges, presidents and general managers of large corporations, prominent lawyers and ministers, heads of universities, scholars, thinkers and philanthropists. These men see the need of such a movement as ours for the best interests of our race. Surely then we, all of us, can afford to unite our efforts with such men in order to improve conditions for ourselves and for our children. This league is not asking you for dollars but for your moral support and for united and concerted action for your own good. Membership in the League costs you only one dollar a year and we, so far, have not pressed our members to pay that. No one is being paid one cent of salary and every cent that has come in to us has been deposited in the hands of Mr. David Ross, treasurer, who is also president of the London Federation of Brotherhoods and a gentleman of sterling qualities.

Our only aim is to make conditions better for all of the colored people of Canada, to prepare a better way for generations of unborn children. In this effort we need your held and your co-operation. As deeply as we are interested in this movement and as much as our white friends and the Executive Board is doing we are unable to do our best good without your assistance. We have broken the trail, will you come with us, brothers?

Liberation of the last colored man, imprisoned in connection with the Arkansas riots of 1919, brought a letter of commendation to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, from Louis Marshall, noted constitutional lawyer, counsel for Leo Frank, and new member of the N.A.A.C.P. Board of Directors. Writing of "the splendid result in the Arkansas Cases," Mr. Marshall says: "It is a record of which any association may be proud."

CAYUGA

Mr. Ellis Williams of Canfield accompanied Mr. Arthur Burke back to Toronto to attend the Bible College.

Mrs. Will Washington of Windsor is visiting her mother Mrs. Williams of Canfield.

Miss Madeline Barnes entertained a few friends on Friday evening in honor of her sister Miss Iola Barnes of Toronto.

Miss Kezthia Burke of Canfield is spending a few days in Toronto.

Miss Ruby Morton has returned to Hamilton after spending the week end at the home of Mrs. A. Burke.

Mrs. Hattie Street of Canfield was greatly surprised on January 2 when a number of friends gathered at her home.

A few of Arthur Burke's friends gathered together and gave him a surprise before he left for the Bible College in Toronto.

Miss Beatrice Gales has returned to Buffalo after visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Barnes.

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ST. CATHARINES

The revival meetings being held in the B.M.E. Church will continue until January 18th.

We regret to report that Mr. Peter Lewis is seriously ill and is not expected to recover.

Mr. Howard Lane visited the city over the week end.

CHATHAM

Miss Leota Lynn was a Detroit visitor last week to hear the great singer of our race, Roland Hayes, the tenor.

Miss Leona Braxton and Ethel

Wright were winners of the Safety League Drawing.

Mrs. J. C. Richards is able to be out after her recent illness.

Mr. Roy Lucas of Windsor paid a visit to this city during the week end seeing many of his old friends and meeting new ones.

Mr. Ike Jefferson of this city is in the Public General Hospital suffering from blood poisoning in his hand. We hope he will soon be well once more.

Mrs. Elizabeth Louis has been suffering from a severe attack of the quincy.

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