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### EDITORIAL

#### THREE HINTS TO OUR OWN COLORED SCHOOL TEACHERS

Plans Whereby Race Pride Might be  
Among Those Things Taught

School has opened again and quite a number of our Negro school teachers will redecorate their rooms with pictures of white children, retell stories of white children, and further emphasize the difference between her Negro children and white.

#### Making Pictures Helpful

No. 1. Has it not crossed your mind, that a room full of white pictures is detrimental for a race of children that are made to feel at every turn they are inferior to white children?

Do white children play any different than Negro children? Do white children always dress any different than Negro children? Then why persist in that sort of thing? "White pictures are all that can be found," will no doubt be the answer. Yet that is no excuse. There are plenty of people who can draw, that can make Negro children at play. Then there is the possibility of coloring the pictures. One or two white out of six or seven could effectively bring out a feeling of brotherly and interracial love. When a room full of white pictures unconsciously reset the already too firmly established thought that white is and always will be right. Now is the time to build up in our Negro youth a deep feeling of respect for his race, and that is one of the ways you can help tremendously.

No. 2. Since little or no Negro folklore or history is stressed here in the public schools, why not supplement a Negro story among the characteristic quota of Caucasian literature? There are stories of our race that will hold the interest of the Negro boy and girl just as effectively as "Jack and the Beanstalk." There are Negro heroes as great, if not greater (under the circumstances) than George Washington. There is Booker T. Washington, Toussant L'Ouverture, Frederick Douglas and many others. Their lives are chuck full of interesting incidents. It is not the Negro child's fault that he lacks a favourable race knowledge, if, when you, who are holding such positions, are given the chance to tell them things of what our forefathers, did and how brave they were, how our

old mammys sacrificed that a boy and girl might get as you have, an education and position.

No. 3. Why must a Negro child be shown the false difference between him and the white child when he does wrong?

The usual explanation, a white child would not have done thus and so! Is any child perfect, regardless of race? No! That idea has been emphasized too much.

A wrong of virtue of a Negro child is no worse or better than that of his white brother. The fact of difference has gone the limit: now is the time to show the likeness of our Negro child to the child of any other group.

If these hints are taken wisely the possibility of finding leaders when they have reached maturity, will not be a case of looking for a needle in a haystack.

—OPINION.

### NOTE

We hear with great regret of the passing of Mr. Noble of the firm of Noble and ich Co., of this city. Mr. Noble was a staunch friend and supporter of the Dawn of Tomorrow.

### HAMILTON NOTES

Mr. James Ellygood has returned to the city after spending the season in London.

Mrs. Emma Hubert has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chester Jones recently.

The Misses Smith of Cayuga were visiting friends in the city for a few days.

The Dance given by the Hotel Bell boys was a great bit. Friends from far and near took part in the great masquerade.

## The Underground Railway

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State University. This book will be found in many public libraries and is a most interesting volume.

Many Negroes in Canada today are descendants of former slaves who made their way to Canada and were "passengers" on the underground. There is a large literature on the subject and not a few of those who made their way to freedom have left accounts of their experiences. The part that Canada and Canadians played in it was important and it is a chapter of our history of which we may be proud. The refuge that was given to the fugitives helped weaken the hold of slavery upon the United States and even though a slight factor in emancipation, cannot be entirely ignored.

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