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OUR NEIGHBOR, THE NEGRO

(Rev. O. L. Hailey, D.D.)

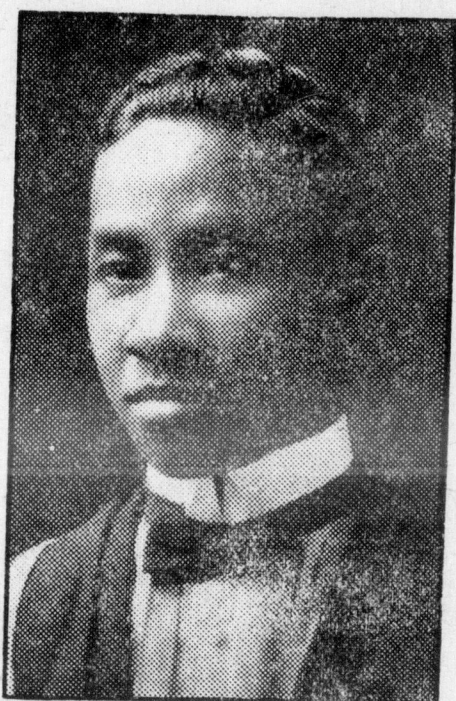
Sometimes I feel like giving a particular application to the challenging words of John the Baptist when he spoke of Jesus of Nazareth. He said: "There standeth one among you whom ye know not." I think I might speak the same thing to our people concerning our neighbors, the Negro. From my association with our people I am constrained to believe that we are seriously mistaken when we say, so confidently, that "we know the Negro." I have a serious conviction that there is much concerning this people that white people really do not know.

We need to know these things. We know that he is among us and we may think he is as he once was, but such is, by no means the case. We do not know his condition, his aspirations or his endeavors as we should. The Negro is not the same one who was liberated in 1863. Those who think he has stood still all these years are greatly mistaken. Two generations have come to us since emancipation.

Negroes were introduced into Virginia in 1619. There were twenty-three Negroes in 1625 in Virginia and they were not all slaves. In 1860 there were 4,441,830 Negroes in the country, most of them in the South. In 1920 there were 10,463,013, and of these 9,025,096 were in the South. There is something like a million and a half in the North.

The Negro is a very religious man and is considered very emotional, but why not? Is not our response to religious appeal too tame and spiritless?

There are said to be 5,016,415 Negro church members and of these about three out of every four are Baptists. It may be as well to recognize the fact that this is not due to the contributions of service of Southern white Baptists that this condition prevails. It should be a source of humiliation and grief that we have done so little. The Negroes are making the most heroic struggle of any people in our land. With a courage that is sublime, a devotion that challenges admiration, and a faith that honors God and calls down from heaven the benedictions of our Heavenly Father, they are making progress that is truly



DR. HENDERSON

Dr. R. R. Henderson, physician and surgeon, whose office is now located at 60 Huron St., Toronto, graduated from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the degrees, M.D.C.M., being conferred on him.

Previous to commencing the study of medicine the doctor was a chemist and druggist in British Guiana and for over three years was employed at the Michigan Drug Co., Detroit, as an assistant pharmaceutical chemist.

Dr. Henderson is licensed to practice medicine in the provinces of Nova Scotia, and Ontario, and in the British Empire by being registered with the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, and also in the State of New York, U.S.A..

amazing. Why should we not help them?

Our Seminary is one answer to this question. The Southern Baptist convention allotted \$200,000 for the purpose of building a Theological Seminary for the Negroes. Not all of this sum has been received but enough to build the first unit which will be ready for opening about the time of the gathering of the National Baptist Convention in Nashville, in September. Meanwhile a faculty is being secured for the school.

The above article is abridged from an article by Dr. Hailey and is taken from "Home and Foreign Fields." Dr. Hailey has had the oversight of the work of erecting the Negro Theological Seminary located in Nashville, Tenn., to which he refers.

—from HOPE

AUTUMN WEDDINGS IN CITY OF TORONTO

BROWN—SMITH

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, 429 Dundas St., was the scene of a dainty autumn wedding, when their youngest daughter, Florence Evelyn, became the bride of Mr. Francis Stephen Brown, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown, of Brantford.

The Rev. R. A. Ball officiated. Mrs. Parker played the wedding march. The bride, who was given away by her father was becomingly gowned in a beaded pearl grey georgette, her veil being caught with orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of white asters and roses. Miss Edna Howard, cousin of the bride was the bridesmaid. She wore a gown of pale green duchess satin and carried a bouquet of pink asters and roses. Mr. Fred Brooks was best man. During the signing of the register Mrs. A. Hunat sang "Until".

Rev. and Mrs. Ball afterwards sang two duets which everyone enjoyed. Following the ceremony a reception was held. Toasts were proposed by all the bride and groom. There were eighty-five guests present, among the number were some from Brantford, Bronte, Oakville, Buffalo and Winnipeg.

MARSHALL—MURDOCK

Brant, A.M.E. Church was the scene of the marriage of Roslyn Louise, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murdoch, of 22 Belwoods Ave., Toronto, to James Alphonso Marshall, of Verdun, Montreal.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Henderson officiated. The bride wore white satin trimmed with Princess lace and white rhine stones with an embroidered tulle veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and lilies of the valley. A beautiful platinum wrist watch, the gift of the groom, was also worn by the bride. She was attended by three bridesmaids and two little flower girls. The bride's sister, Edith Murdock was the maid of honour, in peach georgette and a silver bandeau with peach tulle and a bouquet of purple asters. Miss Emily Alexander in purple georgette and a bandeau with purple tulle and a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums, and Miss May Anderson in blue georgette and a silver bandeau with blue tulle and a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums.

RAINBOW FESTIVAL GORGEOUS EVENT

The B.Y.P.U. of the First Baptist Church of Toronto, gave its 8th annual Rainbow Festival, Thursday and Friday nights, October 2nd and 3rd. This festival is noted for its beautiful decorations, splendid programmes and valuable prizes.

This year was no exception to the high standard set and maintained during the history of these festivals. The decorations displaying the variegated colors of the rainbow were as gorgeous as ever.

The programme carried two features, Mr. C. Andie Johnson, Canada's noted baritone soloist, winner of the gold medal and scholarship at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, appeared with his Paragon Choral Club on Thursday night and Mme. Hunter, the sweet singer of London, on Friday night. Both features were received with much enthusiasm. Tremendous audience greeted these artists each night.

The following also appeared on the programmes: Mr. J. A. Knight, piano, Mr. E. Jaes, soloist; Mrs. M. L. Fountain and Mrs. E. Richie, with readings, Mr. Blackwood, Clarinet solo; a trio of stringed instruments and the church choir.

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The groom's gifts to the bridesmaids were: a gold necklace to Miss Murdock; a string of pearls to each of the other bridesmaids, and gold necklace to Bernice Marshall and a brooch to Lillian Hawe.

The bride was given away by her father.

Mr. Conrad Bruster, of Verdun, Montreal, attended the groom.

The ushers were Messrs. S. S. Scott, E. C. Alexander, A. James and H. Gairey.

During the signing of the register Miss Edna Johnson, Oakville, sang "Until." Mr. Leroy Williams performed at the organ. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall left at \$7.45 to spend their honeymoon en route to New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. The bride travelled in brown silk velvet with hat and shoes to match.

On their return, they will reside at Verdun, Montreal.