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Editorial

TOO BUSY

Five weeks ago the management of The Dawn offered prizes amounting to \$25 for essays on Co-operation. Aside from advertising this contest for five consecutive weeks through the columns of our paper, we personally interviewed many of our leading citizens, urging them to write upon the subject. We were successful in securing some of Canada's most prominent citizens to act as judges and for all of our trouble, seven papers on Co-operation have reached us. Most of those whom we personally interviewed would respond: "I am too busy." Yes, they are too self contained and too busy to lend a hand in an attempt to better the conditions of the Race; too busy and too selfish to help pave the way for future generations; too busy to assist in creating conditions which mean more success and broader fields even for themselves; too busy to throw out a lifeline to the drowning.

To be sure we appreciate very highly the efforts of the seven contestants who did write and for them we have nothing but praise. Would that we had offered seven prizes, in order that each could receive one. One young Miss, who evidently lived in the country, could conceive of no other way in which to co-operate than by buying and selling pigs in common, still, she, by the mere act of entering the contest, has done more than many of those whom we look upon as leaders.

How long shall we turn a deaf ear to the upward striving of our people? How long shall we continue to show a lack of interest in the higher development of our own people? Are we waiting for the people, other races, to blaze the way for us? If so, in some far distant day, the shock of disillusion will almost kill us, for if we ever mount the ladder of success it will be through our own thrift, industry and leadership.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last week a letter appeared on our editorial page which was unstinted in its praise for the merit and worth of our journal and which also spoke of the Amherstburg Regular Baptist Association having chosen The Dawn of Tomorrow as its official organ. We are very sorry that the signature of the writer, Rev. J. F. Johnson was inadvertently left out. Rev. Johnson is pastor of the Hill Street Baptist Church of London, Ont.

EDITORIAL

A fine spirit of co-operation was demonstrated the latter part of this week, when the Federation For Community Service of Toronto conducted their annual campaign and tag day. The Federation, be it known, is composed of 48 charitable organizations which are engaged in administering relief, and comfort to suffering humanity upon the broad principles of preventative service. Space does not permit us to enumerate all of the various organizations that compose this great federation of welfare, charitable and character building workers, but it is with pleasurable pride that we point out to our readers that the Federation for Community Service is composed of The Home Service Association and 47 sister societies.

In a former issue we gave a brief resume of the fine work accomplished by The Home Service Association since its inception, and Race pride compels us to compliment The Home Service campaigners and taggers on their fine showing during the campaign.

From the opening of the campaign, on Tuesday morning until the last dollar was counted, the ladies of our group worked diligently and unselfishly in company with their sister groups to make the campaign a success. There was not a suggestion of segregation or discrimination, and many of our collectors were soliciting subscriptions in some of the most fashionable districts of the city, and all were most courteously received, as they proceeded about their duties in a cheerful and businesslike manner. Their success indeed was a source of credit to our Race, as it proved what our folks can do when given equal opportunity; and we had a glimpse of them as they performed this work of service for the unfortunate, and were more than ever proud of the color of our skin, and the texture of our hair.

'Tis a far cry from the time when we were looked upon as a Race of beggars, dependent upon the crumbs that fell, to scatter then promiscuously, and call it charity: unto the present time when we stand like men and women and assist in co-operative collecting for community work in a service of love, regardless of race, color or creed, and assist in distributing the funds with careful consideration.

Our women in co-operation with the women of other groups bore the burden in the heat of the last four days, in a campaign of Preventative Service, with the motto "Suppose nobody cared," and we trust that our men—Race men—responded with "I care", and gave 'til it hurt.

We were privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of The Home Service Association, listen to the fine reports and witness their enthusiastic reception, and enjoy the various addresses. We noted the report of the Secretary with extreme care, and learned that numerous unfortunate individuals had been assisted in various ways, distressed families held together, and other home services had been rendered by this organization; all of which saved the Race much embarrassment, and discredit: but when the Secretary stated that only \$1,656.28 had been expended for this great service, of which 66 dollars had been contributed by our group, with the Federation For Community Service bringing up the total. It did not seem

right.

Of course a few dollars of the larger amount may have been contributed on Tag-Day but It costs but \$1.00 a year to become a member of this organization and 66 members had paid up, and it occurs to us that 500 members at \$1.00 a year would sound better, look better, and be better. Let us bolster up our Race-pride, and join in the drive for 500 members.

Shall it be said that the Race in Toronto contributes only 66 dollars a year to assist its unfortunates?

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"Let my right hand forget her cunning, and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy," is the declaration of the Hebrew: as he turns towards the east and remembers the travails of his struggling fathers.

"Allah il Allah" (God is God) calls the Muzzein from the minaret daily at high noon, and immediately the devout Mohammedan removes his shoes, and with face toward Mecca, prostrates himself.

The Yellow Races hold in sacred esteem the tombs of their ancestors, and continually pray to Buddha against that day of days, Nirvana.

These Races remember the lands of their fore-fathers, and the travails of their people; and though scattered over the face of the earth, they forget not.

Remembering the history of our ancestors and the traditions of our fore-fathers, we cannot but recall that in the dark days their prayers arose from the canebrakes, the swamps, the everglades, and the cotton fields of the sunny southlands; and the coral islands of the seas, to an omnipotent God for the Dawn of Tomorrow in behalf of their children, yet unborn. We are those children, and it is for us to remember the travails of our struggling ancestry.

We therefore, solemnly dedicate The Dawn of Tomorrow in memory of those who have gone before, and if an issue of this paper will serve to strengthen our weaker brother, and lend renewed strength to those of us who are struggling to maintain a place in the sun for posterity; its mission will be fulfilled and it will have earned its right to exist.

Robert P. Edwards.

All Men Are Not Created Equal

(By The Associated Negro Press)
London, Oct.—The American Constitution is all wrong, according to Dr. Cyril Burt, president of the psychology section of the British Association.

"All men are created equal," says the American Constitution.

"All men are created unequal," says Dr. Burt.

"In the psychological sense, as distinguished from the political, not only are men created unequal, but the extent of the inequality surpasses anything heretofore conjectured," the doctor said. "In a survey of 30,000 cases in a London borough it was found that the mental ration of the children might vary from 50 per cent below normal to 150 per cent above. The brightest child at the age of ten had the mental level of an average child of fifteen. A dullard had the mental level of a child of five.

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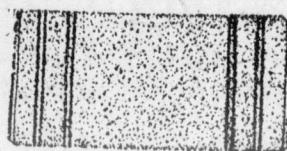
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