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Editorial

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PETTY PREJUDICES.

We often hear expressions among our people which savor of narrow-mindedness and petty prejudice. For instance: "He is a bright mind, but he is a West Indian, or he is from the States, or he is a Canadian, or he is a Methodist, or he is a Baptist." Of all of the silly things which we might do or say, this is the most absurd, and yet this very spirit has, in many cases, prevented us from doing our best good. We have known cases in which men advocated causes which would have benefited the entire race, but which were frowned upon because the promoter happened to be from this country, or from that, because he was of this creed, or that faith.

Such a viewpoint is both childish and foolish, and I am sure it is high time that we should begin to have a greater perspective, a broader outlook of things affecting our people. The thing we should ever remember is that whether we are from the remotest islands of the South Sea, from the heart of the West Indies, from Canada, the States, or from heaven, we are members of a common race with a common lineage, and that the Caucasian races have placed us all in the same category. Again we should remember that while we are standing still fighting over creeds and squabbling over differences in countries, other races have risen beyond these arbitrary dividing lines and are forging ahead.

We discussed with one of our leading ministers, the advisability of attempting to bring more of our own people into Canada. He objected to the scheme and his objection was that in this country race prejudice increases in the same ratio with the increase of colored citizens. "O ye of little faith." Suppose his observations were well founded. Is that a reason why we should not love our own any the less or that we should not seek to better their conditions and not to strengthen our own position?

Suppose the Jews, the Irish, the Germans and the "whatnots" took the same view of their problem in this country? We verily believe that one of the greatest drawbacks in this country is, not prejudice, but our fewness in number.

We are longing for, praying for, a

"Dawn of Tomorrow" in Canada, when our leaders will actually LEAD. More than that, when our leaders shall be chosen because of their worth, their merit and their ability, and not because of birth, country, or creed.

Letters to the Editor

Windsor, Ont., April 23, 1924.
The Editor,
The Dawn of Tomorrow.

Dear Sir:—

This may be of interest to you, if so I will be glad if you will publish it in your paper, which I read every week.

Rev. I. H. Edwards, B.A., formerly the pastor of the B.M.E. Church of this city has been appointed to the staff of the Board of Education with his office in the Collegiate building. This is a step in advance for the race. It is to be hoped that more of our men will aspire to such positions, especially our young men.

A READER OF THE DAWN.

BELIEVES IN HARD WORK.

Chicago, Ill., (By the Associated Negro Press). "Hard work will cure almost any ailment, according to C. Satchell Morris, Jr., orator, who besides telling the story of racial glory, preaches the gospel of always being on the job. Mr. Morris claims that he learned the value of always doing something from a father who never kept still.

Meeting precept by example he is now engaged in pursuing a special twelve weeks' course in the University of Chicago and is booked up for 20 speaking engagements in the Middle West. As soon as the one week's studies are over, he is off to work. These week end trips, he says, are his vacations.

At the completion of his present course at the University, he will leave Chicago for California, in which state he will fill engagements in Los Angeles, Oakland, Pasadena, and a number of other places. Stops will be made in other states going to and from California. This work is scheduled to take up a large part of the summer.

RACE RELATIONS BOARD BUYS DAY NURSERY

(By The Associated Negro Press) Atlanta, Ga.,—Through the interest of the local Race Relations Committee, a house has been purchased on Roc Street which will be used as a day nursery, serving the needs of colored women. The committee plans to provide clinics, furnish milk for infants and supply clothes for needy children. In addition thereto, there has been made possible a Sunday School and Missionary Institute, lasting a week, for colored women. Two hundred and fifty women have already enrolled.

STRATFORD NOTES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Groat, of London, Saturday, April 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, a son, Lewis Henry Groat.

Mrs. J. D. Hall spent a few hours in Tillsonburg during Easter week, on business.

Mr. J. D. Hall Motored home for a few hours on Easter Sunday.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Wilfred Lloyd Drake, who departed this life seven years ago, April 27, 1917.

There is no flock, however watched and tended,

But one dead lamb is there;

There is no fireside, howsoever defended,

But has one vacant chair.

Father, Mother, Sister, Brothers

REFLECTIONS.

(By S. E. G. Allen)

The mistakes of my long life can never be told,

And the good deeds have been all too few.

I pause on the threshold of seventy odd years

And would like to begin life anew.

The vista before me is glorious to view,

'Tis the vista's behind that so grieve;

'Tis the lost opportunities sadden me so,

And the "might-have-beens" hard to believe.

Now if I could start sweet life over again,

One more trial of dear fleeting time;

And such powers as my Father has given to me,

Were as strong as they were in my prime.

But God knows what is best, and he chooses for me,

I can surely trust love that's Divine,

Were a second term best for His chosen ones here,

I am sure that that term would be mine.

NIAGARA FALLS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Plummer and grandchildren spent Sunday in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. M. Bright, of Fort Erie, spent several days in the city as a guest of Mrs. M. Washington.

Mr. LeVerne Jones, of Brantford, spent the holiday with Rev. and Mrs. Woodcock.

Mr. Chas. Pierman, of Buffalo, N.Y. spent Easter with his sister, Mrs. B. Sutton, Peer St.

Mr. Fred Young spent Easter in Hamilton.

Mr. D. L. Jones, of Buffalo, was a recent visitor in the city.

Mrs. A. E. Smith and children, who have been spending the past several days in Buffalo, have returned.

The Poverty Club will hold its Anniversary sermon on Sunday, May 4, and on Monday a banquet will be held.

The Easter Services were both well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Brown are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor and the Misses Marion Taylor and Grace Harper of Fort Erie were recent visitors in the city.

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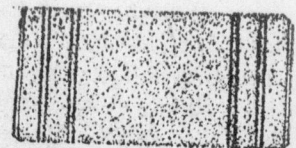
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Owing to the weather on Monday and concert attended as was pleased to report that the speaker Rev. Dr. Munro and the Hon. Mr. were heartily enjoyed.

Mrs. Ellen Cra of Toronto, are in the city and shipped at Turner vice in the morning.

Miss Edna John disposed at this v

The Missionary grand concert in t at Bronte on Friday the famous Jubilee

All extend their to Mrs. Mary Budd