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## Editorial

### WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

Although it has been some few years since we went to college, still the coming of October always reminds us that golden opportunities are again beckoning our youth, that our blessed institutions of learning are open, inviting our boys and girls to enter therein and prepare themselves for service. In a previous editorial on "Education" we quoted statistics showing, not how many, but how few of our boys and girls in this country are entering college. The number of our boys and girls who finish even the prescribed public school course is so small that we feel embarrassed to mention it again. This is indeed the saddest aspect of the race question in Canada, for if we have lost faith in the power of knowledge we have broken faith with the world's most powerful weapon. Let us turn for example, to the situation in the United States and especially to the situation in the South. It is there that our race is confronted with a prejudice that is so deep dyed and sordid that the conditions which they must undergo are unbelievable to the fully civilized. And yet it is in the South that colored people are making the greatest progress. Why, you ask? Simply because our Southern brother has learned the secret of success and that is to educate. Suppose Booker T. Washington's mother had not been willing to sweat over the wash tub in order that her son might have the opportunity to attend school; suppose Dunbar's mother had been unwilling to work as house maid in order to help her son realize his ambition? Suppose thousands of other mothers and fathers of colored Americans who are making good had not made many sacrifices and in some cases the supreme sacrifice for their children. But on the other hand, had said: "What's the use?" Suppose Coleridge Taylor had not been given an opportunity to learn music simply because he was dark and because the world said: "What's the use?" How much beauty and genius and poetry and music the world would have lost.

Every argument which has been advanced to show why our boys and girls should not go to college is flimsy and foolish. Do our children require a college education? If other children of wealth and influence need it our poor neglected children most cer-

tainly do. You answer that when they finish college they can find nothing to do. If you educate them properly they will find a way or they will make one. I was in Windsor recently and I talked with one of our prominent ministers. He once held a position in a certain factory, which, as a rule, is not open to colored men. "I only obtained the position" said he, "because I could do the work better than any one else", which of course means that through education we must become a race of super-men and super-women.

We feel somewhat pricked when we are called a backward race? Simply the lack of intelligence, in other words, the lack of education. If we would have our boys and girls take their place in the front ranks of men and women, if we wish to insure our little children against becoming the world's hard carriers and the country's burden bearers we must educate them for this is the one and the only way, and when we fail to educate them we know not how many Dunbars or Pushkins or Washingtons or Dumas we are forcing to do the world's scavenger work.

### THE PRIZE

The Dawn of Tomorrow has offered prizes amounting to \$25.00 for the best practical method presented for beginning colored business enterprises through co-operation i.e., through team-work. The prizes will not perhaps, be awarded on excellency of English or on literary construction but they will be given to the best practical plans offered for opening business enterprises by working together. Our object for offering these prizes was not to increase our subscriptions (although we are anxious to see our list of subscribers grow) but rather we are trying, through this method to have the colored people of this country begin to think seriously upon the necessity of business enterprises among our race. To be sure, we have some business places in the Dominion which not only reflect credit upon ourselves but which are a credit to Canada. But on the whole we haven't enough such places. Our boys and girls, knowing the difficulty in obtaining positions with white firms, can look to their own race with but little hope. Either they will not prepare themselves for higher service or else when they do prepare, they go to the States. If we as a race are to attain the highest standards of citizenship it is highly essential that we have among us business men, lawyers, doctors, dentists, teachers, and so forth as well as our laboring class. We should again call attention to the thousands of successful business and professional men of the race in the United States. We know full well that what is being done there we can do here if our wills become strong enough. What greater evidence of our upward striving and longing could we give the world than a chain of colored business-places established in the larger centers throughout the Dominion? What would be more encouraging to our boys and girls and what would be more beneficial to generations yet unborn? And if this is not done, if a start is not soon made we shall soon be in such a position that only the most sordid jobs will be open to us. But this shall not be so for some of us are going to make the start. Who will it

be? The wish always is father to the thought, then the thought in turn is father to action, so if through the prizes offered we may awaken in the breast of our people the wish to enter business we feel sure they will think and meditate upon it and finally, action! action! action! !

### THE DEATH OF MADAME MOXLEY

Through the tragic and sudden death of the late Elizabeth Jane Moxley, London has lost one of its best citizens, the church one of its most ardent supporters and her family has lost an affectionate wife, mother and grandmother. It has been rightly said of her that she put her whole soul into everything she did, and that whatever she undertook, she went at in a big way. We remember this particularly in connection with her work in the church. Whatever duty was assigned her she performed in the bigger way; her functions were always among the best. In business too she had the broader vision. Her hair-dressing parlors were among the best to be found in Western Canada, and her service was also among the best. It was through her visions that many other colored women were inspired to open similar places which are still rendering efficient service.

Her last conversation with us was concerning her ambition for her son Andy and for other talented members of the race. She was ever looking up and fighting onward, not so much for herself, but for her children and her race. We are intimately acquainted with the family and we know of the genuine affection existing between its members. We know of the tender devotion she bestowed upon her son Andy and with what a great measure this affection was reciprocated. And so for this reason we join with all who knew them well in extending our deepest sympathy to her most unfortunate son and to the other members of her family.

### Our Assistant Advertising Manager

The Dawn of Tomorrow is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. I. A. Matthews, as Assistant Advertising Manager, and Supervisor of Agents for Toronto.

Mr. Matthews, who is a well-known musician of this city, is Conductor of Matthews' Orchestra, and Bandmaster of the Ethiopian Band. He is also Agent for the Black Swan Records, which are owned and controlled by Negroes; and Agent and Demonstrator of "Mammy's Wash-Day Smile."

The Dawn of Tomorrow is founded on necessity. Subscribe for it now. 500 new subscribers is our slogan.

In planning for The Dawn of Tomorrow two thoughts were uppermost in our mind. First we were convinced of the extreme necessity of a Race paper for the Dominion of Canada; an organ through which we might express our views and through which the world might learn of the many good deeds we are doing and of the many fine thoughts we are thinking; a journal which would keep us informed of what the Race is doing in other parts of the world. Secondly we had given much time and thought to the subject of ways and means to give our people a journal of credit, of worth and merit.

JAS. F. JENKINS

### COST OF COLORED SCHOOLS

Columbia, S.C., Oct.—During the past year the total cost of the school buildings and equipments for colored schools was \$115,322. The colored people of the State contributed \$20,442, the whites \$5,325, the Rosenwald appropriations \$24,400, the county building fund \$50,155, and the State building fund \$1,500. The report was made by J. B. Felton, State agent for colored schools.

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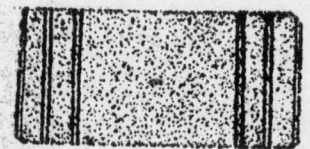
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