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MOODS OF THE MIDNIGHT

The windows battle with the wilding winds

That beat the bending boughs unkindly hard,

And, in the darkness of an August night,

Roar 'round the dreary dwelling of a bard.

A sullen storm has gathered in the West,

The thunder dares to rock the heavy air.

And as the lightning leaps from cloud to cloud,

With blinding light the sky is one great glare.

Tall maple trees, deep-rooted though they were,

First tremble in the tempest's surging swell,

Then reel, till like the drunkards down they dash,

Faster, by far, than woodman's axe can fell.

The larger, seemingly more helpless are

As they lie bruised and broken on the ground,

While branches, boasting once the greenest garbs

Are scattered far and furiously around.

The tempest, in its racing gathers strength,

The howling of the storm goes on apace;

And woe betide the feeble homeward bound

Who needs must warring wind and weather face.

The clash of thunder loud and louder peals,

The lightning's glare doth bright and brighter grow;

Immediately what damage may be wrought

Perchance 'tis well for folk they do not know.

But, suddenly, the storm hath overswept!

For earth, the moon her gayest vesture brings,

And each wee star, up in yon sky of blue,

With nameless grace a golden censer swings.

The air is pure! and nearly as the day

The midnight hours are beautiful and bright;

And, save the wreckage of some fallen trees,

Who'll know at morn that 'twas a stormy night?

—MACK

London, Ontario.

The 1932 parade of Negro graduates in American colleges firms a stupendous record of mass and individual racial achievement. There were 1,845 young people who took degrees at Colored colleges and 484 Negro graduates from Northern institutions, according to the annual education survey published in the August issue of THE CRISIS magazine. Seven Negro students received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2 were elected to Phi Beta Kappa and 3 to Sigma XI.

Rutgers, Bates, Colgate and Berea colleges conferred honorary degrees

OBITUARY

Rev. J. H. Penick, pastor of the Queen St. Baptist Church (colored) at Dresden, died at his home on the Baseline, Chatham Township, on the 29th of July in his 68th year. The funeral took place from the church on August 1st, the services being participated in by Rev. I. H. Edwards, B.A., of Windsor, Vice-Moderator of the Association; Rev. L. Wells, B.A., B.Th., of Charleston, West Virginia; Rev. Arthur Randall, B.A. of First Baptist Church, Windsor; Rev. C. P. Jones, Rev. Wm. Saunders, Rev. J. A. Dyer, B.A., all of Chatham; Rev. H. L. Talbot of Windsor and North Buxton; Rev. J. C. Browning of Union Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Treanor of Presbyterian Church of Dresden.

Rev. Dr. Bradley of Detroit, one of the most brilliant preachers and pastors of the Colored churches in America, preached the funeral sermon—particularly fitting, for he had been led to Christ by Mr. Penick 32 years before.

Mr. Penick had been connected with the Amherstburg Regular Baptist Association for the past 36 years and was several times its moderator, occupying that position for the past six years. He was the oldest minister in the Association. He was born in Logan County, Kentucky, March 15th 1865. He was educated in Nashville, Tenn. and became pastor at Toledo, Ohio; then served as an evangelist until 1899 when he was called to the First Baptist Church at Puce, Ontario.

He married Miss Leah Cromwell, of Buxton, who died in 1909, leaving one son, who pre-deceased his father. In 1912 Mr. Penick married the widow of William Lucas, formerly Miss Casies Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith, and sister of Mr. Ben Smith of Dresden.

He was an untiring worker and devoted to his church. Even in May, after two months of illness, he administered baptism in his own church on Queen Street.

He is survived by Mrs. Penick, one step-daughter, Mrs. Clarence Highgate, and three grandchildren; also two sisters, Mrs. Clara Lewis and Louise Penick, both of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Three years ago while preaching anniversary sermons in Dresden an opportunity was agorded me to visit the Queen St. Church in the afternoon. Mr. Penick had announced the service well and about 60 people had gathered from the farms of the Dresden district. He left a very distinct impression of godliness and ability and I have treasured the memory of the service ever since. Though the churches of his ministry were small always and he was compelled to support himself very largely from his small farm, he accomplished much for the Kingdom when he led to Christ Dr. Bradley. —L.F.K.

TWO HOWARD MEN PASS STIFF BAR EXAMINATION IN D.C.

WASHINGTON — Two members of the 1932 class of the Howard University Law School were among the successful applicants for the District Bar made on August 16th. They are Edward T. Lovett of Fayetteville, N.C. and Nelson H. Nichols Jr.

STAR DEFIES SEGREGATION

Miss Adelaide Hall, Musical Comedy Actress enters Home in Aristocratic White Neighbourhood Despite Protests.

LARCHMONT, N. Y., August 25th—Despite howls of protests from her newly acquired white neighbours, Adelaide Hall, prima dona star of such musical comedy hits as "Chocolate Dandies," "Brown Buddies" and several editions of "Blackbirds," has moved into her rambling \$30,000 home on exclusive Kilmer road "to live here for ten years."

Standing on her "rights as an American citizen" she has leased the property, much to the dismay of the white residents of the district, who watched the singer move her furniture, her servants, her grandmother, her mother and her husband, prepared for a long sojourn.

Mayor Monroe Steiner and neighbors said they planned to "bring pressure to bear" to get the 'Harlem blues singer to change her mind," but Adelaide's mind stayed put. It left the neighbours struggling at a loss for in this Northern town there is no law to permit them to do anything about it.

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