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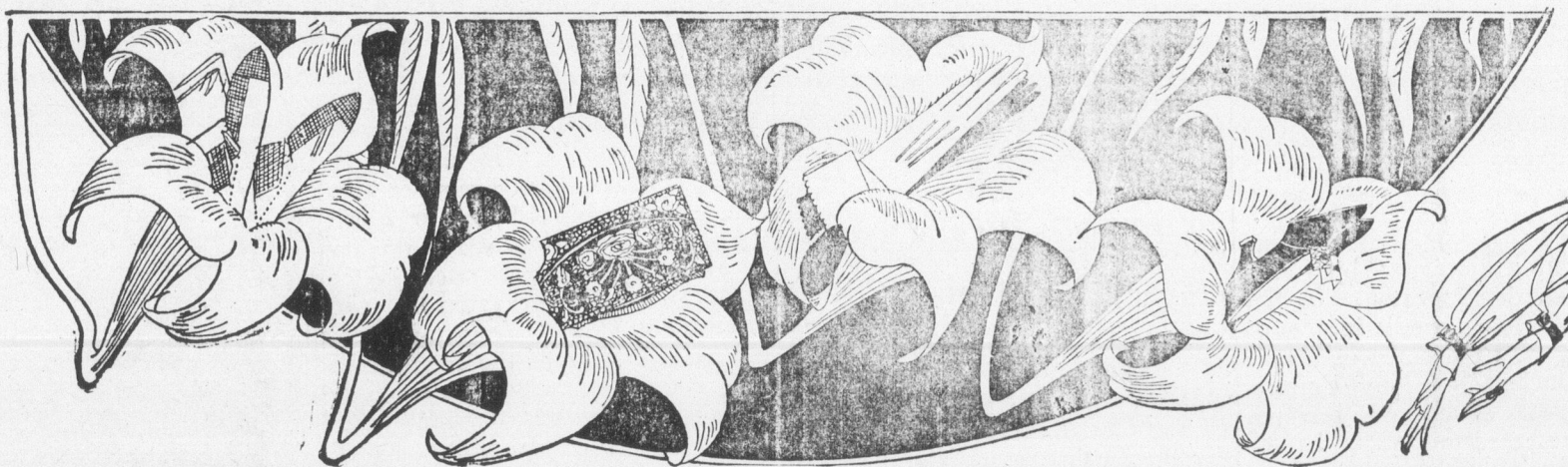
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## NEGROES RECEIVE CREDIT FOR U. S. PROHIBITION

Westerville, O., April 4.—A great deal of credit for bringing about constitutional prohibition in the United States and state prohibition in a number of states has to be given to the intelligent Negroes of this country, according to Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, general secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism.

This it is found was true in a striking manner in the campaign in West Virginia in 1912, as revealed in a letter from Judge J. C. McWhorter of Buckhannon, W. Va., prominent in the 1912 campaign, to the World League Against Alcoholism. The letter says:

"There was a surprisingly large dry vote cast by the negroes of this state. This was due to two things:

"A special effort was made to give to the colored people, especially through the colored churches, a clear conception of what liquor was doing for their people in the destruction of their homes and debauching of their young manhood. I personally made addresses to several negro congregations and was amazed to find the sympathetic interest which was aroused in both men and women among the negro congregations. This same effort was made also through the Negro schools with splendid effect. On election day a great demonstration was made in my city, as was made in other cities, by public school in marching with songs and banners, and the whole Negro school turned out as part of this parade, and it had its effect upon the colored voters.

"A second powerful influence

## NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTRE IS INAUGURATED AT MONTREAL

The efforts of Montreal's Negro citizens, headed by Mr. G. B. Darby, towards the establishment of a Negro Community Centre in this city, manifested itself in a tangible and most gratifying manner on Saturday, March 26th, when the official inauguration of the organization was staged at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Drummond street, and, judging from the spontaneous enthusiasm which was manifested by the assemblage and the whole-hearted pledges of encouragement and support by some of Montreal's most highly placed citizens in its commercial, political and social life who were present, if the "Negro Night," as the inauguration proceedings were designated, may be regarded as an augury, then the undertaking is predestined to be a huge success.

The facilities of the Y. M. C. A. were very generously loaned by Secretary Mooney, who, in a brief address of welcome, succeeded in making everyone present feel quite at home, and at 8.10 p.m. proceedings

were commenced. Various forms of recreational activities were indulged in, the men engaging in bowling and billiard games while the ladies and children gave themselves up with reckless and carefree abandon to singing and the playing of divers games in the association hall. Each of the various forms of entertainment was under the supervision and direction of Negro committee appointees. These were concluded at 9.30 p.m. at which hour all gathered in the association hall which was comfortably filled, there being about 500 present of which the white representation was approximately one-fifth.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. H. Este, Pastor of the Union Congregational Church. To the chairman's right, and in the order named, sat Mr. Walter Pratt, representing the Canadian National Railways, Col. Robt. Starke, Mr. A. B. Calder representing the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mrs. T. B. Olley, one of the directors, and Mr. G. B.

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## PROMINENT WHITE MINISTER SPEAKS ON NEGRO RACE

*Pacific Coast News Bureau.*

Santa Anna, Cal.—"Rhythm is the basis of African music while modern jazz is but a mutilated form," was the declaration of the Rev. Earl Cochran, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, Cal., speaking before the Santa Ana Lions' Club recently.

Reviewing the history of the colored race in the United States, the pastor, who has spent many years studying the Negro situation, customs and habits, stated that Christianity has had a great influence upon the Negro and his music. He declared that the soft tones of the Negro has much to do with influencing the speech of white people of the South.

*Berates Southern Attitude*

Berating the attitude taken towards the Negro in many parts of the United States, the Rev. Mr. Cochran declared in his address that many of the best known and well educated colored people could meet the most prominent people in Europe, but that in certain parts of the U. S. the same persons were required to walk up a back alley to a hotel. This condition, the pastor said, must be remedied.

*Address Well Received*

The address illustrated with a number of Negro songs, was well received by the local Lions. Frank Purinton, president of the city board of trustees, was chairman of the program committee. Robert Bradford, well-known Santa Anna singer, sang, accompanied at the piano by Mdm. Manuela Budrow, local musician.



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## Editorial

### Wonderful Ethiopians

We have just finished reading "Wonderful Ethiopians," by Miss Drusilla Dunjee Houston. In her book, Miss Houston tells in a most interesting way the story of people of the ancient Cushite Empire. Through years of toil and research she has presented to the world some most interesting and startling facts about the ancient Ethiopians. We quote in part from Miss Houston's introduction: "We are sending forth this information because few men today understand the primitive forces that are not of modern culture. So superficial and prejudiced has been most modern research that many important and accepted theories of universal history have no basis in actual fact. The average modern historical book contradicts what the ancients said about the nations preceding them. But to go down with me as archaeology, ethnology, geology and philology disclose; not in a dry and tedious way, but through the unfolding of this, the most intensely interesting and startling drama of the ages."

Miss Houston has kept her promise and has given to the world one of the most interesting books upon the ancient Ethiopian races which has ever been written. As she states in her introduction, the book was not written to glorify the Negro or any other race but it is merely a result of the quest for truth.

In "Wonderful Ethiopians" Miss Houston has done the world a valuable service.

### China

If the Chinese people are not welcomed as citizens in other countries then by all that is sacred they should have the right to live and move and have their being in their own country. They should have the right to rule China at any rate and to say on what conditions their lands should be parcelled out. More than that, they should have the right to control the revenues of China. Any infringement upon any of these rights is detrimental to her national aspirations and the countries guilty of mistreating China in this respect will be held to strict ac-

countability. Four hundred million souls cannot be trodden over roughshod with impunity. China warned the world of this fact through the League of Nations last fall. Today she is busily engaged in demonstrating to the world that she meant what she said.

Whether sending a few Indian troops to China will assist in maintaining white supremacy in Asia is a grave question. At any rate, we see the irony of the situation when a brown race which is murmuring for home rule is sent against a yellow race which seeks to maintain, or, more correctly, perhaps, to gain national integrity. These two races number more than a billion. Should they ever realize that there was a common cause, a national bond of unity between them, I fear—I fear for certain other peoples.

China has decided that, since she is not welcomed in certain other portions of the globe, China must and shall be for the Chinese. Who can blame China?

### Easter

Easter comes at a glad season of the year. The festival itself, is both commemorative of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and as a memorial to the atonement wrought by the death of the Master upon the cross.

It is hailed with great acclaim in all the Christian churches of the world. In Greek and Latin and in the languages derived from them, Easter was known as *Pascha*, *Pascha*, *Pascha*, *Pascha*, etc., from the Chaldee word, *Pascha*, the equivalent of the Hebrew *Pisach*. The "Destroying Angel's" act is recalled by the last name in "passing over" the households of the Hebrews when he smote the Egyptians, as disclosed in the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

This year Easter will fall on April 17. The way by which Easter is determined is that of the first Sunday after the paschal full moon—the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, or the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21; and if the full moon happens on a Sunday, then Easter day is the first Sunday following.

As usual our churches will observe Easter with elaborate programs. It is an event that the children and the grown-ups have learned to look forward to with much pleasurable anticipation; it is an event all should remember with some beautiful thought for the day.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of George Chandler who passed away March 16, 1924.

No one knows how much we miss him.

No one knows the bitter pain we have suffered since we lost him.

Life has never been the same? In our hearts your memory lingers.

Sweetly, tender, fond and true; There is not a day, dear Daddy,

That we do not think of you.

—Sadly missed by wife and family.

Some men who stand on their dignity give evidence of not having much else to stand on.

Many a man falls into debt, but the process of getting out is usually one of crawling.

## Urban League Reports On Industry for Feb'y

Chicago Has Bread-line. Bricklayers Work on J. D. Rockefeller's Apartment for Negroes. Union Labor Appeals to Colored Workers.

Bulletin No. 12 of the Industrial Relations Department of the National Urban League Summarizes Employment Conditions Throughout the Country as Follows:

### General Conditions Unfavorable

There is little deviation in the reports for February from the general widespread unemployment which all large cities are facing. The seniority rule in industrial plants usually forces Negroes out of work first and causes more suffering among them than among other groups. In Buffalo, where appeals from Negroes for help are largely in excess of the normal number, this condition obtains. Chicago was still running a bread-line and is reported to be in a "serious state." Here the situation is aggravated by the incoming of workers from neighboring cities and from the South. In Pine Bluff conditions were generally dull and laborers worked part-time in the mills. Charlotte, North Carolina, had similar experiences. The larger cities in Missouri felt the effects of the industrial slump, and in Harrisburg a general depression in the iron and steel plants was observed. Newark reported losses in personal service situations because of the substitution of white servants for colored.

### Favorable Conditions

There were occasional bright spots even in some cities which were hard hit by unemployment. For instance, the construction of the new traffic bridge over the Mississippi River gave employment to 14 unskilled Negro laborers, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and in Austin, Texas, the erection of large office buildings gave employment to a goodly number of Negroes. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, the construction of three large buildings provided occupation for 40 laborers and the Fort Wayne Rolling Mills increased its working week from three to five days. In New York City a bank has hired a colored messenger and junior clerk with assurances of promotion. In this city also fifteen colored bricklayers, helpers and laborers were among the 100 employees working on the apartment building in process of construction by John D. Rockefeller Jr. for Negroes on Seventh Avenue and 149th street. In New York also work for women was more plentiful than for men who have felt the effect of the curtailment in subway construction. A leather goods factory in St. Louis which hired its first colored worker in January, called for 40 additional workers in February to handle a night shift. However, difficulty was experienced by the Urban League of that city in finding women to accept night employment.

### Labor Union

Reported instances indicate that sentiment favoring Negro membership in Labor Unions is still on the increase. This is evident from an

article in the *Labor Age*, one of the foremost labor journals of the country, by Thomas L. Dabney, entitled "Negro Labor at the Crossroads." This article has awakened a keen interest in the potential strength of Negro workers and the magazine has made plans to continue this discussion in a way to attract the attention of the devotees of labor. In Charlotte, North Carolina, differences in the pay between colored and white bricklayers were adjusted and the Negro plasterers have gone back to work. A committee of the Women's Trade Union League is vigorously pushing an organization of laundry workers in New York City to include colored employees who are said to be in excess of ten thousand. An organizer has been put on salary to arouse their interest and secure membership.



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## African Child Is More Courteous

*Pacific Coast News Bureau.*

Oakland, Cal.—“In their respect for age, in their regard for their elders, and their courtesy toward them, the children of African Negroes are far ahead of American children in that respect as light is ahead of darkness in brilliancy,” said W. E. Kirby, white missionary of this city recently in an address before the Methodist Men's Club at their monthly meeting. “The children,” said he, “always bow when they meet their elders, await their pleasure in everything and know that they are made to be seen and not heard. Such things as disrespect and discourtesy is absolutely unheard of on their part.

*Natives Dignified*

“These Negroes are more dignified and formal than Piedmont society,” said Mr. Kirby as he detailed the meeting of the men and their conversations. “They bow, shake hands, stand apart, straight as an arrow, talk formally ten minutes, and then only do they become as normal Americans.” Beautiful baskets wonderfully made were shown, and a small hacking hatchet with which they cut down trees was a wonder to look at. Native rope pounded out of bark looked as good as our best. The Negroes use tooth brushes to the limit and have the finest teeth in the world, according to Mr. Kirby. The brushes are made out of a certain kind of wood that splinters very fine, and the natives will travel for days to get that particular wood. They have all the time for everything they want to do, and they never hurry. The men dance with the men, the women with the women. A man has as many wives as he wants, and the more he has the richer he is, for he makes them work for him. A hippopotamus hide whip, one of which was shown, hangs in every home and the man uses it occasionally. When the Negro accepts Christianity he gives his wife a place at the table (never done otherwise) and treats her better than some Americans do.

*Simple Children of Nature*

Mr. Kirby was located for years at a point 70 miles from the nearest settlement one way, 400 miles in another, 800 to 900 miles in another and 300 miles south. The nearest dentist was twelve days away, and the nearest doctor or nurse four days. His own little son did not see a doctor until he was three years old. He found the natives of this region “simple children of nature,” and anything but the animals they are believed to be. The man is master of all he surveys and the woman is little better than a slave—she does all the work, and the only agricultural tool they have is a sort of small pick and shovel combined. They raise enormous quantities of sweet potatoes, and the women are able to carry close to 100 pounds of them on her head and shoulders.

Sometimes a floating indebtedness gets heavy enough to sink.

## Get Acquainted Club Hold Big Banquet

The Get Acquainted Club held its first annual banquet at the home of Mrs. A. Smith, 755 Little Grey Street, Thursday, March 1, 1927, when members and their friends to the number of fifty sat down to a sumptuous repast.

The rooms and table were tastefully decorated with the club colors, orange and black. After dinner speeches utilizing the work and progress of the club in its year of existence, were made by Rev. Thos. Woodcock, honorary president; Mr. Charles E. Poindexter, president; Mr. Fred Ball, vice-president; Mr. John Lucas, secretary; Mr. Chris Brown, president of the Brotherhood; Mr. James Jenkins, field secretary of the League for the Advancement of Colored People, also member of the Club; Mrs. Chris Brown, representing the Mothers' Club; Mr. Wesley Fountain, superintendent of the Sunday School. Other hort speeches were made by Mrs. Hattie Berry, Mrs. Margaret Ward, of Detroit, and Mrs. Rachel Fountain, city.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. Pearle Brown, convener; Mrs. F. Poindexter, Mrs. Carbrera, Mrs. A. Smith and Miss Gladys Stafford, is to be commended for the splendid manner in which everything was arranged for the comfort and convenience of the guests.

Those assisting in decorating were Mrs. Pearle Brown, Mrs. F. Poindexter, Miss Gladys Stafford, Mrs. Coursey, Mrs. Bertha Moxley, Mrs. M. Chantler, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Chas. Poindexter.

## Delay Is Dangerous

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If you wish to make sure of your place in one of these tours you will be well advised to make your reservation now. Send for handsomely illustrated descriptive booklets to H. C. Bourlier, General Passenger Agent, Canadian National Railways, Toronto, or to Martin Kerr, 4 Beulah Ave., Hamilton, or A. E. Bryson, 44 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto.



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## Harlem Library Gets Douglass Pen

New York, April 1.—The pen with which Frederick Douglass wrote his autobiography was presented last night by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the 135th street branch of the New York Public Library.

The speakers were Robert W. Bagnall, N. A. A. C. P. Director of Branches; Robert H. Blackall, who gave the pen to the N. A. A. C. P., and Miss Ernestine Rose, Branch Librarian. James Weldon Johnson presided.

A group of spirituals was sung by Miss Roberta Bosley.

Mr. Bagnall spoke on the life of Frederick Douglass, laying special stress on Douglass' many contributions toward the making of America as it is today.

In his presentation speech, Mr. Blackall, who had known Frederick Douglass personally, gave details of his acquaintance with Douglass. It was Mr. Blackall's father who, as superintendent of the B. & O. S. W. Telegraph Company at Rochester, overheard a message about an attempt to capture Douglass as a fugitive slave, and got him over into Canada to avoid his being taken back south.

## PROHIBITION

God calls each one to work for Him, most sure,  
And for His work He would have each heart pure  
And so for this He every fault would cure.  
All those with common sense must surely see  
That from this evil Drink we should be free.  
Through Prohibition only can this be.

The Christian public would do something grand,  
But they must learn to take a firmer stand.  
With Prohibition they could sweep the land.  
And many noble souls are working now.  
With this same end in view their solemn vow.  
And may high heaven with them great zeal endow.

And God bless every effort that is made.  
No better work than one united said.  
On all drink places, high or low the grade.  
Oh, how much better this old world would be,  
If from this bitter evil it were free.  
And Christ Himself would surely happy be.

And Prohibition we must learn to love.

That surely is the will of God above.  
Each must be pure and swift as a young dove.

In this great evil to close every door  
For we must learn to hate it more and more.

This fatal cup we surely must ignore.  
S. I. G. Allen.

## Canadian Anti- Slavery Group

(By PROF. FRED LANDON)  
(Continued from last issue)

Many other examples of the effect of the Fugitive Slave Act might be noted. The colored population of Columbia, Pa., dropped from 943 to 487 after the passing of the bill. The members of the colored community near Sandy Lake in north-western Pennsylvania, many of whom had farms partly paid for, sold out or gave away their property and went in a body to Canada. In Boston a fugitive slave congregation under Leonard A. Grimes, had a church half built when the blow fell. More than 40 members fled to Canada. Out of one Baptist church in Buffalo more than 30 members fled across the border, a similar migration taking place among the colored Methodists of the same city though they were more disposed to make a stand. At Rochester all but two of the 114 members of the colored Baptist church fled, headed by their pastor, while at Detroit the colored Baptist church lost 84 members, some of whom abandoned their property in haste to get away. A letter from William Still, agent of the Philadelphia Vigilance Committee, to Henry Bibb at Sandwich says there is much talk of emigration to Canada as the best course for the fugitives. The Corning Journal illustrates the aid that was given to the fugitives by northern friends. Fifteen fugitives, men, women and children, came in by train and stopped over night. In the morning a number of Corning people assisted them to Dunkirk and sent a committee to arrange for passage to Canada. The captain of the lake steamer upon which they embarked, very obligingly stopped at Fort Malden, on the Canadian side, for "wood and water and the runaways walked ashore to freedom. "The underground railroad is in fine working order," is the comment of The Journal. "Rarely does a collision occur, and once on the track passengers are sent through between sunset and sunset. That time did not dull the terrors of the Fugitive Slave

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## ST. CATHARINES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harper are all smiles over the arrival of a son, Richard Lawrence.

The variety musical concert given in the B. M. E. church Monday evening was a success. A splendid program was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to report that Miss Louise Bell, Welland Avenue, is confined to her home through illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## STRAITFORD

Miss Clara Armstrong spent the week-end at her home in Listowel.

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## Canadian Anti-Slave Group

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Act is shown by the fact that every fresh arrest would cause a panic in its neighborhood. At Chicago in 1861, almost on the eve of the Civil War, more than 100 Negroes left on a single train following the arrest of a fugitive, taking nothing with them but the clothes on their backs and most of them leaving good situations behind.

The underground railroad system was never as active in all its history as after 1850. Despite the law, and the infamous activities of many of the slave-catchers, at least 3,000 fugitives got through to Canada within three months after the bill was signed. This was the estimate of both Henry Bibb and Hiram Wilson and there were probably no men in Canada who were better acquainted with the situation. In the *Voice of the Fugitive* of November 5, 1851, Bibb reported that "the road is doing better business this fall than usual. The Fugitive Slave Law has given it more vitality, more activity, more passengers and more opposition which invariably accelerates business . . . . We can run a lot of slaves through from almost any of the bordering slave states into Canada within 48 hours and we defy the slaveholders and their abettors to beat that if they can. . . . We have just received a fresh lot today and still there is room. The Troy (N. Y.) *Argus* learned from "official sources" in 1899 that the underground had been doing an unusually large business that year. Bibb's newspaper reports, December 2, 1852, that the underground is working well. "Slaveholders are frequently seen and heard, howling on their track up to the Detroit River's edge but dare not venture over lest the British lion should lay his paw upon their guilty heads." Bibb kept a watchful eye on slave-catchers coming to the Canadian border and occasionally reported their presence in his paper. Underground activity was also noted in the *Liberator*. "The underground railroad, and especially the express train, is doing a good business just now. We have good and competent conductors," was a statement in the issue of October 29, 1852.

Not all those who fled to Canada left their property behind. *The Voice of the Fugitive* makes frequent reference to Negroes arriving with plenty of means to take care of themselves. "Men of capital with good property, some of whom are worth thousands, are settling among us from the northern states," says the issue of October 22, 1851, while in the issue of July 1, 1852, it is noted that "22 from Indiana passed through to Amherstburg, with four fine covered waggons and eight horses. A few weeks ago six or eight such teams came from the same state into Canada. The Fugitive Slave Law is driving out brains and money." In a later issue it was stated, "we know of several families of free people of color who have moved here from the northern states this summer who have brought with

them property to the amount of \$30,000." Some of these people with property joined the Elgin Association settlement at Buxton, purchasing farms and taking advantage of the opportunities that were provided there for education. A letter to *The Voice of the Fugitive* from Ezekiel C. Cooper, recently arrived at Buxton, says: "Canada is the place where we have our rights." He speaks of having purchased 50 acres of land and praises the school and its teacher at Buxton. Cooper came from Northampton, Mass., driven out by the Fugitive Slave Law. A rather unusual case was that of 12 manumitted slaves who were brought to Canada from the south. They had been bequeathed \$1,000 each by their former owner. They all bought homes in the Niagara district.

While fugitives and free Negroes were being harried in the northern states, slaves continued to run away from their masters and seek liberty. "Slaves are making this a great season for running off to Pennsylvania," said the Cumberland, Va., *Unionist* in 1851. A large number have gone in the last week, most of whom were not recaptured." At the beginning of 1851 *The Liberator* had a Buffalo despatch to the effect that 87 runaways from the south had passed through to Canada since the passing of the bill the previous September. Bibb mentions two runaways from North Carolina who were 101 days reaching Canada. The *Detroit Free Press* reported that 29 runaways crossed to Canada about the end of March, 1859, "the first installment of northern emigration from North Carolina." About the same time the *Detroit Advertiser* announced that "70 fugitive slaves arrived in Canada by one train from the interior of Tennessee. A week before a company of 12 arrived. At nearly the same time a party of seven and another of five were safely landed on the free soil of Canada, making 94 in all. The underground railroad was never before doing so flourishing a business." The New Orleans *Commercial Bulletin* of December 19, 1860, claimed that 1,500 slaves had escaped annually for the last fifty years, a loss to the south of at least \$40,000,000. The American Anti-Slavery Society's 27th report said Northward migration from slave land during the last year has fully equalled the average of former years."

It is interesting to note that several of the most famous cases that arose under the Fugitive Slave Act had their ending in Canada. Shadrack, Anthony Burns, Jerry McHenry, the Parker's, the Lemmon slaves and others found refuge across the border after experiencing the terrors of the Fugitive Slave legislation. The Shadrack incident was one of the earliest to arise under the new law. Shadrack, a colored employe in a Boston coffee house, was arrested on February 15, 1851, on the charge of having escaped from slavery in the previous May. As the commissioner before whom he was brought was not ready to proceed the case was adjourned for three days. As Massachusetts had forbidden the use of her jails in fugitive cases, Shadrack was detained in the U. S. court room at the court house.

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### TORONTO

The Bucilla Art Club held their third annual dance Monday evening March 7th, at Orange Hall, College St. and Euclid Ave. The hall was artistically decorated. Quite a number of out of town guests were in Toronto for the occasion. A wonderful evening was spent to the delight of everyone.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Prebble entertained a number of their lady friends at luncheon and cards Saturday, March 19, at 105 McCaul St. Quite a pleasant time was had by those present and all left complimenting Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Prebble on their unique way of entertaining.

The Scottish 'Mechanics' entertained a great number of children at a party a few Saturdays ago and the little ones certainly seemed to enjoy themselves. Dr. T. H. Lewes photographed the party and we expect to see a nice picture soon.

The Baptist choir and quartette are very busy these days filling engagements in and out of the city and they certainly have been a wonderful asset to the church in the last two years. Let us hope they will continue and become more successful in the good work.

Larry Gains was successful in beating his opponent, Romero Rojas to the punch and the final decision. In his success this time, he was accompanied by Douglas Lewis, who beat Jackson, the heavy hitting Pennsylvanian. Lewis kept Jackson constantly kissing the canvas and finally made him do a Black Bottom with his feet in the air while the referee tolled the final count of ten.

Mr. Grayson of 49 Dennison Ave. who has been ill for quite some time is improving nicely and will soon be able to claim full health and strength.

The Home Comfort Club is sending flowers and fruit to cheer the sick whenever and wherever they find them. The Eureka Club also sends flowers and fruit to the sick and the acts of these two clubs bring happiness to many a poor soul who has never had anything sent to them when they are sick; so, when you have sick friends, get in touch with these clubs, and they will help you to cheer them up.

Mesdames Bruton of 378 Yonge St. and Comings of Dundas Street near University Ave., have two excellent beauty parlors now where you can get your hair and face made to suit yourself as well as the general public. There is no excuse for bad looking heads of hair now, for when they get through with it you will be proud of it; so go and see them when you intend stepping out.

The air is full of rumors of coming weddings. If you are single, be careful or you will look suspicious and be pointed out as one of the prospectives.

Mr. Curley Christian is very ill at his home, 1421 Lansdowne Ave.

### CHATHAM

Word was received in the city of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Talbot, wife of the late Benjamin F. Talbot, who passed away at her home, 1844 E. 54th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. B. A. Talbot is visiting his mother in Cleveland, O., who is very ill.

Mr. H. Hutter of Cleveland, O., visited his aunt, Mrs. J. A. Black, over the week-end.

A St. Patrick concert given in the A. M. C. church recently was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Miss Edith Jackson celebrated her birthday at her home on Thursday evening. She received many beautiful gifts and hearty congratulations.

The second group of the Pollyanna club gave a very successful six o'clock dinner in the basement of the B. M. E. church on Saturday, which proved a great success.

Miss Alberta Braxton is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Allen Vandusen was able to be removed from the Public General Hospital to her home on Sunday. She is improving.

Miss Theresa Braxton spent the week-end visiting her brother, Mr. Joseph Braxton, of Windsor.

Mr. Gus Gunner who was seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, is able to be removed to his home.

Mr. Z. Bass is ill at his home at the time of writing.

### BRANTFORD

The concert given by the B.M.E. church Aid Thursday, March 17 at Marlborough Street United Church was a decided success. The program consisted of Jubilee songs, Mr. Andrew Moxley, baritone, of Waterloo, Ont., Mrs. Annie Johnson, elocutionist, of Guelph also Mr. Waldon of Guelph. Two quilts were given as prizes to the highest number of tickets sold. Mrs. Lindy Johnson won first prize on the autograph quilt, selling 142 tickets. Mr. John Lucas won the second, a plain quilt, with 125 tickets. The proceeds amounted to \$123.40. We thank all who so kindly took part in selling tickets and helping in the concert, thus making it a success. Visitors from Guelph to the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Miss Rosetta Wilson and brother, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waldon and the Misses Waldon, Miss Duncan, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Jewel and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pannell.

Don't forget the sick in the hospital, Mr. John Jones, and Mrs. Jim Beach who had the misfortune to break an ankle.

Mr. Isaac Johnson went to Guelph the week-end to see Mrs. Fisher.

We are glad to see Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Lucas out again.



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President John Montgomery, at  
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to assist Lawyer Falley in arguing  
the appeal of Wm. McCathern, sen-  
tenced to hang for rape. President  
Montgomery and the League are  
pleased at the result of the appeal.

When the case of Armillo King  
the youth who had been thrown out  
of school, came to his notice, Mr.  
Montgomery took the lad to the  
proper authorities and saw to it that  
the case was amicably adjusted. Ar-  
millio is now in school again and  
is very happy. Shall we say alto-  
gether: "Three cheers for President  
Montgomery."

The Dresden Branch has assumed  
part of the responsibility of raising  
funds to defray expenses incurred  
in appealing the case of Wm. Mc-  
Cathern. To date the branches  
promising assistance are: London,  
\$10.00; Brantford, \$5.00; Hamilton,  
unstated; Chatham, unstated; St.  
Catharines; Toronto, Niagara Falls  
and Windsor, unstated.

The Brantford Branch has for-  
warded its \$10.00 yearly fee to the  
Executive.

Dresden Branch has requested  
that its charter be sent immediately.

London Local is holding a chicken  
supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
C. H. Brown, Hill street, on Thurs-  
day, April 14.

Two very large firms employing  
hundreds of men have promised to  
co-operate with the Executive in  
finding employment for colored  
people. A few men have been placed  
already.

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boys participated, and discovered  
that they were playing against a  
team made up of two Negroes and  
three Japanese. If we could keep  
these boys from growing up, we  
would never have any serious race  
problem."—Fred M. Hansen, Y. M.  
C. A. regional executive secretary  
in *The Y Men Journal*, Los Ange-  
les, California.

## LONDON

Mrs. Walter Cromwell of Ep-  
worth Ave., entertained a few of  
the young people at her home last  
Tuesday evening.

Mr. Stanley Drake, of Detroit  
spent the week-end with his par-  
ents. He remained till Monday  
evening with his father who is ill.

Mrs. Edna Mulatt of Chatham,  
spent a few days with Mrs. Alice  
Marshall of Trafalgar street.

### Frances Moxley Dies

On Friday evening last little  
Frances Moxley passed away after  
having suffered long and patiently.  
Her death was a sad one because  
of her youth and because it follow-  
ed so closely that of her father, Mr.  
E. Moxley, who died less than a  
month previously. She was buried  
from the family residence, Grey St.,  
last Tuesday, interment being at  
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

### Rev. Drake Improving

We are pleased to report that  
while Rev. Drake's condition is  
still serious, he is at present some-  
what improved. We hope to pre-  
sent a more encouraging report in  
the next issue of THE DAWN.

Friday, March 18th the choir  
spent a few moments after rehear-  
sal with Mrs. Drake in honor of  
her birthday. Owing to the illness  
of Rev. Drake the visit was very  
quiet. Each member extended to  
Mrs. Drake congratulations and she  
also received some lovely gifts from  
friends in and out of the city which  
were very much appreciated.

Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m. the  
B. M. E. Sunday school is planning  
to hold an Easter service and  
would be pleased to see the parents  
of the children present, also any  
friends who desire to come. The  
committee under the direction of  
Supt. J. W. Fountain are preparing  
to give all a fine time so come and  
encourage the children of the  
school and workers. On Monday  
evening, April 18, the Knights of  
Service class with their teacher,  
Mrs. C. Brown, are giving a con-  
cert and we would be pleased to see  
you present to help us out.

The members of the Stewardess  
Board of the B. M. E. church gave  
a successful St. Patrick's supper  
and concert March 14. The guests  
were entertained at prettily deco-  
rated tables which were set by Mrs.  
C. Brown in St. Patrick's colors and  
favors. A very delightful and inter-  
esting program prepared by Mrs.  
Woodcock followed, with Rev. Mr.  
Woodcock as chairman. The num-  
bers were a recitation by the editor  
of The Dawn of Tomorrow, Mr.  
James Jenkins; readings by Mrs.  
Phillips and Miss Bernice Foun-  
taine; piano solos by Misses Jean-  
ette Woodcock, Alice Drake, vocal  
solos by Messrs. P. Lewis, A. But-  
ler and Miss Gladys Stafford. Two  
selections were rendered by Mrs.  
Rachel Fountaine, the Get Acquaint  
ed Club and two selections by the  
choir. Miss Jeanette Woodcock was  
the pianist. Mr. Wesley Fountaine  
at the door. Both schoolroom and  
auditorium of the church were  
beautifully decorated in the vogue  
colors of St. Patrick by Mrs. (Rev.)  
Woodcock and her daughter, Jean-  
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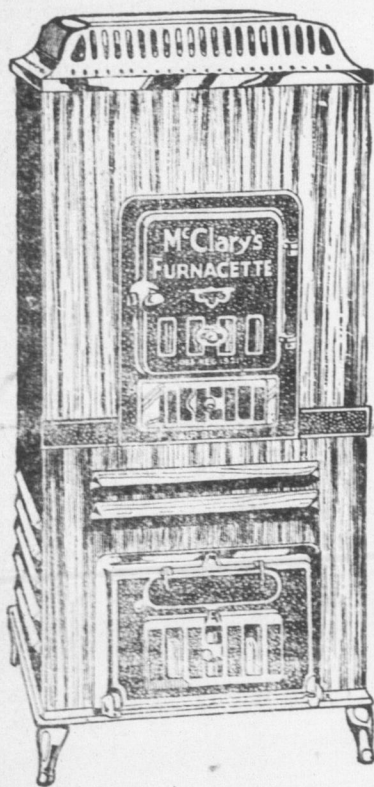
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## Negro Community Centre Is Inaugurated

(Continued from Page 1)

Darby, president of the organization. To his left were the Hon. Leslie Bell, M. P. for St. Antoine Division, Mrs. I. Sealey and Mrs. S. A. Durant, directors, and Miss Scott, representing the Ivery Settlement.

In a brief address which was inspired by sincerity rather than a desire to attain oratorical effect, but in which both these qualities were apparent, the chairman stressed the urgency of the Negro's need of a community centre and drew attention to the hardships and privations which they are called upon to undergo. He pointed out that 99 per cent of Montreal's male Negro workers are employed by the two great railway systems, viz: Canadian National and Canadian Pacific, the remaining one per cent being all that the other numerous and varied industries in the city are willing to engage. This he believes is a condition of affairs which could be remedied and greatly improved upon by the manifestation of a greater interest and appreciation on the part of the white race towards the Negro and with great emotion he cited the fact that while a student of divinity working his way through college, he was refused employment in the humble capacity of "shoe shine" at one of Montreal's leading hotels, which, however, freely gave employment to aliens who, during the European war, caused many a tug at humanity's heart strings by their brutal and atrocious deeds. He expressed the opinion that Montreal's Negroes who, in the main, are British subjects, are capable and worthy of greater things, and they should be given an opportunity of taking a more prominent part in the industrial activities of the nation than is at present granted them.

The speakers of the evening were, first, Mr. G. B. Darby, president, who ably outlined the circumstances leading up to the formation of the Negro Community Centre, its aims, affiliations and proposed method of administration. Its directorate is composed of some of Montreal's most prominent Negroes of both sexes, these being 18 in number and its affairs will be administered by an inter-racial board composed of ten members of which there will be a fifty-fifty representation. Its primary aims will be the relief of the economic stress now brought to bear upon the Negroes, the establishment and maintenance of a day nursery for children, the provision of means for wholesome recreation, social and other for both old and young, the fostering of a more sympathetic understanding and appreciation of each other between both races, thereby acquainting the citizens of Montreal with the Negro's economic needs and problems, and the stimulation among Negroes of a true spirit of Canadian citizenship, industry, thrift, social uplift, religion and education with a view to the creation of a less restricted field of industrial activities by which means only can the Negro give expression to the best there is in him. The movement is endorsed by His Worship the Hon. Mederic Martin, Mayor, the Montreal Council of Social Agencies, the Y. M. C. A. and

the Board of Health. Mr. Darby made a stirring appeal for public financial and moral support. The movement is non-sectarian.

Mr. A. B. Calder and Mr. Walter representing respectively and specially the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways, in well chosen remarks, interspersed on the part of the former by witty and appropriate jokes and quotations from the writings of Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Booker T. Washington, heartily endorsed the movement and pledged their respective companies', as well as their individual support towards its advancement. Tangible evidence of their sincerity was given in the form of substantial donations, Mr. Calder presenting a cheque for ten dollars and Mr. Pratt one for twenty-five. Mr. Calder declared that considering the handicaps and restrictions suffered by the Negroes, no other race in history has made or could under similar circumstances have made, such remarkable strides forward. Col. Robt. Sturge, the next speaker, also gave his 'unqualified endorsement to the scheme. In modest phrases which were freighted with sympathy and sincerity, he promised without reservation to do all within his power to the furthering of its advancement and supported his sentiments with a contribution of ten dollars.

The address of the Hon. Leslie Bell, the last speaker, was the *piece de resistance* of the evening's fare. After pledging his whole-hearted support, the Hon. member for St. Antoine favored his audience with a highly interesting and instructive review of Negro achievement in the fields of art, science, literature, music and athletics. He quoted freely from the Negro Year Book of 1923 and supplemented instances of outstanding and highly meritorious Negro achievements of which he had personal knowledge and in some of which McGill University, of which Montrealers are justly proud, played prominent parts. He instanced the phenomenal rise of Booker T. Washington from obscurity to the dizzy heights of fame, as concrete foundation for his belief that by dint of steady application to work and study, the observance of the laws of health and the cultivation of self-respect without which no one can hope to command the respect of others, the possibilities of the Negro of today who possesses far greater facilities for advancement than did Booker T. Washington, are well nigh limitless.

Mr. Bell believes that the way is being paved for the removal of obstacles which still remain in the path of the Negro who has achieved so much in so little time and who has manifested so great a desire for spiritual, moral and educational advancement that the erection instead of the demolition of barriers against him would be an injustice. He contributed \$25.00, thereby bringing the total of the night's donations to \$70.00.

The organization's headquarters are located at No. 365 Delisle St., and contributions, no matter how modest, addressed to the Negro Community Centre at this address or care of Social Agencies, Forum Building, Montreal, will be gratefully received.

Vernon M. Arnold.