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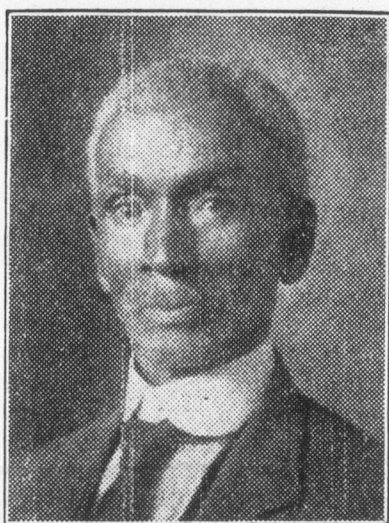
Second Contest For the Negro Music Composers

Philadelphia, Pa., January (Special Correspondence) — Rodman Wanamaker of this city has again offered \$1000 in prizes for composers of the Negro Race, the offer, as was the case last year, being made through the Robert Ogden Association, an organization composed of Negro Employees of the John Wanamaker Store, Philadelphia. This is the second offer of the kind made by Mr. Wanamaker, who inaugurated a similar plan last year, the results being some excellent compositions in a great variety of forms. This year, however, Mr. Wanamaker has made several radical modifications in the offer as compared with last year, by increasing the prizes in some instances and lowering the numbers of classifications. The National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc., is working with the Robert Curtis Ogden Association in making public the terms of the contest. This was also done last season and the names of the winners of the prizes were announced at the National Convention of that organization last August in St. Louis.

This year, there are four classifications instead of five as was the case in the first contest, with three prizes in each class, making twelve in all. The four this year are as follows: Class 1, A composition for orchestra; Class 2, A love song for one voice with accompaniment, optional with the composer; Class 3, A group for miscellaneous works for one or more instruments; Class 4, A composition for band. In all of these classifications the widest possible latitude is allowed the composers in all respects as to the instruments or voices for which they shall write.

The compositions intended for Class 1 must be a work scored for full orchestra, that is, an orchestra containing as a minimum number of instruments, the full complement of wood wind, brass and string parts of a symphony orchestra, although extra instruments may be used at the option of the composer. It may be a symphony, a symphonic poem or an overture, etc., and may be in

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Mr. Anthony Banks was constable in Essex County for 44 years and is now in his 88th year. His son Walter L. Banks, now occupies the position.

Calls Disfranchisement A National Scandal

New York, Jan. 9.—Speaking yesterday in the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, before the Annual Mass meeting of the N.A.A.C.P., representative Holden Tinkham of Massachusetts assailed the "gross and lawless disfranchisement of the Negro voter in the South" as being a "national scandal without parallel in any other civilized country."

Mr. Tinkham, in an address during which he minced no words, asserted that "this Negro disfranchisement is more of a fraud upon the whole country than it is upon the Negro, making the national elections 'half constitutional and half unconstitutional.'"

This condition, Representative Tinkham asserted, can no longer continue "if the Negro will assert such rights and power as he possesses by refusing to vote for a party which unconstitutionally and lawlessly allows this disfranchisement. There can be no double standard of constitutional enforcement. The political morality of one state of the Union must be the political morality of all the states of the Union. The very essence of law and order is the enforcement of the fundamental law of the land, which in the United States is the Constitution."

Meets New Step In Garry School Fight

John W. Russell, President of the Gary, Indiana Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. telegraphed the National office on Jan. 10th, that all but three of the colored children in attendance at Emerson High School had been dismissed. This is a new step taken by the Gary school authorities to enforce segregation in the High School, after the defeat of the city authorities by the injunction case filed by the N.A.A.C.P. compelling them to rescind the ordinance which appropriated \$15,000 of the city funds for the building of a separate high school for colored pupils.

The students who were notified by Supt. Wm. A. Wirt of their transfer to the Virginia St. school were advised by Edward McKinley Bacoy, attorney for the Gary branch, to present themselves at the Emerson School instead of the Virginia St. school. That if they refused, appropriate legal steps would be taken. Upon their being refused, five writs of mandamus were filed by Attorney Bacoy on behalf of the parents of the dismissed children, the citizens of Gary and the local branch. Following a request from the branch, the National office has asked Mr. R. L. Bailey of Indianapolis to proceed to Gary to assist in fighting the cases which will come up for hearing on Monday, Jan. 16th.

LILLIAN GISH JOINS N.A.A.C.P.

Miss Lillian Gish, the great movie star, who attended the tea given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. Darrow some weeks ago by the Women's Committee of One Hundred, auxiliary of the N.A.A.C.P., has sent to the Association her membership fee of ten dollars. Miss Gish sent her membership in a letter addressed to Miss Carolyn Downs, a member of the Women's Committee of One Hundred. The letter says in part: "The enclosed cheque goes to you with my very kindest regards and holiday greetings, together with every good wish for the success of the N.A.A.C.P."

High Honor Is Awarded Davis

New York, Jan. 6.—The city of Cleveland has given one of its highest offices, membership on the Civil Service Commission, to a colored man, Harry E. Davis, who has served four terms as a member of the Ohio Legislature, winning the respect of the entire electorate by his brilliant career in office.

Clippings from the leading Cleveland dailies, received at the Offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of whose Board of Directors Mr. Davis is a member, show that the entire press of Cleveland has been virtually unanimous in commending the election of Mr. Davis.

Speaking of the election, the Cleveland Plain Dealer is an editorial says in part:

"Harry E. Davis has been one of the leaders of the Cuyahoga County delegation in the Legislature thru several terms. As representative and committee chairman he has invariably given to his work thoughtful consideration. With experience came increased efficiency as a legislator. Barring a political upheaval, not often to be expected in this county, Davis might have continued indefinitely as a member of the General Assembly.

"The Civil Service Commission needs members who believe in the merit system, who will do everything possible to realize the hopes of the authors of the charter that the municipal government might be divorced from spoils, who will try with all earnestness to restore to public confidence the idea of an administrative service based on the ability of each appointee to perform the duties of which he is chosen. Civil Service in Cleveland has reached a point where this new conception is particularly needed.

"The Plain Dealer's commendation of the Davis election is based on the belief that the new member will be this kind of a Civil Service Commissioner."

The Plain Dealer's account of Mr. Davis' political record states that "he has long been recognized as one of the most capable members of the General Assembly. He has served twice as chairman of the Codes Committee, one of the most

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Editorial

QUEER ANTICS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A report has reached this office from good authority, telling of the ill treatment which a certain Executive Board (colored) of a Welfare Association in the city of Toronto meted out to the "paid" secretary herself, a colored woman. The report, if true, brings to light one of the most sordid cases of class prejudice, narrow-mindedness and cowardice which has come under our observation for many moons.

To begin, as the report shows, the very application of the title "paid" secretary, rather than the usual title for persons doing such work was meant to humiliate the lady social worker or investigator. But this is not all. On several occasions people were encouraged to make complaints to the Executive, charging the investigator with neglect. One such complainant had been turned down by every charitable organization in the city after they had repeatedly made attempts to straighten her out but to no avail. The social worker, through the co-operation of these various bodies, was able to prove that she had done all she could for the complainant. On another occasion the stage was all set to so embarrass the worker at a certain meeting that she would finally lose her self-control and perhaps resign. On being informed of the little farce which was to be enacted the worker simply asked one of the white members of the General Executive to be present. What happened? Not one of our colored executors had the back-bone to open his mouth regarding any charge whatever.

But the "Executive" was determined to "get" the social worker, although they had come off second best in each skirmish. They decided to change their manoeuvres, however. They now proceeded to their white over-lord with the statement that in view of the fact that expenses were heavy, something must be "cut" and when asked where cutting should be done they suggested cutting the worker's salary. This is what they were told: "Mrs. —'s salary is NOT to be cut. She has been slated by us for a raise, and most certainly her salary is not to

be cut. If you must cut something cut the salary of her assistant." But this did not suit the pans of the Executive since the assistant was a native of Toronto and the head worker nothing more than a former citizen of the States; and herein lies the crux of the whole situation. The social worker was well educated, refined and specially prepared to do social work but the Executive thought that, added to these accomplishments, she should have known enough to be born in Toronto.

But why should they seek to have anyone's salary cut? They themselves, nor their local organization, nor yet even the colored citizens of Toronto were responsible for the raising of the money. The money comes from the general funds raised by the city for charitable purposes and we would hazard the opinion that the colored people as a whole do not contribute one tenth of one per cent. of the money which goes to maintain their local branch.

That the fight against the social worker was not the result of inefficiency was proven by that fact that every charge which was made against her fell through. Again if more proof is desired it is here recalled that this lady has been called to a larger field where her work is more congenial and her salary more than doubled.

We shall be glad to see the colored people of Canada forget that there ever was a West Indian, or an "American" or a Canadian and remember only the essential fact that negroes are negroes the world over and that there should be a common bond of union and sympathy running from breast to breast. Our lot is hard enough at best. Why should we, through lack of vision, make it harder—one for hte other?

A NEW BEGINNING.

Contributed by Rev. F. O. Stewart,
Toronto

January is the month of beginning—the month of the open door, with fascination all its own. The most hardened surely can not cross the threshold without some sense of wonder and hope. The crossing has never failed to sow stirrings in the human heart. The festival of the New Year is one of the most ancient and universal customs. It is often no slight relief to know that the Old Year has gone—that its failures, its sorrows, its disappointments have been gathered into the past. The mere fact that they belong to 1927, and we now belong to 1928, sets a gulf between them and us! The hour strikes, and we feel a sense of emancipation. "Hope that springs immortal" rises in us, and by the grace of God we go forward to nobler doings and brighter days. Yet, we can not do well in the new unless we remember the old. The past and its experiences should be our teacher, and there are ample inspirations and encouragements to be found in retrospect. To look back is as high a wisdom as to look forward. Men sometimes advocate the one and forget the other. That was a wise word the prophet of old gave to the people: "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God hath led thee."

In looking back for the old, we

often discover the new; new light shines, new understandings are given. Time shows that some experiences were not the unmitigated disasters they appeared. We thought all was lost, and lo, the best remains. Like Bunyan's Pilgrim, the robbers also attacked us, but to our surprise they only got the small change, they never found the "jewels" we carried.

Possibly there have been perilous ways and much darkness. Yet there were lights in darkness: and when we could not see, we were led by a way we knew not.

And how great a mercy—to be still found in life, not yet bereft of life's sweet things! Seedtime and harvest, dew and rain have not ceased. The birds have sung, the flowers have bloomed. So much may be learned, and so much may be done, if throughout the year we take care of the golden moments. We may in the past have made a mistake there, but there is great hope for us, if we are careful not to make the same mistake twice. Possibly also there has been failure because we had no insight into the opportunity of small service. There were little things we might have done, but they scarcely seemed worth while. Yet hearts have been healed and lives saved by a word. The most beautiful of all ministries have surely been the casual ones of the wayside. Is not that the lesson of the Good Samaritan?

And great and noble emotion may shine through the humblest gift. Is not that the lesson of the widow's two mites and the cup of cold water? What Aristotle said of political revolutions is equally true of the development of character—it is the outcome of "great causes and small occasions."

The New Year will hold in its hands countless small occasions; let us be vigilant and buy up each opportunity as it comes. And whatever 1928 may bring, let us remember we can be more than conquerors in Him that loved us.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The old church bells are ringing,
And the world seems bright and gay;
As we hear glad voices singing
"Christ, our Saviour, was born today."

They tell of that night long years ago,
When a star in the eastern sky
Led three Wisemen to a manger,
Where they heard a babe's low cry.

They found Him with Mary His mother,
Wrapped in swaddling clothes He lay;
And gave gifts of rare spices and gold,
To the Babe fast asleep in the hay.
Now the world is rejoicing, and praising
The Babe who Salvation did bring;
That was born in a lowly manger
And crowned our Saviour and King.
Verita Smith,
St. Catharines, Dec. 13, '27

We are sorry this beautiful poem did not reach us in time to appear in the Xmas issue.—Editor.

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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. Geo. Bell held service in the
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during the absence of our pastor,
Rev. E. A. Richardson, who was
away in Toronto assisting Rev. F.
O. Tewart in quarterly meeting
services.

The Masonic fraternity observed
St. John's Day in their lodge rooms
on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Mr. John A.
Dorsay, chaplain, presided.

We regret to report that Mrs.
Ida Summers is still confined to her
home through illness. We wish her
a speedy recovery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Har-
riet Harper, who passed away on
Thursday, Dec. 8th at the St. Cath-
arines Hospital, was held on Satur-
day afternoon from the residence
of her son, C. E. Harper, North St.
to the B.M.E. Church. Rev. E. A.
Richardson conducted the services
at the house, church and graveside.
Interment took place in Victoria
Lawn Cemetery, amidst a profu-
sion of floral offerings. The follow-
ing gentlemen acted as pallbearers:
Morris Dorsey, Chas. Bell, Sr., B.
Fletcher, John Nicholson, Walter
Cornish and Fred Dorsey.

Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd, the
Watch-night service was observed
in the B.M.E. Church New Year's
Eve. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Rich-
ardson gave an appropriate address
on "What is yon life?"

Sunday services were deeply de-
votional. In the morning the pastor
spoke on "Love"—Deut. 6-5, after
which the old custom of love-feast,
was engaged in. At 7 p.m. Rev.
Richardson spoke from Phil. 3-13,
and exhorted his hearers not to hin-
der their progress, nor thwart their
spiritual fervor by looking into the
past, but realize that with every
new day comes newer opportunities.
Let us purpouse by and through re-
consecrated lives to improve great-
ly on the past. After solemn renew-
al of the covenant, the communion
was administered.

Miss Harriet Young, of Niagara
Falls, N.Y., spent New Year's at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Nicholson,
Vine St., are proud parents of a son.
Messrs. Charles Bell, Jr., and
Watson Graves, spent a couple of
days visiting in Buffalo.

Mrs. Louis Bell and son Bobby,
of Toronto, spent the holidays in
the city, visiting at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Bell.

Miss Mary Grant, of Niagara
Falls, N.Y., and brother, Arthur, of
Montreal, Que., were holiday visi-
tors in the city.

We are pleased to report that
Mrs. Ida Summers is progressing
favorably, but is still confined to
her home.

TWO N.A.A.C.P. OFFICERS TO
WRITE FOR ENCYCLOPE-
DIA BRITANNICA.

New York, Dec. 30.—Two offi-
cers of the N.A.A.C.P. have been
asked to contribute to the new edi-
tion of the Encyclopedia Britannica
it was announced today. The two
men so invited are Dr. W. E. B. Du
Bois, who will write on the litera-
ture of the Negro and James Wel-
don Johnson, who will write on the
Negro music.

OWEN SOUND.

The members of the B. M. E.
church are making big preparations
for the sailors annual supper, under
the leadership of H. Woodbeck and
Mrs. A. Harrison.

The election of officers took place
on January 9, 1928. Trustee are as
follows: Jeremiah Smith, H. Wood-
beck, Jas. Green, Clifford Johnston,
Thos. Green. Church Stewards: H.
Woodbeck, preacher's steward; J.
Smith, E. Johnston, J. Green, Mary
Bower, Secy.-Treas., Mrs. C. John-
ston and Mrs. Wm. Harrison; B.
M. E. Sunday school officers are as
follows: Thos. Green, Supt.; Mrs.
C. Johnston, asst. supt.; Mary Tal-
bert, secty.; Mrs. H. Logan, treas.;
1st Bible class teacher, T. Green;
2nd Bible class teacher, Mr. C.
Johnston; infant class teacher, Mrs.
H. Logan; organist or musical dir-
ector, Mrs. Wm. Harrison; librari-
an, Eleanor Talbert.

We are glad to report that Lan-
son Taylor is able to go around
again after going through a serious
operation. His mother, Mrs. L.
Taylor is still suffering from nerv-
ous breakdown.

The pageant, play and concert in
the B.M.E. church, was directed by
Rev. H. Logan and took place on
December 12th. It was a success in
every way with a good crowd. The
proceeds amounted to nearly \$60,
which was used for paying on the
church debt.

The children of the B.M.E. Sun-
day school, under the leadership of
Mrs. Wm. Harrison and Mrs. C.
Johnston gave a splendid Christ-
mas tree and concert in the church.
The children did fine and great
credit is due to the sponcers for the
way they had trained the children.

BAIN—In loving memory of
our dear mother, Rebecca Baine,
who entered into rest Dec. 9, 1926.

God is good he gives us strength
To bear our heavy loss;
He is the only one who knows
How bitter is our loss.

We miss you at every turn,
Along life's weary road;
For life is not the same to us
Since you were called away.

Sadly missed by daughters and
sons.

STRATFORD

The B.M.E. Sunday School had
the Christmas Tree on December
17th with Norman Pipe from To-
ronto as chairman. The church was
nicely decorated and everyone re-
ported a jolly evening.

Mr. Horal Ducan and Miss Alice
Harrison were married here on No-
vember 24th. Mr. Bob Hesson and
Miss Gertie Henderson acted as
best man and bridesmaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown from
Hamilton were visiting their mo-
ther, Mrs. P. Brown.

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MODERATE CHARGES

TORONTO

The Christmas season was truly a very happy time in our city. Many hearts were made happy by the kind remembrance of loyal-hearted friends. The members and friends of the B.M.E. church excelled themselves in their endeavor to bring cheer to the pastor and wife of the church. A bushel basket filled to overflowing with every thing imaginable was placed on the Christmas tree, and then a taxi was called and the pastor and family sent to their home amidst the happy cheers of members and friends.

Watch-night services were observed on Sat., Dec. 31st from 11 to 12 p.m. and a goodly number were in attendance. Covenant Sunday was observed on Sun., Jan 1st, 1928, morning and evening; followed by a week of cottage prayer meetings. Jan. 8th was another great day in the B.M.E. church. The pastor gave two very interesting messages to a goodly number. Subj. 11 a.m.—“Steadfastness, or Keep Right on Going.” Text: Gal. 6:9. The speaker said we must start right, go right, and keep right on going. 7 p.m. Subj.—“The Journey of Life.” Text: Prov. 3:6. Special music was rendered by the choir.

The annual Christmas party under the auspices of the Eureka Friendly Club, for the children of the colored church schools, was held in the B.M.E. church, Tues., Dec. 27th, there were in attendance about 125 children.

The officers and members of the B.M.E. church extend their sympathy to Mr. Geo. Coates in his recent bereavement.

Mrs. Edna Carter, though confined to her bed, continues to show signs of improvement. Mrs. Preble is somewhat improved since undergoing a serious operation. Miss M. E. Anderson of the Pentecostal Assembly has also been confined to her home due to a slight illness.

Read the Bulletin Board! Use the Duplex Envelopes.

JEWELL-BROOKS.

One of the smartest events of the season took place on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 4 p.m. when Ida Marguerite, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Brooks, and Mr. Percy C. Jewell, son of Mrs. E. Jewell, Guelph, became united in marriage in the presence of 100 guests, Rev. H. L. McNeil performing the ceremony in the home of the bride's parents. To the strain of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party took their stand beneath a wedding bell and an arch of palms. During the signing of the register Mrs. Cepherine Ardila, city, beautifully rendered “Oh Promise

The bride was charmingly gowned in white georgette with skirt and yoke of chantilly lace, all over white satin. She wore a heavy rope of for-get-me-nots in her hair and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. Her attendant, Miss Rosie Budd, Oakville, looked very pleasing in rose crepe and velvet. Mrs. Ardila wore rose blush transparent velvet profusely trimmed with rhinestones and the pianist, Miss Cleda Lucas, Chatham, a pink georgette of the period type. Mr. Aubrey Carey, of

Toronto, was best man.

Mrs. Isabelle Brooks, mother of the bride, received the guests. She wore a black lace gown. She was ably assisted by the groom's mother who chose black taffeta as her gown.

Out-of-town guests were from Oakville, Hamilton, Guelph, Chatham and Buffalo.

The happy couple left for New York and intermediate points. The bride travelled in a blue wool crepe dress, silver metallic hat and beaver coat. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will take up their residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter visited Detroit during the holidays for the purpose of attending a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Blanbert, 1622 Iroquois Ave. at the entertainment in honor of the occasion. There were 27 persons present; all relatives: 7 children and 20 adults, ranging in age from 3 years to 85 years. Mr. Blanbert, at whose house the entertainment and re-union was held, was an employee of the post office for over 40 years. His record shows that he did not miss a single day on duty during over 40 years of service.

Mr. W. H. Beecher spent the holidays in New York with his wife, who is engaged in social work in that city. Mr. Beecher reports a most enjoyable trip. He also reports that Mrs. Beecher is thoroughly in love with the work there, due to the fact that her co-workers are most congenial.

NEVAL H. THOMAS GETS WALKER MEDAL AWARD FOR CONSPICUOUS RACE SERVICE.

The Madam C. J. Walker Committee on Awards met at the National Office of the N.A.A.C.P. on Jan. 6th to consider the nominations and recommendations that had been sent in to the Committee for the award of the Walker Medal for 1927. The medal is given each year to the person deemed to have done the best work during the previous year for colored Americans through the N.A.A.C.P.

By unanimous vote the medal for 1927 was awarded to Mr. Neval H. Thomas of Washington, D.C., President of the District of Columbia Branch, for his conspicuous service in fighting the great evil of segregation in the Government Departments during 1927. Under Mr. Thomas' leadership a persistent campaign against segregation in the departments was waged and the 1st breach was made in the department of the Interior when two negro clerks were ordered to report as pension examiners. Soon after this 42 colored employees in the same department were ordered back to their old unsegregated posts.

Others who have done splendid service during the year were mentioned for the award, but the service rendered by Mr. Thomas was regarded as being especially meritorious and of great significance relative to the status of the Negro in the United States, with bearing on one of the main objectives of the N.A.A.C.P.—the combating of the racial segregation.

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LONDON

Mr. Stanley Drake spent the Christmas holidays with his mother Mrs. M. Drake and family.

Mrs. E. Martin of Ann Arbor, Mich., was a house guest during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. M. Drake and family.

Friday evening, Dec. 31st, the B. M. E. Choir held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Horton St. After a short rehearsal Mr. Paul Lewis was called forward and as Mrs. C. Jenkins read a short address, Miss Gladys Stafford presented a small token to Mr. Lewis on behalf of the choir. The evening was spent in music, after which the committee—Mrs. M. Drake, Mrs. C. Jenkins and Miss Gladys Stafford served a dainty lunch.

Miss Dorothy Shadd has resumed her studies at the Normal School after spending the holidays at her home in Fletcher, Ont.

Thursday evening, Jan. 5th, 15 young people pleasantly surprised Miss Gladys Stafford at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. M. Coursey, L. Grey St. The evening was spent in games and music after which a dainty lunch was served.

Monday evening, Jan. 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fountain entertained in honor of their daughter Miss Bernice, at their home, Sackville St. The guests were members of Bernice's Sunday School class, with their teacher, Miss G. Stafford, Miss Lightburn and others. Games and music were the features of the evening's program after which a dainty buffet lunch was served by Mrs. Fountain.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th, the Stewardess' Board of the B.M.E. Church held a novelty social the "Feast of the Seven Tables." Those in charge of the tables were: Mrs. E. Groat, pie and cake; Mrs. C. Brown, sandwiches; Mrs. M. Harris, ice cream; Mrs. M. Drake, coffee; Mrs. P. Woodcock, candy. Those present enjoyed the evening with the ladies. The proceeds were donated for fuel.

Little Doris Woodcock is improving nicely after being confined to her home with a nervous breakdown.

Florence Drake has been confined to her home with a cold but will resume her studies in a few days.

We are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelly and family with us again after being confined in owing to the illness of their little son Lloyd with diphtheria.

Friends of Mrs. C. Charles will be glad to know she is improving and able to be up a little each day after her long illness.

Mrs. Helen Pryor and children, Yvonne and Woodward, were guests of relatives and friends in the city during the holidays. Miss Bernice Logan was also a visitor.

Misses Marguerite and Vivian Fox, and brother Clayton, of Detroit, are visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Budd, Clarence St. Miss Edith Budd of Oakville is also a visitor in the city.

Mr. Leverne Jones, of Brantford, had New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. Poindexter.

On last Saturday evening at the B. M. E. parsonage, a quiet and beautiful wedding was solemnized when Miss Lorine Cochrine became the bride of Mr. Geo. Anderson.

Miss Cochrine made a most beautiful bride, attired in pea green and shell pink, with a collar of georgette, Miss Freda Anderson acted as bridesmaid, while Allan Anderson served as best man. A beautiful reception was planned by the groom's sisters, Miss Freda Anderson and Mrs. Myrtle Fields at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coursey's, Glenwood Ave. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents. The newly-weds will make their home in the city, 1201 Trafalgar St.

Mr. Clifford Phoenix of Clarence street met with a most painful and very serious accident a few days ago when he was struck by an automobile. It was thought at first that his skull had been fractured, but after a careful examination the attending physician found that no bones had been broken, although Mr. Phoenix was seriously hurt, both internally and externally. He is now convalescing at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Millie Smith, Gray street.

Mrs. Hattie Berry has recently sung (by request) in the following white churches: Hope Baptist, Adelaide Baptist and Wortley Rd. Baptist, and under the auspices of the Volunteer Band of the Adelaide St. church, she recently sang to prisoners at the county jail.

UNITY MOTHERS CLUB

On Dec. 29, 1927, the ladies of the W.C.T.U. entertained at tea the mothers of the Unity Mothers Club. The W.C.T.U. parlors were beautifully decorated with Xmas decorations; the table with lots of good things to eat made a beautiful setting. After lunch the mothers were entertained by violin solos. Miss Reta Thomas, accompanied by Miss M. Judd, who also gave a piano instrumental. Mrs. E. Wilson rendered a vocal solo; Miss L. McMechan contributed pleasing piano numbers; Mrs. F. Budd a humorous reading and Mrs. Jones read a Xmas story entitled "Mother's Pudding Stick." After further singing by members, Mrs. Fountain, the president, presented a vote of thanks to Mrs. Jones and her co-workers, Mrs. F. Morris, Mrs. J. Lewis, Miss L. Merrett; also to Mr. A. Talbot and Mr. W. T. Mossop for financial help. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

MEMORIES OF LONG AGO.

As I stand gazing out my window
At the flurrying flakes of snow,
Glittering like falling diamonds
Beneath the street lamp's glow.

The street is filled with a noisy throng,
Moving to and fro on their way,
Laden with bundles of Christmas cheer,
And glad tidings of the Festal Day.

In my memory there is a picture,
A scene, with my loved ones dear,
That one by one time has taken,
To leave me more lonely each year.

I cannot check the falling tears
Nor keep my soul from aching;
Could I but live those scenes again,
'Twould keep my heart from breaking.

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Second Contest for Negro Composers

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one or more movements. The prizes for third class are: First prize \$250; Second prize \$100; and third prize \$50.

Compositions submitted for Class 2 must be a vocal solo for one voice only. Instrumental compositions will not be considered in this classification as they were last year. The accompaniment may be for piano, orchestra, etc., and obligato instruments may be used as the composer desires, but they are not necessary to make the composition eligible for a prize. The prizes in this class are: First prize \$100; Second prize \$75; and Third prize \$50. However, it is required that the composition be a Love Song. Song poems, that is, words unaccompanied by music, will not be considered under any circumstances.

Class 3 is for instrumental compositions only. Works submitted may be in any form, dance, sonata, or miscellaneous, and may be written for solo instruments with any accompaniment desired by the composer or for groups of instruments which, however, must not exceed ten in number. The prizes in this class are: First prize \$100; Second prize \$75; Third prize \$50.

Compositions submitted for Class 4, must be for a full brass band and any type of composition is eligible, a theme and variations, a march of any other form preferred by the composer. The prizes are: First prize \$100; Second prize \$75; and Third prize \$50. The employment of the Negro idiom melodically, rhythmically and harmonically, will have some weight with the judges, but quality of musical thought and workmanship will have the first consideration. The Negro idiom is preferable, but not essential. All composition submitted must be in the hands of the Robert Curtis Ogden Association of the John Wanamaker Store of Philadelphia, not later than midnight of June 1, 1928.

High Honor Is Awarded Davis

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heavily laden. Reports on his service from such agencies as the Citizen's League and observers on the scene daily have been highly complimentary. Had it not been for insuperable downstate prejudice he doubtless would have been speaker or floor leader long ago, as his ability has been unquestioned."

Mr. Davis, besides his outstanding political activity, has found time to give his services freely as a member of the board of directors of the N.A.A.C.P. He has been one of its most active and dependable advisers, serving as attorney when there was need and keeping in constant communication with the National office.

Upon receipt of the news of this election the National office of the N.

A.A.C.P. telegraphed Mr. Davis as follows:

"The N.A.A.C.P. congratulates you and the people of Cleveland on your election as Civil Service Commissioner. Your well-merited triumph constitutes one of the outstanding victories in the political history of the Negro in America."

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

By Albert Brown, Simcoe.

Just a short drive out from Simcoe
When the days are nice and fair,
Will bring you into Brantford
Where Rev. Wright dwells peaceful
there.

Now Rev. Wright is bashful,
Or a least he is said to be;
So on our short drive from Simcoe
We'll take our time to see.

I understand it quite clearly,
It is rumored by the wise,
That is General Superintendent,
Seeking the B.M.E. Franchise.

As he needs good men in his Conference
To carry out his themes,
He has fairly good ministers
Who can furnish lots of steam.

Put Wright in as teacher,
Arf. Richardson for first,
C. A. Johnson's a good speller,
But can't recite a verse.

S. Lucas as choir-leader of the Conference,
He sure is tight;
F. O. Stewart to assist him
If they don't sing out just right.

Put T. Lucas at the Finance Board,
You will never have to frown,
He will tell you where the green
backs are

Sure as the sun goes down.
Rev. Woodcock and H. Logan
As ushers it would be a treat;
T. Jackson, a good evangelist for
He can surely preach.

Now Wright you have the makings
Of a right good conference true;
You have B. T. Washington of the
Maps,
Bishop Hawkins, too.

Now Dean Wright, get out and
hustle,
Make surely your good aim,
As I hope to meet you all in London
When the flowers bloom again.

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