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LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT TORONTO

A very interesting and enthusiastic meeting of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People was held in the Chestnut Street B. M.E. Church at 8.30 p.m. after the close of the evening service. The meeting was unique in every particular, owing to the fact that there were present, representatives from the three colored churches of the city. Much credit is due Messrs Montgomery and Beecher for their untiring effort to interest the people to attend the meeting. At the opening of the meeting the choir of the B.M.E. Church rendered a special selection after which the chairman, Rev. F. O. Stewart, introduced several other interesting numbers. A violin selection by Master Thos. Cuff, a promising youngster, was well received as was the piano selection by little Daisy Wilson. Master Cuff was accompanied on the piano by Miss Marguerite Jackson, who is at present a student attending the Jarvis Street Collegiate. Another pleasing number on the program was that one by Mr. Grant Hackley of the Grant A.M.E. Church. Mr. Hackley rendered the well known selection "Calvary" on his instrument the Xylophone in a most pleasing manner and brought much applause from the appreciative audience. Mr. J. W. Montgomery, our National President, spoke for a few minutes on the hope of the organization. Rev. A. McEwen Williams, pastor of the 1st Baptist Ch., and Rev. C. W. Carpenter of the Grant A.M.E. Ch. were also speakers on the program. The chief speaker of the evening was Mr. J. F. Jenkins, the Editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow, our National Negro Weekly, and founder of the League. Mr. Jenkins made a very profound impression upon the audience when he said that he was going to tell what the League hoped to do in the very near future. He then proceeded to enumerate some things that he hoped to achieve, and made a very stirring and arousing appeal for the full co-operation of every representative of the race and more especially did he ask for the parents of children to urge their boys and girls to prepare for the future and be ready for the good thing that are bound to come. The speaker informed the audience that already some things had been accomplished through

Colored Youth Invades Ontario's Older Boys' Parliament

For the first time in the history of Canada a Negro has been elected to Parliament. It happened last week when Vincent S. Bryant, 17 years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant of West Street, Hamilton, was elected to the Older Boys' Parliament along with two white companions. Young Vincent is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery of Osgoode Hall, Toronto. Bryant was chosen to represent West Hamilton, and when we consider the great importance which all Ontario attaches to her Boys' Parliament, together with the fact that Bryant won in competition with boys from some of the best and most influential white families of his constituency, we can then realize the full significance of his election. We trust it was a case where the best man won.

the efforts and energies of the league. An assistant judge of the Juvenile Court at London, Ont., has been appointed, employment has been secured for several in various districts, and best of all an educational campaign has been instituted by the Executive Board in an endeavour to raise \$500 as a beginning on the part of the League toward helping the boys and girls to continue their education along special lines. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the organization proceeded to elect officers to form a permanent body in the City of Toronto, President, Rev. F. O. Stewart; Vice-President, Mr. Arthur Burke; Rec. Secy., Mr. W. H. Beecher; Cor. Secy., Dr. O. A. Brewton; Treas., Mr. A. W. Hackley. The name of Mrs. W. E. Thompson was voted to be added on the list of the Board of Directors. A majority of those present signified their intention to become members of the organization when they were asked to stand up as an open-expression. On motion of Messrs. J. W. Montgomery, and W. H. Beecher the organization is now a permanent organization and ready to proceed toward active work. The officers and members of the B.M.E. Church will please accept the gratefulness of the organization for the kind permission given to hold the meeting in the church.

THE DAWN'S AWAKE!

The Dawn's awake!
A flash of smoldering flame and fire
Ignites the East, then higher, brighter
O'er all the sky so gray, forlorn,
The torch of gold is born.

The Dawn's awake!
The dawn of a thousand dreams
and thrills.
And music singing in the hills,
A paean of eternal spring.

The Dawn's awake!
Whispers of pent up harmonies,
With the mingled fragrance of the
trees,
Faint snatches of half-forgotten
song—

Fathers! torn and numb—
The boon of light we craved, awaited long,
Has come! has come!

By Otto Leland Bohanan,
Negro poet.

Braves Fire To Save Employers

Montclair, N. J., Dec. 10—Two of Montclair's wealthiest white citizens were saved from probable death in a fire which swept their home at 49 Prospect Avenue early Tuesday morning due to the courage and possession of mind of their butler, Eustace Booker. The faithful employee suffered painful burns in his rescue efforts, but he forgot his miseries when told that his employers were safe.

Booker awoke about 6.15 Tuesday morning to find his third floor room filled with smoke.

Although nearly suffocated, he dressed and hurried down to the second floor where he awoke his employers, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Milliken. When the three sought to escape they found that flames and thick smoke had enveloped the stairs leading to the first floor. Booker bade the Millikens to stay in their rooms, while he attempted to get through the flames to summons help. He rushed down the stairs through the flames and turned in a fire alarm after which he collapsed. A neighbour, Herbert W. Ellis, who heard the Milliken's cries for help telephoned the fire department.

The flames had made great headway when the firemen arrived and the trapped individuals were in eminent danger. The fire fighters hurriedly raised a ladder and the two walked down to safety.

PUBLICITY RHINELANDER CASE IS CRITICIZED

New York, Dec. 2nd—The wide publicity given the Rhinelander annulment suit by the American press was severely criticised by Channing Pollock, playwright, before the woman's Press Club, here on Saturday. Pollock said, "No more terrible comment upon the state of the newspapers can be found than the handling of the Rhinelander case."

There is not only the shadow of a justification for any newspaper to print more than ten lines on the Rhinelander suit. Certainly there is no excuse for printing columns and columns of its vulgar and sordid details, which are being lapped up by the public as a cat laps up its cream.

"An official of the Western Union told me that more than half a million words had been telegraphed out of New York in two weeks to papers throughout the country on the Rhinelander case. Certainly as much again has been printed here. And not one one-hundredth of this space would ever have been given to a fine book or a fine play, or to a man who had invented a cure for tuberculosis or cancer. If the American newspaper for twenty years had devoted the same space and attention to literature and the arts and to cultivation of public taste as it had devoted to the prize ring and the race track, I wouldn't have to be talking about a better theatre and how to get it."

Mr. Pollock said his anger was directed, not at criticism at himself, but at the relation of art to civilization. Creative artists, he said, would always give to the public what the public wanted, and it devolved upon the public to "be careful what it wanted, and demand it in no uncertain tone."

"Civilization must hit on all four cylinders—the school, the church, literature and the arts, and the public press—if we are going to preserve ourselves from the rising tide of vulgarity which has engulfed every department of life," Pollock declared.

The fire caused, according to Chief Jethro, by spontaneous combustion in a pantry on the first floor, and according to Milliken by defective wiring, was extinguished after an hour and a half's fighting by the firemen. The damage was about \$10,000.

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THE OBSERVANCE OF

HIS NATAL DAY

(Rev. F. O. Stewart, Toronto)

What we have most to fear in the religious observance of this day is, that it should come to be a mere perfunctory and formal observance. It is good that it should be observed as a holiday, a season for the meeting of families, of kindred and friends, a day made bright by the happy faces of children, by mutual offices of kindness, by ministries to the poor and the wretched, by deeds and by enjoyments which bind the children of men together in pleasant bonds. These warmer affections make a warmth of the heart through this wintry season. All this is well; but it is not the first thing. The day is first of all a religious day, and what is more, its social and domestic benefits are dependent on its being observed as a religious day. Without this for a time a failing twilight of good influences might remain; but let it be entirely dis severed from religious associations and memories, and these friendly and family benefits, for which we value it, would nearly all disappear. It seems as if there were something in our nature which rendered it necessary that even our pleasures, in order that they may be healthful to the affections, should in some way or other be rooted in religion. The friendships of men, as they become close and true, in their intimacies and confidences, rise up into the region of religion, and an hour's communion and confidence, hallowed by religion, has brought them nearer to each other than years of pleasure without it.

And yet, to ake it a religious day, it is not enough to say that it shall be set apart as such. It can be made so, not by an outward form alone, but by having in our minds a profound and living sense of the benefits which it commemorates. And here lies our great difficulty. We are accustomed to the idea of Christ's mission as we are to the rising sun, and yielding to the benumbing power of custom, they both cease to awaken that wonder and awe and gratitude which it would seem they must awaken. Then we look at Christ's mission and meditation entirely from this, our human side. We look up as men do at a cloud, whose dark and meaningless folds shut down upon the earth, and shut out the light above. We look at it as a fact in history, we enclose it within our dry logical formulas, we narrow it down within the circle of our small earthly conceptions. We

treat it as an event in human annals, and forget that it was the great manifestation of God. Men were not the only beings concerned in that event which we commemorate. There were thoughts in heaven, which like sunbeams, sought the earth. The Almighty Providence, throned in inaccessible peace, was moved with compassion. The angels bowed with devout gratitude before that love which stooped from heaven to seek out the guilty upon the earth. Can anyone wonder that the descent of the mercy of heaven was heralded by the song of an angelic host? What wonder that when the brightest manifestation of heaven was made known, some attendant glories, like the splendours of the rising sun, waited on His coming? Nor has that manifestation of God's love been powerless. It introduced a new element of moral life into the world. From that high elevation have flowed down into the valley of human life, faiths and sentiments, whose origin is higher than the speculations of our minds. The world is different in its thoughts, beliefs, affections, and actions, because Christ lived in it. The dawn has risen slowly, and has been obscured by clouds and storms. But it is the dawn, and it brightens onward toward the day. As you think of these things while you are enjoying the blessings of your earthly lot, your thoughts cannot fail to rise in thanksgiving to Him who has poured in the light of a heavenly hope upon this mortal lot. And while you give thanks for what you enjoy, let the thanksgiving of the heart become the mercy of the hand. Honour Christ coming, not by mere words, but by merciful deeds. Let some poor person be less wretched, some lonely person less solitary this Christmas Day because of you. Spread not the feast for your relatives and well-to-do friends only, but let those whom the world forgets be remembered. Let the reign of peace and good-will among men be established in your hearts and in your homes.

HOW JESUS MET THE ISSUE.

As far back as our knowledge of the history of the human race extends we find the prevalence of race prejudice. Christ was confronted with the issue and the manner in which he met it ought to serve as an example for us. Situated between Galilee and Judea was that wild and mountainous strip of land called Samaria.

Race prejudice in America is mild in comparison with the hatred and prejudice which existed between the Jews and Samaritans. These two people had NO dealings with each other.

Jesus Christ was a Jew and He knew full well the feelings of the Jews towards the Samaritans. However He refused to share with His own people in their caste and discrimination. Remember his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. He continually spoke well of the Samaritans to His own people. He also placed a Samaritan high in His councils. He did all He could to eliminate prejudice and to teach men that all are equal in His sight and that race, creed or color, was no basis on which to judge merit. Civilization, should make this principle its golden rule. Neither should discrimination nor retaliation be our guide, but rather, we should follow the example which Jesus has left us.

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Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Timbers motored into the city from Buxton, giving us all quite a surprise.

Mrs. Bertha Moxley was called away to attend the burial of her aunt Mrs. Jackson, of Toronto, who had been confined in the hospital for quite some time.

The stork has been quite busy this past week leaving a bright baby boy to Mrs. Edward Fountain of East St. and another at Mrs. Harry Coursey's, of Glenwood Ave. Both mothers and baby's are doing nicely.

The Foot and Pink Tea Social given by the social set report a grand success the funds being turned over to the Building Rally.

Mrs. Groat and her son-in-law, J. F. Jenkins were called to pay their last respects to their cousin and niece

Mrs. Olie Lynn, who passed away after undergoing an operation which proved fatal.

Mrs. Pearl Brown has returned home after spending a few days with friends in Toronto.

WOODSTOCK

A number of Woodstock people motored to Brantford to attend a wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tanner. All reported a lovely time. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were presented with a pair of beautiful blankets for which they ably thanked their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cromwell, of Gobels, met with a painful accident on their way home from Brantford last week. Both are confined to their home but are progressing favourably.

Mr. Horace Marshall and Mr. Wallace James were visitors to Toronto last week.

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Everybody retired to their respective homes at about 12 o'clock, feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Since the coming of Rev. Perry to Buxton, the B.M.E. Church has made splendid progress. The only drawback has been on account of the bad weather that the Country has been experiencing for the past three months. For the short time since Mrs. Perry's arrival she has won a deep place in the hearts of all the people having a charming personality and a remarkably friendly disposition.

The last quarterly meeting will be held on the third Sunday of this month when it is hoped that the Rev. Thomas Woodcock of London, will assist.



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The Queen's Contest was a decided success and we take this opportunity to thank Miss S. Stanfield and the Y.L.G. for the splendid work.

The Union Bazaar under the auspices of The Women's Missionary Society, Stewardess Board and the Church Aid, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10th and 11th was very successful considering the patronage given them. We thank the mfor their effort.

The choir of the B.M.E. Church will render a special musical program on Sunday, Dec. 20th and special sermons will be delivered by the pastor. You will be made welcome to all services.

The Sunday School program and Christmas tree will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Come out and encourage the children.

Rev. E. A. Richardson, pastor of the Owen Sound and Collingwood B.M.E. Churches, was in the city during the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. R. Richardson, of 222 Lippincott Street, and renewing former friendship among his acquaintances in Toronto.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins was in the city for a few days in connection with his paper, and the organizing of a branch of the League.

The Bucella Embroidery Club held a social last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Daniels, 115 College St. Thirty-five guests were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing.

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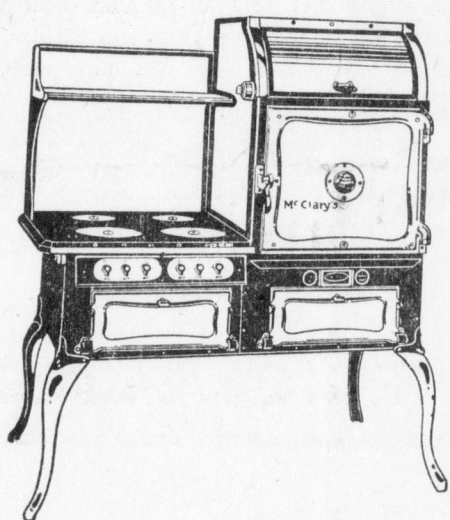
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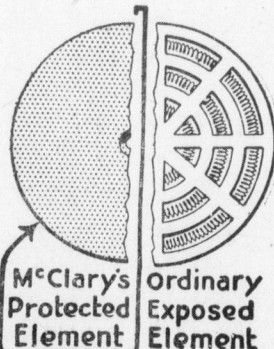
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Four Race Boys On Y.M.C.A. Tour

NEW YORK, Dec 9—Four representative Negro boys will be elected for the TThird World Friendship tour conducted by the Y.M.C.A. Forty boys from forty States will make the journey.

The Y.M.C.A. tour will be divided into two divisions, each of which will take care of twenty boys. The A-1 tour will start from New York June 26 and will return September 1st. Visits will be made to England France Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Finland. The second division will attend the World Y.M.C.A. Conference at Helsingfors, Finland, July 31st to August 7th. They will meet the boys travelling on the A-1 tour here an join 2000 other persons from about fifty countries in the World Y.M.C.A. Conference. Three hundred boys under twenty will meet here to discuss world problems. Meeting of League held at Toronto.

Deplores Race Hatred

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New York, Dec. 2—Race conflicts will continue until the world accepts the attitude that there is no such thing as a superior or an inferior race, according to Rabbi William H. Fineshriber of Philadelphia, who preached yesterday in the Free Synagogue in Carnegie Hall.

"One of the causes of war—the greatest—was race hatred and race jealousy," he said, "I have no doubt that one of the leading factors in producing the World War was a gradual building up of an idea of race superiority."

"Another breeder of wars and race hatreds is the endless fighting over such words as 'God,' 'unity,' 'trinity' and 'multiplicity.' Millions of lies have been told, tons of blood spilled and nations and cultures overthrown over such stupid purile issues."

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Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 2nd—A "big" wedding was staged at the County Courthouse here, when a 20-year old colored youth weighing 250 pounds, married an 18 year old colored girl weighing the same amount. The Magistrate, Limbaugh, who performed the ceremony weighed over 200 pounds. The bride paid \$3 for the license and declined to pay the Magistrate his \$2 fee until the certificate had been presented to her personally.

Addressed Torontonians

J. F. Jenkins was called to Toronto to help carry on the work of the League during the week end, also delivering a most masterful oration to an audience of four hundred people. Mr. Jenkins reports that the work in Toronto in connection with the league is rapidly moving on, Rev. F. O. Stewart acting as President. The cause, Mr. Jenkins says, is bound to succeed. He also interviewed the educational committee and plans were arranged to assist worthy boys and girls to securing an education.

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