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AFRICA TAKES PLACE IN THE VANGUARD OF WORLD PROGRESS

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec.— (By The Associated Negro Press)—South Africa, land of promise, haunting, mysterious and strangely compelling, is emerging from the shrouding mists which have enwrapped the Dark Continent for countless centuries, to take its place in the vanguard of the world's progress. This is the message of A. H. Tatlow, white, of the South African State Railway, who arrived in this city Wednesday, and who called the Dark Continent "their country."

"Africa ever has been the enigma of continents," he declared. "Although the first to appear in the history of mankind, it has been the last to be known and explored. Vast, strange and incredibly rich, it remains a lonely and distracting figure among the countries of the world, demanding the interest of many by virtue of its fascinating exoticism and brooding aloofness."

While there is stark, primal quality in the Heart of Darkness which may at first repel, he said, there arises even in the midst of that repulsion a vivid curiosity which soon expands into a reluctantly admitted consciousness of some undefined, deep and inexplicable charm.

Despite the fact that 58 per cent. of the world's gold supply comes from this portion of the earth, and 95 per cent. of all the diamonds, agriculture, is the chief industry of the country. Corn (or maize as it is called there) is grown in large quantities and much of it is exported to Europe. Wool, cotton, sugar, large amounts of fruits, ostrich feathers, mohair, hides and skins constitute the remainder of the constantly growing volume of exports. There is also and inexhaustible coal supply.

Travel is cheap and comfortable in South Africa, where the railways are State-owned. Three cents a mile is the average rate, which includes Pullman accommodations.

Mr. Tatlow invites visitors to "his country" in order, he says, that they may carry back with them "our" invitation to others to come and visit "us," together with a knowledge and appreciation of "our country."



F. O. STEWART, Chairman Committee on Local Welfare of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People.

Virginia's Race Purity Law Hits A Snag

(Special by N.A.A.C.P. Press Service)

Despite a law of the State of Virginia, forbidding marriage of whites with people of Negro ancestry, Robert Painter, white, and Miss Atha Sorrell whose grandmother was registered as "free colored," have by court action compelled the local court clerk to issue them a marriage license.

In his decision, Judge Henry S. Holt of the Rockbridge Circuit Court, while upholding the general purpose of the Virginia law, asserted that it went beyond the bounds of reason, since it empowered clerks to withhold marriage licenses if they had reasons to believe one of the applicants to be "not of pure white race."

Judge Holt pointed out that in 25 generations every person had 32 millions of grandfathers, not to speak of grandmothers, and that in his own case he could not prove the absence of other than Caucasian blood in his ancestry.

"Again," says Judge Holt, "the statute undertakes to define with accuracy who are white, and says they only are white who are of pure Caucasian blood. That is a definition which in the present state of ethnology has no certain meaning and no meaning upon which two authorities agree."

Questions and Answers Column

By George Wells Parker
(For the Associated Negro Press)

Where the Babylonians a black race? F.G., Frankfort, Ky.

The original inhabitants and builders of Babylon were black. Later other tribes poured in upon these inhabitants and hence the later Babylonians were a mixed race, and it is preferable to call them a Negro race rather than a black race, because the term black pre-supposes exceedingly dark.

Has King Tut's tomb been re-opened?—F.S.W., Boston, Mass.

Not yet. The latest dispatches inform us that Mr. Carter has made some sort of arrangement with Lady Carnarvon whereby operations will be resumed next year.

The Field Museum announces the arrival of many relics from the city of Kish. Have these any bearing upon Negro history?—P. U., Chicago.

They most certainly have. Kish is the name of the city supposed to have been builded by Cush, the son of Ham. The inhabitants were known as Cushites and were black and closely akin to the Ethiopians.

Where can I secure the history of the life of Hannibal?—F. D., Los Angeles, Calif.

Data is scarce. However, inquire at your public library for Charles Arnold's life of Hannibal. Also consult Livy's History of Rome wherein he treats of Hannibal as a soldier and strategist.

Who is William Stanley Braithwaite?—W.K.J., Omaha, Nebr.

He is the literary critic for the Boston Transcript and an author of a number of books. He also contributes to numerous magazines. He is a Negro.

Is the Negro the oldest of races?—R. T. W. Sedalia, Mo.

As far as we are able to determine the Negro is the oldest race. So many discoveries of pre-historic man have been made, however, that we cannot contend that this is a certainty, better to claim that the Negro is the oldest of civilized races.

Who was Mush?—F.H.J., Columbus, Ohio.

Musa was one of the most famous Mahammedan conquerors. He was of African descent and of Arabian nationality and probably most famous after Abu Bekr, the full blooded Negro Caliph and conqueror who succeeded Mohamet.

NEW LEAGUE IS PROGRESSING

A few weeks ago the Board of Directors of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People in its initial meeting named the following committees: Finance, Managing, Membership, Publicity, Committee on Local Welfare, and a committee on The Dawn of Tomorrow. Each committee was given its respective work without any instructions as to time for meeting. However, two weeks after these committees were made each one had met, mapped out its programme and was fully prepared to report back to the Board of Directors. Each committee is composed of both white and colored men and the readiness, promptness and earnestness with which the white members responded has been most noticeable and it has drawn forth many favorable comments from the colored members.

Immediately following the next meeting of the Board of Directors, which body will review and pass upon the work of the several committees, it is expected that the general work of the League will begin. Mr. John M. Gunn of the firm of Murphy, Gunn and Murphy, solicitor for the League and who is also one of the Board of Directors, expects the charter to be in his hands by the first of the year. Following the arrival of the charter, steps will be taken immediately to organize branches of the League in other cities.

STRATFORD

We are glad to report that Madam Harrison and daughter have returned home after an absence of four months.

The services on Sunday evening were held at Mrs. J. D. Hall's. There was a good attendance.

Will you give the names of two or three ancient books of worth that were written by Africans. —T.L.K., Duluth, Minn.

Egyptian works are the most distinctly African. The Illiad, the Aeneid the Shah Nameh, etc., were by people of African descent. In fact all literature of the south and east previous to the twelfth century belongs to us by blood and descent.

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Editorial

A CHANCE TO CO-OPERATE.

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People offers to our group the opportunity to come together and act in unison for our best interests which we have ever had. We have working with us the best citizens of the white race and they are showing a deep interest in the welfare of the League. We have received letters from most prominent citizens in other cities approving of our movement and expressing their willingness to assist it in any possible way. It would see therefore that before very long we shall have on our Board of Directors, prominent citizens from all parts of the Dominion. To illustrate the sincerity with which our white brethren are doing the work we wish to point out this fact: At the first meeting of the Board of Directors committees were appointed to work out plans for putting our platform into operation. Within two weeks from that date each committee had met in full and had drawn up plans for the furtherance of the work. We were present at each of these meetings and we can truthfully say that more earnestness could not have prevailed on the part of the Anglo Saxon members if the League had been entirely for the benefit of their own people.

Now the question that comes to our own people is: How much shall we ourselves contribute to the success of this movement? How much shall we allow our petty jealousy and indifference to stand between us and a movement which is meant to uplift all the people and which is intended especially to benefit the children? Already we see the "rising tide" of petty jealousy and littleness. Already some are saying it is only a movement on the part of a few for the benefit of still fewer. Of course such a spirit of littleness has not come to us unexpectedly. We, from the beginning knew all of these things would come to pass and for that reason we are armed and well prepared to meet and withstand the fury of such unjust criticism. And so—we have put on the armour and we shall go forth. Our old men have dreamed dreams and our young men have seen visions, for a people that hath no vision shall perish. We have dreamed dreams of millions of dark children yet unborn and we have seen visions for the

countless millions who are ours now. We see these beautiful children of the sun taking their places beside the children of other peoples. And it is through the efforts of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People that this vision shall be realized.

The aspect which has impressed our friends most, save the necessity of the movement, is the spirit of unselfishness and the spirit of sacrifice in which the promoters began the movement. They asked not so much for themselves a place in the sun, but that the children might have a place there.

Men and women of our race, we need your help, we need your co-operation as even our Creator needs the help of human beings in order that His plans shall reach fruition. Still the League shall not cease to function and to do a noble and inspired work, because a few disgruntled and jealous bigots.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir and Bro,—

I am at this time writing you a few lines to let you know that I appreciate very much reading your paper The Dawn of Tomorrow, as my home is in Canada. I have received a great deal of information that I would not have otherwise, and I wish to congratulate you upon the successful continuation of the publication of your valuable paper and I wish for it a long life. I am aware of the fact that congratulations without money will not go very far, so I am enclosing \$2.00 for my subscription for a year and I wish you much success in the present campaign that you have launched for new subscribers.

I think that the people of our race in Canada should feel proud of the fact that they have a medium through which they can express themselves for the good of the race, thereby creating an inspiration that will spread far and near, the effects of which will be felt for good in years to come both in Church and State.

I will contribute to the paper from time to time, after I get my church work better arranged for the year and let the public know of some of the plans that we have put into operation and the results of the same.

I am, yours for the uplift of the Race,

A. W. HACKLEY,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

FRIENDS

(By S. E. G. Allen)

There were myriads of angels before the world was,

There are myriads that heaven still on messages sends

Some day I will join this great army because

Jesus and I are friends.

Yes, the friendships of earth may be noble and true

Even glorified where Divine Presence extends.

But when he is the Master and Governor too

Then Jesus and I are friends.

And to answer the old question "Lowest thou Me?"

While on me this all-conquering love
 so descends,
 I must give in return what I can full
 and free,
 Then Jesus and I are friends.

How I this love prove? How can I
 this love show?
 For on Him all true happiness ever
 depends,

If I labor and live for Him, I'll surely
 know,
 That Jesus and I are friends.

ST. CATHARINES

Miss Jessie Little of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent Friday in the city, the guest of Misses Clara and Louise Bell.

Mr. Mark Lawson of Syracuse, the guest of Miss Berita Smith is renewing old friends.

Mr. Wm. Young, Emmett Smith and Walter Cornish motored across the river to the Elk's Dance.

The new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson is a boy, it being reported previously as a girl.

Miss Madeline Barnes spent Thanksgiving in Buffalo.

Mrs. Sykes will be with us a few days, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan.

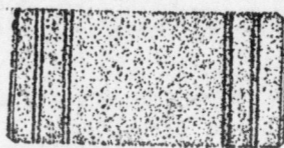
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F. K. KILBOURNE

wishes to thank his supporters for electing him as

Alderman in Ward 1 for 1925

Many thanks to friends for their support in my re-election for

Alderman, Ward 3, for 1925.

G. F. W. McKay

FOOT AILMENTS

Questions concerning Foot Ailments will be answered through these columns if sent to the Editor by Geo. Boyd, eminent foot specialist, 156 King St.

Are pointed toed shoes injurious to the health? J.F.J.

No, if properly fitted. Any shoe, regardless of style, is injurious to the health when improperly fitted.

LONDON

Baptist Church

Mrs. Geo. Fountain of Clarence St. is indisposed.

Rev. E. M. Wood has returned after a very pleasant visit with his family in Detroit.

Both services were largely attended last Sunday. Rev. Wood, fresh from his vacation, delivered two most interesting sermons.

Last Tuesday evening the church trustees held a very important meeting. Business of vital interest was transacted.

B.M.E. Church

There was a good attendance at both services last Sunday. Rev. F. O. Stewart, pastor, preached both morning and evening. His evening discourse was extremely interesting and was punctuated with timely illustrations. His subject was: "The Opening of the Soul."

Mr. W. J. Fountaine addressed the Brotherhood at 10 a.m. His subject was "Service and Sacrifice." It was among the best addresses the Brotherhood has ever had. The address evoked much discussion among the members.

The Sunday School is preparing to hold its Christmas exercises on the 18th of the present month. As the teachers and officers are giving considerable time to the preparation we are looking forward to see and hear a fine programme.

Quarterly meeting will be held on the 14th of December. Rev. Stewart expects to have a visiting minister with him on that occasion.

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People held a most enthusiastic meeting last Tuesday evening at the Y.M.C.A. After the regular routine of business, Mrs. A. M. Budd gave a beautiful reading. The principal addresses were delivered by F. O. Stewart and Wm. Myers. Both addresses centered around race consciousness. Mrs. Wm. Berry rendered two most beautiful selections, accompanied by Mrs. Fred. Kelly.

Mrs. Carry Anderson Hunt, of Toronto is visiting her father, Mr. John Anderson of Glenwood Avenue.

BRANTFORD

Sunday, Nov. 30 was a banner day in our church it being observed as the 68th anniversary and Rally Day. The morning service for the men at which time they made a fine showing. There were representatives from the other churches also present. Rev. H. B. Christie was the speaker, his sub. "The Call to Bethel." The afternoon was citizens service. Rev. Reyecraft of Wellington St. Church having the service in his charge and delivering a very powerful sermon. Our Supt., Rev. S. R. Drake took charge of the evening service, the first part consisting of a song service, thanks and praise service, after which the supt. spoke beautifully, outlining and giving a brief history of the B.M.E., and speaking of the noble work of those that are gone to the great beyond but they are not forgotten and their works still live.

The meetings were brought to a close on Monday evening when a concert was given in the Salvation Army Citadel. Mr. C. A. Johnson, baritone soloist of Toronto, who won the gold medal at the exhibition, was the main feature of the evening and carried



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his delighted audience by storm. He was assisted by the sextette of the BME church who were at their best, and Miss Georgina Walker of New York. Miss Walker is an elocutionist of rare ability, and deserves great credit. She held her large audience spell bound from start to finish and was compelled to respond to several encores. We are more than proud of Miss Walker, she being a former Brantford girl, having travelled extensively and spending some years at her work in New York City.

Saturday the 29th was tag day. 15 workers faced the storm and surely worked faithfully, bringing in \$141.88. Miss Leon Turner headed the list, Mrs. Bertha Payne, second. All did splendid work. The total receipts for the drive was, above expenses, \$223.

Great credit is due to Rev. S. R. Drake for his strenuous efforts which have enabled us to clear the church of her indebtedness.

We are sorry to report Mr. John Lucas beingsick. He has worked so faithfully in this drive, being anxious for its success and at the last moment he was taken ill. We trust that he will be himself again soon.

The church and friends and in fact everyone was delighted to have Mrs. Rev. S. R. Drake, with us for Sunday and Monday it really was a treat to have her (home) again.

There were visitors from Woodstock, Burford and Princeton one Sunday.

Miss G. Walker and Mr. Laverne Jones left Tuesday for St. Cathrines to assist Rev. H. F. Logan in a concert.

AND WHAT SHALL YOU SAY?

Brother, Come!
And let us go unto God.
And when you stand before Him I shall say—
"Lord, I do not hate.
I am hated.
I scourge no one,
I am scourged.
I covet no lands,
My lands are coveted.
I mock no peoples,
My people are mocked."
And, brother, what shall you say?
Negro Poet—Joseph S. Cotter, Jr.

NEW GLESGOW, N.S.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. C. Perry with the two children went to Halifax last Monday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas.

Mr. J. R. Griffith has been successful in getting the jury to acquit Coleman, who was on trial for murder. Mr. Griffith is one of the ablest of

criminal lawyers in Nova Scotia. The Hon. W. J. O'Hearn, Attorney General who conducted the case for the Crown made the following flattering remarks about Mr. Griffith: "The efforts and activities of Mr. Griffith on behalf of the prisoner, may have been duplicated, but never excelled in Nova Scotia. He has made a presentation of his case that he may well be proud of."

The citizens of New Glasgow are to be given a real musical treat on Monday night in the Academy of music, when a recital is to be given by Mr. Wm. Borden. The following is taken from the local paper: "What promises to be a real musical event is scheduled for the Academy of Music, Monday evening, December 8th, when Mr. William Alford Borden, New Glasgow, a peerless colored tenor, will be heard in a recital. His programme is indeed a pretentious one, quite the most pretentious ever attempted by one of his race in Canada, embracing as it does, songs in Italian, French, Latin and English." Mr. Borden is a clean, manly fellow, and ambitious. For this he should be commended and encouraged. There is not a city or town in America that would not be proud of this Negro lad.

Miss Dorothy Mills, formerly organist of the Second Baptist Church, is now employed at the Colored Children's Home, Halifax.

IS IT BECAUSE I AM BLACK?

Why do men smile when I speak,
And call my speech
The whimperings of a babe
That cries but knows not what it
wants?
Is it because I am black?
Why do men sneer when I arise
And stand in their councils,
And look them eye to eye,
And speak their tongue?
Is it because I am black?
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Yours Sincerely,

JAMES McCORMICK

To the Electors of Ward 3,

Robert Carswell

desires to extend thanks to his many supporters.

WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Walter Cromwell was called to Collingwood last week to attend the funeral of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Miss Selina and Walter Smith were business visitors in London on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. J. Palmer was a business visitor in the city on Saturday.

The many friends of Mr. Marsh Anderson will be sorry to hear that he is suffering with a severe cold and will be glad to see any of his old friends. He is with his sister on Wellington St.

Mr. Wallace Marshall of Toronto is spending the week end in the city the guest of his parents on Drew St. The Good Cheer Orchestra of the Jas. Stewart Mfg. Co., gave a concert at the House of Refuge, which the old folks enjoyed very much. Solos were played by B. McFarlane and Leverne Marshall, violin; Wallace James, clarinette solo; Tommy Marshall, trombone solo. F. Potter's singing was a success while Mrs. Flowers mastered all piano accompaniments. There were many encores. At the close a vote of thanks was given.

OAKVILLE

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Elison were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bennett to dinner on Sunday.

The Social given by the Stewardesses on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. L. Bennett was a decided success.

The ladies and friends of the Willing Workers Society are very busy, getting ready for the White Elephant Sale of fancy work to be held on Dec. 13th at which time they will give to the one holding the Lucky Number a beautiful quilt.

It is really a pleasure to sit in Turner Chapel at the morning service and listen to the Junior Choir singing the sweet songs of Zion. May God bless the Junior Choir.

Sunday, Nov. 30th was Trustees Rally Day at Turner Chapel and the results were good. Rev. Nelson preached two very interesting sermons.

Mrs. D. Johnson and Mrs. Atkins spent Thursday in Toronto and attended the dinner held there.

Mr. J. W. DeCoursey was called to Hornell, N.Y. on the account of the illness of his brother, Mr. Dan DeCoursey. Mr. Dan DeCoursey passed away on Thursday and was buried on Saturday. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family through the press.

Miss Norma Bennett is quite ill at this writing with a bad cold.

Mrs. Nora Wayner is still on the sick list.

Miss Ruth Hill and Miss Martha Adams were both unable to attend church on Sunday.

Mrs. Nelson is quite ill at this writing. We would like for the members of the church to call on these sick sisters and bring them a word of cheer.

Miss Gladys Budd entertained a few young people to tea Sunday night after church. The out-of-town guests were: Mr. Kenneth Cary and Ned Wilson of Toronto.

TORONTO

Passing through the city en route to Montreal, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor spent a very pleasant day with Mrs. Maude Bonner. Her many friends were glad to welcome her.

Mrs. Waite of D'Arcy St. is very ill again.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Glasgow of 438 Dundas Street, last Friday morning, a fine baby boy. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Messrs. Glasgow and Doxey Louis have opened a beautiful tonsorial parlor facing Queen Street and at 167½ Simcoe Street.

Sunday, Nov. 30th, Rev. R. A. Ball occupied the pulpit at the morning service and Rev. T. H. Jackson in the evening.

Next Sunday, December 7th, will be special service in B.M.E. church. Mr. Charles Ball of Windsor will preach in the morning and Rev. R. R. Ball of Rochester will preach in the evening. Other visiting ministers will be present and on Monday, December 8th there will be a reception given in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Ball. All the friends are invited to attend. Rev. S. R. Drake will be master of ceremonies.

Miss Clara Smith and Miss Frances O'Brien are visiting in Buffalo.

The many friends are glad to hear that Mrs. Eva Parker is improving. Also Mrs. Edith Jackson.

Rev. S. R. Drake was in the city last week making preparations for the 60th wedding anniversary services for Rev. and Mrs. Ball and will be here again this week.

Mr. Powers and ladies entertained Rev. and Mrs. Ball at dinner on Sunday at the McCormick residence, Oaklands.

Please remember date of Bazaas, December 11 and 12 in the B.M.E. Church.

NORTH BUXTON

Rev. Father D. M. Lewis returned home after a real pleasant visit in Chatham, from Saturday, 22nd to 26 preached two sermons at the A.M.E. Church and one at the W.A.M.F. ch. If his life should be prolonged Father Lewis will be 85 on Feb. 23rd, 1925.

Mrs. E. Jackson of Cleveland, Ohio was in the village two days last week looking after the moving of her house on Garrold St. Her mother, Mrs. E. Lewis went with her daughter to her home in Cleveland where she can be comfortable for the winter. Every parent having such kind hearted children as Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. S. C. Gilmer of Chicago, who has been very sick for the last two months at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Rob. Harding. His health is much improved and we are glad to see him on the streets again.

Mr. M. H. Harding, who suffered quite a loss when his shop was entirely destroyed by fire, has rebuilt

Rally services at the Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 30th were highly successful in spite of inclement weather which prevented the coming of expected speakers. The brunt of the work at all three services fell on the pastor Rev. B. A. Shaw. The B.M.E. choir provided the music for the afternoon service in their usual excellent manner. The five rally captains were able to report their objectives overreached, reached or nearly reached and will give their final reports at the business meeting Friday night.

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OWEN SOUND

On Sunday, Nov. 30 was very stormy day the attendants at divine service in the B.M.E. church was very small at the morning service. But God has promised to be with the two and threes. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson taking for his remarks a passage from I Peter, ch. 1, which he read and explained its definition to the satisfaction of those present. The Sunday School was held at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. A. Richardson was in charge of the musical part of the school and the children are doing well with their practice of Christmas carols.

In the evening service the attendance was fairly good the subject of the evening was taken from the Psalms ch. 91 verses 4 and 5. It was a splendid sermon.

The Mothers' Club will hold their weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnston on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Wm. Johnston, president.

The Mothers' Club will hold a social at the parsonage on Friday, Dec. 5th.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd was rally day in the BME church, the pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson preached morning and evening to a very fair gathering. His discourse in the morning was about Faith in God, taken from Heb. 11. The evening subject was in Romans 12: 1-2. The Transformation of the human soul and body in the image of God who made them which was listened to with great interest. The collection was very good considering the number of people who turned out.

On Monday night a concert was given in the church under the leadership of Rev. E. A. Richardson. The programme was very good consisting of jubilee songs, recitations and quartettes and a solo by T. Green. Everybody present enjoyed the splendid programme. After the concert light refreshments were served by the ladies' Aid of the church. Mrs. A. Harrison and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, conveners. The proceeds of the two days was very good.

Mr. Wm. Bowie is in the G. and M. Hospital with two of his toes off from an accident which happened in the stone quarry where he was working. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Herb Harrison had a slight accident happen to him in the quarry the other day by jamming his foot. he is confined to his home for a few days. Pray for him.

Mrs. Horningbee is having prayer service at her home on Wednesday night. She wants the prayers of God's praying people.

WELLAND

Miss Medeline Barnes was entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Miss Barnes received some beautiful gifts.

W. J. Wilson and son Tom are home from the north, both rejoicing over the deer, each of which weighs 200 lbs. They left 18 inches of snow when they left the northwoods.

Miss Barnes of St. Catharines and Miss Amy Wilson of Welland spent Sunday in Buffalo, the guests of Mr. Ernest Barnes and Mr. Fred James.

Mrs. W. J. Wilson, daughters and son Tom motored to Fort Erie Monday night to attend the bazaar.

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Writes of Progress Of Negro Performer

New York, N.Y., Dec.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—In a tremendously interesting interview with J. A. Jackson, editor of the Page, in the Billboard, the largest theatrical publication in the world, Mrs. Marie C. Downs, owner of the first theatre in New York City to cater to colored patrons, reviews the progress of the colored performer during the last fifteen years.

The interview is given considerable space in the Christmas number of the Billboard and is profusely illustrated. All the stellar Negro performers, except Miller and Lyles and Sis-le and Blake have had their time at Mrs. Down's Lincoln Theatre. Florence Mills, and her husband, was one of the first. One learns that the now popular Miss Mills nearly flunked during her first performance at the Down's playhouse. One of the gratifying bits of information given by Mrs. Downs is the fact that in working with hundreds of Negro actors she has been defrauded only once.

One of the pictures in the Christmas Billboard will be that of J. Lawrence Freeman, who is the choice of Mr. Jackson to write the American jazz opera advocated by Otto Kahn. Six pages in the Billboard will be devoted to the work of the Negro in the theatre.

MONTREAL

The District Meeting of Sunday Schools will be held on Thursday of this week at Calvary Church. Messrs G. and E. Elliott are delegates from the Union School.

One of the greatest events that has taken place in our midst was The Country Contest Party, under the auspices of the WWCTU, Seniors, convened Mrs. J. B. Warters, held at the home of Mrs. B. Johnson, last Tuesday evening. Program as follows: Opening Address by Mr. Chas. Este, French Solo, by Miss Thelma Spencer, Recitation "Church Reveries", by Miss Alta Lyons; Solo, by Mr. E. Elliott; Duet, by Misses Celestine and Gladys Taylor; Recitation, by Mr. N. C. Seale; Solo, by Miss Mildred Seale. Prize winners in the various contests were: Mr. M. Seale, Popular Contest; Miss T. Spencer, Puzzle; Mr. Wilson, Hunt; Mr. Rickett, Donkey; Observation, Miss A. Falette; Memory, Mrs. L. Hall. The party ended at midnight and a most enjoyable time was spent by all.

Mr. Robinson, from the Theological College, Toronto, addressed the Union Sunday School on November 30.

Mr. Cook is still unable to leave the General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Taylor's daughter Gladys met with a painful accident by getting her arm badly cut. She is in the Western Hospital.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. Clauzel is seriously ill at his residence.

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