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H. COURSEY WINS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Another victory for the Colored race. Last Saturday afternoon at the London Athletic Meet at Queens park under the auspices of the London Manufacturers' Athletic Association, Harry Coursey, the colored star, covered himself and his race with glory by winning 6 first and 2 second prizes. Coursey finished with a record of 39 points, which is more than any individual athlete has made in the history of the Association. With Captain Cornelius, coach of Canada's Olympic team, watching the performance, Coursey displayed the best running of his career.

He literally ran away from his competitors and was the recipient of much applause from the crowd. In the 120 yard hurdles for men he beat Chapman in a spectacular finish. His win over Gorman, the Canadian champion was no less spectacular. Coursey was without doubt the individual star of the day and he repeatedly covered himself with laurels. It is said that his performance alone was worth the price of the admission fee and it is safe to say that Coursey is destined for many more laurels. Captain Cornelius remarked that Coursey had improved 100 per cent. since his try out for the Olympic in the early summer although at that time he made a most creditable record. His record at that time entitled him to compete further in the Olympic tryouts but he preferred to remain home and improve his form and style. It appears that he has succeeded

Branch of Association Formed At Chatham

Chatham.—A branch of the Canadian National Association for the Advancement of Colored People may be formed in this city if the plans of J. W. Montgomery of Toronto, President, bear fruit. Montgomery was a recent visitor to Chatham and discussed plans with the ministers of the colored churches here.

CHRISTIAN WORK FOR THE NEGRO RACE

(By S. E. G. Allen)

It is stated that the first Y.M.C.A. for the colored race was organized in Washington, D.C. in 1853. Anthony Bowen was the first president. He was a free Negro. But the association was not of long duration, and it was not until 1876, when the international convention met in Toronto, that the work of colored men and boys was seriously considered. It was then an interest was aroused, and finally funds contributed to appoint a man to investigate conditions among colored men. General George D. Johnston led in the work, laying the foundation in the far south by organizing Bible Classes and holding Gospel Meetings for colored men in many cities. This pioneer work was well done, but it was soon realized that it was necessary to appoint a colored man for the position; and Mr. William A. Hunton, the first salaried secretary colored man of the association was appointed.

In 1907, a model building was presented to the colored people of Columbus, Ga., by Mr. George Foster Peabody and his brother at a cost of about \$30,000, a condition of the gift being that the association should organize as a branch of the white association.

The next city to erect a modern building was Washington, towards which Mr. John D. Rockefeller made a gift of \$25,000 on condition that a like amount be raised by colored men. The were so impressed in favor of the idea that soon \$100,000 was subscribed, of which the colored race contributed \$27,000.

In January, 1911, Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the Hebrew President of the Sears-Roebuck Company of Chicago, made an offer of \$25,000 to every city of the United States that would raise \$75,000 for erecting a building for a Colored Young Men's Christian Association, to cost not less than \$100,000. Up to the present time 13 cities or more have met the conditions and the buildings have cost from \$100,000 to \$300,000 each.

The property now owned by Y.M.C.A.s of the Colored race, is now valued at about \$3,200,000. One of the new buildings in Chicago cost \$195,000.

The work among colored women and girls has been even more remarkable and rapid. In the past ten years

SENSATION OF
M.A.A. MEET, LONDON



HARR COURSEY, sensation of the Manufacturers' A.A. Meet. He won the Individual Championship, piling up a total of 39 points. His firsts were in the 100, 220, and 440 yard running events and in the standing broad jump. He added more points by coming in second in the 120 yard hurdles final and in the running broad jump. It was one of the best performances given by any athlete since the M.A.A.'s inception.

90,000 girls and women have been reached. The student work for colored women, is organized in 68 institutions.

The Christian Associations have done a great deal in this work of which a beautiful illustration can be given. Some years ago when the association of a Southern city was about to launch a campaign for a new building a meeting of the board of directors was called to arrange for the campaign. There was no hitch in the proceedings until one of the members suggested that the work for colored people should receive some consideration. A discussion followed, and for a time it seemed as if the proposition would not be approved. Finally the Chairman, a lawyer and a graduate of Harvard, said: "Gentlemen, we are going to include in our appeal \$25,000 for the colored men's branch, because Jesus Christ wants it done." The effect was instantaneous. The audience rose to the occasion and the result was that the white men in the city gave nearly \$60,000 toward the building for colored men. I would like to be able to give a more definite and extended account of this work in Canada, up to date, but at present statistics are not available.

HARRY WILLS TRIMS FIRPO

Last Thursday evening at Boyle's Thirty Acres, New Jersey, Harry Wills administered to Luis Angel Firpo, the most severe whipping he has ever received during his boxing career. From the sound of the first gong to the last one the fight was a one sided affair—all Wills. The big colored man proved himself to be Firpo's superior in strength, boxing ability, ring craftsmanship and resourcefulness. At no stage of the game was he in danger of being knocked out while on the other hand he floored Firpo in the second round, sending him to the mat for the count of three.

Firpo's most dangerous weapon, his terrible right that sent Dempsey over the ropes into friendly arms of newspaper reporters, thereby saving him from a defeat, was able only to draw from Wills pleasant smiles.

Although the big Argentin refused to shake hands with the colored man at the beginning of the fight he was found to be most affectionate toward the end, hugging Wills with so much zeal the colored man found it impossible to administer his knockout punch. It would be difficult to make any comparison between these two fighters from any angle.

Firpo, meek but manly, admits his defeat and expresses a desire to start all over again, working up to a bout with Wills again and then to Dempsey as he still believes he can master them.

It is reported that Tex Richard and other sporting celebrities claim that Wills' showing against Firpo does not entitle him to a light with Dempsey, compare the showing Firpo made against Dempsey and the showing he made against Wills and you will easily see that such a decision is most certainly unfounded.

We, as a race, are proud, very proud of Wills because he not only is a fighter of rare ability, perhaps the best in the world, but because he is a gentleman and because he has not placed a stigma upon the race by mixing up with women of other races. Tex Rickard and the sporting world should feel proud of Wills and should be willing to give him a man's chance, not only because of his prowess as a fighter, but because he is one of the few fighters who has not helped to bring ill repute upon the sport.

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Editorial

GARVEY'S BLACK GOD.

Marcus Garvey advises black men and women to teach their children that God Himself is black. While we believe such an idea to be foolish, grotesque and idolatrous, we believe we can see Garvey's reasons for advocating such teaching. He finds, as all black people do that the present color scheme of North America, at any rate, is calculated to humiliate and degrade the spirit of all black people. All things pure, grand and noble are attached to the white race; all standards of excellency are measured from the white race downward. The black race, by the present standard is consigned to the lower levels and to the humbler walks of life. Our children are unconsciously taught these standards in school. All fine emotions and pleasing sensations are expressed in terms of "white" while most disagreeable emotions are generally expressed in terms of "black". As for instance: "a black taste," "a yellow streak", a "blue Monday."

Surely it must have been Garvey's idea to correct this error rather than suggest we become a race of idolaters. A better thing to have suggested is to pay more attention to the essentials of character rather than the incident of color, for we are taught in His holy word that "God is a Spirit and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The Episcopalian definition of God is that He is a being without body, parts or passion. "God is a spirit." Why should we then paint this spirit either white or black? A universal religion with a universal God must rise beyond the incident of color or race or any other physical difference. If we interpret religion in any other light we interpret it in terms of flesh and blood. When a race begins to visualize God in its own color it then begins to worship idols. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image; thou shalt not bow down unto them nor serve them." This commandment was meant to save the world from narrow national and racial isolation and from national and racial idolatry. It was meant to help the human spirit to reach the highest plain of endeavour for all people of every age. If other races and other people have made a graven image of color, if they bow down and worship it with even more reverence than that with which the worship the Spirit (God) that should be no reason

why we should make a similar blunder.

Yesterday my oldest boy, of ten years asked me: "Daddy, is God black like we are or is he white like white people?" At first I was nonplussed. I finally said: "Why son, God is a spirit and we shall be like him, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be." After serious reflection I called the child to my side again and endeavoured to impress upon him that neither did God or the world take any notice of the incident of color, but that what both God and the world were careful to distinguish is the essentials of character. But how long will this impression last, mingling daily as he does, with those who have made a graven image of, and who are daily worshipping this graven image of color?

LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Booker were week end visitors of Mrs. Gladys Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Martin of Chatham, and Mrs. Albert Smith of Cayuga were the guests of Mrs. E. Gorat during Fair Week.

Mr. W. Martin's fast trotter came first in Monday's and second in Friday's races at the Fair.

On their return from Guelph where they attended the funeral of Mr. J. Malotte, Mrs. T. Duncan, Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Joe Malotte of Cleveland spent a few days in the city as the guests of Mrs. Nellie Washington.

The Dawn is very grateful to Miss Walker and Mrs. Murry, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Delfish of Brantford, Miss Selina Smith of Woodstock, Mrs. J. D. Hall and daughter and Miss Hazel Wesley of Stratford for coming to London to assist us on Tag Day.

Mrs. (Rev.) Drake and daughter, Florence are visiting relatives in Ann Arbor.

A complete report of the Baptist Association will appear in next week's issue of The Dawn. Hill St. Baptist and her many friends are making elaborate preparations for the many distinguished guests who are expected to be present.

Mrs. Ann Budd met with a painful accident last Monday evening when she sprained the ligaments in her right foot. Mrs. Budd was taken to Victoria Hospital where her foot was dressed. She was then taken to her home where she is doing nicely.

Tag Day Receipts, Dawn of Tomorrow

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Bal. from Tag Day \$75.86 applied on our account with the printer. Mr. Fielding donated \$75.86 which makes a grand total of \$151.72 applied on the account of the Dawn of Tomorrow. The editor and manager wish to thank the general public and all who assisted, especially those who gave their services gratis.

B.M.E. Church Notes

The usual services were held in the church on Sunday Sept. 14th with a fair attendance morning and evening.

Our Brotherhood held their first regular Sunday morning meeting on the 14th and will meet each Sunday morning hereafter at 10 a.m. All men are invited to attend.

The following visitors worshipped with us on Sunday: Mrs. Poindexter, Chatham; Mrs. R. Wilson, Guelph; Mrs. J. Anderson, Ingersoll and a lady guest of Mrs. E. Groat.

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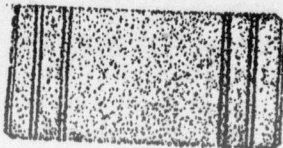
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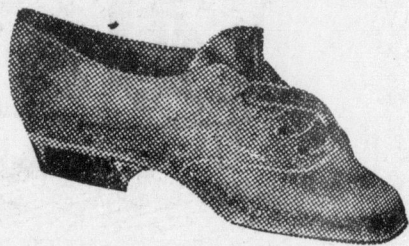
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MONTREAL NOTES

The pastor has returned from his vacation and occupied the pulpit in the Union Church on Sunday the 14th.

A splendid report was received from Bethel Church at the Conference held at Hamilton, especially the Mite Missionary Society, which has only been organized two months. Rev. Jones is reinstated for another year.

Miss Sylvia and Dorothy Barksdale have gone to reside in Philadelphia.

Rev. Couson, from Demerara, West Indies, preached in Bethel Church last Sunday.

Bishop Vernon, heading a delegation of clergymen is expected in this city in the near future.

Congratulations to Miss O. Spencer upon her completion of the High School course and to Miss Alta Bethae as typist.

Miss Celestine Taylor has returned from a vacation in Boston.

Mrs. Jennie De Shield is quite ill at her residence.

We are expecting a great musical treat when Fisk Jubilee Singers will sing at the Union Church on the 25th inst.

NIAGARA FALLS NOTES

The first Quarterly Meeting was held on Sept. 14th. The pastor took charge and was assisted by Rev. A. R. Plummer.

Harvest Home Festival Services will be held on the 28th on Monday evening. Supper will be served in the Sunday School room under the auspices of the Poverty Club. Supper 60 cents. All welcome

Two infants were christened at the Quarterly Meeting Service, Eldwood Walter Hullet and Robert Douglas Plummer.

Mrs. Albert Lewis of Brantford, passed through here on her way to Buffalo and stopped off to visit her aunt, Mrs. A. R. Plummer.

Miss Virginia Hullet has gone back to school at Dunnville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington of Hailton were visitors in the city on Sunday.

OWEN SOUND NOTES

Mrs. Douglas of Williamsford worshipped with us on Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Leburts motored into our city Monday morning, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Geo Malock of 11th St. The party consisted of Mrs. M. Garpron and sons of Toronto, Mr. G. Cromwell and nephew and Mr. and Mrs. Parks.

Miss Pansy Miller of Toronto visited our city and worshipped with us Sunday evening.

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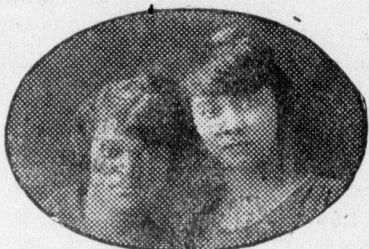
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Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Shaw, Mr. Homer Watkins and Mr. Buckner, delegates, and Mr. Roland Henderson S.S. delegate, of the 1st Baptist Ch. Sandwich, are attending the Association at London.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams of Detroit and Mr. O. Brooks were visitors in Sandwich on Sun. and Mon.

Mrs. Homer Watkins and children are visiting in Elmstead.

Mr. and Mrs. George Redd are at home for the winter after a successful season on the lakes.

Mrs. John Wells of Tecumseh Rd. and Mr. McDowell of Windsor Ave. continue quite poorly. Mrs. Eliza Marshall is improving at this writing.

Mr. John Seldom met with quite a serious accident last week when a street car ran into his truck, wrecking the cab where he was sitting. He was severely cut about the head and suffered injuries to his back and shoulders, besides a general shaking up. He is resting as comfortably as can be expected at Hotel Dieu.

"Uncle Rastus and His Manners Class", a laughable comedy, and other numbers, under the direction of Mrs. M. Chickee, will be given in the B.M. E. Church the last of the month. Date announced later.

Rev. Lawrence McDowell of Durham, N.C. is visiting his mother this week en route from Nashville, where he attended the Baptist Assoc.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 25th, Prof Crawford will be at the BME Church in Shakespearean Recital, in costume; also showing the largest Biblical sceneries made, Admission Adults 25c., Children 15c.

On Wednesday evening, October 1, the BME Church presents Prof. Greenlaw, bass soloist, and Mme. Mae Wood Greenlaw, Elocutionist.

Quarterly Meeting Sunday, Sept. 21. Love Feast 10.45 a.m. Communion Service 3 p.m., when Rev. Howell of Detroit, assisted by his choir, will have charge of the services.

The Victoria WCTU met at the home of Mrs. McDowell on Monday evening and further plans for the Baby Contest were made.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. M. Henderson of Ann Arbor spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. G. Thomas.

Mrs. L. Emery has returned to Chicago after spending several pleasant weeks with Miss Maud Holmes.

Refreshed by a delightful vacation in Chicago Mme. Sobrian has returned to open her studio for vocal students at her home, 1034 Highland Ave.

Mr. Sobrian paid a flying visit to his family this week, returning to Chicago where he is connected with the Victory Life Ins. and the Douglas National Bank, the only colored bank issuing its own currency and recognized throughout the world.

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Mrs. Nellie Davis of Detroit and her sister Miss Flora Handsor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt

CHATHAM NOTES

Mr. Reginald Carter is seriously ill.

Mr. Ames of Wellington St. is ill.

Mrs. C. Cherry and son returned from a visit in Windsor.

Mr. T. S. Cherry leaves this week for a visit in Louisville, Ky., before resuming his studies at Ithaca, N.Y.

Miss Leota Lynn, who was very ill is improving.

After a two weeks' visit with their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Braxton and family left on Friday for their home in Marquette.

Mrs. S. Boswell entertained at tea in honor of Miss Magdalene, Miss Zalia and Mr. Lyle Braxton. Covers were laid for eight.

Mr. W. Needham was seriously ill but is improving.

Miss Helen Williams has returned after visiting relatives in Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis of Hamilton are visiting his brother, Mr. J. Lewis.

HAMILTON NOTES

The services at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church were largely attended. Rev. Barley preached at 11 o'clock and bro. Foster occupied the pulpit at 7.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Holland spent a few days at Birch Island and Algoma and report a pleasant visit.

Mrs. W. Rhodes entertained Mr. Kelly of Windsor.

Mr. Ed. Lewis is quite ill at this writing in the City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cathune are spending a few weeks in St. Marys

The Misses Holland attended the Oakville Fair.

Master Olliver Holland and Howard Lewis attended the games at Broadview, Toronto and were successful.

Mrs. C. Blue of Buffalo, N.Y. paid a flying visit to the city.

St. Paul, A.M.E. are patiently waiting for their new pastor.

Mr. Branch, Toronto, Mr. Smith, St. Catharines and Mr. Young were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holland.

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Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor and daughter Marion motored to Toronto to the Exhibition

Mr. Owen Harper and daughter Grace have gone to Cleveland where they intend to make their home

Mr. J. Flowers of Buffalo was the visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. M. Bright and Mrs. T. Parker spent a week in Toronto at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stowe

Rev. S. R. Drake and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson motored to Fort Erie.

Miss Margaret Wilson of Welland spent a week in Fort Erie.

Mr. E. Clay visited Mrs. T. Parker on Sunday.

Mrs. L. Lathom, Mrs. E. Lathom and baby Edgar were visitors of Mrs. Chandler.

Miss Amy Wilson of Welland is visiting Mrs. George Taylor

Mrs. Goodwill, Mrs. H. Johnson and Master Le Roy Johnson were visitors of Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

ST. CATHARINES NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. H. Logan visited the Toronto Exhibition for two days last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharpe

Mr. and Mrs. Charles. Dorsay are leaving for Chicago on Monday to reside there indefinitely.

Mrs. Frank Richardson and children returned from their visit to Toronto.

Miss Gertrude Bell returned from Toronto after a week end.

The BME Church is giving a barbecue and supper (Roast Pig) Sept. 25th.

Miss Greta Nicholson is on the sick list.

The Pastor and officers of the BME Church are all smiles. It is a gift of seven tons of coal from a lady friend. (abroad.)

The Misses Louise and Clara Bell entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. Dorsay before their departure for Chicago.

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CAYUGA NOTES

Miss Ruby Morten was the guest of Mrs. A. Bunk over the week end.

Our choir has engagements for every Sunday this month and for the first Sunday in October.

Mrs. Allie Barnes entertained some of our young people on Friday eve.

Mr. Harper and family motored to Guelph.

Mr. G. Barnes has returned from Buffalo on a visit home.

Mr. W. Johnson and C. L. Barnes motored to Rochester.

Mrs. Jack Harper and son Charles are visiting in London.



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SARNIA NEWS

Mrs. A. Moxley of London and Mrs. R. Patterson of Detroit, Mich. were week end visitors of visitors of Mrs. G. Brooks and Mrs. Patterson is still the guest of her father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Crosby of Sarnia and spent the day at Tashmo Park. They left for home on Wednesday and report a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Murdock, Mrs. La Jacque and two sons, Mr. Richard Henderson and Mr. Donald Bass motored down to Tashmo Park on Tuesday to the big united picnic from Detroit.

Mrs. B. Rolling and Mrs. E. Quarles of 146 Essex St. Sarnia spent the week end in Hamilton visiting friends and attending Conference. Both report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones of Sarnia and their daughter, Mrs. Dickerson were at Tashmo Park on Tuesday to attend the big United Picnic from Detroit. All had a good time.

BRANTFORD NOTES

Sunday the 14th was Rev. Adams first Quarterly Meeting in Brantford or this Conference year and it was one long to be remembered, the ch. being crowded and five ministers being on the platform. Rev. H. Jackson of Detroit spoke in the morning, and Rev. Jackson of Guelph spoke in the afternoon and evening. His evening sermon was simply grand and held his large audience spell-bound. The day was a great success both spiritually and financially.

The General Supt., Rev. S. R. Drake was present at the afternoon and evening services and spoke in a most pleasing manner. He left us with a splendid feeling of optimism.

There were visitors at the Meeting from London, Chatham, Princeton, Simcoe and Woodstock.

Mr. Jerry Oakley and wife of Ash-tabula and a friend from Buffalo were visitors for the week end. Mr. Oakley is one of Brantford Old Boys. We were all glad to see him.

Mrs. O. Stewart, formerly Miss Irene Marshall and her little girls, Helen and Marion, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas.

Mrs. Albert Lewis is holidaying in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Buffalo.

Mrs. Susan Cromwell and daughter Mrs. Price, of Cleveland are visiting relatives here.

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mr. Isaac James spent the week end in Hamilton

Miss Selina Smith was in London on Wednesday to help with the Tag Day

Quite a number from Woodstock attended the Quarterly Meeting in Brantford on Sunday.

Those who attended London Fair were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Cromwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall Jr. and young son.

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