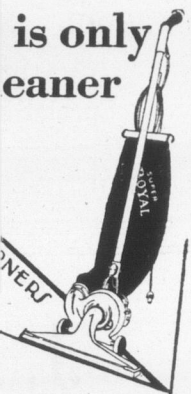


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MORNING PROGRAM

Beginning at 10 o'clock.

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3. Address of Welcome Mr. C. H. Brown, Vice-President
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5. Solo Mr. Leverne Jones, Brantford
6. Address Delegate representing Windsor
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13. Solo Mrs. Hattie Berry
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16. Address David Ross, National Treasurer

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Beginning at 2.30 o'clock.

1. Solo Mr. Leverne Jones
 2. Address of Welcome Acting Mayor Jas. McCormick
 3. Address A. E. Silverwood, Chairman Executive Board
- The remaining part of the afternoon session will be taken up in discussion by delegates from different Branches and other organizations, on "The Welfare of the Canadian Colored People."

EVENING PROGRAM

1. Banquet will be held from 7.30 to 9 p.m.
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Girls of B.M.E. Church Give A Jubilee Concert

On Thursday evening, Sept. 8, seven of the girls of the B. M. E. Church gave a jubilee concert in aid of the \$500 rally which is now in progress. The program was given in two parts, the first being old jubilee hymns of the race, each led by one of the young ladies. Part two was led by a chorus followed by pleasing solos by Jeanette Woodcock, Bernice Fountain and Doris Woodcock, little nine-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. Woodcock, who charmed the audience with her sweet voice, and we would like to note that Doris was the youngest on program. Violet Clinton rendered a delightful piano solo; Florence and Alice Drake gave a dialogue; four girls a selection, "What I Would Be"; duet by Misses Gladys Stafford and Alice Drake. The closing number was a scene, "A Happy Home," with Miss Gladys Stafford as the mother, and Doris Woodcock. As Miss Stafford sang, the curtain was drawn and Jeanette Woodcock was shown portraying "Rock of Ages." Florence Drake was at the piano. A very pleased audience then proceeded to basement to enjoy ice cream and a social evening. The committee is very grateful to all who helped to make the effort a success. The net proceeds were \$13.15. During a short intermission Rev. A. F. Price, of Cape Palms, Africa, gave a few words and displayed to the friends some African relics which were very interesting.

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Editorial

Marcus Garvey Again

Friends of Marcus Garvey who are in constant touch with him assert that his long imprisonment has made terrible inroads on his health. In seeking his parole, they claim to have urged that his failing health is the reason for desiring his release. Still, strange to say, their plans have been repeatedly turned down by those in authority. It is all the more strange in view of the fact that Warren McCoy, former governor of Indiana, who was convicted for the same offense as was Garvey, has been paroled after having completed only one third of his ten-year term. The loss to the state and to the individuals brought about through McCoy's practices amounts to millions of dollars. Reflections of his misrule and fraud can be seen throughout his state today in corrupt officials and class rule. Without touching upon the merits of Garvey's conviction, it is well known that his fraudulent methods (intentional or otherwise) affected only a few of his fellows whose confidence in Garvey far overshadows the petty losses which they sustained. Viewing the two cases from the point of damage done in each and from what would seem the intention of each offender, we fail to see why Garvey is still a prisoner and McCoy is free.

White Students the Losers

Although the 1,400 white students of Gary, Ind., High School have succeeded in compelling Superintendent Writ to grant all of their demands in the fight to drive Negro students from the school, yet they have lost far more than they have gained. They have lost that high standard of right and justice which should go hand in hand with an education, if an education is to mean anything at all. They have lost the real educational ideal, that an education is to make well-balanced, well-rounded, fair-minded and broad-minded citizens. They have lost not only in the estimation of all right-thinking young people of the present generation, but even their children, when they shall be informed through history of this act, will look upon their parents as having been small, narrow and unjust. No doubt today they look upon themselves as heroes and heroines. It may be that

even their grown-up townspeople call them such. But the fact is they have simply tried to stay the move of progress. Later in life the students of Emerson High School and all of Gary as well will learn of this fact. For neither Emerson High School nor Gary, Ind., can live alone. They must come in contact with other people, with organizations such as the student movement, movements which are destined to make young people think in terms of human beings, of right and justice and of God, rather than in terms of race and white supremacy. Class ignorance and nothing else is responsible for the spirit shown by these 1,400 students. But we have hope for them, for if Emerson imparts to them the only kind of education which is worth while in this world they will some day see the folly of their present acts.

As to the State of Indiana, we have little hope under the present regime. A former governor having been sent to prison for fraud, the present governor under indictment for misdoings, practically every office in the state being filled by a Klansman, the situation seems unendurable from the standpoint of justice to Negroes. It is little wonder that the students of Emerson were inspired to dominate the school board.

Whatever the outcome may be, we trust that the 34 colored students who were ill-treated will not lose their ardor for an education nor their desire to prepare themselves to go out into the world, after finishing, and help to teach their white classmates and all the world that the human family, although made up of many races and colors, and gifts, and talents, is, after all, one family.

Forging Ahead

We as a people are not an inferior race, and we can accomplish the same things other races accomplish if we equip ourselves with the necessary training, and persevere.

I would say here one of the most important factors towards success is an education. I'll not expatiate on its various and far-reaching importance. But alas! It is a lamentable and deplorable fact that we haven't fortified ourselves with enough learning to grapple with the big things that are worth while.

I may add here that we have a few educated colored men, but we need many more. May I beseech our youth today to consider the importance of an education and go after something better than the "pick and shovel brigade." Would to God our young men and women would see the importance of education.

We are emerging on the mechanical age, and electricity and gasoline are replacing man-power, therefore I believe our young men would do well to study mechanical engineering. Those who are mechanically inclined have the opportunity to learn.

Some may say, "Oh, it's all very well, but I have to work; I haven't the chance to go to school."

For our boys and girls who have to work there are night schools and courses in any lines may be taken, and I am sure that we as a people are intelligent enough to learn if we avail ourselves of the opportunity and persevere.

We need initiative. Let us not depend on others to do the big things for

us. Say, "I will, and I can" and do it yourself. If we lay hold of the necessary knowledge we can assert ourselves and forge ahead.

Another very important need is brotherly feeling and unity in our race. We do not pull together enough. If we are ever going to get anywhere we must unite and stand together. Otherwise the white will always dominate us.

Show me ten colored families agreeing and it will be easily seen that they are the leaders of the neighborhood, and again, find six colored boys agreeing on any job and you may be sure they are respected by the white workers.

The weakest point in our social scale is disagreeableness with one another, and our white brethren know this, and whenever they can get one colored man or woman to berate another they've scored a point.

Self-respect. When we respect ourselves others will respect us. We do not have to make sport of ourselves and amuse the whites in order to curry favor.

We need not sing so-called coon songs or encourage the cognomens of "Rastus," "Snowball," "Coon" or "Shine." We never hear much of that sort where it is resented by self-respecting colored men and women. But if we guffaw at such names it encourages the whites to call us such names. It is little wonder they continue to make sport of us. If we do not lose our self-respect others will respect us.

Be economical. Learning to save is very important, and if we save a little of our income it means much to our foresight and helpfulness in times of need. It also helps us to be independent. Then, too, money commands respect. I do not mean to say money is all-in-all. Yet when we are able to keep even with the board we can look any man or woman in the face and not be embarrassed. Be economical.

Lastly, I would add truthfulness and honesty to my brief outline of timely hints. If we are truthful others will learn to rely upon us, and if we are honest people will trust us. When we are able to win the name of being truthful and honest, we have two very good recommendations as our credentials.

And, above all, let us not forget our God and at all times remember He is our Friend under all circumstances.

I trust that this brief message may be an inspiration and an incentive to someone, and if so it will have achieved that for which it was intended.

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Interviewed by a reporter a few days ago, Richard (Dick) Carter expressed regret and pathos on leaving the old union station and on seeing that edifice razed, which had served millions of travellers for over thirty years. Mr. Carter was employed in the time when it was abandoned for the new one a few weeks ago, and although he is proud of the new union station, prouder still that he has been promoted in rank, tender memories of the old station still linger within his breast.

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The London local branch of the C. L.A.C.P. wishes to thank the officials and the business men of the city for their hearty co-operation in seeking to make the first annual convention of the C.L.A.C.P. a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly of Marmora street have made extensive additions to their beautiful home. "Bud" himself was superintendent, carpenter and brick mason.

Reports from several points throughout Ontario indicate that the first general convention of the C.L.A.C.P. will be a tremendous success. The officials in charge are assured of a fairly good representation from many towns and cities. The City of London is responding generously to the call to make the convention a success.

The last meeting of the Get Acquainted Club was a very successful one. The members showed much enthusiasm in the plans which Mr. Ball, musical director, unfolded for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter and their mother, Mrs. Millie Smith, left last Tuesday for an extended trip through the Canadian West.

Mrs. Styles and friends, of St. Thomas worshipped at the B. M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Mr. J. M. Sledd, of Pittsburgh, is studying at the University of Western Ontario. He is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown, Hill St.

Mrs. Joseph Cromwell and daughter, Miss Vivian Knox, are home again after visiting friends in Detroit and other points. Miss Knox has entered the Technical School and is also pursuing her music again.

Mrs. Hattie Berry has been ill for the past week. We trust she will soon be out and around again.

On the night prior to her departure on her trip West, the ladies of the Hill Street Baptist Church gave a surprise on Mrs. Millie Smith. She was the recipient of many useful presents. A most pleasant evening was spent by all who attended.

Mrs. Jennie Brown was called to Dresden last week to attend the bedside of her mother, Mrs. L. A. Britton, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell tendered their daughter, Vivian Knox, a birthday party last Thursday evening. The many young people who gathered for the occasion enjoyed themselves immensely. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell, of Woodstock and their two children, Gene and Wilber.

The death of Mr. Wm. Berry, Sr., occurred at Victoria Hospital on Monday, Sept. 12, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Berry was one of the city's most highly-respected citizens, having conducted a successful business for many years. He was head deacon in the colored Baptist church for a number of years. Even during his failing health his pew was rarely ever vacant. His

funeral was conducted from the Hill Street Baptist Church on Thursday, September 15. Among the mourners were many of London's best citizens of both races who had come to pay their last respects to one of the city's grand old men. Rev. J. H. Pinick, of Dresden, conducted the services. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moxley of Chicago, and Miss Smith, of Buffalo, cousins of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, motored through the city last Sunday. While here they were the guests of Mr. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell motored to Brantford last Sunday to visit friends. While there they worshipped at the B. M. E. Church.

Mrs. Hattie Berry, of Front Street, has been indisposed for the past few days. She intends having her tonsils removed, the present week, the seeming source of her illness.

OWEN SOUND.

Mrs. Rev. H. F. Logan was chairwoman of a successful ladies' day in the B. M. E. Church.

Men's Day, August 28, was also a success. Brother Wm. Johnson took charge of the morning service, assisted by Bros. Clifford Johnson and J. Smith. The evening service was conducted by Bros. Thomas Green, C. Johnston and J. Smith. Mr. Wilmer Johnson rendered a solo. A male choir assisted with the hymns.

G. Molock and family and Mrs. T. Taylor and Mrs. Charles Taylor visited Niagara Falls and St. Catharines and report having a delightful time.

Mrs. Flossie Bowie and Mrs. McCarter had some car trouble and had to remain in their car on the roadside all night. Her son and another young man were present.

Mrs. Hugh Woodbeck is spending a two week vacation in Buffalo, Toronto and other places.

Mrs. Clifford Johnson is visiting in St. Catharines.

Mrs. Wm. Harrison has been assisting her brother on his farm.

Mrs. F. A. Dallard, Mrs. Logan's sister, is visiting her brother, Mr. Arthur Talbot, in Hamilton.

Rev. H. F. Logan paid a short visit to Toronto Exhibition and reports a good time.

Mrs. Jerry Smith and Miss Mary Bowie had charge of the Harvest home which took place the latter part of September.

Mrs. Fater, sister of Mrs. Alice Harrison, and her husband and family, of Detroit, were visiting in the city last week.

The Stewardess Board and Mothers' Club enjoyed a social at the parsonage on Wednesday.

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The Fugitive Slave in Canada

(By Fred Landon)

(Continued from last issue.)

Jesse Happy, a runaway from Kentucky, having been discovered in Canada, his return was demanded by the governor of that state, the charge against him being that of horse-stealing. Before deciding the application, Sir Francis referred the matter to his home Government in a memorandum that left no doubt regarding his own views. He points out first of all that a slave can hardly expect emancipation from trial for crimes for which even British-born subjects would be held responsible. Proceeding he says:

On the other hand, it may be argued that a slave escaping from bondage on his master's horse is a vicious struggle between two guilty parties, of which the slave owner is not only the aggressor, but the blackest criminal of the two. It is the case of the dealer in human flesh versus the stealer of horse flesh; and it may be argued that if the British Government does not feel itself authorized to pass judgment on the plaintiff neither should it on the defendant. The clothes and even the manacles of a slave are undeniably the property of his master and it may be argued that it is as much a theft in the slave walking from slavery to liberty in his master's shoes as riding on his master's horse; and yet surely a slave breaking out of his master's house is not guilty of the same burglary which a thief would commit who should force the same locks and bolts in order to break in.

Sir Francis urged as a further objection to the rendition of fugitive slaves that even if a slave were acquitted of crime in a state court he would be seized at once by his former master and put back into slavery. His conclusion was that the slaves have no right under the pretext of any human treaty, to claim from the British Government which does not recognize slavery, being who by slave law are not recognized as men, and who actually exist as brute beasts in moral darkness until on reaching British soil, they suddenly heard, for the first time in their lives, the sacred words, "Let there be light, and there was light." From that moment, it is argued, they were created men, and if this be true, it is said they cannot be held responsible for conduct prior to their existence.

The question was again brought to the attention of the British Colonial Office in 1840 by a communication from the colored people in Canada through their secretary, Mr. E. de St. Remi. A decision had been given by the British Government in 1839 respecting the surrender of fugitives and criminals escaping from the Danish Indies into the British possessions nearby. The despatch relative to this contained the declaration that "where the criminals whether slaves or freemen shall be satisfactorily proved to the British colonial authorities to have been guilty of murder or any other heinous crime which the laws of all nations visit with extreme punishment the safety of society demands that such a criminal should be brought to justice and it would become the duty of governors of colonies

to afford every assistance for his apprehension and restitution to take his trial in the foreign colony in which his crime may have been committed."

On the face this looked like a fair ruling, but the black men detected a flaw. What if the "heinous" charge were merely trumped up for the occasion perjury used to back it up and the British colonial court so persuaded to deliver up the fugitive. The fugitive knew something of what the slave interests would do to get back their property. To illustrate their contention an actual case was cited which had recently been reported from the island of St. Lucia. It was openly charged there that fabricated evidence had been used in an effort to recover three slaves absconding from Martinique. The Canadian communication points out that even if declared innocent of the crimes charged, after trial in the Martinique courts these men will at once be thrown back into slavery. It then goes on to emphasize the importance of such a decision to the refugee in Canada.

The colored population of Upper Canada distinctly disavow the desire of being screened from the punishment due to any offence cognizable by the regular tribunals of the country, and which would give them the benefit of trial, although they might reasonably dread a surrender even in such a case, from the consciousness that if acquitted they would again be involved in cruel irremedial slavery; but they pray to be sheltered from the fabrications of masters who charge them with crimes of which they are themselves accusers judges, juries and punishers.

In support of this position the following pertinent facts were pointed out by the Canadian Negroes;

First, that neither law nor practice allowed trial to the slave in any of the American slave states, except in a very few extreme cases.

Second, that in the few cases where trial was granted, law forbade taking the testimony of either slaves or free colored persons against whites.

Third, that in several free states the testimony of a free colored man was not admitted against that of a white.

Fourth, that generally free colored men, when condemned to a term of years imprisonment, fell back into perpetual slavery.

The conclusion of the Canadian memorandum reads:

The petition of the colored man prays a thorough searching investigation and examination of witnesses and rigid enquiry into facts; a sifting of evidence previous to a surrender of them as accused felons, although if granted it would by no means insure a bona fide trial to the colored criminal after surrender. For I do not disguise my fear, that in most cases his punishment would not be death, but worse—slavery.

Under the extradition clause of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842 there was one famous effort made to recover a fugitive slave. This was the case of the Missouri Negro, William Anderson, who was arrested in Canada in 1860 charged with the murder of his former master, Seneca Diggs, whom he had stabbed in an attempt to secure his freedom. This case created serious difficulties not only between Canada and the United States but also between Canada and Great Britain, though in the end Anderson was freed on a technicality. It

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seems quite clear that the British Government, in adopting the extradition clause of the treaty, had no intention of allowing it to be used for the purposes of recovering runaway slaves in Canada. In moving the second reading of the bill to ratify the treaty Lord Aberdeen stated that there was no intention of delivering up fugitives found in Canada. To escape from slavery was no crime he held; on the contrary the condition of the slave endeavoring to escape was to be regarded with much sympathy. Lord Brougham agreed with this view regarding it as a settled fact that a slave arriving in British territory could not, under any circumstances be claimed or rendered liable to further service. Lord Ashburton's own view was clearly set forth in a letter to Thomas Clarkson president of the British Anti-Slavery Society. Negroes in Canada, he stated, would be given up only for the crimes specifically mentioned in the treaty. The use of a boat or any means of escape was not robbery and could not be so construed. Clarkson lost no time in communicating this view to Lord Metcalfe governor of Canada, pointing out that Great Britain would watch with some anxiety the outcome of the treaty when brought into operation and expressing the hope that Canadians would exercise all possible humanity towards the unfortunate refugees.

If as Professor Siebert has said, "the underground railroad was one of the greatest forces which brought on the Civil War and thus destroyed slavery," it must be remembered that without a free Canada at the terminus of the underground this system of deliverance would have been far less effective and after 1850 would have found its work largely nullified by the new Fugitive Slave Law. Party action might control American legislatures and laws and even courts but party action in the republic could not control Canada. And in proportion as the slave power became more rapacious in the United States, Canada's gates of welcome opened yet wider, offering freedom and opportunity to the oppressed black race. Is it not then true that Canada must be regarded as one of the real forces that brought on the Civil War and destroyed slavery in the American republic?

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And there be no herd in the stalls,
Still, like good Habakkuk of old,
My faith and trust hear slightest
calls.

The Lord Jehovah is my strength;
I walk with Him in places high;
My feet like hinds' feet till at length
I know and feel Him always nigh.
My joy still in Jehovah God—
E'en while I pass beneath the rod.
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ST. CATHARINES

Messrs. Randal Hogan and Mack Proctor of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent a few days in the city.

Miss Lillian Richardson has returned home after visiting her uncle, Mr. Frank Richardson in Gowanda, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, of Gowanda, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster motored to Toronto Sunday evening for the holiday and to attend the C. N. E.

Mr. J. Jefferson of Verdun, Montreal, spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. B. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dorsay and the Misses Viola and Olive Williams of Lockport, N.Y., motored to the city on Sunday, visiting friends.

Mr. Joseph Seelix and son of Cleveland passed through the city en route to Toronto.

Mr. Richard and Master Willie Bell are visiting in Toronto and attending the C. N. E.

Mr. Benjamin Walker of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Clarence Johnson of Hamilton motored to the city last week.

Rev. E. A. Richardson conducted a very spiritual service at the B. M. E. Church Sunday morning, his subject being "Temper." Love Feast was held at this service. In the evening Deaconess Susie Johnson of Owen Sound delivered a very inspiring discourse, her subject being "The Return of the Prodigal Son." The service was well attended and enjoyed by all.

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Salt Lake City, Aug. 31.—Senator W. H. King of Utah, addressing members of the local club on Saturday, said: "America's imperialistic policy in invading Haiti in 1915 and the succeeding years of suppression which it forced upon the one time republic is breaking down the confidence the South American and Central American nations have in the United States. "If our nation is to maintain that confidence which was inspired by

promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine with its warning note to eastern hemisphere countries then we must withdraw and set free Haiti and let the ambition and dream of every one of its inhabitants be realized."

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Sunday, Sept. 25 was the occasion of the first quarterly communion service in the B. M. E. Church. The services for the day began with Love Feast, and general class at 10.30 a.m. This meeting was in charge of Bro. R. Winn and Sister R. Richardson. The spiritual atmosphere was very exhilarating so that all present rejoiced to be among those privileged to attend the meeting. The spirit of this meeting was continued right on and at 11 o'clock the fire was burning and the place was aglow with the presence of God. The pastor gave a brief message on the subject, "The Joy of Attending the House of God, taking as his text Psalm 122, 1. At 3.30 p.m. the Lord's Supper was observed and the elements dispensed. Sister M. E. Anderson of the Pentecostal Assembly and about 50 of her members were in attendance. Sister Anderson gave afternoon address from the text Mark 16, 15, her subject being "The Great Commission." The message was full of power and was mightily used of God. An old-fashioned testimony meeting was held from 5 to 6.30 in which upwards of 100 persons participated. At 7 p.m. the pastor delivered a very stirring message from Luke 23, 4. Subject "The Faultless Man." The choir, under the direction of the chorister, C. Andrew Johnson, was excellent, giving to the evening service a very high flavor.

October 2 the Harvest Home and Thanksgiving Festival was held.

On October 3 the Harvest Home supper was held under the auspices of the Stewardess Board.

October 9 is Go to Church Sunday. You will be made welcome at this friendly church.

Invitations have been issued by the officers of the First Baptist Church, Toronto, to the installation of their new pastor, Rev. H. Lawrence McNiel, and to a reception to be tendered him and his family on Thursday evening October 20, at 8.15 p.m.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in the B. M. E. Church on Sunday, Oct. 2nd and attended by a large audience both morning and evening. The display of flowers, fruit and vegetables surpassed anything we have had in this respect for many years. The pastor gave a splendid expository message at 11 a.m., using three companion texts, Psalms 37: 5, 55: 22, and I Peter 5:7, to illustrate the subject, "God Cares". The evening service at 7 p.m. proved to be of equal interest. Brother George Coates, local preacher delivered a timely message. Subject, "God Will Provide." The choir also rendered suitable music for the occasion. At the close of the evening service, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jackson of 277 Palmerston Ave., was baptized by the pastor and given the name of Albert John Jackson. Mr. R. T. Jackson, and Mrs. Joseph Dorsey were attendants as the God father and God mother.

Our Sick List.

Mrs. Edith Jackson has been confined to her home for the past week from the effects of a dental operation.

Mrs. Harold Jackson is suffering from the effects of having been struck

in the eye by a stick of wood. She is improving. Mrs. Edna Carter is slowly convalescing, and our prayers are for her entire recovery.

Mrs. R. H. Clarke continues quite poorly in health, having been confined to her home for the past few days.

STRATFORD

OBITUARY.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Ann Morton, who died six years ago, September 16, 1921. Gone but not forgotten.—Daughter, MRS. J. D. MORTON HALL, and son, J. D. HALL.

Miss Elsie Duncan, who has spent two years in training at the Harrison Beauty Parlor, has returned to Guelph, her home town, where she will start a business of her own.

Miss Alice Harrison spent the weekend in Guelph.

Mrs. Dr. Hughes, of Richmond, Va., is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. G. Lightfoot.

Madam Harrison and family spent Labor Day at Toronto Exhibition.

Miss Gertrude Henderson has returned from an extended visit in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, and reports having had an enjoyable time throughout her holiday.

CHATHAM

Master Louis Pryor is home after his illness in St. Joseph's Hospital and is now enjoying the best of health.

Mrs. Mary Dolman, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Braxton. She has been visiting also in Washington and Baltimore.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Milburn was held Wednesday afternoon from the A. M. E. Church. The service was conducted by Elder A. C. Jones of the Latter Day Saints' church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, of Detroit, were week-end visitors.

Misses Blanche Gant and Beulah Harding spent the week-end in Detroit.

Mrs. A. Martin has returned after short visit in London.

Gordon Currie was a visitor for a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. Currie.

Friends will be pleased to know that Miss Mary Ellen Williams is recovering from her illness.

Mrs. F. Branton is very seriously ill at her home on King street. We are hoping she will show signs of improvement.

Mr. Z. Bass who has been seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital for some time, has been moved to his home on King street.

The sad and sudden death in Chatham Township on Tuesday morning was that of Mrs. Noah Starks. The funeral was held from the late residence, sixth concession, on Thursday afternoon.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. E. LAWSON.

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Mrs. Wilhelmine Lawson was born at Port au Prince, Haiti, May 27, 1860. She departed this life Monday evening August 29, at 5.30 o'clock at the age of 67 years, 3 months and 2 days. She was the wife of ex-Alderman Edward Lawson who predeceased her 20 years ago.

She leaves to mourn her loss nine children, all grown to manhood and womanhood, namely: Mrs. Charles Ball, Mr. Thomas Lawson, Mrs. Walter Bowles, Mrs. Raymond Roberts, all of Windsor; Dr. William Lawson, Detroit; Mr. Charles Lawson, Windsor; Mr. Henry Lawson, Sandwich; Miss Ivy Lawson, at home; Miss Hattie Lawson, at home, 13 grandchildren, 4 cousins, Mr. Homer De Leon of Chicago; Mrs. Annie Mills, Detroit, Mrs. Dolly Wilson, Welland, Ont.; Mr. Geo. Gant, Chatham, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mother, we've been long together Through cloudy and through pleasant weather.

'Tis hard to part with you so dear; Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh or tear. Then steal away quietly; Give little warning. Choose thine own time; Say not "good-night," But in a brighter clime, Say "good morning."

The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a hushed spirit pervaded the auditorium of the B. M. E. Church, Rev. J. T. Dawson officiating. Following the singing of "Have Thy Own Way, Lord," the reverend gentleman paid high tribute to the faithful service and fine parental influence of the deceased. As a mother she had been of the Puritan type and insisted on moral rectitude, punctuality and honesty. These features of motherly administration now show forth in the excellent character of her children. She was sympathetic, translated precept into practice, a beloved mother and, above all, an unswerving Christian held true to her course because unchangeable conviction was at the helm.

These facts and many others were gleaned from the three addresses given respectively by Rev. I. H. Edwards, former pastor; Rev. H. T. McNeil, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. T. Dawson, pastor of the B. M. E. Church, of which deceased had been a faithful member for over 40 years.

A letter was read from the Rev. Williams, evangelist of the A. M. E. Church, who is confined in the Windsor hospital, stating that he knew the deceased for over 40 years and knew no more pertinent nor loyal tribute which he might pay to her than to say she was just a mother, expressing all love which the word entails, and an exemplary Christian.

Each speaker seemed to cull from the pages of years some different trait in the life of the departed.

Mrs. Lawson, whose presence was required in the Palace of God for many years, kept her feet a-running on her Master's errands. The helpless, needy, forsaken and fallen humanity made a special appeal to her nature. So, with no lingering, she passed the shadowy vale into the land of eternal day. A number of messages of condolence to the bereaved were read.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Two solos were rendered very impressively by Mrs. M. McNeil, "O Dry Those Tears," and Mrs. F. Dawson, "Face to Face."

Acting pallbearers: Messrs. George Smith, James Butler, George Beck, Wesley Perkins, Frank Edmonds, Linden Brooks.

Honorary pallbearers: Messrs. John Baisden, Reginald Smith, Morris De-Shields, Albert McDonald, John Martin, James Paris.

Rev. Dawson conducted the burial services at Windsor Grove Cemetery, where all that is mortal of Mrs. Lawson was laid to rest beside the grave of her husband. As the casket was slowly lowered into the grave the Lydian Association, of which she was a charter member, sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

As the crowd of witnesses dispersed, it was the assured and certain hope that some glad day the sky would break, the shadows flee and we all would meet again.

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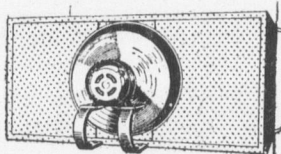
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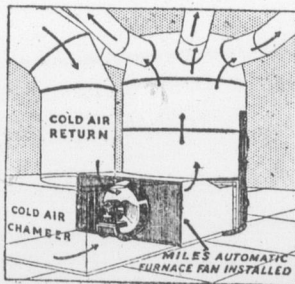
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(From the Literary Digest).

The tiny Negro republic, Liberia, sandwiched between Sierra Leone and the Ivory Coast, in that part of West Africa commonly known as the "white man's grave," is said to have several claims to distinction despite the fact that so few people could place it on the map offhand. First of all, Leonard Howell tells us in the London Daily News, Liberia is notable as the result of an experiment in freed-slave settlement. Perhaps it is not altogether a successful one, he admits, but adds that it must be considered remarkable as an attempt at Negro self-governing colonization, which has survived a century, and given this miniature state a place in the sun in more than one sense for its southernmost districts are within five degrees of the equator. The original handful of "Uncle Toms" as Mr. Howell calls them were landed from America in 1821 on a small strip of territory known as the Pepper Coast. Other territory was added as newcomers trickled in, it is related to this new-found "land of the free," from which Liberia derives its name. The republic is now spread over 48,000 square miles with a coast-line of 350 miles. In 1847 a free and independent republic was proclaimed, with a constitution based on that of the United States and this informant proceeds:

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"Liberia's principal town is Monrovia named after the author of the Monroe Doctrine. It is attractive enough when viewed at a distance, with its red-roofed bungalows dotted on a green hillside but first impressions become upset along with other things when landing is attempted in the small cockleshells of boats that ride the surf. Railways are non-existent in Liberia and the roads, such as they are, make heavy demands on the motor traffic, which is the only means of quick transport.

"Many of the buildings are constructed of kerosene tins and corrugated iron, with here and there more substantial dwellings. Hotel accommodation is not plentiful but it would be difficult to escape the notice which announces 'Faulkner's Hotel and Ice-cream Parlor.' With the temperature generally round about 110 in the shade Mr. Faulkner, as proprietor of Monrovia's one ice-cream plant, is a very popular personage, and this probably accounts for his election to the mayoralty. The Americo-Liberians number some 20,000, but there are nearly 2,000,000 natives in the hinterland, which is rich in minerals and rubber.

News has just reached us of the death of Mrs. L. A. Britton who died in Dresden last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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