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## Editorial

### A Voice From the Wilderness

In this age, when conferences, conventions and associations are busy wrestling with world problems, it is indeed encouraging to notice that in such a momentous gathering as the London Conference of the United Church of Canada, someone had the temerity to speak out for Negroes. In an article of the London Free Press, under date of June 8, the following appeared: "The Negro and non-Anglo Saxon population of Southwestern Ontario came in for some consideration and a great deal of discussion at the concluding session of the third annual meeting of London Conference of United Churches yesterday." The article credits David Ross as having quoted statistics obtaining among Negro churches throughout Ontario and for calling the conference's attention to the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, which organization could assist materially in pointing out the real need of the British Methodist Episcopal Churches. In his opinion, the conference should lend assistance to this weak connexion. Finally a recommendation was moved by Rev. Anthony and seconded by Mr. David Ross "that the conference call the attention of Presbyteries and Home Mission Committee to the conditions obtaining among our non-Anglo Saxon population and particularly to the social and religious life among our Canadian Negroes within the bounds of this conference."

David Ross and others who stood by him in his attempt to obtain assistance for Negroes knew what Christ meant when he said to Peter, "Feed my lambs." He knows the underprivileged, the weak, the despised, the downtrodden, the off-casts are the lambs to whom Christ referred. When our churches become filled with men with the spirit and vision such as these men possess, Christianity will become, as it should be, a living, vital thing, rather than a cloak to hide our many sins.

We have often wondered why the British Methodist Episcopal Churches (colored) were not considered when the union was being formed

of the Methodist and other churches of Canada. Before the days of the United Church, the only difference between the white Methodist Churches and the British Churches was, not a difference in creed, but a racial difference in membership. Yes, there was another difference. One was rich and powerful, the other poor and weak. And even in those days the only connection which ever existed was the giving occasionally of a few crumbs from the table of the rich to its poor and weak brethren. Is this the spirit which Christ would have shown? Is this what He meant when He said: "Feed my sheep?"

We have heard some "Christians" ask, "Why do not Negroes support their own church?" Others sometimes ask: "Are we responsible for Negroes?" To the first question our answer is, we most certainly do support our churches and according to our economic conditions and according to our population, we give more towards the upkeep of our churches than does any other race. This is a proven fact. To the second question, our answer is, yes, you are responsible for Negroes. You brought their forefathers upon this continent against their will, worked them as slaves for hundreds of years and even now you refuse to give their offspring an economical and an industrial opportunity. You have erected insurmountable barriers between them and success. You refuse to recognize merit among their young men as you do among children of foreigners. And finally shall we say with Shillock: "O father Abram, what these Christians are, whose own hard dealings teaches them suspect the thoughts of others."

### THE WEEK'S EDITORIAL

(From the Nation, 20 Vesey Street, New York City, June 22).

While we were all rejoicing in the fact that, as Charles Evans Hughes has put it, Charles Lindbergh typified the spirit of America in its best aspects, came the news from Mississippi of an act of fiendishness, possible only in the United States. A mob of one thousand American citizens—not foreign-born immigrants or recent arrivals from "the slums of Europe"—took two Negroes, brothers, from the hands of the sheriff, tied them to a telegraph pole, poured gasoline over them, and burned them alive. Their screams were so terrible that one member of the mob had a momentary impulse of humanity and tried to beat out the flames. The sadists near by promptly restrained him. Their victims were not guilty of the "usual crime"—rape. They were merely charged with having shot to death in a quarrel the white superintendent of a sawmill which employed them—and they had not been proved guilty. They were not seeking to escape; they were in the hands of the law. But, as usual, "the sheriff fired in the air." Equally as usual, "because of the darkness, the officers were unable to recognize any members of the band." If Mississippi does not find a way to identify the members of the mob and punish them then the argument for a federal lynching law once more becomes unanswerable.

## ANITA WHITNEY'S ARREST WAS A MISTAKE.

Let's have the courage and wisdom to correct it.

Walter J. Petersen, who was head of the Oakland police force at the time of Anita Whitney's arrest in 1919, says now that her arrest was "all a mistake."

"I always considered her arrest a mistake," he says. "I opposed it, and directed Fenton Thompson, then in charge of the police espionage bureau, not to arrest her. He went over my head to Commissioner F. F. Morse, and the arrest was made; the subject of her speech was the condition of the American Negro—I knew Anita Whitney during most of her constructive life, and I always considered her a person doing a large amount of good in the community."

Her arrest was a mistake. But perhaps not an unnatural mistake. We had been living through years of terrific nervous tension. We did and said and believed things then that we would not do or say or believe now.

"Weakness and folly make mistakes, courage and wisdom are required to correct them," said Cicero long ago.

Let us have the courage and wisdom to correct this mistake, to avoid the greater mistake of putting in prison this gentle woman who never harmed anyone, whose life has been devoted to helping the poor, the hungry, the helpless.

The war has been over a long time.

Other civilized nations have long since released their political prisoners. One of President Harding's last acts was to release the majority of political prisoners in America.

By putting into prison at this late day a woman whose only crime was joining a political party now practically non-existent, California would make itself absurd. A pardon from the governor will save California from being ridiculous as well as save Anita Whitney from going to prison.

—Oakland, Calif., "Post Enquirer."

### PREJUDICE AND INSANITY

"A Negro educator, E. Franklin Frazier, director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, in an illuminating article in the June issue of Forum Magazine, has drawn a striking parallel between the sub-conscious processes of the insane and of those who vehemently hate or despise other races.

"In each case the behaviour motivated by race prejudice shows precisely the same characteristics as that ascribed to insanity. This does not refer, of course, to those phenomena of insanity due to abnormalities of the actual structure of the brain, nor does it refer to the changes that come in dementia. We are concerned here chiefly with the psychological approach to the problem of insanity—for race prejudice is an acquired psychological reaction."

"One characteristic of insanity is the 'dissociation of the mind into logic-tight compartments,' and this, as Mr. Frazier explains, is precisely what happens where race-prejudice is concerned.

"Whether race prejudice is to be considered as just another complex may wait for further study, but in action it gives all the signs of a condition of mind similar to the mind of an insane person."

Sacramento, Calif. Union

## Our Great Hymns

There are many beautiful hymns in our language, some of which are found in every hymnbook published for what speaks to the heart like a beautiful hymn. Some indeed, with suitable music, will make an appeal that is met almost with tears, and every church tries to make its collection complete. Many instances of their striking effect at times are given, one of which is the following, of "Sun of My Soul," by John Keble. Keble filled the chair of poetry at Oxford. His book of poems is called a "Christian classic." Dr. Arnold once said, "Nothing equal to it exists in our language."

On a wild night a gallant ship went to her doom. A few women and children were placed in a boat without oars or sails, and drifted away at the mercy of the waves. Earlier in the evening, before the darkness had quite set in, brave men on the shore had seen the peril of the vessel and had put out in the face of the tempest, hoping to save human life, but even the ship could not be found. After fruitless search, they were about returning to the shore, when far out on the water and above the wail of the storm, they heard a woman's clear voice singing,

"Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear, It is not night if Thou be near."

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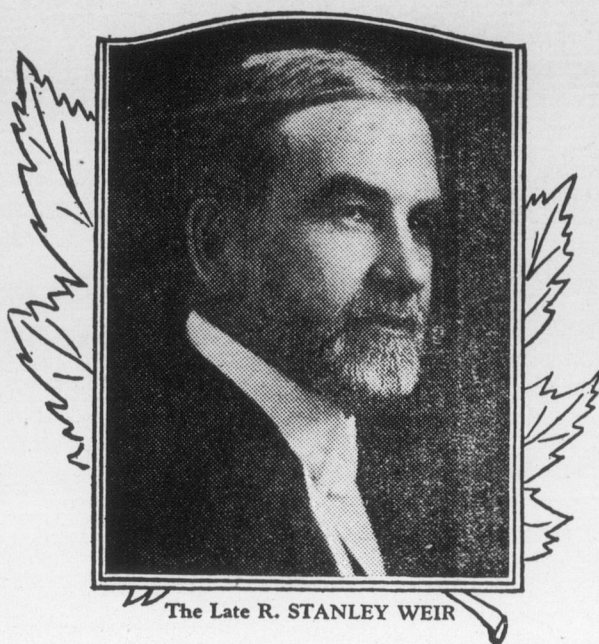
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The Late R. STANLEY WEIR

Owing to the fact that numerous suggestions were received from all parts of Canada that a uniform English version of "O Canada" be approved, the National Committee for the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation circularized the Prime Ministers and the Ministers of Education of all the Provinces. Replies were received that the version written by the late R. Stanley Weir, D.C.L., Recorder of Montreal, is being used in the schools of all the Provinces, including the English-speaking sections of Quebec. In view of this, the Committee is using the Weir version in its own publications.

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Words by WEIR Music by LAVALLEE

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O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

### TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millard, Langley Avenue, Toronto, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Myrtle to Mr. Grant Hackley, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hackley, Toronto, the wedding to take place in September.

### Historic Church Calls Pastor.

The First Baptist Church of this city has called to its pulpit the Rev. Laurence McNeil of Windsor. Rev. McNeil, who is a noted orator, is a graduate of Virginia Union University and before coming to the Windsor church, was associate pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Detroit. He succeeds Rev. A. McEwen Williams, now of Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. A. McEwen Williams of the First Baptist Church preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening to an overflowing congregation of all races and nationalities. The forcibleness of his sermon can never be taken from those who heard him Sunday night and he left two outstanding facts with us—first, that though he was leaving this congregation and friends maybe forever, he was still aiming to reach the same heavenly kingdom that we were trying to reach and he hoped that if we never met here again, that in our eternal home we would all meet; secondly, that anyone could tear down a church, but the building up was not so easy, which is true without the possibility of a doubt. He made his congregation and friends feel and know that his success in this church was due to their co-operation, without which he would have been helpless. Rev. Williams always said, you can't spell success without "u," so you can see how he appreciated the help of his members and friends.

Monday night the various organizations of the church gave a reception for Rev. Williams and numerous testimonials were given by the various organizations and his many friends. Ice cream and cake were served afterwards and all present bade him goodbye and godspeed.

The Toronto Lodge of Elks had their first sermon May 22, and had an excellent turnout and made a nice showing. A large number of men belong to this society and many are trying to get into it, which shows it is worthy of your consideration.

The Elks had their dance, Thursday, June 2, at the corner of Wellington and Simcoe streets and everybody there was dressed in his or her best and had a wonderful time. The music, by some of our boys from Buffalo was excellent.

Our three boys from the University of Toronto have completed their courses and received their degrees. You may now address them as Dr. Westheimer, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Wyke, and you may feel they are a credit to Toronto as well as to the race. We hope them much future success.

Quite a number of strange faces are in Toronto to do the summer running for the C.P.R., and some of these men brought their families with them. We must meet them and try to show them some of Toronto's hospitality.

Rev. Richard Ball of Rochester, who has been recuperating in Toronto as the guest of his old friends Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, has returned to his charge, looking and feeling one hundred per cent better.

### STRATFORD

We grieve to report the death of Mr. John Matthew on Saturday, June 4. The funeral was held on June 7th.

Mrs. Helen Green of Detroit is spending a month with her father, G. W. Wesley, who is very ill.

Master W. Harrison is now running on the run out of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Groat of London spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Mather.

Mrs. J. D. Hall is a delegate to the conference at Owen Sound.

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## President Coolidge Highly Regards the Valuable Work of Advancement Assn.

Indianapolis, June 22.—President Coolidge has sent a warm letter of greeting to the 18th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which opened here tonight, and in his letter the president expresses his "high regard for the most valuable work" being done by the Association. President Coolidge, in his letter states that "your organization, including, as it does able and sincere men and women—white as well as colored—has been most effective in its efforts to secure for your race the rights and privileges that are the common heritage of us all."

In the letter transmitting President Coolidge's message of greeting, his secretary, Everett Sanders, states his gratification that the race relations conference is being held in his native state of Indiana and the hope that increased good-will will be the result of its proceedings.

President Coolidge's letter, which is addressed to James W. Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., is in full as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, June 8, 1927.

"My Dear Mr. Johnson: It is always a pleasure to express my high regard for the most valuable work being done by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. And, I thank you for the opportunity of sending a message to be read at its 18th annual conference.

"When we recall the history of the colored man in this country, the long period of his bondage, during which he established a record for industry and fidelity—when we consider his lack of educational and other opportunities for many years, we cannot but marvel at his advancement. It has been steady in the face of many discouragements. We find the colored man today not only an important factor in our industrial and agricultural development, but successful in business and showing skill in the professions and in the arts. That his achievements and standing in our communities will continue to increase is certain. To that end he should receive every assistance that may be given.

"I would like to repeat and emphasize here what I said in my last annual message to Congress:

"The social well-being of our country requires our constant effort for the amelioration of race prejudice and the extension to all elements of equal opportunity and equal protection under the laws which are guaranteed by the constitution. The Federal Government especially is charged with this obligation in behalf of the colored people of the nation. Not only their remarkable progress, their devotion and their loyalty, but our duty to ourselves under our claim that we are an enlightened people requires us to use all our power to protect them from the crime of lynching. Although violence of this kind has very much decreased, while any of it remains we cannot justify neglecting to make

every effort to eradicate it by law.

"The education of the colored race under government encouragement is proceeding successfully and ought to have continuing support. An increasing need exists for properly educated and trained medical skill to be devoted to the service of this race."

"Your organization, including as it does able and sincere men and women—white as well as colored—has been most effective in its efforts to secure for your race rights and privileges that are the common heritage of us all.

"My best wishes for the future,

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "Calvin Coolidge.

"Mr. James Weldon Johnson, Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

In his letter transmitting the President's greeting, Mr. Sanders writes:

"As an Indian I should like to say that I am glad personally that this conference is to be held in my native state; and I am sure that the people of Indiana will welcome so auspicious an event. We shall look with interest to the addresses to be delivered by the distinguished guests of your conference; and we shall expect that great and mutual goodwill between the groups of our citizens will result from the interchange of views broadcast from your meetings."

### ST. CATHARINES

The lawn social given Friday evening at the residence of Mr. Alex. Nicholson, Vine street, was a fair success.

Sunday, June 12, was Children's Day. At the evening service, "The Open Gates" was given, and several choruses were well rendered by the children, who had been under the able directorship of Mrs. H. F. Logan. Miss Verita Smith assisted at the piano.

The last quarterly meeting service was observed in the B.M.E. Church Sunday, June 19, Rev. Logan delivered a very inspiring sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Gowanda, N.Y., motored through our city Monday, returning from Toronto to their home.

Mrs. L. Johnson of Niagara Falls, Ont., attended the lawn social Friday evening; also Miss Mary Grant, Messrs. Jas. Grant and L. Thomas of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bell, Welland avenue, are the proud parents of a son.

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The Home and Foreign Missionary Society will begin its session on Friday, June 27, 1927, at 2 p.m.

Sunday School Convention and Y.P.S. will convene Saturday, 28th, at 2 p.m. and continue on Monday, 9.30. This is our JUBILEE CONFERENCE.

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## Superior Attitude Of White People Must Be Stopped

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, June 24.—Speaking on "War and Common Sense," before a banquet of 100 members of the Women's International League and their guests at the general branch of the Y. M. C. A. here, Rev. E. Burdette Backus, pastor of the First Unitarian Church said that there was no connection between the two. "America must take her place in the leadership of international peace and she cannot do this unless she is loyal to the racial groups. The attitude of the white people has been one of superiority," he continued. "We have been looking down on other people. The question of race antagonism is of intense interest. Unless we, the people of the United States can live together as brothers, there can be no peace in the world; if we cannot keep together, side by side, as peaceful members of the same family, we cannot expect economic peace."

## Ignorance Great Curse of Black Man

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

San Francisco, June 24.—Tearing down the pretty fallacies surrounding the plantation cabin, and the emancipation proclamation, Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, colored mission worker among the race in Charlotte, So. Carolina, speaking before a gathering of Presbyterian women (white) in the First Congregational Church recently, said, "in many places of the south virtual slavery still exists. Plantation owners go into the courts pay the fees for Negroes accused of misdemeanors and take those Negroes to their plantations to work out the debt. Through one pretext or another, they keep them down there for years."

"The little log cabin of the Sunny South isn't what it's pictured in song or story," she declared. "It's unsanitary and breeds immorality; nor all the honeysuckle 'round the door, nor even the mellow guitar twanged on the low door-step can make it aught else."

"Ignorance is the great curse of the black man," said the mission worker. "Here we have a Negro boy who wins first prize in a poetry contest, there one who is setting to music the spirituals of his people, but innumerable others who cannot read, write or cipher."

EDWARD T. WARE DIES.

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Claremont, Cal., June 24.—Edward T. Ware, president emeritus of the Atlanta Institution, recently died at the family home, 133 West Ninth street here, following a long illness.

The noted educator had been actively engaged all his life in educational work in behalf of the Negro.

## 100,000 Acres of Land Available in Arizona

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Phoenix, Ariz, June 24.—Homesteading lands in the far west are fast becoming a thing of the past. But there still remain many thousands of acres available to the colored people of the United States; the latest tract of which is to be thrown open for public entry being that of 100,000 acres of land in Maricopa, Yavapai and Mohave counties, Arizona.

This vast tract of land was declared open to entry beginning July 11. Persons claiming prior settlement rights might file for 110 days beginning then. Veterans of the World War come next, also from July 11, while the others may file beginning Oct. 11.

According to a recent letter published in a Western publication and received from a Negro homesteader in Arizona, there is a wonderful opportunity available to any Negro who desires to secure a tract of land in the state of Arizona.

Parties interested will be given the full details on request if they address their inquiries to the Pacific Coast Service Bureau, care of this journal, and enclose a 2 cent stamp for reply. No charges to readers of this newspaper.

## Colored Women's Clubs Meet In Portland

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Portland, Ore., June 24.—The tenth annual state convention of the Oregon Federation of Colored Women will convene in this city June 29th.

The section of the Oregon constitution denying Chinese, Negroes and mulattos the right to vote was discussed, and at a meeting of the legislative department of the federation in June, the date to be announced, steps will be taken to campaign for a repeal of the section. Arrangements were made also at ration in June, the date to be entered by the O. F. C. W. in the rose festival parade, and for entering the drill team of Dahlia Temple.

## NEGRO PLAYWRIGHT DIES.

Santa Monica, Cal., June 24.—Early Thursday morning, after having placed a carnation in the buttonhole of his employer's coat and bidding him goodbye, J. G. Braye took suddenly ill and in less than five minutes died in the arms of his employer, Frank Sebastian, owner of the Sebastian Cotton Club, Culver City, Cal.

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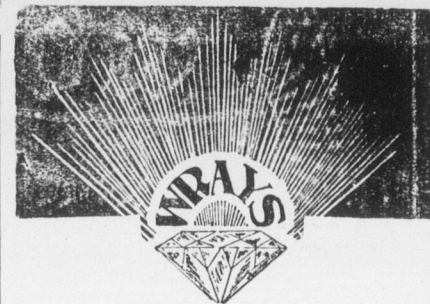
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On Sunday, June 19, the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris' three children took place—Wanieda Marie, Ralph Claremont and Margaret Alice.

Mrs. Pearl Brown and Mr. Charley Marshall acted as Godparents to the children.

Mrs. Matthews of Stratford is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lois Grant, Phillips street.

The officers and members of the Sunday school wish to thank all who assisted to make the Children's Day services a success, also the program of Monday evening, the proceeds of which are to help the Sunday School treasurer.

We are proud to note that Miss Bernice Fountain, daughter of our Superintendent, Mr. J. W., and Mrs. Fountain, is to represent our Sunday School at the convention in Owen Sound this year.

Mr. Norman Drake has accepted a position in Detroit with his brother Stanley.

The Children's Day services, conducted by the B. M. E. Sunday School on June 12, were quite a success. At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. T. Woodcock, gave the girls and boys an address which was very appropriate for the occasion, and enjoyed by all, the subject being "Good Citizenship." A choir of 14 girls and boys led the singing, with Florence Drake at the organ. At 3 p. m. a fine program was rendered by the children to a very appreciative audience, and at 7 o'clock a well-filled house listened to the closing service of the day. Miss Mayme Young of the London Religious Educational Council gave the children an illustrated story which was very interesting, as was the entire programme. Jeanette Woodcock presided at the piano. Mr. J. W. Fountain, Superintendent of the school, was chairman.

**MARSHALL—DEGROAT.**

Wednesday evening, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride, Mrs. Alice Marshall, to Mr. Wm. De Groat, both of this city. Rev. T. E. Woodcock was the officiating minister. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. W. Parker. The bride's costume was sand georgette trimmed with gold braid and blonde slippers to match. She also carried a bouquet of lovely roses and carnations. Miss Florence Lightburn was the bride's attendant, wearing a pretty frock of pink silk, a picture hat to match and bouquet of carnations. Miss Dorothy Fountain acted as ring bearer, carrying the ring on a little satin pillow, and Kathleen Jenkins as little flower girl, carrying a beautiful basket of roses and carnations. Both little girls were dressed in pink silk. Mr. Brown of Simcoe acted as groomsman. The groom's mother, Mrs. DeGroat, wore a beautiful brown silk dress and a bouquet of roses. His sister, Mrs. Jenkins, wore a very pretty dress of lavender georgette trimmed with ivory lace and large picture hat, also a bouquet of roses. Mrs. Pearl

Brown wore a pretty dress of mauve georgette trimmed with cream lace and black velvet, and carried carnations.

Miss Gladys Stafford wore a beautiful dress of powder blue georgette. The groom's present to the bride was a pendant of pearls and diamonds, to the bridesmaid a sterling silver bracelet, to the groomsman a box of cigars and to the flower girls beautiful necklaces.

The wedding march was played by Miss Vivian Knox.

A dainty lunch was served by the groom's sister, Mrs. Christine Jenkins, and the bride's daughter, Mrs. H. L. Fountaine. Immediately after signing the register the bride and groom left on their honeymoon for Chatham and Windsor, the bride donning a travelling coat of blue gaberdine with fur trimming, and large sand picture hat to match.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will reside in London.

Among the out-of-town guests was Mrs. Addie Martin of Chatham.

On Monday evening the Social Club of the Church of the Epiphany at Manor Park gave a fine cantata, after which the Sunday School rendered a few numbers: Chorus by 8 little girls; solo, Jeanette Woodcock; piano duet, Evelyn and James Jenkins. The closing number, the pageant, "Light of Canada," ended a very fine evening's entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Those taking part were: Miss Canada—Miss Gladys Stafford.

Two heralds—Norman Fountain and Fred Kelly.

Wealth—Dorothy Moxley.

Agriculture—Thealia Thompson.

Invention—Bernice Fountain.

Education—Violet Clinton.

Labor—Miss Florence Lightburn.

Democracy—Phyllis Howard.

Religion—Jeanette Woodcock.

Mr. Wm. Berry Sen., of 5 Front street, is seriously ill at this writing. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The main feature of Children's Day, which was most impressive of all was the christening of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, 95 Glenwood avenue, editor of "The Dawn of Tomorrow," Donald La Verne and David Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poindexter were Donald La Verne's Godparents, while Miss Alice Drake and Mr. Fred Ball were David Ross' godparents. Donald LaVerne's godparents presented him with a beautiful gold ring. Both twins were presented with a christening jacket by Miss Alice Drake, godmother of David Ross. A large congregation was assembled.

Mrs. Pearl Brown, of 755 Little Grey street gave a party in honor of Miss Smith of Windsor and Miss Harding of Chatham, who have been attending Normal School for the past year. There were forty guests present. The evening was spent in music, singing, games and dancing. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess. We regret to say that Misses Smith and Harding's presence will be greatly missed in the church and our social circle.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Frank Clinton, of Toronto, being ill at this writing and wish him a very speedy recovery.



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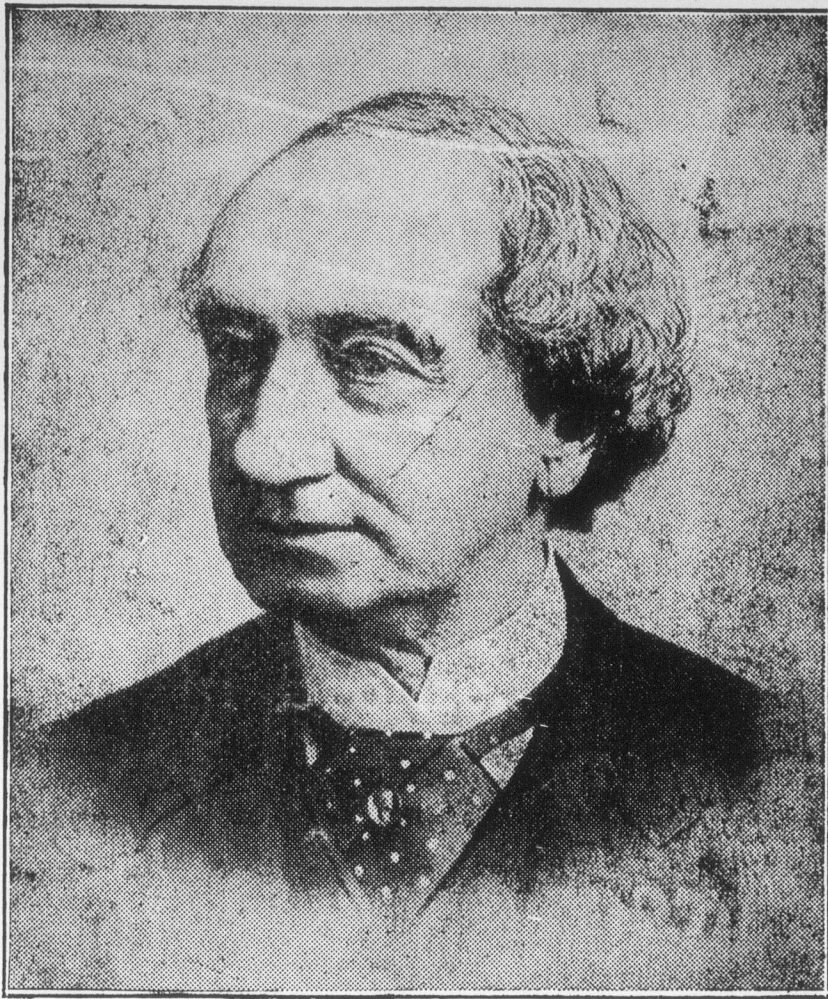
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Ready in compromise, nimble in political strategy, our first premier was far more than an able parliamentarian; he was a statesman to whose foresight Canada owes such enduring benefits as the purchase of the West from the Hudson's Bay Company; the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway that opened the prairies for settlement, and brought British Columbia into the Union; and the adoption of a tariff policy which all succeeding governments have continued, with necessary modifications, to this day.

Above all, his career illustrates the importance in the interests of general harmony of making concessions to divergent elements and minorities that might otherwise become insurgent. Thus early he learned that "you cannot rule Canada without the French," and though an Orangeman, he always considered Quebec's needs to the extent that he always had support from there, and sometimes his chief support. Never was this trait more evident than

when his diplomatic winning of Howe, by offer of better terms, quelled the secessionist agitation in the Maritimes.

Born in Glasgow in 1815, he migrated with his family in 1820 to Upper Canada, where they settled at Kingston. He was educated at the Royal Grammar School which he left at the age of 15 to enter a law office; and was called to the bar at the age of 21. After eight years of practice, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Canada in 1844, and continued to represent Kingston in parliament until his death in 1891. His first term of office was in 1847-8 as Receiver-General in the Draper administration. By 1857 he had become Prime Minister in the Macdonald-Cartier ministry. On the defeat of the Tache-Macdonald administration in 1864, he was a prime mover in the formation of the "Great Coalition" designed to carry through the plans for Confederation; and after the resignation of George Brown in 1865, Macdonald was the chief figure in the discussions and bringing into force of the British North America Act. Therefore, at the inauguration of this Dominion in 1867 he was selected to be the first premier; and by force of his genius he held the position, with the exception of Mackenzie's five years of office, until his death.

While his opportunism and his conviviality have been held against him, impartial historians agree that Canada could not have been happier in her first premier, since Sir John A. Macdonald combined the wise vision that knew how to build well for the future, with a strong hand that held discordant elements together in the embryo nation until natural fusion might take place.



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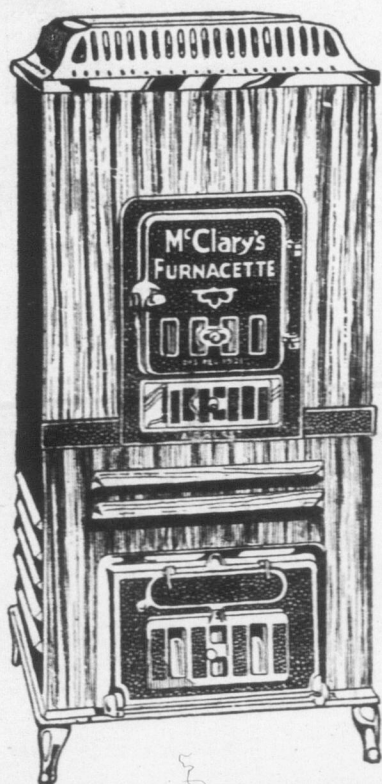
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## Fighting The Town's Sins

We should cease looking upon ourselves as aliens in this nation. We should see ourselves as black-Americans and realize that our race problem is but one of many national problems, that it is the duty of every American to face. Many of them struck the Negro first because we have been cornered but they have turned in counterstroke and threaten all that is best in the nation. God brought our fathers to these shores that we might help solve these bitter problems. As "Old black mammy" gave light to the ante-bellum home in its gravest hours, we her children are failing in our duty.

As American people we are bearing many things that we should not tolerate. Crowded into the narrow channels of material thinking, we seem powerless to act right in hours of crisis and to strike against things that are endangering our national character. Because we are thus in the sight of our children unequal to the occasion, they have broken away from us in disrespect. Our parents would have grasped by the throat and throttled the things that we allow to grow strong in our communities, poisoning their better life. Our fathers would have died fighting them and they had our respect.

Today calls loudly for the Herculean strength that shall behead the hydra-headed sins that make impossible the development of the ideal in our children. A new school was to be given to our community. We were busy in the lodge, seeing about being buried, or in the club looking after pleasure or in the amen corner snoring and gave no thought whatever as to its location. The other race decided it for us. A place miles from some of the children, out in a brush thicket was selected. A place perfectly suited for immoral growth. No truant officer could have kept up with students in such a situation.

At the time no one seemed to be thinking of this. Fifteen years ago it seemed to be taken for granted among us that we had to take whatever was given us. Any white board would have respected men who had protested. Things grew very bad at this school. Married men frequented the little eating stand to treat school girls. Boys and girls came up at any hour out of the brush to recitations and disappeared at any hour into them. Finally all this ended in a certain number of seniors every year being unable to graduate, because they were prospective mothers. Were these children to blame?

They were not, but the fathers and mothers who had betrayed their trust in not guarding the town environment and ideals, and who had permitted conditions that made it easy for insult to approach their daughters. When you see parents wringing their hands and asking, "Why has God brought this on me?" they are accusing God unjustly. Innocence must be guarded. Continual insult is moral small pox germs floating in the air, that will break down all bars of moral restraint. These people waited too late to fight the town's sins.

The men of that city should have

## B.M.E. 71st Annual Conference In Session At Owen Sound

The following is the programme for the 71st annual Special General Conference of the B. M. E. Church, to be held June 21 to 27, at Owen Sound, with Rev. H. D. Wright presiding:

### TUESDAY, JUNE 21.

8.30 p.m. Annual sermon. The Lord's Supper will be administered.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

9.30 Quiet half-hour.  
10.00 Session. Roll. Election of secretaries. Registering delegates. Organization. Appointing committees.

2 to 3. Assessments paid to Fin. Board.

3.00 Church reports.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

9.30 Quiet half-hour.  
10 Church reports. Missionaries, evangelists, superannuation fund reports.

11.00 Resolutions and memorials presented.

2.00 Ministerial session.

2.00 Lay delegates' session.

3.00 Reports of committees. Report from ministerial and lay session to conference.

5.15 Station committee session will hear depositions.

8.00 Memorials and church union.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 24.

Fasting and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church.

9.30 Quiet half-hour.

10.00 Disciplinary questions. Choosing place of next conference. Miscellaneous.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25.

9.30 Quiet half-hour.

10.00 Session. Unfinished business. Appointments.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26.

9.30 Love feast. Fellowship service.

1.00 Sermon. Lord's Supper.

3.00 Service.

7.00 Service.

### MONDAY, JUNE 27.

9.30 Quiet half-hour.

10.00 Session.

1.30 Conference executives. Missionary societies. S. S. convention.

### MONDAY EVENING

10.00 Appointments.

gone out as a man and have cut down every sprig of that brush. Men must protect virtue. We face vice today like cowards. Girls in some of our communities have been mistreated and their destroyers have cowed their fathers. Is this manhood? Men ought to fight first to create purity by example, then they should fight for moral environments. Last of all, they should be willing to die for the virtue of their women. Until our men have learned and proved this, they will not be respected by other races as men. Political manhood is the reward for moral manhood.—Exchange.