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PRIEST DENIES THAT NEGRO IS INFERIOR

New York., Nov.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Arguing that there is no basis for the generally accepted theory that the Negro is by nature inferior to the white man, the Rev. Dr. James A. Gillis, Catholic priest declared that "If that were true, there would be found a vast difference in the brain capacity of the black man, while, as a matter of fact, the difference between the brain of the average white man and the average black man is comparatively nominal."

Dr. Gillis told his white hearers that the entire burden for the solution of the race problem rested on their shoulders.

"The situation of the 750,000 Negroes who have recently emigrated from the South to the North is but little changed, it seems to me," said Dr. Gillis, "which may be summed up as merely the change from the frying pan into the fire. In all essential things the Negro is as much ostracised here in the North as he ever was in the South."

It is true the Negro is supposed to be equal before the law in suffrage and in the ordinary transactions of life, but does he always get the same justice as the white man? The Negro has the right to enter any of our first-class hotels or restaurants, but let him try it; he has the right to buy seats at a theatre, but is it wise for him to attempt to do so?

"Illiteracy is the obstacle to the progress and development of the Negro. He should have good schools and all the privileges of education. Encourage him, open the way to opportunity, help him to develop, and the so-called inferiority will disappear. I believe some of the prejudice against the Negro is that the white men who fear that his development may make him his equal mentally with themselves, or even superior."

"The Negro has been excluded from suffrage in some parts of the country on two grounds—illiteracy, and to prevent their voting en masse, en bloc, and thus 'swamp' the white man, as it has been claimed. If the Negro is excluded from the vote in the South on the ground of illiteracy, we find as a comparison that there are about 76,000 whites in Florida and Alabama who ought to be excluded from the franchise on the same ground, three times as many white illiterates as there are black illiterates in Kentucky, and five times as many whites as there are black illiterates in West Virginia. The whites are not excluded."

Predicts Conflict of the Races

New York, N. Y., Nov.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Sir Henry Lunn, editor of the Review of the Churches and leader in the church unity movement, described the possibility of a war between the white race of Europe and the colored races of Asia and Africa in an address Sunday afternoon in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. He urged Christian unity as a preventative of a conflict that would make the recent world war small by comparison.

"In a possible great war that may come between Europe on the one hand and Asia and Africa on the other, we might have hundreds of millions of combatants." He further stated, that the great war had been a final blow to an attempt to impose upon others the domination of one culture and one race. It has left us confronted with the grave situation that white races and their war on each other have raised a sense of power in the onlooker.

CHAMPION OF THE NEGRO DIES

One of the foremost champions of justice to the Negro, Edmund D. Morel, is dead in London. Mr. Morel was the first to expose the horrors perpetrated upon the natives of the Congo under Belgian administration. This exposure, made in 1904 at great risk to himself, Mr. Morel followed with a series of books showing the African roots of the World War, and that exploitation of black people had brought retribution upon white European battlefields. Among his works are "The Black Man's Burden," "Red Rubber" and a series of pamphlets published by The Union for Democratic Control in England, of which Mr. Morel was one of the founders.

ed from the franchise on the same ground, three times as many white illiterates as there are black illiterates in Kentucky, and five times as many whites as there are black illiterates in West Virginia. The whites are not excluded.

"We have all heard of the 'solid south,' where the vote is always one way, where they will vote for anybody who is a democrat, except a Catholic. It is admitted that illiteracy is not the real ground; it is admitted that the whites fear that the Negro will vote en masse and overwhelm the white electorate."



MR. A. E. SILVERWOOD, London, Chairman of Executive Committee of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People

Negroes Provide Jokes Of Recent Campaign

Washington, D.C., Nov.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Political leaders are agreed that, besides contributing his votes and his money to the recent campaign, Negroes of the country succeeded in pushing their humour to a front-rank position.

It was S. D. Redmon, Negro lawyer of Jackson, Miss., who telegraphed the information to Secretary Slep that Senator Pat Harrison's precinct in Gulfport, Miss., had gone for Coolidge. Harrison was the most noisy of the southern Democrats who travelled the country during the campaign in the interests of Mr. Davis. He coined the phrase: "Coolidge and Chaos," intended to be an offset to Col. Harvey's brilliant and effective "Coolidge or Chaos."

Dr. T. S. Ferguson, appearing before the so-called "slush fund" committee and answering to charges that the "lily whites" in Virginia had attempted to bribe the Negro voters of the state, was questioned as to whether a certain check, alleged to have been sent to the colored organization had been made out to his order. "No it was made out to my surprise," he answered.

Euclid, the founder of modern geometry, was a Negro and an African. He taught mathematics at Alexandria, in Egypt.

PRAISES WORK OF NEW LEAGUE

There are times in the life of an individual, a race or a nation, when an event of more or less importance will cause an expression of comment that carries with it no evidence of gratitude or appreciation. There are times when an individual, or group of individuals who enlist themselves in a worthy cause will be viewed by the cynic and the pessimist with doubt and suspicion, who fly to the conclusion that the promoters of such worthy cause have above all else some personal gain or aggrandizement.

There are also those who admit the merit of a cause but who find themselves too thoroughly occupied to give it any personal time or attention, and are perfectly satisfied to let the other fellow do it. But there is another class, the salt of the earth, who are eager and willing at all times to lend a helping hand to those in need, and it is to this class that we desire to draw attention. We feel quite safe in stating that the movement recently launched, known as the National League for the Advancement of Colored People, is a matter of vast importance to all the people of this great country. That we are greatly indebted to those who have so generously lent of their time and influence and their intellect, to bring it to its present state of perfection.

Left to ourselves we knew we could do little or nothing to accomplish our aims and hopes and therefore brought the matter to the attention of a number of our foremost citizens. This group of men, scholars, educators, and captains of commerce and industry, imbued with the divine spirit of altruism, that makes for the highest type of citizenship at once became eager to lend a helping hand in whatever way they could to bring about the desired result.

This indeed is the true spirit of altruism. Nothing personally to gain, nothing to urge or coerce, except a consciousness of the worthiness of service. Service to their brother and neighbour. We find that the colored people of Canada have slipped into a position of easy dependence and indifference, not particularly industrious nor progressive but in the language of another. Here under the protection of the British Flag they enjoyed refeddom and were assured

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Editorial

THE CAUSE OF NATIVE UNREST IN AFRICA

We quote the following from the Negro Year-Book of 1921-1922.

"Mr. D. D. T. Jabavu, a native of South Africa, who received his education at London University and who is professor of Banter languages in the South African Native College at Alice, Cape Province, in an address before the Natal Missionary Conference at Durban in July, 1920, read a very illuminating paper on 'The cause of Native Unrest.' He mentioned what he considered to be six causes: first the high cost of living and the inability of the native to bring pressure to bear to get increase of wages, etc., to meet the high cost of living; second, the successive droughts and consequent failure of crops which have rendered the primitive methods of agriculture unprofitable, neglected and unpopular. Third, the taxing of the natives without representation. 'The time has passed when the Bantu people in the Union of S. Africa can be treated as children.' 'They have vivid recollections of how their political rights were bargained away in the passification of Vereening (1902). They reckon the Union Act of 1916 united only the white races and that as against the blacks: for the color bar clause struck the death knell of native confidence in what used to be called 'British fair play.'

Fourth the native has lost faith in his administration of justice. The jury system is against the native. The sentences of the magistrates in their severity are distinctly anti-native. Suspended sentences are only for the Europeans. Europeans get off lightly and quietly for crimes against natives such as murder and rape, while the utmost rigour of the law, amidst press trumpeting and fanfare, a high court judge was not long ago quoted in the 'Daily Dispatch' as practicing and upholding differentiation of punishments as between whites and blacks for similar offenses.

Fifth, the educated native cannot move anywhere without being made to know 'that his black skin is his life-long damnation.' 'He is practically not recognized as a citizen entitled to a place under the sun.' In Pretoria and other cities of the Northern province, the black man is not allowed to use the street cars and must either walk or hire a private

conveyance. The black man in all public places is either Jim-crowed, or altogether ostracized. In stores, he has to wait till all whites are served. In public offices he is bullied by officials. In markets his stock and produce are by tacit agreement earmarked for low prices. His sugar-cane is not accepted at the Zululand mills. Evening curfew bells restrict his freedom of movement among his friends and he is cut and snarled at throughout his life.

Sixth, discrimination on railways. The black man, 'at the very start of his journey is buffeted by booking clerks: in the goods' shed he is unnecessarily anathematized in language that cannot bear repeating. His waiting rooms are made to accommodate the rawest, blanketed heathen; and the more decent native has either to use them and annex vermin or to do without shelter in biting winter weather. His accommodation in trains is usually not equal to the money he pays in fares. There are frequently more people than the half coach can contain."

O England, England, you are called upon to answer a severe indictment. We are waiting, waiting with eager ears to hear you say and prove that these charges are not true. But if they are true—what a dwarf is England of to-day compared to that England over which Gladstone was premier. If it be true that the spirits of the departed ones do revisit this earth, if it is true that they have knowledge of the affairs of men here below, how sorely grieved must be the spirits of Livingstone, Stanley, Baker and the spirits of many other martyrs, who gave their lives and their all that the natives might know the meaning of civilization. And perhaps the spirits of those illustrious African chiefs who wished the white man's civilization upon their tribes are standing together with bowed heads looking down upon Africa and saying: "And this is what the white man's civilization has meant to my people."

On many occasions the South has bristled when the Empire has chided her Jim-crow laws and for her discrimination. She has answered: "Let the British Empire clean her own house." We can now sense her meaning.

We feel called upon as Afro-Americans and as loyal subjects of the British Empire, to remind England that even greater Empires than ours have fallen through the perseverance of such policies as Mr. Jabavu claims that England is carrying out in South Africa to-day.

The Negro was first disfranchised in the District of Columbia by a Republican Congress. While all the inhabitants were disfranchised, the real object was to get rid of the Negro vote. Oliver P. Morton, Senator from Indiana, fought it bitterly and warned the Republicans that it would be a precedent which the South would follow. But the Republicans passed it and the words of Morton came true.

The new President of Cuba is a man of mixed blood, a considerable part of which is Negro. His wife is of Spanish descent and he has two daughters, both girls strikingly mulatto in appearance.



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The Thanksgiving Dinner on Nev.
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The Willing Workers gave a Pump-
kin Pie Social last Wednesday night
which was a success. Tveryone hav-
ing a good time. It was at the home
of Mrs. Ida Johnson.

Mrs. Ellison and Miss Bennett at-
tended the Eastern Star Anniversary
Reception in Toronto on Nov. 17th.

We are glad to have Mrs. Nelson
home again.

The Stewardesses are giving a so-
cial on Tuesday night at the home of
the president, Mrs. Hattie Bennett.

The trustees have planned a rally
for next Sunday, the 30th. We hope
the members and friends of the church
will help us make it a success.

Rev. Nelson preached two grand

sermons Sunday, morning and even-
ing. There was a good attendance at
both services.

We are glad to see Mr. Alex Dun-
can, our organist, who has been on
the sick list, out again.

CHATHAM NOTES

A concert under the auspices of the
Helping Hand Society was held in
the First Baptist Church and was a
very successful event.

Mr. Thurman S. Cherry, a clever
musician of this city who has been
taking a post-graduate course at the
Ithaca Piano Artist School, Ithaca, N.
Y., has recently completed his course
in piano and pipe organ and has ac-
cepted a position and at present is
on the faculty at Straight University
New Orleans, teaching piano and or-
gan. He is considered one of the
leading pianists of his race. Mr.
Cherry is a Chatham boy.

HAMILTON NOTES

The services at St. Paul's A.M.E.
Church was largely attended Sunday.
Rev. Wm. Townsend delivered two
powerful sermons.

The Rummage Sale given by the
Trustee Aid last Monday was a grand
success.

Miss P. Younger entertained Mr.
and Mrs. E. Tolliver and Mrs. James
Johnson last week.

Mrs. Wm. Townsend is quite ill at
this writing.

Mrs. Gladys Holland has grgeatly
improved in health.

Mr. Charles Morton, our long dis-
tance runner was very successful in
Guelph last week.

Mrs. J. C. Holland and Mrs Green-
ridge entertained the Lucky Roberts
Company whilst in the city.

Mr. Howard Lewis met with an ac-
cident last week. He is doing nicely
at this writing.

Mr. Ward of Cleveland, Ohio, mot-
ored to the city last week.

Little Ellen Wade has recovered
from her recent illness.

We were glad to see Mrs. E. Han-
gan and family with us again.

Mr. Roy McCurdis of Brantford,
Ont. was in the city last week.

Miss Alice Bryant i sdoing nicely
in the city hospital.

Mr. Ollie Johnson of Oakville spent
the week end in the city.

Mr. J. Moller has been on the sick
list.

Mr. Wm. Lewis spent a few days
in St. Mary's Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown of Rebecca
St. entertained a number of friends
last week.

Rev. J. C. Holland was in New
York on business.

Mr. Jackson spent a few days in
Detroit and Cleveland.

Mr. John Preston, our Bricklayer,
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Mr. John Nelson is renewing old
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ST. CATHARINES NOTES

The concert to be held in the B.M.
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Mrs. Emmett Smith and Mrs. Geo.
Bell visited Mrs. Wm. Wilson of Wel-
land and had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Alphonso Mills announces his
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Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson are all
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PUCE NOTES

Rev. J. H. Penick preached a very
inspiring sermon last Sunday. In
the afternoon Bro. P. Harris spoke
most interestingly.

We are sorry to learn that the son
of Mr. and Mrs. Harris met with a
painful accident, occasioned by a run-
away horse.

Mr. John Molock is indisposed with
a severe cold. We wish him a speedy
recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. Pinick were the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scott
last Sunday.

STRATFORD NOTES

Madam Harrison is expected to re-
turn in a week or ten days as her
daughter is much improved.

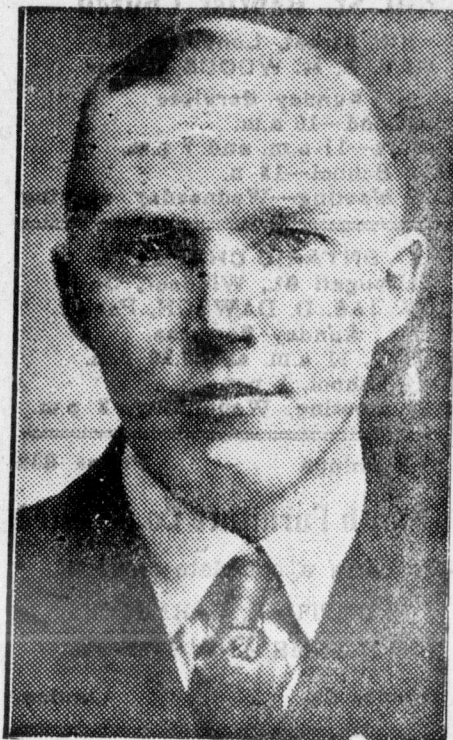
Mr. Percy James and brother and
Mr. Robt. Blair and brother of Wood-
stock, were the guests of Mrs. Har-
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Mr. J. D. Hall and Cecil Miller of
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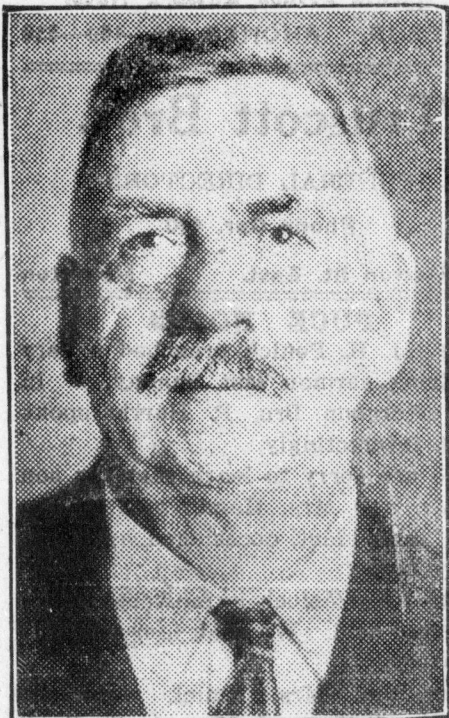
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Baptist Notes

Last Sunday being our pastor's anniversary, the three services were well attended. Many of London's most prominent members of both races assisted in the services. The speakers brought forth many issues that are important to us as a race both spiritual and secular.

Rev. E. M. Wood, our pastor, is visiting his family in Detroit. He expects to be gone for a few days.

B.M.E. Notes.

The Brotherhood of the B.M.E. ch. opened the services for the day on Sunday last by having a paper from the pen of bro. J. W. Fountaine. The paper will be presented again on the 30th at which time a discussion of its benefits to the Brotherhood will ensue. The pastor, conducted the services morning and evening as usual. He preached two very fine sermons in which he stressed some splendid points. The services were well attended.

Our second quarterly meeting will be observed on the 14th of Dec.

The Brotherhood debate on the 9th of Dec. and the Sunday School Xmas exercises are next in order in the church programme.

Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Stewart were entertained on Sunday, Nov. 23rd by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Slaughter.

The concert for the Baptist Church under the auspices of Madam Hunter and Mrs. Budd last Tuesday evening was a grand success, every member on the programme was received with hearty applause. Much credit was given to Mr. Knight of Toronto, who kindly assisted, rendering many good instrumental numbers.

BRANTFORD NOTES

Gen. Supt. S. R. Drake had charge of both services Sunday and gave us two able and inspiring sermons.

The Stewardess Board held an Apron Social on the 20th of Nov., which was a grand success, both socially and financially.

Rev. D. J. Clesant was in the city over the week end, the guest of Miss Bertha Johnson.

Mrs. Clara Delfish has been confined to her home suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. William Miller jr. and Mrs. M. Cockrane were in the city over Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. J. McCurtis will regret to learn that he is quite ill

Quite a number gathered at Bro. Charles Armstrong's home Sunday afternoon and held service with him, which he enjoyed very much. It is nice to remember those who cannot get out.

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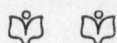
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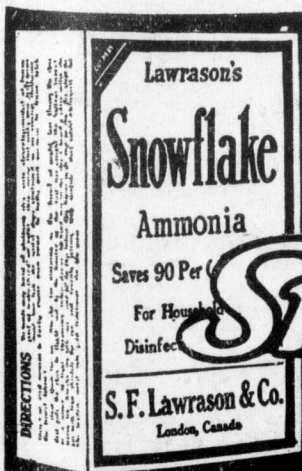
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Services at Grant A.M.E. Church were largely attended. Many enjoyed the illustrated sermons.

Mrs. A. Thatch, King St. W. entertained a number of ladies at Whist on Thursday evening. An enjoyable time was spent.

A large number attended the 3rd Anniversary and Reception given by Bethlehem Chapter, No. 6, O.E.S., in Alhambra Hall last Monday evening. Out of town guest: Mrs. J. Davis, of Chatham, Miss Edna Johnson of Oakville and others.

Mr. James Cordwell of Huron St. is quite ill with pneumonia.

Those on the sick list are Mr. N. Cook, Mr. Dudley Marshall and Mrs. Joe Dorsay.

Mrs. W. Jones of McCaul St. left Monday to visit friends in Detroit.

Mrs. M. Martin of Dundas St. was called to Chicago owing to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Reeves.

Mrs. Gablie returned home last week after spending several months in Michigan and Chicago.

A bazaar will be held in B.M.E. ch. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11th and 12th. A sale of candy, fancy articles home cooking and refreshments. Admission, silver collection. Good programme.

The Home Missionary Society will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd., at the home of Mrs. Clark, 964 Gerrard St.

Mr. Tommy Wilson is quite ill in the General Hospital.

Mrs. Edith Jackson and Mrs. Tdna Parker are quite indisposed.

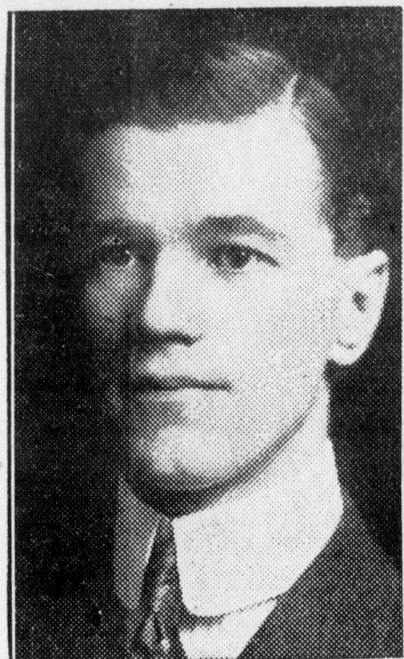
Madam E. Day has sold out her hair-dressing business and is getting ready to leave the city.

The little granddaughter of Mrs. I. H. Lewis is ill.

Rev. and Mrs. Ball expect to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with special services on Dec. 7th and 8th. On Sunday, Dec. 7th, Charles Ball of Windsor will preach at the morning service and Rev. R. R. Ball of Rochester will preach at the evening service. Rev. R. A. Ball extends an invitation to all friends to attend the services without a formal invitation.

A very jolly surprise party was given at the home of Mrs. Emix, 1069 Dovercourt Rd., when the Jonquil Art and Embroidery Club gave a surprise on Mrs. G. Binford, secretary and Mrs. A. Gloucester, Treasurer, at which time Mrs. Binford was presented with a dozen madeira table napkins and Mrs. Gloucester a half dozen odd cups and saucers. The party broke up in the small hours of the morning, all expressing themselves as having a lovely time.

Mrs. Harry Brown wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness during her illness.



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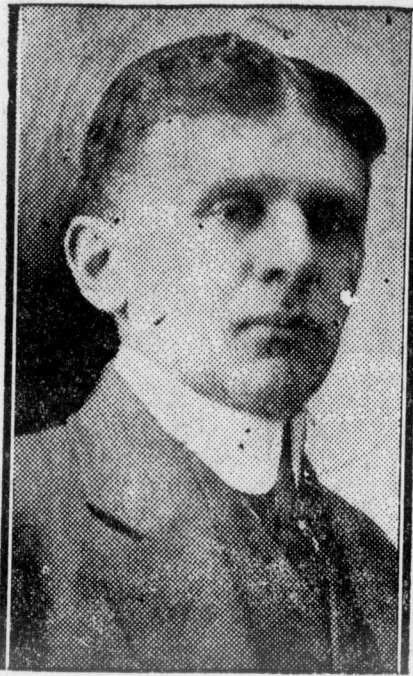
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We therefore recognize with pride the splendid spirit with which our co-workers and benefactors have entered into this matter with us and for which we desire to express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude.

Yours truly,
BYRON E. FOUNTAINE

MONTREAL NOTES

Mr. Charles Este of the Union ch. Mrs. (Rev.) Jones from Bethel and Mrs. B. Johnson of the Excelsior Division attended luncheon of the Temperance Convention at the C.P.R. Dining Hall, Windsor Station last Thursday.

Mr. R. J. Mays has purchased a home in Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Mays will be remembered as one of our faithful Sunday School teachers.

The Mite Missionary Society meets at the A.M.E. parsonage on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Maud Bonner who has been the guest of Mrs. B. Johnson for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Toronto.

A young peoples' society was organized on 13th inst. viz.—The Union Literary Club, Miss G. Tomlinson, president; Mr. George Elliott, vice-president and secretary; Mr. Eddie Elliott, treasurer.

Miss Flossie Hay of Ottawa has been visiting friends in this city for the past three weeks. Miss Hay is a sister of the late Lieutenant Hay of Sydney, Cape Breton, formerly of Trinidad, B.W.I.

The Phillis Wheatley Club met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. G. Astwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones' little daughter Isabel was on the sick list last week.

Mr. W. O. Nurse, while on a trip to Bancouver met his brother, B. Nurse in Winnipeg for the first time in ten years.

Mr. Griffith organist of the Anglican Church, Barbadoes, is taking a course here at the Y.M.C.A., Westmount.

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