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## RACE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED

Health, Civic Advantages, Legal Aid, Elimination of Conflict, Engage Efforts of Good Will Groups.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17—That the South, through its inter-racial movement, is making an important contribution toward the problems of racial adjustment around the world, is indicated by the report just issued by the Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation, with headquarters in this city. Not only are inter-racial conditions being rapidly improved throughout the South, along the lines of better understanding, elimination of conflict, educational provisions, public utilities, justice in the courts, and the like, but, according to the report the movement is being studied abroad with great interest because of its possible application to similar situations in Africa, India, and elsewhere. A parallel movement, under government auspices, has already resulted in S. Africa, says the report, bringing together the British and the natives for conferences and co-operation in the solution of mutual problems.

Entitled "Progress in Race Relations," the report is a sixteen-page pamphlet, packed with stories of concrete achievements. The provision of better Negro schools has been a major objective everywhere, followed closely by efforts for better sanitation, hospital accommodations, street improvements, library and playground facilities, justice in the courts, the care of delinquents, improved conditions of travel, and other advantages essential to the development of the colored race in character and efficiency. Assistance has been rendered in at least a hundred school building enterprises involving from \$1,000 to \$150,000 each. Nine playgrounds and two public parks have been provided and street improvements have been made in eighteen cities. Interracial committees have assisted in the prevention of threatened lynchings in a number of instances, other tense situations have been cleared up, and legal aid has been rendered in many cases of injustice. In the effort to mobilize public sentiment against lynchings, the Commission has distributed thirty thousand pamphlets, has communicated two or more times with every sheriff in the South, and

## N. Y. Anti-Klan Law Backed By N.A.A.C.P.

The New York State law, whose enactment was backed at a legislative hearing, by the N.A.A.C.P., requiring secret societies to file lists of their members and other information, has been upheld against the Ku Klux Klan's opposition, by the highest State tribunal, the Court of Appeals. Herbert J. Seligmann, the Association's Director of Publicity, appeared at the hearings on the Bill in Albany, to urge enactment of the measure.

The Klan is now attempting to evade the law by incorporating as a "benevolent and fraternal order." It is not believed that the new Klan dodge will be successful.

## Progress Of Society

From the Dearborn Independent

The progress of society depends on nothing more than on the exposure of time-sanctioned abuses which cannot be touched without offending multitudes, than on the promulgation of principles which are in advance of public sentiment and practice and which are, consequently, at war with the habits, practice and immediate interests of large classes of the community. The right of free discussion is therefore to be guarded by the friends of mankind with peculiar jealousy. It is at once the most sacred and most endangered of our rights. He who would rob his neighbour of it should have a mark set on him as the worst enemy of freedom.

—William Ellery Channing.

has assisted in a popular campaign in Mississippi against this practice.

The subject of race relations is being brought to the attention of students in Southern colleges through sixty curriculum courses and many volunteer discussion groups, committees of women are active in the states, and information has been given to the general public as widely as possible through the daily and religious press.

After recounting some of the difficulties confronted, the report concludes, "It is evident, even to a casual observer, that great advances are being made. Certainly there is no ground for discouragement, but on the contrary the continued urge of great need and limitless opportunity."

## Moton Called First American

Monterey, California, January 11—Among the many interesting things accomplished by the Asilomar conference in session here, was the bringing to light a fact most significant and appealing to Colored Americans, namely, the listing of Major Robert Russa Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, and the successor of the late Booker T. Washington, as one of America's twelve greatest men, along with President Hughes, Charles Evans Hughes, John R. Mott and others.

The Conference was composed of students and educators representing the cream of literary attainment in America.

Among the lecturers was Mr. Wilson, traveling lecturer for the National Y.M.C.A., who said, besides other things that "it was the duty of humanity to establish equity without regard to class or respective nations." Further that "the white man may not want to recognize the colored man as his brother, but he cannot deny many are his sons."

Mack C. Spears, Alpha Phi Alpha man, Senior in the College of Commerce of the University of Southern California, was the only Negro delegate in attendance. He represented Les Belles Lettres Club, an organization composed of colored students attending the University.

## Sweets Tour Five Cities

New York, Jan. 15—Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, who spoke at the Annual Mass Meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has returned to Detroit to await his second trial after completing a tour of five cities with Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches. The tour was most successful. In Philadelphia 2500 persons turned out and gave \$846 to the Defense Fund. In Baltimore an audience of 300 heard about the case giving \$145. In Pittsburgh 1,200 braved a blizzard to be present at the Sweet meeting, and gave 3873. In Cleveland 2,000 people crowded the meeting place and others were turned away. The people of Cleveland contributed \$1,157; George Hooper leading off with a check for \$100. Everywhere the people were most enthusiastic in their interest.

## NEGROES BUY AND POSSESS TOWN

(From the Negro Year Book)

There was surprise when it was found that the town of Tuxton, Va., built by the Government exclusively for Negro workers, had been bid in by a group of Negro financiers. The Government, in line with getting rid of its war-time activities, ordered the town sold. Sealed bids were sent in. A number of white bidders sent in their bids. When the bids were opened, however, it was found that the highest bid was by a group of Negro financiers, who bought the town, it was reported, at a price of around \$141,000. The white bidders did not entertain the slightest idea that Negroes had enough money, especially since it was a cash proposition, to outbid them.

Tuxton is located just over the city line of Portsmouth, Va., within one mile of the U.S. Navy Yard. It is served by the Portsmouth electric line, railroad facilities and furnished by a belt road that connects with all the trunk lines entering Portsmouth and Norfolk.

The town is composed of 223 houses all modern; each house consists of 5 rooms, bath, hot water, electric lights and street sewers. Besides the above each house has a large front yard for flowers and a back yard for garden. In addition to the 223 houses already constructed, there are 70 vacant lots. The streets are wide and improved with hard gravel. In the middle of the streets are plants, flowers and shrubbery.

A modern 10-room brick school building is also owned by the town. This school building is equipped to meet all community needs, having a special auditorium for concerts, picture shows and dances. The school rooms are of the most modern type. The town cost the Government over \$1,000,000 to build.

Of the 223 houses there, 143 have been sold and are now occupied. All of the 80 unsold houses will immediately be placed upon the market on the basis of the generous reductions. The payments on the houses will not exceed one per cent. a month. They have also arranged, at a cost of about \$10,000 to paint all the houses constituting the town.

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### Editorial

#### AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE.

"Herein lurks Opportunity. The seat-warmers and the whiners will heed it not. But those whose hearts are aflame with a righteous desire for worthy gain, will stretch out welcoming hands and measure off their share of fame and fortune."

The Executive Board of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People has set aside a substantial sum to encourage and to assist worthy boys and girls in securing an education. This was done because after very careful investigation, it was found that very few of our boys and girls are fully prepared to answer the call of real opportunity when she does rap at their doors. Further the Board had in mind this fact: in order that colored citizens or ANY citizens may be able to maintain a high standard of citizenship in order that they may become well-balanced, well rounded men and women and to be able to take their proper places in the community, an education, and a liberal education, is indispensable.

That there have been isolated cases of prejudices towards some of our people who have prepared themselves is undeniable. But such prejudice, we believe, is due to the fact that, on the whole, we are unprepared for higher services. Our race does not furnish the class to which the country has looked for its artisans, skilled mechanics, bookkeepers, stenographers and so forth. But let us suppose numbers of our boys and girls (instead of a lamentable few) were prepared to render such services—who can say how different the results might be.

The Board is not only planning to assist worthy boys and girls to prepare themselves for life's work but it has decided also to carry on an extensive and intensive campaign for the purpose of securing positions for colored people. This, however, is not a task of a day nor a year. Rather it is one that will require patience and endurance as well as the co-operation of our own people. It will also require an earnest effort on the part of those for whom we seek opportunities.

The standard we have set for our boys and girls is one which we feel certain will be attained. We believe this because we believe in the real worth of our boys and girls. The as-

sistance and the consideration which we are asking from our white friends, we believe will be given us, for we are seeking only simple justice, equal opportunities and encouragement. If we are given such assistance we feel certain that the day is not far distant when all Canada will have reasons to be proud of her colored citizens.

Reports continue to reach headquarters from the different branches telling of the fact that one meeting night in each month is given over to suggestions and the discussion of questions and plans for self-improvement. This is one of the most potent signs of a healthy organization. It shows that although our people have been asleep for a long period of time as to matters concerning their highest interest, they are at last awakening.

#### THE COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

In an address delivered at Washington, D.C., last October, President Coolidge said: "The Interracial Commissions, it is generally agreed have been of great importance in the past few years in promoting better understanding and relations between the white and colored people. The example has been an inspiration to students of the problem of race relations in all parts of the world."

We are in receipt of a booklet published by the commission which sets forth in a concise manner the work and the accomplishments of this organization. This is proving to be an earnest endeavour on the part of the best minds of the white South to unite with the colored people for the purpose of creating more cordial relations between the races. Looking over the list of the officers, Executive and members, we find the names of some of the most outstanding men and women of the continent.

Their programme is a real, constructive one, including such work as research and survey, an anti-lynching drive, education, health and housing, community chests, legal aid and conciliation. One of the most promising signs of success for the commission is the fact that the women of the South are deeply interested in the movement and that the Woman's Department is functioning equally as well as the men. While the white women are interested in the general work, they interest themselves particularly in those phases of it which especially concern the welfare of colored women and colored children.

The Commission sends out releases to all Southern daily papers, the principle white religious papers and to all the Negro papers in the country. It is a significant fact that 117 papers in the State of Georgia (mostly white) are using this service.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this commission or any other organization whose aims and objects are to bring about better relations and better understanding between people who must live within close proximity. Any movement which is likely to lead one race to think more kindly of other races and to "promote mutual attitudes in which co-operation for common welfare can be carried on", is a thing whose good results we can not properly measure.

We know the Southern States well. We know its people well, both white

and colored. We also knew that ultimately some good COULD and WOULD come out of Nazareth, and although the South has not in the past, nor is she at present, treating the Negro with absolute fairness, still we could never forget that the South possessed some of the warmest hearts some of the finest natures that could be found this side of heaven. It is from this class of Southerner we venture to say; that the Commission on Interracial Relations is made up.

### Man Who Made Fortune Dies at 104

Washington, D.C., January 7th—With a record of having climbed from slavery to the heights of business fame and wealth, Robert Holmes, of Georgetown, died in the Freemen's Hospital, Friday, at the age of 104, after ten days illness.

"Uncle Robert," as Holmes was called, was widely known in this section of the country. His age was reckoned from the records of the birth of his wife, which showed that she was 85 years old when she died 21 years ago. He was two years younger.

Born in Farmville, Va., Holmes was the thirteenth child of Robert Haskins, a slave, and Abbie Holmes, a free woman. He took the name and adopted the status of his mother to avoid kidnapping by "patrollers," as the slave father was not allowed by Virginia law to marry a free woman. At the outbreak of the civil war, he was drafted by the Confederates. He served around Richmond until opportunity came to be "captured" and joined the Union ranks.

Locating here, he worked on the water front until able to acquire a wagon. Then he went into the wholesale oyster business, serving the principle hotels of the city. Georgetown University and many prominent families. He soon purchased a home. Later he went into the kerosine oil business about in the nineties. He operated his own tanks in Georgetown. He sold gasoline and kerosine to citizens until ten years ago, when he retired.

At the time of his death "Uncle Robert" had built up a fabulous fortune. He was the owner of five brick houses in Georgetown as well as other city property.

Although uneducated, "Uncle Robert" had the knack of calculating with great rapidity after his own system, which he boasted never allowed him to be cheated in a business deal. He was a chartered member of the Widow's Sons Lodge of colored Masons, and as grand treasurer of the Order of Samaritans traveled in every state of the Union and throughout the West Indies. His desire to return to Farmville to recover his free papers was never gratified. He made his last public appearance unaccompanied at the Mt. Zion Church.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 7th—Detroit is soon to have its first colored priest. On Sunday, February 7th, Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, at St. Peter and St. Paul Cathedral, will ordain twenty-two Seminarists for the Diocese of Detroit. Among the twenty-two will be the Rev. Mr. Norman Du Kette, a colored Seminarist.

### His First Bath Proves Fatal

Associated Negro Press.  
 New York, Jan. 6th—According to dispatches from Irkutsk in Siberia, government sanitary inspectors have discovered a large community of Russians who have never washed or bathed and who have never used water for any other purposes except to drink. When the inspectors tried to induce the natives to bathe there was almost a riot. The first man who was compelled to bathe was reported to have died of fright.

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### Mediaeval History



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2. In those olde dayes They had a craze For steel shirts and they wore 'em And there was bliss Enough in this For the laundry never tore 'em.

3. In that glad tyme Demos says a dime Would support a flapper for a weeke But now it costs About tenne rocks To be a welcome sheik.

4. They dranke their beer And it wasit "near" For ye dry laws they hadnt seen No W.C.T.U. Forced them to Home Brew And they lived in bliss serene.

5. Since ye dayes of Moses There's been Halitosis And ye knights never had a remedy But today all we do Is drinke a quart or two of "disterine" and drive it all away.

6. He never had to jvette With a booke on etiquette "What's wrong in this picture?" did you say? He never played Mah Jongg And got comfortably along With a fighte for recreation once a daye.

7. Now there never flowed a poem From out a brilliant dome Like this one; and ye Editor knows it. And as I haven't got a cent And I owe last week's rent Here's hoping, by heck, that he shows it.



## Industrial Future Of The Negro Will be Discussed

Urban League to Hold Conference in New York, February 3rd to 5th, 1926.

At the time of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the National Urban League, February 3rd to 5th, an important conference will be held which will mean much in the future programs of industrial and community welfare for the Negro. Representatives from at least 50 Urban communities will attend this conference and confer on such subjects as Health and Housing, Recreation and Training of Workers in Industry. White and colored students of the problem of race contacts will confer on methods by which friction may be avoided and better and more lasting fellowship between the various racial elements in America may be promoted.

The opening session on February 3rd will be addressed by Walter W. Pettit, Assistant Director of the New York School of Social Work, on "Present Day Problems of Social Life," and E. Franklin Frazier, Director of the Atlanta School of Social Work will describe how these problems are manifesting themselves among Negroes. Following this session Forrester B. Washington, Executive Secretary of the Philadel-

phia Armstrong Association, affiliated with the League, will present a programme to meet these needs in northern communities incidentally bringing in a summary of an investigation of more than 90 communities in Pennsylvania having more than 100 Negro Population which he has studied under the auspices of the Public Welfare Department of the Keystone State. For the South, J. Marshall Ragland, Executive Secretary of the Louisville Urban League, will present a program.

During the day sessions, Chas. S. Johnson, Director of the Department of Research and Investigations of the League and Editor of "Opportunity" magazine, will present the findings of a study of the experiences of Negroes with trade unions covering a long period of years and T. Arnold Hill, Director of the National Industrial Department of the League will lead the discussion in a symposium on the training which is afforded Negroes to grasp industrial opportunities now offered them. At this symposium some of the leading exponents of trade training for Negroes will participate in the discussion. This group includes: James Gregg, Principal of Hampton Institute; F. D. Bluford, President of th A. & T. College of Greensboro, N.C., and representatives from Tuskegee Institute. President Arthur Morgan of Antioch College in Ohio will present the Antioch plan of work and study for consideration by educators among the Negroes. Employers of labour will be present to discuss this subject in view of the types of workers that they are seeking. George Sullivan, Superintendent of the Sayre and

Fisher Brick Manufacturing Co. of Sayreville, N.J. will also address this meeting.

In the Health session, Frederick L. Hoffman, Consulting Statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, author of Race Traits and Tendencies of the American Negro, which produced such excitement in sociological circles nearly 30 years ago, will present some of his new theories in light of the experiences of the Negro following the appearance of this startling book. Dr. M. O. Bousefield, President of the Liberty Life Insurance Co., Dr. Clyde H. Donnell, Medical Director of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., and C. C. Spaulding, President of the same company will engage in the discussion, as will representatives of many other Life Insurance Companies and health organizations vitally interested in Negro health.

Speakers at the evening programs will include Ferdinand Q. Morton, Civil Service Commissioner of New York City, Mrs. Blanche Armwood Beatty, Executive Secretary of the Tampa, Florida Urban League, Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League; and L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of the National Urban League. It is expected also that James A. Walker, Mayor of New York City; Dr. Louis I. Harris, the City's Health Commissioner and other prominent leaders in public thought, will speak.

The League is extending a cordial invitation to all persons interested in any phase of Negro welfare, to attend the sessions and to participate in the meetings at which opportunity will be given for general discussion. Welfare organizations and movements interested in health matters, church social service departments, insurance companies and fraternal bodies are being requested to send delegates to the conference and to communicate with James H. Hubert, Executive Secretary of the New York Urban League, 202 West 136th Street, New York City for particulars as to accommodations and places of meetings.

### TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson will soon be basking in the sunlight of the Sunny South where they expect to go in a very few days.

Everybody knows Mr. and Mrs. Johnson with their pleasant smiles and congenial dispositions. We hope to see them return soon and will miss them when they go.

Mrs. O. Bucher, who has been indisposed for the last two weeks is much improved and will soon be out again.

The Lord looked down with compassion and sent a heavy snow on Toronto, so Toronto's snow shovelers could get a chance to earn a few dollars.

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### B.M.E. Church Notes

The second quarterly communion service was held on Sunday, January 17th, at which a goodly number were in attendance during the entire day. At 11 a.m. the pastor, Rev. F. O. Stewart gave a very timely and happy discourse from Psalm 126: 3, Sub., "God's Glad People." Those present expressed themselves as being fully satisfied that God had done great things for them. The afternoon service was very well attended taking all things into consideration. Rev. C. W. Carpenter, P.E. and pastor of Grant A.M.E. Church of our city was the speaker at this service and gave a very practical message from John 6: 35, "I am the Bread of Life." Many fine points were brought out in this message, and it is certain that all who heard it will be much profited by the appeal in it for a more earnest adherence to the teachings of Jesus Christ. About 25 communicants participated in the sacramental feast. Rev. T. H. Jackson assisted in the dispensing of the elements. The evening service at 7.30 was very largely attended and considerable interest was shown during the service. The pastor delivered a very strong and impressive message from I Sam. 17: 45, sub., "Faith and Force." It was claimed by the speaker that the duel of David and Goliath is but one chapter in the history of faith and force in conflict. Force looks down contemptuously on faith, and holds itself proud and arrogant. Faith is submissive and humble, but full of hope and courage. The pastor encouraged the Christians to continue on with their simple faith and trust in God to eventually overthrow the stronghold of Satan and Sin, and establish His Kingdom of Righteousness as a pre-eminent factor in the lives of humanity.

Mr. C. A. Johnson, chorister of the B.M.E. Church is able to be out once more after a very serious illness.

Miss Sophia Stanfield is improving.

Mrs. Edna Carter has been removed to the Western Hospital.

Miss Edna Howard is confined to her bed.

Mrs. C. N. Sharp has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. A. Lindsay is very sick at this writing having returned from Buffalo a few days ago suffering from a heavy cold. Mrs. R. H. Clarke is still confined to her home but is slowly improving.

Mrs. H. Brown and Mrs. Enix are able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Millford entertained a few of their friends New Year's night at their residence, 90 8th Ave. Euchre and dancing were the pleasures of the evening. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Terrelong, of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hubbard are preparing to spend some time in Behmuda during this winter season.

Among the many pleasant newcomers into Toronto are Rev. and Mrs. Carpenter. Rev. Carpenter is the pastor of the A.M.E. Church, corner University Ave. and Elm St. and

since his advent into the city, the church is really a church.

Rev. Carpenter came unheralded, went to work in the congregation practically unaided and cleaned up his congregation unhampered. Things were in a terrible condition when he came, everybody ruled the church and nobody was responsible for its rule, whether good or bad and for the most part it was bad, very bad. The Rev. did not stand back for anything. He took the broom (new) and began to sweep. How the dust did fly. He did not, like most men, sweep in the middle of the floor. He began in the corners where previous devines had failed to go, and after he had visited every corner, all the sides, he swept everything in the middle and out the door. He made Baptists out of some dissenters, B.M.E.'s, Presbyterians, Holy Rollers, Christian Scientists and most every denomination and swept some so hard they have not been anything since, but floaters. After he cleaned out the church he proceeded to put young and old intelligent men and women in offices who had religion enough to be honest and fair with the church, the pastor, themselves and God.

Now the Rev. has a clean church and every night after the collection is taken, you go away knowing how much it is and when it is spent for anything, even for food. The Rev. makes every spender including himself, show a receipt. That's Christianity.

It's a pleasure to go to that Church now and a pleasure to be a member of it. We don't have to tell you to keep the good work up Rev. for we know you can't do otherwise. May God bless you and your church.

Mr. Douglas Lewis whipped a "Tiger" in Hamilton last week but the papers didn't give him much credit for it even though he knocked his opponent down several times. Alright Doug, keep knocking them down and your reputation will stand up without newspaper reports.

Dame rumor has it several of our young men have quietly taken unto themselves a wife. Are you guilty?

Read the Observer's article in the Saturday afternoon's Star of January 9th, Editorial Page. It's great.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Montgomery were the congenial entertainers of a few of their friends Monday, after New Year's and in their beautifully decorated parlor. Everyone present had a most enjoyable time. Mr. Montgomery and wife certainly know how to entertain you and make you feel at home. Those present had the pleasure of seeing the many beautiful Christmas presents they had received.

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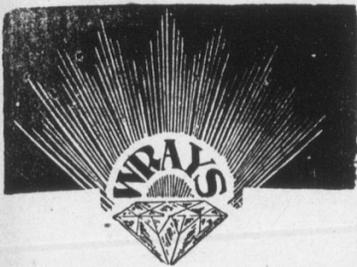


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## BROTHERHOOD OF RACES AFFIRMED BY METHODISTS

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 3—Four thousand Methodist young people from all parts of the South, in convention in this city, went on record to-day with the declaration that "divisive, unbrotherly attitudes as between races must be displaced by the spirit of generosity, service, and mutual respect." "We must abide by the principles of Jesus," said the young people, "namely, the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the supreme value of human personality." Their denomination, the M.E. Church South numbering 2,500,000, was requested to "take steps to bring about as far as possible equal advantages between the races in the South in education, in the courts, in economic matters, and in the opportunity for self-advancement."

The subject of race relations had a prominent place on the three-day programme. The speakers and leaders on this subject were Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of Southern Y.M.C.A. College, Nashville; Rev. Channing H. Tobias, Y.M.C.A. International Secretary, New York; Dr. W. W. Alexander, Director Commission on Interracial Co-operation, Atlanta; and Dr. E. D. Soper, of Duke University, Durham, N.C. The subject was also discussed freely from the floor. The resolutions on race relations were part of the findings of formulated by the young people and were as follows—

"There is conflict and strife, separations of groups of individuals, one against the other, unbrotherliness and antagonism which the Spirit of Christ cannot abide. These divisive, unbrotherly traits we must eliminate from our society. Particularly do we feel that the situation in the South calls for the finest expression of the Christian spirit of generosity, service and respect. In this matter as in others, we must abide by the principles of Jesus, namely the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the supreme value of human personality. We go on record as favoring and we recommend that our Church take steps to bring about as far as possible, equal advantages between the races in education, in the administration of the law, in economic matters and in opportunity for self-advancement."

## MONTREAL

Among the sixty-six Sunday Schools represented at the Annual Rally on New Year's Day the Union School had the best attendance and won the pennant.

The Union Church began the year free from debt. A God-filled year is our loving prayerful wish for all.

Congratulations to Sister Isadore on her birthday, January 17th. Her seventy-seventh birthday found her busy in her Master's service at Sunday School with her class of boys.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor on the birth of a son.

Mrs. A. Potter and children spent two weeks vacation in Chicago.

Mrs. B. Johnson is confined to her home through illness.

Mrs. J. Jefferson, agent for "The Dawn of Tomorrow", Verdun, on account of illness, has been laid aside from active duties for the past four weeks, but has been cheered greatly by the large delegation of friends from the following societies of which she is a valued member, viz. the W. C.T.U.; Grand United Order of Odd-Fellow; Mite Missionary; and Union Sunday School.

## LONDON

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Naomi Slaughter of St. Thomas, to Mr. Clifford Phoenix, this city. The wedding will take place on the 28th of January at the home of Miss Slaughter's aunt, Mrs. Johnson, 4 Metcalf St., St. Thomas. The reception will be held on the same evening in London, at the home of Mrs. Pearl Brown.

Mrs. Mary Booker of Longwood, spent a few days in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fountaine. She also spent a few days with Mrs. Minnie Harris.

Mrs. Brooks, of High Street entertained a few friends last Saturday evening. Everybody enjoyed themselves immensely.

Miss Alice Drake is steadily improving.

Miss Maggie Moxley, of Grey Street has been very ill indeed. She is, however, improving slowly.

The roast beef supper, under the auspices of the Stewardess Board of the B.M.E. Church, last Tuesday evening was a success from every standpoint.

The Social Set of the B.M.E. Ch. have planned a miscellaneous concert for the 28th of the present month. The young people promise an enjoyable evening to all. The concert will be held in the church, on Grey St.

Some of the young people have planned a sleighride party for the present week. Judging from the present outlook it will turn out to a boat ride.

Friends of Mrs. Eliza Groat will be pleased to learn that her condition continues to improve.

The class in English Literature under the auspices of the University of Western Ontario grows more enthusiastic over the work as the weeks pass.

Several of the larger white churches of the city have requested the choir to render the old time songs before their congregations during the winter season. Mr. Paul Lewis, chorister, has begun to train his choir for the occasion.

## Are You A Member of the League?

## 1926 TOUR TO ALASKA

Arrangements for an all-expense, personally conducted tour to Alaska have now been completed, starting from Toronto via the Canadian National Railways, early in July, visiting enroute important Western Canadian Cities, Wainwright Buffalo Park, Jasper National Park and Pacific Coast points. This will be one of the finest trips anyone can possibly take from a scenic and educational point of view. A folder descriptive of the tour giving complete information is now in hand and will be available shortly on application to Mr. Martin Kerr, (Principal of Earl Kitchener School,) 4 Beulah Ave., Hamilton, and Mr. R. E. Bryson, (Principal of Silverthorn School), 44 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto.

In view of the very heavy traffic to Alaska during the short season available, it would be well to make early reservation as demands for accommodations are sure to be heavy.

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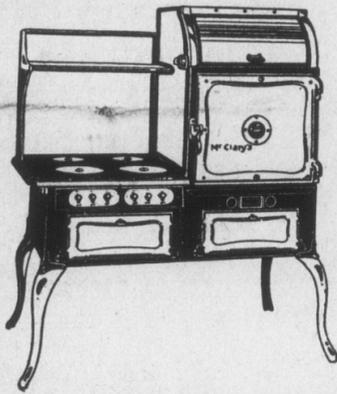
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## FOILS PLOT TO WRECK TRAIN

Aged Louisianian's Prompt Action Averts Crash of Famous Panama Limited. Receives Reward.

Hammond, La., January 13th—Only the prompt action of Lawson Williams, a 65-year old Negro, prevented the wreck of one of America's most famous passenger trains at Tangipah, La., last Friday.

Unaware of their danger, score of passengers on the Panama Limited, bound from New Orleans to Chicago, were being rushed on to a death-trap in the speeding train, which was making up ten minutes lost time. A well laid plan to wreck the train was discovered by Williams, and his immediate move in giving a warning of the danger resulted in the train being halted within a few hundred yards of the danger spot.

As the passengers rushed from the train in excitement to find out the cause for the sudden stop, they were met by a smile from the wrinkled face of the aged Williams, who seemed happy that he had been able to save his fellowmen. When they learned of Williams' alertness and courage, the expressed much praise and started a movement to collect a purse of money in recognition and honor of what the colored American had done for them.

Williams proudly related his story of the wreck. He stated that he was searching along the tracks for coal to replenish the fire in his little cabin, when he discovered a pile of spikes beside one rail. His curiosity was aroused when he picked up one of the steel spikes and observed that it was shiny and new, and bore no marks of rust as he expected to find. He surmised that they had been placed beside the track only a short time before, and began to examine further. He looked to see if any spikes had been removed from the rail.

In a short time Williams found where half a dozen or more spikes had been removed from the ends of two rails. Realizing that a wreck was probable, if the Panama Limited running at its usual rate of speed of 45 miles an hour struck the insecure rail, he ran to the Tangipah station where he informed the agent of his discovery.

Had the limited been on time, it would already have arrived at the scene of Williams' discovery, but due to its lateness it had not yet arrived. The agent hurriedly set the signals to stop the speeding train. In a few minutes it came in sight and the engineer slowed down to find out the cause for the stop signal. The crew and passengers on the north-bound train, No. 33 were then informed of the attempted train wreck.

Special agents of the Illinois Central railroad were detailed to search for the fiends who attempted to wreck the limited. It was expected that several arrests would be made.

## Patriotic Honor For Aged Arkansian

Little Rock, Ark., January 7th—One of the foremost patriotic distinctions that this country has bestowed was extended to an 88 year old ex-slave here. The honor was a \$1000 reward offered by the government to the United States citizen who had the largest number of relatives in the past war. E. C. Robinson showed that he had ten sons and seven grandsons enlisted when the Armistice was signed in 1918. To him went the prize.

One of Robinson's sons died in camp and left him \$10,000 from insurance. Eight of his sons served overseas.

Robinson has been married twice. He had 31 children, 23 of whom are still living.

## Indians Strongly Protest Persecutions

Calcutta, December 23—A deputation of South African Indians have arrived in Bombay. In the course of an interview the leader said, "We have come to seek the intervention of the Government of India and the Indian Nation, for the unjust and cruel persecutions to which the Indians are subjected in South Africa since the time of the Boer War, and which ceased only during the Great War. We are going to endeavour to rouse India."

The Viceroy is to receive the deputation in Calcutta on Saturday, on which date, it is noteworthy, he will hold the second meeting of his executive council since he arrived in Calcutta.

## Charges Wife Is Negro

New Orleans, La., December 23—Charging that his wife, Mrs. Hazel Ray Bush, is of Negro ancestry, Joe Bush, on Saturday, filed suit for divorce and asked that their two sons be declared illegitimate. His plea is based upon the Louisiana law that prohibits marriage between the Caucasian and Ethiopian races. Bush has just discovered that his wife is a Negro woman, the petition states. The two sons mentioned are aged four years and eighteen months, respectively.

## THE TEACHER

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children day by day,  
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge but I know  
How faint they flicker and how low  
The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them power to will and do,  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness through and through.

I teach them love for all mankind  
And all God's creatures, but I find  
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
Oh let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.  
By Leslie Pinckney Hill,  
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