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TRENDS IN RACE RELATIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR

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Co-operation.

Human progress, like a river, never proceeds at an even pace. Here it races through the rapids, there it sleeps quietly in some still pool, yonder in confusion it eddies and swirls. A short range view often leaves one in doubt whether it moves at all, or, if moving, whether forward or backward. The long look is necessary if one would know whether the current is going and how fast.

Present-day trends in American race relations are like that. The observer may see in them every degree of progress or of reaction, depending entirely upon the point at which they are viewed. But looking at them objectively over even so short a space as one year, one must admit, I think, that the stream is moving, moving in general in the right direction, and moving rapidly in comparison with the historic slowness of great social changes.

Probably the most encouraging development during the past year has been the increasing integration of the interests of Negroes with the social welfare agencies of communities and states. The State Welfare Boards of North Carolina and Georgia have established distinct departments of Negro welfare. In Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee the state welfare and interracial organizations meet in joint annual sessions, while in the other states close and co-operative relations are maintained between the two groups.

Closely related to the above has been the inclusion of Negro welfare agencies in community chest budgets, which has now been accomplished in a large number of cities. These agencies are generously provided for in chest budgets, and the colored people of the community are enlisted in systematic support of the chests. This means that at last Negroes are recognized as an essential part of the community, both as liabilities and as assets, and entitled to the same public consideration as any other group. From the standpoint of immediate results and also as a promise of permanence this development is of the utmost importance.

Notable progress has been made in the improvement of Negro school facilities. Atlanta, for example, having just expended \$1,250,000 on new Negro schools, has promised to the colored people fair participation in a new school bond issue of \$5,000,000. In Louisville provision has been made for two new junior high schools, a graded school, and the enlargement of several others, while preparations are under way to open a department for Negroes in the University of Louisville. Raleigh, N. C., is expending several hundred thousand dollars in improving its schools for Negroes. Memphis has just completed a new high school at a cost of \$350,000, established a new junior high, and made extensive additions to others. Scores of Negro school enterprises have been promoted elsewhere in Tennessee, involving an outlay of \$300,000. The new Craig school, at New Orleans, has just been completed at a cost of \$250,000.

The newspapers have become powerful influences for better race relations. Flaming front page stories of Negro crime, largely responsible in the past for more than one race riot, are now tabooed by every respectable paper in the South. Such stories are either "played down" to inconspicuous proportions or left out altogether. Concurrently, another change no less notable has taken place, namely, the featuring of constructive Negro news. Stories of achievement in education, business, literature and art, stories of heroism and human interest, of interracial co-operation and welfare work; every-day news events, athletics, etc.—stories which promote race pride and ambition on the one hand and interracial understanding and appreciation on the other—these are of constant occurrence in hundreds of papers.

The new attitude of the press is reflected also in the editorial columns, which almost without exception voice the demand for interracial good will, justice and opportunity. More than any other class in the South, the editors have been outspoken and unanimous in the condemnation of lynching and the demand that it be suppressed. Undoubtedly this has had much to do

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REV. I. McEWIN WILLIAMS,
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Toronto, who recently delivered a
masterful address before friends
of the C.L.A.C.P. at St. Andrew's
Hall, this city. His subject was
"The Contribution of the Negro
to North America."

Negro Defense Lawyer In An Important Case

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Attorney E. Lionel Cross, the only Negro barrister of Toronto, has been chosen as chief defense lawyer for the Rational Society of Canada. Lawyer Cross is engaged in defending his first case for this society which grew out of charges of uttering blasphemous, indecent and profane libel concerning the holy scripture and the Christian religion. The plaintiff is one Ernest V. Sherry (white), an Englishman. Mr. Cross has announced he has been assured by members of the Rational Society in Chicago that Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer of the United States, will come to Toronto to assist in defending the case. International interest is being aroused in the case in view of the fact that it marks one of only a few cases of blasphemy in which this particular statue has been invoked.

Darker Races To Gather Next Month

New York, Jan. 19.—A meeting of the colored races of the world will be held in Brussels, Germany, the first week of February according to a report received here. The assemblage, it is said, will be to protest against white political rule and ascendancy.

The report states that Dean William Pickens will represent colored

Young Students Favor Equality

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 17.—Gathered here in a great national conference, December 28 to January 1, 2,500 boys and girls, representing every state in the Union and hundreds of institutions, gave earnest consideration to the question of race relations, and on the final day by almost unanimous vote adopted the following: "I am willing to give to the members of, every race the same opportunities that I have." The opposite view was then submitted—"Regarding some races as inherently inferior to my own, I favor keeping them in their places,"—and received only 11 votes.

On a previous day Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, had delivered an address and conducted an open forum on race relations which was followed by group discussions in which the whole conference participated. Dr. Johnson made a very favorable impression, as did also Rev. Howard Thurman, of Oberlin, Ohio, who spoke on another subject.

At no previous conference of like character had the delegates gone so far in their thinking about races or reached conclusions so liberal and so nearly unanimous. Among the students present were representatives of 30-odd racial and national groups including many Negro students. The hotels of the city were open to all delegates alike and the relationships between the various groups were uniformly considerate and cordial.

Other subjects featured on the program were war and industry, but on these the conclusions reached by the students were not nearly so unanimous. The proposition: "I will not support any war, got 327 votes; "I am ready to support some wars but not others," received 740; "I will support any war that is declared by the authority of my country," got 95; while 356 stated that they were not ready to commit themselves.

Americans at the gathering. Other colored races of the west who will be represented at the meet the account says will be Cuba, Porto Rico, Colombia and Peru. Those of the eastern hemisphere expected to have representatives at the meeting are South Africa, Egypt, Arabia, China, Mexico and India.

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Editorial

HOPE.

We of the colored race begin the New Year with great hope and expectancy. There have come many potent signs within the past year which cause hope to spring up eternal within our breasts. Discouragements of course have been many and of diverse nature but through the gloom, through the maze of them all, we can see the light of day looming upon the horizon.

David Belasco, the famous producer and playwright, in a contributed article in the Liberty magazine, tells the world that the source of wealth of the Negro dramatist has not been touched and that the future stage must look to that race for its material and development. Negro actors and musicians during the year 1926, held the attention of not only the American stage, but of royalty throughout all Europe.

Recognition by award has recently brought the outstanding work of twelve Negroes before the public. Their nationally significant contributions in the principal fields of endeavor received the William E. Herman Awards for Distinguished Achievements.

In the South, probably the most encouraging development has been the splendid spirit developed by the Inter-racial Commission, an organization aimed at adjusting relations between the races. Prominent citizens of both races compose the commission and it is significant to notice that Will W. Alexander (white), executive director of the Commission, received an award of \$500.00 for meritorious work during last year. His untiring efforts in the interest of a better understanding between the races, it is claimed, have helped to reduce the lynching record and have improved other conditions for the race.

The newspapers of America have also done their share. They are, both North and South, exerting great influence for a better understanding of the Negro. Flaming front page headlines telling of Negro crime, in many of the outstanding papers have been toned down and in many cases such stories have been entirely omitted. This change of attitude represents an ethical

change in the newspaper world. More space is being given to stories of Negro achievement in his several lines of endeavor, stories of Negro heroism have become common in the white daily papers.

One of the most promising signs to be noticed is the growth of inter-racial interest among college groups. Scores of curriculum courses in race relations, voluntary discussion groups, inter-racial student forums in college centres, the message carried by colored speakers into many white institutions, the featuring of race relations in every summer student conference—these and other means are favorably affecting or revolutionizing the attitudes of multitudes of students each year. It is through these young people that the world may expect a real change if ever a change in attitude does come, for preceding a change of attitude, there must be a change of heart. The older generation is too hidebound, too crusted with race prejudice to effect a change of heart.

In the realm of the church we quote the following from an article by Robt. B. Eleazer in the January Opportunity: "One might speak also of the growing interest on the part of religious bodies, many of which are working out and passing down to their organized millions of men and women programs of inter-racial study and activity. In one denomination alone more than two hundred thousand women are studying race relations at regular intervals and thousands of them are beginning to do something about it. Though for the most part, these programs are still on paper only, they are the leaven that are steadily leavening the lump with goodwill and Christian charity. After all, the religious appeal alone is powerful enough and fundamental enough to win this warfare against misunderstanding, prejudice and injustice.

And finally come the rumblings of the "redivivus" of Dr. Kelly Miller's Sanhedran. We have always thought well of Dr. Miller's plan to unite all of the organizations for the race's betterment into one great effort, the work and financing of which must be done by Negroes themselves. We verily believe that before much real constructive work can ever be done, the situation must boil down to this proposition.

Perhaps the most potent omen which has occurred since emancipation has just loomed upon the scene. We have just been informed that a conference of all the darker races of the earth has been called to meet in Brussels, Germany, during the present year. It is needless for us to mention the reason for such a conference. It is also useless for us or for any race to deny the deep significance underlying this conference.

"There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us that it hardly becomes any of us to talk about the rest of us."

"A law that has no penalty, is no law at all."

"Wherever man may be at any time maybe the whole of God is there."

White America Is Admonished to Think Of Our Best Qualities

(By George Berry)

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 21—"Have you ever thought of the good qualities of the Negro?" was the pertinent question asked the assembled Rotarians at the recent meeting of the Berkeley Rotary Club, by their chairman, Charles Keeler, who is also managing director of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

"In the past we have been capitalizing their worst qualities. Why would it not be better to capitalize their best points?" asked Mr. Keeler. "There is need for a greater understanding between the white and dark races. It is only misunderstanding which causes any feeling other than friendliness. Kipling was wrong when he said 'East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet.' The differences between races are differences of custom only; there is no fundamental difference of heart between the white and colored man."

Brotherhood of Man

"The advancement of understanding, good will and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service," the sixth object of the Rotary Clubs, Mr. Keeler explained and told his audience of Rotarians from San Francisco, Oakland, Portland and other points, and that their object boiled down meant the "Brotherhood of Man."

Negroes Here to Stay

Referring to the idea of some people that the race problem could be settled by having the Negroes in the United States colonize in Liberia Mr. Keeler said, "There are some eleven or twelve million Negroes in the United States and if they were to leave at the rate of a steamer load of 1,154 each week, only the increase would be leaving. This shows the impracticability of the plan. They were brought here as slaves and they are here to stay."

"Moreover the Negroes are coming from the South into the North," Mr. Keeler continued. "They want more freedom and a better life which they find in the North. So the South is now becoming worried, the attitude of the southerner is changing and he is treating the Negro better because he does not want to lose the working population of his section."

Eulogizes Berkeley Negroes

Mr. Keeler gave many interesting facts about the colored people in Berkeley as developed by a Chamber of Commerce survey recently made. This showed that there are 700 Negroes in Berkeley and the same number of Japanese. Chinese number 279 and there is a sprinkling of other oriental nationalities.

"The Negroes coming to Berkeley are the finest of the race," declared Mr. Keeler. "They come here because Berkeley is a superior city, one in which they find the most advantages for culture. Sixty-one per cent own their own homes here, and fifty per cent have books and buy good periodicals. They have good

homes, good gardens and are good citizens. Very few Negroes made any trouble. In Berkeley their children receive nine months of schooling as against three in the South.

Capitalize Best Qualities

"It is Berkeley's problem to establish just and satisfactory relations between the white and Negro population. So far only the covenant plan has been proposed. But this is a selfish and non-constructive policy. Have you ever thought of the good qualities of the Negroes? They are genial, good-natured, fond of music, and they make the best and gentlest of nurses. Why would it not be better to capitalize their best points? Take for instance their natural love for music, and develop it. The right man could form a choral society of Negroes in Berkeley that would be a source of pleasure and benefit to the community."

Suggests Distinctive Architecture

"Under the proper leadership it might be possible to develop a distinctive architecture in the section which they occupy. For instance, the architecture of Algiers in which the Negroes' love of color was emphasized would be a step in which Berkeley might set an example to the whole world."

"We have in Berkeley a cultured Negro lady who is making a research into Negro lore. There are many college graduates among them here, and the only reason some of them do not stand out in a cultural way to a greater extent is that no one will give them anything but common labor to do."

"In the same way we might capitalize the finer things in Japanese life." Mr. Keeler read a poem in closing which emphasized the essential equality of, and the good that is in all men everywhere.

Law Against Intermarriage

New York, Jan. 21.—Promptly upon receipt of news that a law prohibiting intermarriage between Negroes and white people had been introduced in the legislature of the State of Connecticut, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People communicated with its Hartford and other Connecticut Branches, urging that a vigorous opposition to the proposed law be organized.

The proposed law would impose a fine of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 on persons marrying or performing a marriage in violation of its provisions, or imprisonment for from one to two years.

Introduction of the bill is attributed to influence of the Ku Klux Klan. The N.A.A.C.P. is opposing this measure as it opposes all such anti-marriage legislation on the ground that it not only places the legal stamp of inferiority upon persons of colored descent, but also deprives colored women of legal protection and legal redress. A number of such bills have been defeated by N.A.A.C.P. opposition in state legislatures during recent years, such bills having been dropped during 1926 in Ohio, Iowa and Michigan.

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TORONTO

Mrs. Shanks a pioneer resident of Toronto, died Tuesday, January 11, 1927. Deceased was well known in Toronto and vicinity and her passing was a shock to her many friends.

Mrs. Davis and son Desmond who have been visiting friends and relatives in Chatham, have returned to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark of 986 Gerrard street east, have returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky and report having had a wonderful time. They also report that Mr. Jenkins who for years was employed by the C. P. R. as a porter, is now proprietor of a prosperous drug store and plans extending or rather expanding his business, and Mrs. Jenkins, well known in Toronto as a singer, is now, as before coming to Toronto, a school teacher, in the same locality.

Adversity often makes us prosperous men and women. As an illustration, three or four of the men who were ruthlessly taken off the C. N. R., are now in business for themselves in cities of the U. S. A.

One thing you must learn, and the quicker you learn it the better for you, viz: You can't go to sleep on opportunity and wake up on success.

You should begin today to live for your children; to work for their future interest because the future of our race depends on them as it has depended on you. Now if you haven't any children, live for somebody's else, because as they go up you go up and as they fall you fall. We must all go up or down together.

The usual services were held in the B. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening. Our pastor gave two very interesting messages during the day. Morning subject, "The Duty and Grounds of Praise." An old time class meeting was enjoyed at the close of the sermon. Evening subject, "The Importance of Possessing Christ's Mind." Text Phil. 2:5.

The choir of the B. M. E. church is beginning rehearsals for its Easter program. At the close of the evening public worship a sacred programme of Easter music will be rendered. The public is invited.

Mrs. Mary Howard of 135 Lindsay avenue has been quite indisposed for the past week or more, being confined to her bed for a portion of the time. She is convalescing favorably as we forward this report.

During the month of February a series of sermons will be given by the pastor of the B. M. E. church. Subject: "Some questions that will not down." Public invited.

Our second quarterly meeting will be held on January 30th.

"It is not strength but the duration of great sentiment that makes great men."

OWEN SOUND

The many obstacles in the way prevented our sailors' supper from being the financial success of other years. There were many things going on during the festive season to draw the people away, but the officials are not discouraged and are thankful to God for the success they had under the circumstances.

Rev. E. A. Richardson is now preparing for a revival campaign. He expects to have a week of prayer with members of the church participating and the following week expects to have Rev. Dowson of Windsor with him for the final week of the campaign. Rev. Richardson desires the prayers of all Christians for this special work for Christ's kingdom in the hearts of all professing Christians, for truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Clifford Johnson who has been very sick for the past week, is much improved. There has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson a son, Clifford Beverly. The mother is resting easily at the G. M. hospital. She desires our prayers.

Mrs. Jemimah Smith has recovered from the long siege of rheumatic trouble with which she has been afflicted for the past eight weeks. She is able to be about and attend to her domestic duties.

Mrs. Saul Earls has been confined to bed for 10 days with a nervous breakdown but is improving nicely at this writing. We are praying for her.

The first prize went to Master Ted Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, in a musical contest. He played his ukelele at the Classic theatre with six other contestants and was awarded first prize. Well done, Ed. Try it again.

Master Willie Green of Montreal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Green of that city, has won fame for himself in lacrosse playing. He is a member of one of the leading lacrosse teams in that city. Go to it, Bill. Get your name up.

Two Outstanding Tours

It has been truly said that "Travel is a liberal education" and this expression was never so true as it is today. The whole world so to speak, has been made easy of access by transportation systems, by rail, ocean, automobile and aeroplane. While the advantages of travel are now available to the many instead of the few, the refinements of modern railroad transportation and the exacting requirements of the modern traveller as regards his creature comfort have combined to make the detailed arrangements of an extensive tourist trip rather complex. Every traveller making a vacation trip wishes to derive the utmost benefit in pleasure and education and to spend as little time as possible arranging its many details, the itinerary and train connections, securing sleeping car, steamer and hotel reservations, etc. He desires also to make the best possible use of the time available by the inclusion of the most important and worth-while attractions and above all, to know how much it will cost.

All this is done for you in the "Personally Conducted All-Expense Tours" which have become so popular with the Canadian public, the best known and most popular being the splendid tours operated via the Canadian National Railways, under the direction of Mr. Martin Kerr, B.A. (4 Beulah Ave., Hamilton, Ont.) and Mr. A. E. Bryson (44 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto, Ont.) of the Kerr Bryson Tours. Two more such tours are announced for July, 1927—one from Toronto through the Canadian West to the Pacific Coast, including Wainwright Park, Jasper National Park, the Triangle Tour, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., returning through the United States via Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, Denver, Colorado, Pike's Peak and Chicago. The other from Toronto east to Montreal, Quebec, St. Anne de Beaupre, the Saguenay River, the Maritime Provinces, Saint John, N. B., Prince Edward Island, the Bras d'Or Lakes, Halifax, N.S., Land of Evangeline, Annapolis Valley, Boston, Mass., and finally Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion. Descriptive booklets of both these tours will be available very shortly and in the meantime further information may be secured from any Canadian National Railways agent or from the organizers.

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LONDON

Rev. Levi Wells, one of the most prominent ministers of the South, recently paid his sister, Mrs. A. J. H. Butler, a flying visit. Pressing business made it necessary for Rev. Wells to remain in the city only a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris of Trafalgar street, entertained on the 19th of the present month in honor of their niece, Miss Irene Cochran. There were fourteen of Miss Cochran's intimate friends present—seven of each of the sexes. The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Francis Fitzhugh of Woodstock has taken up her abode in the city. She was successful in finding a remunerative position at the Iroquois Hotel. She is living at the home of Mrs. J. F. Jenkins.

Mrs. Elaine Phillips of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris.

Mr. H. William of Detroit was the guest of Miss Sylvia Moxley of Grey street during the holidays.

Miss Florence Lightburn arranged a sleighride party for Miss Harding and Miss Smith, students at the Normal School, last Monday evening. The young people enjoyed the affair to the fullest.

The Merry-makers' Club will present "A Southern Wedding" next Thursday evening at St. George's Hall. We expect the club to keep up its reputation by making worlds of fun.

"Our Domestics" will be presented by the Get Acquainted Club on February 10th. The presentation of this comedy drama will mark the social event of the season. The players are being well trained and the cast is sure to be a great success.

The officers of the Sunday school of the B. M. E. church have planned a sleighride party for the children of the school for Friday evening the 29th.

Ross and Leverne, twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, who have been very ill with colds, are doing fine.

BRANTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson Jr., of Chicago en route from New York, stopped over at the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. I. Johnson over night on their way home to Chicago. He is an old Brantford boy and better known as Chick Johnson of the Shuffle Along company.

Miss Edna Johnson has returned to Cleveland after visiting her parents for the holidays. She stopped off at Detroit to visit her cousin.

We forgot to mention in the last issue that Santa Claus visited the parsonage during the holidays and installed a telephone for Rev. and Mrs. Wright, all expenses being paid while they are in the parsonage. The donor was Mr. A. Brown of Simcoe. We think it a noble Christian act on his part and wish

him God speed and success in the coming year.

Rev. Jackson of Toronto has been with us for a week holding revival meetings. They closed Sunday, January 16th, without any convert, but there was one new member added to the church whom we are glad to have with us and we all wish her Godspeed.

January 16, Rev. Jackson delivered two wonderful sermons, the church being well filled.

Mrs. Morrison of Collingwood is in the city and expects to remain two or three months.

Mrs. Evelyn Murray of Dayton, Ohio, is in the city for two weeks, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown. Mr. Brown is not very well.

On the sick list: Mr. John McAnless, Mr. James Murray and Miss Ida Jones are poorly at this writing, as are also the Misses Malott and Master Freddie Johnson.

We are glad to see Mr. Lavern Jones back with us again. No place like home.

Mrs. M. Jones entertained Rev. and Mrs. Wright and Rev. Jackson for dinner Thursday evening, Jan. 13, it being Mr. Wright's birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The quarterly meeting was held on January 23rd.

Mr. Gordon Brown is in town. We are sorry to say he has been quite sick with the grip on his trip home.

NORTH BUXTON

The opening of the New Year witnessed the residents of Buxton signing contracts for the installation of hydro-electric in their homes. This will be quite an improvement and is an evidence of the people's desire to do anything to improve the village. Both the Baptist and Methodist churches have signed and will thus secure a real improvement to the lighting system of the churches.

Last Sunday afternoon, the funeral services of the late Mrs. Martha Brooks was held from the B. M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Perry, and Rev. Norman Brown of the B. M. church, Chatham, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Brown preached the sermon.

Preparations are being made for revival meetings to be conducted in the B. M. E. church very shortly. It was decided by the official board and members that Rev. Perry conduct the meetings himself without getting any special assistance.

The Boards of Stewards and Stewardesses will hold a rally on Sunday, Jan. 30th, this being the first appearance of the newly organized stewardess board. A special service will be held in their interest in the afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie Robbins, who under

went an operation some time ago is quite better now.

MONTREAL

We are glad to be able to report great progress in the Union Church under the leadership of Rev. Este during the past year. The church and parsonage have been remodelled and redecorated, and begin the New Year free of debt. The yearning petition of the church is "Revive us again," and that He who gives heart-longings gives heart satisfaction and faithfulness of life.

The Union Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, with E. O. Neil as superintendent, its membership being nearly one hundred, with a strong staff of teachers and officers. The programme given at the annual Christmas tree, January 29th, was the best in the school's history.

The Excelsior W. C. T. U. has lost one of its most valued members in the person of Miss M. E. Cully, their representative and secretary, who returned to her home in New York on Jan. 11. Her place in our midst will not be easily filled.

Master Horace Mays has returned from New York where he spent a vacation with relatives.

Mrs. B. Johnson is at the Royal Victoria hospital undergoing treatment for throat trouble. We wish her a speedy recovery.

WOODSTOCK

Miss Selina Smith, of Chatham, spent Christmas at her home here. Mrs. J. G. Taylor spent Christmas holidays with friends in Hamilton. Mrs. Laura Blair has returned to Detroit after spending the past six months with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Strowthers.

Laverne Marshall, of Chicago, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Marshall, Oxford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Selby of Chatham spent Christmas with Mr. Selby's father, Mr. George Selby, Ingersoll road.

Mr. Willis Taylor of Windsor, was the guest of Mrs. J. G. Taylor for a few days last week.

Mrs. Mary Varon of Brantford, is spending the holidays the guest of Mrs. Henry Morton.

Will Harrison of Stratford and sisters, Alice, Carol and Margaret, and brother, Bobbie, accompanied by Harold Duncan of Guelph, motored to Woodstock on Sunday.

The B. M. E. Christmas concert, held on December 17, was a success, there being a very large attendance.

Miss Selina Smith and Miss Jean Cromwell, accompanied the Harrisons back to Stratford Sunday evening where they will be guests of Madam Harrison for a few days.

Mrs. Sarah Evans, Drew street, served tea to sixteen out of town guests Sunday evening.

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Mrs. W. Deas, of Pauline Ave., who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Harris was the scene of a very jolly Christmas Eve party and Christmas tree, December 24th. The tree was beautifully decorated and laden with gifts. Covers were laid for 24 guests including Jonquil Club members, their husbands and a few friends. The evening was spent in music, singing, dancing and stunts. Messrs. Harris, Bell, Ross and Mills furnished the music. After the luncheon the gifts were distributed and everyone departed after thanking Mr. and Mrs. Harris for their kind hospitality.

Christmas night the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Enix was aglow with merriment, when a few of the Jonquil Club members and friends met and had a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. G. Binford served a very delightful luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe entertained the Jonquil Club members, husbands and friends at a fancy dress party New Year's eve. Their home was beautifully decorated and the fancy costumes added to the merriment of the evening. At midnight the guests blew horns and whistles, threw colored streamers, then all joined hands and danced in a circle around the host and hostess, after which speeches were in order. After a bountiful luncheon, dancing was resumed and continued until the wee small hours, everyone departing, voting Mr. and Mrs. Stowe wonderful host and hostess and wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ardella were host and hostess on January 5th to the members of the Jonquil Club, their husbands and a few friends at their home in Monray street. A very delightful time was spent by all present. During the evening Mrs. Ardella was presented with a nice birthday gift from the Jolly Eight.

Mrs. W. A. Branch of Pauline Ave. entertained at a children's and young people's party Saturday evening, January 8, for her family. The house was gay with Christmas decorations and a large Christmas tree upstairs in the sitting room was aglow with lights and decorations. Mrs. Harry Brown and Miss Luella Wandle assisted Mrs. Branch in looking after and entertaining the guests. The evening was spent in games, music, singing, contests and dancing. Each person donned a paper cap and a dainty luncheon was served at 10.30. Each guest received a favor which included dolls, fancy pencils and balloons, and, on leaving, a large red apple. The prize winners were: Charleston contest, 1st, Master Frederick Hubbard, 2nd Phyllis Marshall; observation contest, 1st Miss Edith Lightfoot, 2nd Miss Edith McGrunder. Mr. Branch came in late and joined in helping the young folks to have a jolly time, which indeed was the case. The gathering expressed its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Branch and, after singing "Auld Lang Syne," departed for home a tired but happy crowd.

Now that the holidays are over, a general review of happenings and events during the festive season is in order. I am glad to report that there was no serious mishap and very few scandals during the festive season among our people and that in itself is much to be thankful for.

Among the many great events and the most prominent was the "Children's Party," given by the Eureka Club. If you could have been there and have seen how very much those children enjoyed themselves and enjoyed meeting children they had never seen before and probably would never have met but for the party, your heart would have jumped for joy. Boys and girls born in Toronto, from 5 to 15 years of age, and perfect strangers to each other is something to think about. Why not have a supervised party every 3 months and let other children meet our children, understand our children and try to get together. You have no idea what it will mean to them and what a difference it will make to meet and greet each other.

It is just like a family meeting. You can go out into the world and meet everybody, see people you admire and even love, but when you come to your own home and meet your own people it means another feeling, another kind of love altogether.

But to go back to the party. There were children from one to 71, as the mothers and fathers are just "grown-up children," and the mothers and fathers were there with their children to help keep them in line and help take care of them.

They had a splendid children's program, after which they were sent to the tables prepared for them and served with cocoa, sandwiches, ice cream and cake, after which each child was given a Christmas present and went home feeling he had had a wonderful time. Each child was sent an invitation to this party and although the Eureka Club before this had sent candy bags to each church Christmas tree for the children I think they were able to get their greetings to more children this time than at any previous time. Here's wishing good luck and prosperity to the members of the Eureka Club and more get together parties for the children.

Did you attend the concert and dance during Christmas week given by the Home Service Association? Well, you missed a treat if you did not and you enjoyed one if you did. The program was very good, the music was excellent and the gathering was all that could be wished for. Everyone seemed to have had a nice time and if you did go and did not have a nice time, don't have the doctor examine you, but examine yourself thoroughly and see if you can't find something wrong. The hall was beautifully decorated and the dresses those ladies wore! Wow! You should have been there to have seen them. You wonder how so many people can talk hard times, and always look like new money. The tenor of the whole evening was congeniality. Everyone tried to overdo him or herself in making the evening pleasant.

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Trend in Race Relations During the Past Year

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with the rapid decline of lynchings in recent years.

Another significant development has been the growth of interracial interest among college groups. Scores of curriculum courses in race relations voluntary discussion groups, interracial student forums, the interracial message carried by colored speakers into many white institutions, the featuring of race relations in every summer student conference—these and other means are favorably affecting the attitudes of multitudes of students every year.

There is growing interest also on the part of religious bodies, many of which are working out and passing down to their organized millions programs of interracial study and activity. In one denomination alone more than 200,000 women are studying race relations at regular intervals and thousands of them are beginning to do something about it. This sort of thing is steadily leaving the lump with good will and Christian charity.

But what of the eddies and backwashes? Of these there have been two of menacing proportions—one in the South, the other in the North and Middle West. In the Southern states the only serious backset has been the upward turn in the lynching figures—sixteen in 1925 and twenty-odd in 1926. After several years of steady decline from a 40-year average of 103 a year to a minimum less than one-sixth as great, it is very depressing to have the figures begin to climb again.

However, the increase has not yet been great enough or general enough to indicate a permanent trend. No lynching occurred in North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana or Oklahoma, and but one each in Georgia (which had a 40-year average of 11 a year) Arkansas (former average 7 a year), Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. In the one case in Georgia 9 members of the mob have been convicted and sentenced to long prison terms, the leader for life. Even in Florida, which heads the lynching roll this year, a public conscience has been aroused and mobilized that promises to make things different in days to come.

Perhaps on the whole the most disquieting interracial trend of the year has manifested itself in the North and Middle West. There the incoming tides of Negro migration have developed serious situations which still await solution. Bombings and mob attacks on Negro property in Chicago, Detroit and other centers; the emergence of the separate school question in Cleveland and Dayton; efforts to restrict Negro residential areas in city after city, street clashes in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Beverly, N. J.—these are unhappy manifestations of a spirit the North did not realize it possessed. Perhaps they are the result of temporary maladjustment and will speedily pass as conditions become more settled. On the other hand, as migration continues, the conflict may become more general and acute. The possibilities are

serious enough to arouse deep concern on the part of both groups, and to stir their leaders to calm joint consideration of the situation and to co-operative effort to meet it.

Detroit Negroes Face Acute Police Situation

Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches of the N. A. A. C. P., on his return from a western tour, reports a serious police situation confronting the colored people of Detroit. Conditions are aggravated, Mr. Bagnall reports, by the fact that more than 60 per cent of the Negro workers are now out of jobs or doing part-time work.

"A case was brought to the branch on the night I met with the executive committee," reports Mr. Bagnall, "in which two police officers arrested two Negroes who were fighting, and while one officer was calling the patrol wagon, the other officer beat his prisoner over the head with his night club. The prisoner when attacked had his hands in the air, offering no opposition. After knocking the man to the ground, the officer, cursing, shot him several times, killing him. The officer then waved his pistol at the bystanders threatening to shoot them unless they moved back. One of the witnesses was a graduate of the University of Michigan and interne in the Douglas hospital. The Branch has referred the matter to its attorney and will seek to bring all available evidence before the inquest in order to obtain a warrant against the police officer, if possible."

Pickens Now Writing For Moscow Papers

New York, Jan. 21.—Letters have just been received by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, from William Pickens, Field Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., who has visited Russia on his European lecture tour.

Mr. Pickens states that he addressed an audience in Moscow including 22 Chinese generals, a number of Russian leaders and representatives of ten to twelve nations and races. The entire group, writes Mr. Pickens, was photographed at least 50 times, motion pictures being made of the speakers in action.

Among the Russian leaders Mr. Pickens has conferred with are Kalinin, sisters of Trotsky and Lenin, and prominent editors. He reports that "The Fire in the Flint," by Walter White, and "Bursting Bonds" and "The Vengeance of the Gods" by Mr. Pickens himself are to be translated into Russian, and perhaps put on the stage as well as made into motion pictures.

Mr. Pickens has written a comprehensive article on lynching during the past forty years, detailing the campaign conducted for 17 years against this evil in America by the N.A.A.C.P. This article is to be published in newspapers in Moscow, Berlin and Paris, writes Mr. Pickens, who has also written for Russian magazines on American race problems.

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