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League Branch Doings

BRANTFORD

On Monday, October 12th, 1925, our Executive Secretary, Mr. J. F. Jenkins, spoke on the aims and objects of the C.L.A.C.P. He spoke so enthusiastically about this organization that a branch league was formed here in Brantford.

On November the 2nd, 1925, the first meeting was held and although our membership then was not large all were present and since that time the organization has grown wonderfully, which shows that we are progressing and not falling off. Our membership has increased from Nov. 2nd, 1925, from ten members to twenty-five at the present date.

Our work has consisted mostly in a spirit of union on a social scale. We believe that if we can get the people interested socially we can do wonders, and with all the officers being women and no men, we ought to be going to with God's help, keep on.

On Monday, Nov. 30th, 1925, a successful box social was held for the purpose of starting off our treasury and raising money for our charter, and a very neat sum was realized to start off with.

Feb. 26th, 1926 saw a very splendid concert put on in Brantford by all members of the C.L.A.C.P. It was thought that Brantford had no talent, being one of Ontario's small cities and populated by so few Colored People, but this League has found out that we have all the talent we need with some practice. We owe it to this League to find this out, wherefore if it had not been for the C.L.A.C.P. we would not have found that Brantford people could put on a concert to please the public with our own local talent and not call on outsiders. Also, we repeated our concert on May 4th, 1926 in the B.M.E. Church which was a decided success all our benefits going to decorate the Church Parsonage. Both of these concerts were absolutely a success, both realizing splendid sums.

Although our league is small we are mighty, and we intend to do a great work in the future.

We are getting our younger people

interested in this and on May 3rd, 1926 we had a very interesting evening consisting in the nature of a literary contest, each member brought a paper on the aims and objects of our League and how we can better our League. Every one was very good and each one had the same spirit. We noticed in starting, they all spoke of starting on self-esteem, which every one knows, leads to all the worth while things in life.

We are looking forward to our Anniversary Sunday, which will be held in October at an early date.

Great things are expected of the Brantford Branch and greater things shall be accomplished. Our next effort will be to raise finance for our National Body.

GLADYS Walker, Pres.,
1 Park Ave. Brantford

LONDON

London, Ont., May 26, 1926.

The London Branch of the C.L.A.C.P. has not been asleep. Through our influence one of our members has been named Assistant Judge of the Juvenile Court of the city. During the winter of 1925 a colored family lost everything through fire. Our appeal brought splendid results and we were successful in entirely refurnishing their house and securing many articles of clothing. We took in hand two deserted widows with children. In the one case we secured a house, had one month's provisions and fuel provided for. In the other case we looked after the two older children, paid a month's board for the mother and baby; paid a woman to care for the baby while the mother looked for work. She now has a steady position and is doing nicely.

We took up the case of a deserted mother with three children. She had applied for the mother's allowance several times without satisfactory results. Through strenuous efforts and through much discouragement, we finally assisted her in securing the allowance.

Two cases in which our citizens had come before the courts we asked and received clemency for them on

the grounds that their records had been clean.

Through our efforts, combined with those of other good citizens, an Adult Class was formed during the present year which met in the downtown library and was instructed by a professor from the University of Western Ontario.

In a general way we have awakened a great desire for spiritual and material progress and out of this spirit there have sprung into being other activities which are a credit, not only to us as a race, but to the City of London as a whole.

WINDSOR

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,
Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.,
My dear friend Jenkins—

Yours of the 18th re Branch report, did not reach me until this morning. I am hastening, however to reply and report to you as briefly and as accurately as possible on the work of the Branch here. While we are not making a big noise we are working quietly for the betterment of our people. We held a mass meeting for the Sweet Defense Fund and raised \$50 and prepared ourselves to raise further sums as the case should demand. We are very glad to say that the first of the separate trials resulted in a verdict of "not guilty" and we rejoiced as much here as our brethren did in Detroit. In our own city we had two minor cases brought to our notice, one of which was settled very amicably and the other one promises have been made to take care of it suitably. In this case, Rev. Seay, our pastor and a member of the National Executive Board, has been very prominent.

We have under contemplation the raising of funds to prepare for the coming campaigns and winter housing and also to aid the National Branch.

We ask your good wishes for our success here locally as we pray for your success nationally, and know that if every man and woman of color in this fair Dominion of ours will pull together, that success and prosperity will be ours both individually and collectively.

WM. H. KELLY,
Pres. Windsor Branch.

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\$500,000 Negro Housing Project From John D. Jr.

New York, May—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has come to the aid of the colored citizens of New York in solving the serious housing problem, which they have been facing.

It was announced Tuesday that the millionaire philanthropist had purchased an entire city block in the northern section of Harlem for approximately \$500,000. The block contains sixty city lots and is bounded by Seventh and Eighth Avenues. It will be used to build low rent homes on. The property has frontage on five streets. Andrew J. Thomas architect announced that half a dozen plans for improvement of the property were under consideration.

Girl Orator Third In U. S. Contest

Los Angeles, Calif., May—(Special).—Viola Baucom, senior at Roosevelt High School, Friday was awarded 3rd place in the grand finals of the Pacific Southwest territory in the National Oratorical contest on the Constitution. A \$100 prize was included in the award. Six boys and one girl all white, besides Miss Baucom, were in the finals representing the survivors in a long series of elimination contests involving 25,000 entrants. Four thousand persons heard the orations.

All the contestants but Miss Baucom chose The Constitution as the subject of their orations. She chose "Lincoln and the Constitution" as her subject, and delivered a masterful address on the works of the great emancipator.

Miss Baucom has taken an active interest in dramatics throughout her high school career. She expects to go to college to continue her work along the dramatic line.

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Editorial

"HOW THE SOUTH REGARDS THE NEGRO"

The above is the title of a series of articles appearing in the Dearborn Independent under the signature of Townsend Boyer. In a sub-heading following the title comes the sentence "We shall speak with no malice in our hearts. We aim merely to be frank." After reading this sentence we prepared ourselves to read an article by a Southern aristocrat who had freed himself of sectional and racial bias. But alas! the further we went along with Mr. Boyer the more we were convinced that he saw the race problem from the angle that 85 per cent. of his Southern brethren see it from. Further on he says: "But a mutual confession of faults and telling of grievances necessarily calls for a mutual endurance of pricks."

And again: "We wish to plead guilty of many things." But we failed to see where he has recorded any faults of the South in its attitude toward the Negro. Once he was on the verge of admitting that the South was guilty of enslaving the poor African after stealing him from his native home, but suddenly he faces about and tells in such glowing terms of so many blessings which came to the Negroes as the result of slavery that "we the jury find the South not guilty. We further find that the Negro is debtor to the institution of slavery."

We are willing to forgive Mr. Boyer for many of the mistakes he has made and we will also admit that certain parts of his articles have in them many straight forward facts. But we can never forgive him for misrepresentation of facts. For instance, he says: "The Negro is still pitying himself for his former enslavement; he offers it for the reason of his shortcomings, it is his plea for special indulgence at the hands of other men. In song and story he is keeping the wound fevered and throbbing, it is the motif of all his artistic endeavour, the red flag of his propaganda." Such statements are entirely contrary to facts. The Negro both in spirit and in action, has shown a great desire and a capacity to forget the evils of slavery. If it were not for Jim Crow laws, segregation laws, lynch laws and a thousand other discriminatory measures, the Negro would have forgotten, in a

great measure, the harrows of slavery.

"Ne Negroes' sufferings were principally over a hoe, a cain knife and a cotton sack; the white master suffered over a corpse strewn battlefield, a burned home, a wrecked fortune and a crushed spirit." We wonder if Mr. Boyer ever heard any of those heart rendering songs which Negroes sang when parents were separated when the children were torn from their mothers' breasts? This reverencing of family ties had not sprung up in America but it was characteristic of their African ancestors. What then of their suffering when they were stolen from Africa? What of the corpse strewn highways through the African forests where more millions of souls perished en route than those who reached America? What of the countless thousands of Negroes who gave their lives for the cause of freedom during the civil war? Negroes did more than, as Boyer says, "Sit on the fence and look on while the North and the South fought a four years' war that the toga of citizenship might be spread on the Negro's shoulders."

But the climax of his biased spirit and his utter injustice to the Negro is shown in the following paragraph: "Why did the African, who stayed at home, fail so signally of holding and developing the continent which had been his since the days of the Pharaohs, even loosing, through the cupidity of his own chieftains, the sovereignty of the Congo Free State which the other nations of Europe had agreed to leave as the Negro's piece of the African pie? Why has the Negro in Haiti, with a very good foundation of the French regime to start with, made in nearly a hundred years of freedom such a poor showing of self-government and development? If the Negro as a race is an awakening people, why did the slaves in Dutch Guiana who rebelled into freedom slip back one hundred years into the jungle life of their ancestors instead of making their contact with the white masters a stepping stone upwards? Why the Haiti of today, with its backwardness, its voodooism its crimes that necessitate outside interference?"

Let us remind Mr. Boyer of his own words and perhaps that will explain "why the Africans who stayed at home failed to hold and to develop their continent." He says: "the 17th and 18th centuries were hard harsh times it was the time of almost unceasing warfare and a pushing out into little known lands and seas, with empire the stake and life the forfeit." This "pushing out" lead the white man into Africa to conquer the lesser organized native and his territory, to destroy what progress and civilization he found there. As to the Congo Free State, what "Nordic" will speak of it but with bowed head in shame and disgrace? From the very beginning it was but an arbitrary arrangement on the part of the white races, vying for supremacy, as to how Africa should be divided between themselves. An English investigator reports on the "Sovereignty of the Congo Free State," telling his government that it was but veiled slavery an exploitation of the natives and of the rubber and ivory, that the rights of property and of the natives were never settled. We also know

that the "Free State" was taken over by King Leopold of Belgium in 1908, fourteen years after he made his first proposal to do so. What chance had the natives to "have and to hold?"

Why did the Negroes of Dutch Guiana slip back into slavery after rebelling into freedom? These are the facts. The slave inhabitants of St. Croix rose in an insurrection in 1848, after which Denmark declared them free. However, actual slavery existed in Dutch Guiana till after 1863 and even then slavery was only replaced by compulsory labor for a period of ten years leaving the final emancipation to come in 1873.

Concerning Haiti's making such a poor showing of self-government that she required outside interference, we should like to ask Boyer if he does not know the real reason why his government interfered in the affairs of Haiti. Did he ever hear of The Mole St. Nicholas and how for many years the United States government tried to secure this strategic point as a coaling station? First through diplomatic negotiations, then through coercion, again through trickery, and failing through all these methods she found it necessary to use the big stick method. And thus she found it necessary to interfere in the affairs of the government of Haiti. If we add to this cause certain Haitian laws which forbade American syndicates from owning big rich plantations we can easily see how important it was for his government to interfere with the government of its weaker neighbor.

We can forgive and overlook ignorance for the most learned among us are not too intelligent. We can excuse the individual who is biased for to be biased is to be human; but when one deliberately misrepresents facts to malign a race of struggling people, we look upon him as a scoundrel and an incarnate devil.

HAMILTON

Last Sunday members of the Peerless Concert Co. were visitors at the evening service.

Mrs. Burke and daughter, Miss Keziah, also Mr. Laurie Burke of Canfield were visitors in town Sunday.

The concert given under the auspices of the Junior choir was a decided success, a tidy sum being realized.

Mrs. Hazel Berry is visiting in Lima, Ohio, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

The death of Mrs. Martha Ann Pierman occurred in this city on Tuesday, May 11. Mrs. Pierman was one of Hamilton's oldest and most highly respected citizens. She leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Young of this city, Mrs. Knoll of Buffalo, and one brother, Mr. John Jackson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lee and son, Master Harry of Canfield, were in the city on Sunday.

Last Sunday evening the pulpit at St. Paul's was filled by Mr. Arthur Burke of Canfield, at present a student of the Toronto Bible College. The splendid discourse coupled with his sincere earnestness proved a source of inspiration to all.

Misses Vera and Dorothy Morey of Brantford are in the city over the week-end, the house guests of Miss ruby Morton.

Mr. Victor Lewis of Buffalo spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Lewis, Clyde St.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stickland and two children also, Mrs. Stickland of Guelph, Ont., were in the city over the holiday.

Miss Madeline Barnes spent the holiday in Toronto.

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HAMILTON

J. F. Jenkins,

Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.

The Hamilton Branch of the C.L.A.C.P. is meeting with decided success. The meetings, which are held bi-monthly are well attended, having an average of 30 present.

The majority of our committees have been formed and are carrying out their duties creditably.

Our constitution has been drawn up and adopted, and our Charter is being considered.

During each meeting the program committee presents a program which is appreciated by all, and which tends to deviate from the seriousness of the business sufficiently to make all interesting and none tiresome.

We are endeavouring, and have in a measure succeeded in interesting persons who do not particularly belong to our church, but to whom a social life of this nature means a lot. They do their bit and that is indeed encouraging.

We have been endeavouring during our later meetings to interest members of the other group. While we have not succeeded in obtaining their membership (I am not certain whether they have been approached in that way yet) we have succeeded in obtaining their presence at some of our meetings and addressing us.

The interest shown by those who have met with us and to whom our President and others have been speaking is indeed gratifying, and I feel assured that when they are approached on the subject of membership we need not feel afraid of the results.

Our meetings consist of debates and discussions of the interesting topics of the day and ways and means of bettering the conditions generally, of our people in the city.

At the last meeting a list of names consisting of the unemployed and those who are employed but are fitted for and desire something better, was taken. This list is to be presented to the members of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, and they in turn will be asked to do their very best concerning the same.

We sincerely hope and pray that this action will have results and that our society will continue to grow and be felt in this community as one which has done much for the general betterment of our people, and toward bringing about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Our membership at present is 72.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE E. LEWIS

NIAGARA FALLS

1686 Pier St.

Niagara Falls, Ont.

J. F. Jenkins,

Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.

Dear Sir:—

Regarding our branch of the C.L.A.C.P. I am sorry to report that the proper interest is not being manifested in the work at present. It might be possible to create more enthusiasm for the undertaking among

our people should you find it convenient to pay us another visit. In the event you decide to come please let me hear from you in good time so I may make the necessary arrangements.

Trusting for a more successful branch in the near future.

Yours very truly,

(REV.) L. JOHNSON.

ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines, Ont.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,

Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.

Dear Sir,—

We, the officers and members of the St. Catharines Branch of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, wish to state owing to certain circumstances we officers have decided to suspend activities until a more opportune time.

Wishing the League every success.

Yours respectfully,

VERITA SMITH, Pres.

HAROLD CORNISH, Sec.

LONDON

Dresden, Ont., May 23.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,

Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.

Dear Sir:—

Received your letter and was glad to hear from you and to know that you realize the condition of things around this locality.

We have been extremely busy around here on the account of the lateness of the season over which we have no control. I am sorry I have not got a glowing report for you, but bad weather and death has resulted in us having to postpone our last two meetings. But as a report you may publish that the Dresden Branch expects to hold their regular meeting, Tuesday evening, June 1st at the Queen St Baptist Church at 8 p.m. and that the Revs. J. H. Phinie and H. L. Dungey will be the main speakers of the evening and we are holding out hopes for a bright future.

In regards to you paying us a visit I am going to arrange for that at our next meeting and I will write you at least three weeks ahead so as to give you time to prepare, hoping that this will reach you in time.

Yours truly,

GEO. SIMMONS.

TORONTO

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People has been organized in Toronto now about one year and while not near the amount of activity that we want to see has shown itself. We can boast of a permanent organization which has been active in many lines and has given its influence to other organizations and has had quite a helping influence in all walks of life among the colored people of Toronto.

We have been doing a great deal of inside formation work in the past year and while it does not show so much on the outside, it has been wonderfully constructive and bene-

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ficial to us," and to those whom we have given both influence and direct help.

We expect in the future or coming year to broaden out and do more work for the seeing and wondering public; that is the public who wants to see with their own eyes and know exactly everything done, without doing anything themselves and those who wonder if you can do anything and how you can do anything without them and they don't intend to help.

These two factions are always present in the formation of organizations but you seldom see them after the formation and you must satisfy that group in order to quell false rumors and keep your organization alive.

There is another kind of bad worker who unites with an organization, accepts any position you might offer them and then is either always too late to fill that position or never shows up at all, thereby causing inactivity and discouraging members who are filled with enthusiasm. We must try and do away with this element. They do not help any organization and kill more organizations than any other faction.

The C.L.A.C.P. in Toronto has a bright and prosperous outlook ahead and it is a needed organization here and the field for its work is bountiful with work to be done. We are not discouraged for we know what there is to be done and only ope to gather in a number of earnest and willing workers who are interested in the future of the race and are willing to do something to make it easier for our children and posterities than it has been for us. We must be as unselfish in giving aid to our children as our slave parents were in sacrificing for us. You remember how after slavery, they slaved to give us an education they had no opportunity to get themselves and how proud they were when you were able to read to them instead of having to get some one else to read their mail.

This is a big and broad world and our race is a big and scattered race and we should not be satisfied to let a single day pass without doing something to help the race advance and one of the mediums through which you can do that is the C.L.A.C.P. Join in Toronto NOW!

MONTREAL

There passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 24th, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, as well as one of the oldest members of the Union Church in the person of Mr. George Washington Bonner. The funeral took place from Wray's Undertaking Parlor on Tuesday, April 27th. Rev. Este officiated, taking as his text Genesis 13: 1. Get thee out of thy country unto a land that I will shew thee." Mr. Bonner leaves a sorrowing wife, a daughter and two sons to mourn their great loss.

The colored citizens of Montreal were highly honored on May 7th inst. by a visit of Mr. Finlay Wilson from Buffalo, N.Y., Grand Exalted Ruler of "Colored Elks." Historian, orator and lecturer and one of the most eminent men of our race, he delivered

a lecture at the Union Church. Reception from 10 to 12 p.m.

Mrs. Vera Ashby was visiting her friends in Verdun last week.

A banquet under the auspices of "Household of Ruth" was held on Monday evening, May 10th inst. at Liberty Hall, Chatham Street, in honor of Mrs. Tunstell, District Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Laura Hall, Pianist and daughter Miss Irene, have removed to their home on Park Avenue.

Mr. (Rev.) Jones entertained the Excelsior W.C.T.U. royally to supper at the parsonage on Tuesday evening last.

LONDON

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Kelly left last Thursday morning en route to Montreal where they will remain for a few days. On their return they will stop over in Toronto to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. "Manny" Taylor spent a few days in the city the present week visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Irons.

Friends of Mr. Edward Moxley will be pleased to learn that his condition has improved sufficiently to allow him to resume his duties again.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moxley, Mrs. May Ball and her daughter Helen and Mr. S. Holingsworth were visitors in the city over the 24th.

Mrs. Pearl Brown was called to Toronto a few days ago to attend the bedside of her husband, who was ill. His condition is much improved.

Mrs. Ann Budd is preparing for an old time concert to be held on the 10th of June for the benefit of the Hill Street Baptist Church. The young people are rallying around Mrs. Budd and prospects seem bright for a grand entertainment.

The Paper Social last Friday evening, under the auspices of the B.M.E. Church choir was a financial success. Mr. Paul Lewis, chorister, lead his members in card donations.

Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, president of the Church aid, is preparing for a grand "old folks" concert, which will be held in the Askin Street United Church on June 3rd. We have every reason to believe the concert will be a great financial success since it is for the purpose of raising funds for our present mortgage and since Askin Street has ever stood by us in the time of our need.

On last Sunday evening the Get-Acquainted Club held its anniversary services in the B.M.E. Church. The services were unique and most impressive. The Club surpassed all former records in rendering the musical numbers. Marching in from the vestibule as they sang "Hallelujah" they took their places in the choir stand. From then throughout the services the congregation was spell-bound by beautiful choruses, duets, solos and quartettes. Mr. C. Poin-dexter made a most beautiful and fitting address. In delivering the an-

niversary sermon Rev. Woodcock gave one of the strongest messages he has given since he has been with us. The club's rendition of "Remember Thy Creator," by Steggall is deserving of special mention. This is a most difficult as well as a very beautiful selection and the Club was near unto perfection in its execution of this number. After benediction had been pronounced by the pastor the Club marched into the basement as they sang "O Paradise." There they continued to sing, the strains softly echoing among the congregation upstairs gave an impressive and artistic air to the end of a beautiful program. Much credit is due to Mr. Fred Ball, director, and in fact to the whole club for such a very fine programme.

NORTH BUXTON

Last Monday evening, Mrs. W. C. Perry entertained a number of friends at the parsonage in honour of her mother's birthday, Mrs. W. B. Thomas of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who, with Mr. Thomas, are spending the summer at the parsonage.

Empire Day was fittingly observed in the school last Friday. Mr. Alexander the principal of the school, with Miss Stenson (white) his assistant had special Empire Day exercises. The programme consisted of patriotic songs, a geographical contest and addresses by the Rev. Mr. Perry and Mr. W. B. Thomas of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On Sunday, Women's Day was observed at the B.M.E. Church at the morning, afternoon and evening services. Each service was largely attended, and the programme at each service carried with it much credit to the women. Perhaps the most talked of service was the one of the morning. Mrs. Arnold Watts presided with Mrs. Annie Johnson who contributed a very splendid paper. The sermon was preached by Mrs. (Rev.) Perry who amazed the entire congregation with the splendid message on, The Mission of Women. At the afternoon and evening services, Mrs. Prince Chase and Mrs. Perry presided, respectively. At these

services, papers were read by Miss Edith Chase, Mrs. Constance Robins, Mrs. Lottie Prince, Mrs. Vietta Robins. Addresses otherwise were given by Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. F. H. Hatchett, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Alice Drye of Chicago. This was indeed an enjoyable day.

The funeral services for the late Mr. Samuel Emmanuel, whose death took place in Chicago last Saturday, will take place from the B.M.E. Church on Tuesday afternoon. The remains will be brought here on Tuesday morning.

Next Sunday a Memorial Service is to be held in the Baptist Church in which both Churches will unite. Special music will be rendered by the North Buxton Choral Society.

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Mrs. Harrison and family motored
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Hesson remaining in Pt. Huron with
her daughter, Mrs. R. Moore.

Miss Gladys Armstrong spent her
holidays at her home in Listowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromwell of
Woodstock spent last Friday in the
city.

Listen!! Wedding bells will ring
soon on Erie Street, Stratford.

TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cartier have
arrived in Toronto from Monrovia,
California and are the house guests
of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beecher of 122
University Ave.

Rev. McEwen Williams had quite
an enjoyable getting together meet-
ing after the regular services last
Sunday night.

The regular gang for the racing
season with some few exceptions can
be seen on Queen and Duncan Sts.
re-running the races of the day at
6.30 p.m.

The dance on the night of the 24th
was quite a success and a number of
strangers were present to meet some
of Toronto's good-lookers and danc-
ers.

What about a baseball team? Do
we have to send to Buffalo and else-
where in the state to get teams while
all this talent in Toronto sits idly by?
Get together boys.

Mrs. Abbott of Broadview Ave. is
able to be out again and is much im-
proved after an operation in the hos-
pital.

Mrs. Henderson is still quite ill
and though we hear at times she is
better we understand her health is not
as we would like for it to be.

Mrs. Williams who is the house
guest of Mrs. Price of 6 Redwood Ave.
has gone to Chicago on account of the
illness of her sister.

Mrs. W. B. Jones of 105 McCaul
Street have been visiting friends and
relatives in Chicago for the past ten
days.

Mr. Oscar Thomas, the travelling
reporter for the Amsterdam News of
New York City, is in Toronto at pre-
sent. Mr. Thomas tours Canada ev-
ery year at this time and leaves in
the fall after the Exhibition, for Bal-
timore and other cities in the state of
Maryland.

Larry Gains put his man down and
fought a good but too cautious a
fight. Yet you can't blame him for
being careful, so much depended on
his success and Gorman had been
touted to the skies, so why take too
much chance when you can get it
otherwise. Here's wishing Larry luck
when he meets Jack Renault.

BRANTFORD

On last Friday evening J. F. Jenkins
Executive Secretary of the C.L.A.
C.P. paid his official visit to our lo-

cal branch. After hearing the report
of the President and the Secretary
Mr. Jenkins expressed great pleasure
at the condition of our branch and
of the progress we have made. He
was also most helpful in his sugges-
tions for our future program and fu-
ture progress. He also assisted us in
laying plans for our coming anniv-
ersary which we believe will be sec-
ond to none.

While in the city he visited our
library and succeeded in having our
librarian order several books by Ne-
gro authors. He also visited the may-
or and several other prominent white
citizens, all of whom promised to do
all in their power to assist our local
branch. Our Secretary's visit to us
was fruitful of much and great good.

Rev. H. D. Wright, filled the pulpit
on Sunday at both services.

Mrs. Wright has been confined to
her bed for a few days but is some-
what improved.

Mrs. Jeannette Shepherd Brown, be-
loved wife of Mr. Samuel Brown,
slept peacefully away on the 13th of
May. She leaves to mourn her a lov-
ing husband, two small sons, a mo-
ther and father, three sisters and
two brothers. After the funeral ser-
vice the remains were taken to
Georgetown for interment.

Master Christie Baldwin was on his
way home from school and fell un-
conscious on the street and was pick-
ed up by someone passing and con-
veyed to his home where he is re-
covering satisfactorily.

Master Freddie Johnson is still in
the hospital.

Mrs. John Malotte is confined to
her bed through illness. Mrs. C. Del-
fish is convalescing nicely.

Miss Gladys Walker was a guest at
the Toronto wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and
Mr. Clarence Beckells was a holiday
visitor of Mrs. Chas. Walker and Miss
Gladys.

While in the city Mr. Jenkins was
the guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. A.
Lucas.

Mr. John McCurtis is quite ill at
this writing.

The Canadian League held a social
evening at the ome of the President,
Miss Gladys Walker. After the pro-
gramme a most sumptuous lunch was
served by the ostess in her usual
dainty style and it was surely a large
evening.

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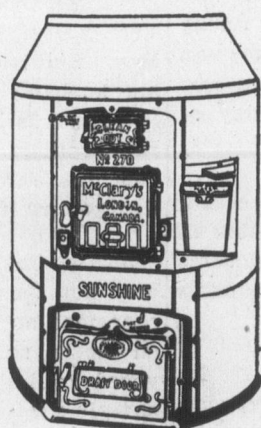
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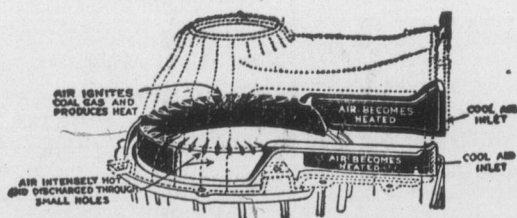


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Abyssinian Prince To Speak At Memorial

St. Louis, Mo., May—The Foreign Missionary Society of the Union Memorial M. E. Church presents Prince J. E. Blaychettai of Tigre, Abyssinia, Monday evening, May 24th at 8.15 p.m., in lecture and stereopticon pictures.

The Prince comes to the city recommended by the best men of America and Europe. The Prince is also called the living Shakespeare, according to tradition. The Denver Post, Los Angeles Herald and Times say that he is a direct descendant of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. Mrs. Lucille Banton Blaychettai will play. Admission: adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Mrs. Ella Ward Berry, president; Miss Florence Smith, secretary; Rev. B. F. Abbott pastor.

Los Angeles Youth Takes Second In Oratorical Contest

Los Angeles, Calif., May 12—Wm. Houston, colored youth, who won first place in local competition in the National and International Oratorical Contest High School Students, was eliminated in the district contest by what many considered an unfair decision. He was awarded second place. The winner of the first place will now compete in state competition and the winner of the state competition will participate in district competition, the district winner going to Washington for the national contest.

Houston is the son of Henry S. Barkersfield, prominent Los Angeles business man.

Negroes To Man Liners In The British Ports

London, May—The Trades Union Congress says it has received reports that the steamship companies are considering importing American and South African Negroes for service as stevedores in British ports.

ST. CATHARINES

Mr. B. Brewster now residing in Windsor, Ont., spent the week-end here with his family.

Rev. H. F. Logan motored back with Mr. Brewster, en route to Detroit, where he is spending a few days with his son who has been ill.

Dr. E. Beckley of Washington, D.C. is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, the guest of Miss Gertrude Bell.

Some of the ladies of the B.M.E. Church tendered Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan a reception, the occasion, May 17th, being Rev. Logan's birthday.

A dainty luncheon was served in the church dining room. A neat sum of money was presented in behalf of many friends, by Mr. George Bell, being preceded by addresses by Mr. A. Williamson, Mr. Alex Nicholson

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Rev. S. R. Drake made his annual visit to the city last Sunday.

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NEGROES PHI

Activities Including, Decorating, Choral Work, Exhibits, and the Negro Centennial.

Philadelphia, Pa. The Negroes roared, air swooped in aerial and drums blow. Five thousand tra Gounod's immortal. "The Mayo in his capacity c Sesquicentennial tion, welcomed th atives of forty-two retary of Commer President of the F Fifty thousand pe ally beautiful stad bared heads while Protestant Episcop Roman Catholic divine blessings.

One of the outs the Negro participat centennial Internati will be the present moth pageant, "Lo July 12th in the The pageant has a ing episodes and is peal to the human s standing of the whi Negro. It is a hig ture of the developn even suggesting by early Egyptian days history of the black period.

The Negro spiritua being recognized as American folk songs integral part in the is to be presented u tion of Mrs. Dora Col ly known colored dra "I am trying to l ple use their native c the pageant, to hal press the music and t is peculiarly their o Norman in explainin the pageant which ten.

Every detail of the the work of colored p exception of the "Star