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Should Acquaint All Them With Negro Literature

New York, May 4.—Writing in the May number of *The Messenger*, a Negro magazine, Miss Kathryn M. Johnson, well known distributor of Negro literature and coauthor of the book, "Two Colored Women with the A.E.F." says: "There is no doubt of the great need of the education of the white people through the distribution of literature concerning the Negro. . . . That a white man could grow up in the South, or in any other section of the country, and learn nothing about Negroes except that they have been slaves, is not a thing to amaze one; but the tragic thing about the whole matter is that not even Negroes have had a chance to learn anything of themselves, until within the last few years."

For some years Miss Johnson has been selling throughout the country a "Two Foot Shelf of Negro Literature" with much success among Negroes, and she now sees that the same work could be done among whites. "I think a similar plan" says the author, "could be worked out among the white people of the country through a bureau for the distribution of Negro literature, whose purpose would be to make out a speaker's itinerary, arrange dates for public addresses in churches, schools and from public platforms of any kind. These public addresses could be followed by some one who could sell magazines to the people, distribute printed matter, and personally visit the homes of whatever people there were in the audience who expressed an interest in purchasing books." She then relates the successful efforts she has made to get books on the Negro into white libraries and clubs and homes. Miss Johnson concludes that such endeavor increases the whites' respect for Negroes and thus helps in solving the race problem.

Other articles in the May *Messenger* are: "Moslem Propaganda Among Negroes," by A. T. Hoffert, "Impressions of Morocco," by J. A. Rogers, "Negro Land Grant Colleges," by Robert S. Wilkinson, "Negro Distance Runners," by E. B. Henderson, "The Best Editorial," selected by Eugene Gordon, "Book Reviews," by



REV. W. CONSTANTINE PERRY, OF NORTH BUXTON

He was the guest of the Brotherhood of the B. M. E. Church on Men's Day. Rev. Perry delivered two very splendid sermons on that occasion.

Rev. Drake Is Still Very Ill

Rev. S. R. Drake is still confined to his home, 229 Maitland street, with a serious illness. His condition at present is critical, showing very little progress. However, his physician is hopeful of his ultimate recovery. Owing to his run-down condition, it is naturally expected that his recovery will be slow. Friends from the entire connection have visited him, bringing comfort and expressing sympathy with his family who greatly appreciate such tokens of esteem. Letters and messages are being received from every church in the B. M. E. conference over which Rev. Drake has presided for the past 19 years.

James W. Ivy, "The Negro Theatre," by Theophilus Lewis, "Text Books in Public Schools," by Alice Dunbar Nelson, and the usual illustrations, departments and cartoons.

Mother!

Queen of the World, by love enthroned, on whose head rests the diadem of honor, loyalty and blessedness—we, the children of the Human Clan, salute thee. We bow our heads in humble humility, kneel prayerfully; we raise to thee in a chalice of purity the best work of our hands, the sacred thoughts of our minds and the love of our hearts.

A. M. K.

Detroit Policeman Charged With Killing of Negro

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York, April 29.—After a number of conferences between W. Hayes McKinney, chairman of the legal committee of the Detroit Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Robert M. Toms, Detroit prosecutor, Mr. Toms has recommended the issuance of a warrant charging Patrolman William Hoyer with manslaughter. The warrant was signed by Judge Arthur Kilpatrick.

It is alleged that Patrolman Hoyer on January 7 last came upon two colored men fighting and ordered them to hold up their hands. One of these men, William Aldridge, while holding up his hands, attempted to explain the cause of the altercation and, it is alleged, was struck in the mouth by the patrolman and then while holding his hands over his head, Mr. Aldridge was shot and killed by the police officer. When the body of Aldridge was searched it was found he was unarmed.

The N. A. A. C. P. is prosecuting this case as a result of numerous reports of police brutality in the city of Detroit.

Toronto Baptist Divine Resigns Pastorate

Toronto, Ont.—Rev. A. McEwen Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has resigned his pastorate to become a member of the editorial board of the publishing house

J. J. Rogers Informs Public On N. Africans

New York, April 11.—Writing in the May number of *The Messenger*, Mr. J. A. Rogers, noted Negro author and journalist, says of the North Africans, "The Moors are a mixture of African, European and western Asiatic stock, with the Negro strain dominant. Look at any Negro community, particularly one in the north, with its sprinkling of fair and dark white persons, and one has a pretty accurate idea of a Moorish town as say Rabat, and the native quarter of Casablanca.

"The best that can be said of the average Moor as I have seen him here," continues Rogers, "is that he is very backward. He has a tendency to reduce his expenditure of energy to a minimum, and large numbers of them may be seen in the smart French quarter, stretched out on the pavement of fine buildings, sound asleep, clad in indescribable rags. Such squalor, such ragged, dirty clothing, such wretched beggars in swarms, such neglected children, I have never believed existed before in clad in indescribable rags

Mr. Rogers is touring the countries lining the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and will be abroad for some time. When last heard from he was at Palermo, Sicily. His first article is entitled "Impressions of Morocco." All is not rags, dirt and squalor, however. Mr. Rogers tells of Moors who own magnificent homes, are very wealthy, are scrupulously clean and dash about town in expensive motors. He tells much of their work, their art and their customs; all curious and interesting to black people in America. The *Messenger* is a Negro magazine published in New York City.

of the National Negro Baptist Convention of Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Williams, who has served the First Baptist Church for six years, and is a member of its well known quartette, was born in Tennessee, and is a graduate of the Roger Williams University of that state.

At a meeting of the church recently a pulpit supply committee was elected with Robert P. Edwards, chairman.

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Editorial

Contentment

To be content in body, mind and soul is one of the greatest blessings which we poor mortals can possess. It comes as a result of a sound, healthy body; a body free from ailments and disease, which in turn is the result of clean, wholesome living. It comes from having found our place in the world, and from knowing that we are giving to the world the best that is in us to give; from a knowledge of the fact that we have developed to the fullest extent the best there is within us. Contentment comes as a result of having done well our portion of the world's work. Contentment of soul comes as a result of pure motives, right thinking, unselfish devotion to high ideals, faithfulness and loyalty to some religion and from looking upon all men equally as our brethren. Such a state is the common heritage of all.

But there is another kind of content which is both false and misleading. There is the kind which comes as the result of inertia, as the result of a lack of energy to push forward and struggle for the best things in life. It is expressed in that oft-repeated saying, "let well enough alone."

I fear too many colored Canadians are affected with such contentment. In attempting to make economic and industrial conditions better for our boys and girls you will find many of our colored citizens who will exclaim, "What's the use of establishing colored businesses? We can be served in white business places." They are content to help build big business enterprises for other races in which their sons and daughters can never expect to find employment. There is also the "self-sufficient" and contented "business man" who can hardly be styled "mediocre," who, when asked to co-operate in race building, will point you to the GREAT success he has achieved single-handed, "Let the race do as I did," is as much co-operation as can be gotten from him.

A little education is sometimes a dangerous thing. A little success is sometimes detrimental. A little liberty is sometimes disastrous. Some of us colored Canadians have run away with the idea that because we are accorded full justice in the courts of

law, because we enjoy many privileges denied our race in the republic south of us—that because of these equalities, our economic and industrial condition is a thing not to be concerned over. They are content in their own ignorance. They fail to see that as the years go by the sphere of our industrial opportunities becomes more narrow. They fail to see that Canada is only in the making and that the attitude which this country will in the future assume toward us depends very largely upon the attitude which we assume towards ourselves. If we are willing to see without a protest opportunities which are rightfully ours, passed on to others, no one will protest for us, no one else will offer any serious objection. The problem is our problem and we must play the major part in solving it.

Reminiscences of Pres. J. W. Montgomery

Dear Mr. Editor.—When I say how much I regret that one of our people should have been charged with and found guilty of the terrible crime of which William McCathern was found guilty at Chatham recently, I know I am expressing the view of every one of our law abiding citizens in what follows here. I am not attempting to condone the prisoner's offence, but I cannot refrain from writing you, Mr. Editor, with the object of awakening our people to a knowledge of the conditions in the districts surrounding Chatham and to remind our people of the wonderful liberty which we enjoy, and have enjoyed for many years, in this fair country of Canada, under the British flag. To say that we regret the McCathern incident is putting it mildly indeed, and we must awaken our people, and remind them of the liberties they will continue to enjoy if they keep and respect the laws of this country.

Many of our members will recall with pride the fairness with which our people have always been treated by the courts of this province. I refer to the organization of the Kent County Civil Rights League in the year 1891. This is in striking contrast to what took place at the time (February 1893) of the famous Freeman murder trials when it was impossible to get legal counsel in Chatham to take this brief. Negroes not only held mass meetings under the leadership of the late Rev. J. C. Richards, but pledged solid support to see that these men received British justice. These men were duly tried, found guilty, and served terms of imprisonment in the Kingston penitentiary. This takes me back many years and I am reminded of an unfortunate set of circumstances which surrounded the Freeman boys, and particularly in the case of McCathern—whom the court said was mentally deficient, and without education. This is very sad indeed in view of the long, hard and successful battle that was waged between the colored and white citizens of Chatham over the separate schools for colored children during the years 1892-1893, and perhaps it would not be out of place to recall a few dates and facts.

In the fall of 1891 the Kent County Civil Rights League was organized in Chatham with about 600 members. A First of August celebration was held and a large sum of money raised mainly for the purpose of taking legal

action to procure the opening of public schools to our people. On the 8th of December, 1892, a petition, signed by the following members of the league: J. C. Richards, president; R. W. S. Johnson, J. C. Wilmore, J. W. Montgomery, W. J. Davis, Nelson Robinson, Littleton Johnson, Perry Chase, C. M. Cooper and J. W. Taylor, was presented to the public school board setting forth the injustice and disadvantages we were laboring under, and demanding that all public schools be opened to us. The petition was presented by J. C. Richards, J. C. Wilmore, R. W. S. Johnson and J. W. Montgomery. Mr. R. W. S. Johnson briefly, but effectively, laid before the Board our grievances: First, that there were 400 children of school age among our people, but only 51 in average attendance because of improper clothing and great distances they were compelled to travel through heavy rains and deep snow. Mr. Johnson, warming up to his subject, said, "Gentlemen, we don't want to go to law, because we are all citizens of Chatham, and wish to live amicably together, but I may as well inform you now that we have got the money to go to law if necessary. I hope, gentlemen, you will treat this matter in the right way. Place yourselves in the same position as these poor children."

The board adjourned without action. During the interval that elapsed Mrs. Clark Hansboro and Mrs. Charles Griffin took their children to the nearest school and they were refused admission by the principal. A committee of the school board endorsed the action of the principal, saying they thought it in the best interests of the applicants. The League committee was meeting frequently in connection with these and other matters, and they engaged the late C. J. O'Neil, as solicitor, to take the matter up with a view of litigation. On the 7th and 15th of March, 1893, and the 4th April of the same year, he wrote to the Board that unless the schools were opened to our people at once we would without further notice make application to the High Court of Ontario for a mandamus to enforce their rights. April 5th, 1893, was a red letter day in Chatham. On this day all public schools opened their doors to colored children, and this day should be set apart as a day of thanksgiving in your churches with the names of those who fought and won this great victory. Colored people in Chatham must never forget the name of J. C. Richards. We did not always agree with him, but no colored man during the past fifty years has contributed so much of his time and energies for the betterment of the condition of his people.

I must mention here the name of that unselfish scholar, Dr. A. S. Shadd, who, when told he would lose his position as teacher, said, "that shall not be a barrier to any people's progress," and when others were told that they, too, would likely lose their positions, said, "We are willing to go, but not until this question is settled." I am setting forth the facts in order that justice may be done to those who bore the burden in the heat of the day and that the little children and some grown-ups also may know the truth and the whole truth.

Old Chatham Boy,

J. W. MONTGOMRY,

(President C. L. A. C. P.)

CONFIDENCE

All the way seemed dark before me,
And I knew not where to go,
Till I heard a sweet voice saying,
"Put your hand in Mine; I know."

With that blessed sweet assurance,
Doubt or darkness, weal or woe
Seemed as nothing; what could matter?
"Put your hand in mine. I know."

Only from my Heavenly Father
Could such sweet words ever flow,
And to each and all they're spoken;
"Put your hand in Mine. I know."

And is this my Heavenly Father?
Is it He that loves me so?
Yes, it is my Father's voice says
"Put your hand in mine. I know."
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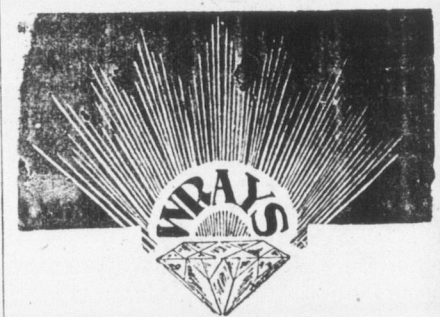
Rev. H. F. and Mrs. Logan, of St. Catharines had the pleasure of entertaining to luncheon Mr. Ben Bolden and choir of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on April 24th, after their very delightful rendition of the cantata, "First Easter," and wish to thank all who assisted and were present.

Colored Youth Wins Oratorical Contest

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal., Apr. 29—Bernard Jefferson, one of the small number of colored students in the Manual Art High School of Los Angeles was selected last week as the school's representative in the group finals to be held on May 6th in the Fourth National Oratorical Contest on the constitution. Young Jefferson, who placed fourth last year, spent many hours in preparation. Commencing work on his oration last September, he has consistently stayed with it until victory crowned his efforts.

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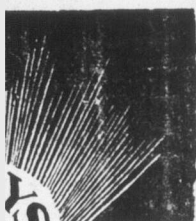
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell and daughter, Miss V. Knox, of London, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromwell.

Miss Madaline Smith and Walter Smith of Toronto spent Sunday at their home here.

Mrs. Laura Blair of Detroit, spent the Easter holiday with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Strowthers, and family, Yeo street.

Mrs. J. G. Taylor is visiting friends in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromwell, Mrs. H. C. Marshall, Mrs. Ellan Topp and Master Lawrey Cromwell motored to Stratford Good Friday and were the guests of Mrs. M. E. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Selby of Chatham spent Sunday the guests of Mr. Selby's father, Mr. George Selby, Ingersoll Road.

Mr. Harold Marshall of Toronto spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Drew street.

Mrs. Chas. Joyner, Mrs. Nellie Budd and Mrs. P. Tolles spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac James.

Mr. Thomas Holden of Chatham passed through our city Good Friday.

Mrs. Henderson and daughters, of Ingersoll spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac James.

Miss Jean Cromwell is visiting friends in Stratford.

The many friends of Mr. Alex Green who has been seriously ill for the past four weeks, will be glad to know he is able to leave his bed, although in a very weak condition. We all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Robert Blair suffered an accident recently requiring two stitches in his upper lip, but is progressing favorably now.

LONDON

Inadvertently the name of Mrs. Gladys Wilson, of Front street, city, was omitted as one of those who gave short speeches at the anniversary banquet held by the "Get-Acquainted Club," recently.

Also the names of Mr. J. E. Brown, who so efficiently served as chef, and Mr. Harry Coursey, who acted as waiter. Mrs. Wilson's speech was of a highly complimentary nature to the club and was much appreciated by the members and friends present.

Great credit is due Mr. Brown for the splendid manner in which the dinner was served to Mr. Coursey for his excellent service.

The many friends of Mrs. Pearl Kelly are pleased to see her up and about again after having undergone a severe illness.

On April 26th the Get Acquainted Club held a concert in the B. M. E. church for the benefit of the mortgage fund and the pastor's salary. As was expected of the club, the entertain-

ment was of the very highest order. Assisting the club with musical numbers were Mr. Frank Prior and daughter Myrtle, Miss Vivian Knox, Mrs. Hattie Berry. Mrs. Rev. Thos. Woodcock, a member of the club, rendered a very beautiful solo and a most pleasing reading. The net proceeds from the concert were nearly fifty dollars.

In the last issue of the Dawn a mistake was made in writing of a social held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Cromwell of Epworth avenue. It read "Mrs. Walter Cromwell of Epworth avenue." We are pleased to make the correction.

The Cream Buff Social held in the school room of the B. M. E. church last Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Brotherhood, was a decided success.

On April 24th, Men's Day, Rev. W. Constantine Perry of N. Buxton delivered two very powerful sermons in the B. M. E. church. Rev. Perry came to London by request of the Brotherhood, that organization having charge of the services on Men's Day. The impression Rev. Perry made upon those who heard him will not soon be forgotten.

Rev. Thomas Woodcock, our pastor, was invited to fill the pulpit in North Buxton on Men's Day. Although we have not received North Buxton news for the present week, we have reason to believe his services were highly appreciated.

Mrs. F. Kely of Flint, Mich., is visiting at the home of her brother, Rev. S. R. Drake, during his illness.

CHATHAM

Mrs. Mildred Needham has returned after spending the holidays in Detroit.

Mrs. Louis Pryor of Detroit spent the Easter holidays with her son, Mr. Louis Pryor of this city.

Miss Beulah Harding, who is attending the London Normal School, has returned after spending her holidays with her parents.

An Easter concert in the B. M. church was a decided success.

Miss Leona Brayton entertained her friends on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Blanche Pryor.

The Baptist Easter concert held on Tuesday was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

The Lynn orchestra and the Hollywood Art Cub will give a dance in the Knights of Columbus hall on Monday evening. All are invited to come.

Miss Greta Lynn spent her holidays visiting Miss Dorothy Shadd of Buxton.

A social evening was held in Montgomery's Hall on Wednesday, it was a decided success.

Miss Edith Harris of Detroit, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cooper, King street.

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A Prominent Englishman Gives His Views

In an address before the Twentieth Century Club of Boston last Saturday, Harold Bing, of London, secretary of the British Federation of Youth, had the following to say:

"I do not think that there is a prejudice against color, but there is a white complex which makes it impossible for white people to treat colored people on a basis of equality. Children do not have it while they are young, but they grow into it owing to the influences of the social surrounding.

"Where lies the basis of this antagonism? We shall find that at the bottom of it is the economic question. The real reason for this clash of color is the cheap labor which can be obtained by treating the colored people as inferiors. There is a desire on the part of the white people to maintain their domination, and there is a fear of the colored people coming in and working at lower wages and for a lower standard of life.

"We have before us the problem of how to adjust those interests. We must equalize the conditions of employment for both white and colored men, giving equality of opportunity according to skill, education and so on. There must be discussion between representatives of the different races with a view to peaceful co-operation between them. Unless that problem is solved there may come a clash which will wipe out all white civilization, for the whites are in the minority."

That the basis of the color question is an economic question, pure and simple, no thinking person will deny. For centuries past white people have exploited the labor and lands of black, brown and yellow men on the assumed condition of the inferiority of these people. They have succeeded in making some darker races believe they are inferior. They have made many of their own kith and kin believe so. And still the well informed white people know that this is not true. If they would be honest they would tell young children that the art of reading, writing, mathematics, astronomy and many other useful arts for which our present civilization boasts came from dark people. One of the greatest crimes of the white race is that they teach their children of the "white complex." Children come into the world free from color prejudice but through the influence of their parents and through their social surroundings they soon grow into it. But in the distant future when the world will have learned that race prejudice is merely an artificial mechanism a sham and a subterfuge history will have little respect for the present generation of white people who have imposed such a standard upon the world.

And finally, let us here repeat Mr. Bing's closing remarks. "We must equalize the conditions of employment for both white and colored men, giving equality of opportunity according to skill, education and so forth. There must be discussions between the representatives of the different races with a view to peaceful co-op-

eration between them. Unless that problem is solved there may come a clash which will wipe out all white civilization, for the whites are in the minority."

Harlem Players in National Tourney

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York, April 29.—The Krigwa Players of Harlem, a colored group organized under the auspices of The Crisis, are competing in this year's National Little Theatre Tournament which is being held in New York City during the week of May 2 at the Frolic Theatre. The entries are competing for a cup offered by David Belasco, the theatrical producer.

The Krigwa players are on the program of the opening day, Monday, May 2, and are presenting "The Fool's Errand," a play by Eulalie Spence. Other little theatre groups competing in the tournament include the League of American Pen Women, the Memphis Little Theatre, the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Little Theatre, the Indianapolis Theatre Guild and the Welwyn Garden City Theatre of England.

Says Africa Is Birthplace of Man

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York, April 29.—Africa is given as the scene where mankind originated, in a report by Alonzo W. Pond, director of the Logan African Expedition of Beloit College, of which a resume is published in the New York Times and relayed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The expedition, according to Mr. Pond, found the skeleton of a human child dating back to 60,000 B. C., in Algeria, Northern Africa, and also remains of long extinct animals such as a giant ox measuring 2 inches between the tips of the horns. Mr. Pond believes that prehistoric man populated Africa and then migrated to Europe across the land which once joined the two continents of Europe and Africa before the Mediterranean Sea separated Gibraltar and Italy from North Africa.

Infantry Honour Retiring Officers

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Douglas, Ariz., Apr. 29—April 20th 1st Sergt. Zack Simpson of Co. A, 1st Battalion, 25th U. S. Infantry, completed 30 years of honest and faithful service in the U. S. army. In honor of the colored officer's retirement the entire 1st Battalion held a dress parade and extended Sergt. Simpson a review.

A few days previous Co. A. honored him with a military stag dinner which was attended by the commissioned personnel of Camp Harry J. Jones. A handsome gold watch was presented to Sergt. Simpson by the members of Co. A as a token of their esteem.



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Building Human Lives

While the SOCIAL GANG, the folks who love OTHERS are getting their letters ready for this column, I shall fill this space getting us all clear on our work and its needs. We have been very busy as a race building HOMES, too busy; for some of us, when we got the home builded found that we had degenerated by worshipping earthly things, to the place that WE were not ready to live happily in them.

Or perhaps by the time we got the house built and to our mind properly furnished the young folks had flown, or life in some way had mangled them so that they too could not enjoy or honor the home. I speak frankly, have the courage to do so because this is a condition facing all of us and without frankness and courage no condition can be remedied. This is a cancerous core close to the heart of our race life only the cold knife of Truth can cut it out.

God puts some of these bitter race problems close to the life of the THINKING that they may in finding THEIR way out, find the way for others. We are still a child race in some ways. In sixty short years of freedom we could not have solved these deep psychological problems but I do feel that we ought to be busy on them. Our greatest mistake is that, caught in the snare of the present great wave of American materialism, we have made the mistake of building homes when we should have been building LIVES.

Let me explain what I mean: We have types in our race unlettered perhaps, who do without a fine home, stay in the washtub and at ditch digging and put child after child through school, the money that we put in the fine home that the child may return from the school work and despise; they put into SOUL BUILDING and the more I see of it the more I am convinced that these are the people of our race of WISDOM.

I would not say to you that all the children of your home ought to be put into college, that would be foolish, for every child is not susceptible to the higher training in letters. Again we are turning out too many professionals. Professionals must have SOMEBODY to lead; but we do face the necessity of developing spheres and planes, new ones in which the souls of all types of our children can develop, in which they can be happy and useful.

So let us in this department forget that we ever had to build a house or church or school and turn our entire attention to the thing entirely forgotten except by our ministry, the finding of practical ways to lift the life of our homes, to bring a greater spirituality into our magnificent church BUILDINGS and to create the real love of literature and art in these progressive educational equipments being handed over to us.—Department of Social Service.

Refuses To Prosecute On "Jim Crow" Law

Judge Dismisses Colored Woman Arrested for Refusing to Move From White Section of Street Car.

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Knoxville, Tenn., Apr. 29—Contending that there is no city ordinance to correspond to the "Jim Crow" law, which is a state act, Judge Williams of the city court recently dismissed Lucy Wesson, colored woman, of 132 Maria street, arrested on a charge of violating the "Jim Crow" law.

Police arrested Mrs. Wesson when she refused to move back from the section in the street car set aside for white passengers, and in which she was sitting.

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ST. CATHARINES

Sunday, April 24, was a red letter day in the history of the B. M. E. church, Geneva street, the day being marked by the presence of the choir from the A. M. E. church, Niagara Falls, N. Y., under the able directorship of Mr. Ben Bolden, who also looked after the special lighting which proved to be very effective during the rendering of the sacred cantata, "The First Easter." Special mention should be made of the chorus work; the harmony was splendid. The solo numbers were very well taken. Assisting the choir was a four piece orchestra which rendered several numbers during the evening. The devotional part of the services was led by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Logan, assisted by Mr. George Bell and Mr. Ivan Dorsay. The flowers, which were numerous and beautiful, were supplied by W. W. Walker, Mrs. B. Brewster and Mrs. Ida Summers. The chairs were kindly loaned by Mr. Butler. A special feature of the evening was an address by Judge Campbell, "The Rich Man," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We feel assured that everyone who attended this service was greatly benefitted. Rev. and Mrs. Logan entertained the cantata members at a luncheon in the church dining room after the service. Out-of-town visitors were present from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Niagara Falls, Ont., Hamilton and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbot, of Hamilton, motored to the city and spent the holidays visiting at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Emma Mills, North street.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Alphonso Mills is confined to the hospital through illness.

Rev. H. F. Logan went to London last week, visiting the bedside of our superintendent, Rev. S. R. Drake, who is ill.

Messrs. Charles Bell, Jr., and Leonard Grant visited Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Sunday, attending the A. M. E. services in the evening.

Rev. H. F. Logan attended the funeral of the late Mr. Jones of Niagara Falls, Ont., on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Bell and son, of Toronto, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Geneva street.

Mr. E. Sheffield and Chester Smith visited Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Buffalo on Sunday.

Mr. Malogy Nicholson motored to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, on Sunday.

Mr. J. Brown, of Buffalo, spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster.

Mrs. Louis Bell and Mr. Richard Bell visited the A. M. E. church at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Sunday evening, at which the cantata, "The First Easter," was rendered.

Miss Gertrude Bell, soprano, Miss Edna Bell, alto, and Miss Verita Smith, accompanist, of St. Catharines, assisted the A. M. E. church choir of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Easter Sunday in their cantata, "The First Easter."

The members and well-wishers of the B. M. E. church, along with many others, are quite sorry to learn of the illness of our Superintendent, Rev. S. R. Drake. We are praying for his speedy recovery.

BRANTFORD

The concert given in Wellington United Church on April 4th for the benefit of the B. M. E. Church was a grand success. Mr. Johnson, the famous baritone singer from Toronto, was the soloist for the evening and the offerings of the famous jubilee singers of the B. M. E. church and Mrs. Grace Tolliver electionist from Hamilton were enjoyed by all. The entire proceeds of the concert went to the B. M. E. church and we thank one and all for helping in every way.

April 15th Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas left for Windsor and Detroit to spend the Easter holidays with their daughters Mrs. Irene Stuart and Miss Olive Snell of Detroit. On their way they stopped over to see Rev. Drake who is very ill.

Mrs. Agnes Brown and granddaughter Marguerite Morry, left on April 16 for Dayton, O., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Morry, stopping at Windsor and Detroit to visit her nieces, Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Snell. Mrs. Brown expects to remain a month.

April 17th being Easter Sunday, Rev. Wright delivered wonderful sermons both morning and evening on the crucifixion and resurrection, which were greatly appreciated by all who heard him.

Easter visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson from Toronto, the guests of her mother, Mrs. Charles Walker.

Mrs. Charles Walker and Miss Gladys motored to London to see Rev. Drake who is very ill. The church and the community at large extend to Mrs. Drake and family their sincere sympathy and hope that he may be spared to move in and out with us once more.

Honor Long Service Of Negro Porter

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29.—Speaking to the members of the Merchants' Exchange here, assembled recently in honor of the 50th anniversary of employment of Wm. Wilson as a porter, Vice-Pres. F. Chamberlain of the Exchange delivered a laudatory address in honor of Wilson following which Roger P. Annan presented the 78 year old porter with a purse containing \$50 in gold coins.

Entering the service of the Exchange in 1877, Wilson has survived the oldest member of the Exchange, H. B. Louderman, who died Dec. 4th last, and was the only one who remembered the advent of Wilson. Refusing an offered retirement on pension, Wilson preferred to remain on the job supervising the work of the four colored assistants who now relieve him of most of the actual labor.

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A most helpful and uplifting ser-
vice was held in the First Baptist
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o'clock. During the three hour period
of worship the topic discussed was
"The Seven Words of Christ from the
Cross." At 8.15 p.m. the choir of this
church rendered a very pleasing can-
tata entitled "Mary of Bethany."

The Easter services in all the
churches of our community were of a
high order and attended by large au-
diences. Special sermons were deliv-
ered by the ministers of the various
denominations, with special music by
each choir. The programme rendered
by the choir of the St. James B. M. E.
church was highly pleasing to the
large audience that was in attendance
to hear it. Much credit is due the
chorister, Mr. C. Andrew Johnson, for
his untiring efforts to give the public
something worth while in music. The
Easter Monday programme under the
auspices of the choir was equally as
pleasing in every detail.

Mr. Gow a student at McMaster
University and a native of Capetown,
South Africa, addressed the mission-
ary society of First Baptist church on
Sunday afternoon, April 24th at 3.15.
Madam L. Brewton, the president,
read a paper entitled "Missionary Mo-
thers." The third quarterly commu-
nion service was held in the St. James
B. M. E. church. The pastor conduct-
ed the service morning and evening.

OUR SICK LIST

Mr. F. P. Smith is better. Mrs. R.
H. Clark is quite ill. Mr. Harry Brown
continues to improve slowly. Mrs. E.
Carter is convalescing slowly at St.
Joseph's hospital after her recent
operation. Delores Dawson remains
about the same.

GALA PARTY

Mrs. T. A. Cuffe, Dennison Ave.,
entertained about 45 young people on
Thursday evening in honor of Miss
Dorothy Sheffield of Collingwood who
is visiting in the city for a couple of
weeks. The evening started early in
dancing and music. A dainty buffet
luncheon was served by the gracious
hostess, which was followed by danc-
ing, games and merriment until the
wee small hours. Everyone present
passed a delightful evening and com-
plimented the hostess for the splen-
did program.

OWEN SOUND

After a lingering illness of over 2
years death took one of the oldest
residents of the city in the person of
Mrs. Sarah Molok, who died at the
home of her nephew, Mr. Allen Patter-
son, 1138 Fourth avenue West. The
late Mrs. Molok was a highly respected
citizen. She was of a kind and loving
disposition and religiously inclined.
Deceased, before her marriage, was
Miss Sarah Allen, born near Toronto
87 years ago. She was the daughter of
the late John and Mary Allen who
moved to the village of Flesherston in
Grey county when she was a little girl.
She leaves to mourn her death a host
of friends and nephews. Mr. A. and
Miss Ida Patterson with whom the de-
ceased made her home for a long time,
Mrs. James McArthur, Mrs. J. Smith,
and her sister, Miss M. Booie, all of
Owen Sound. The late Bishop Allen
was an uncle of Mrs. Molok. He was
one of the first colored bishops of

America. The funeral service was
conducted by Rev. E. A. Richardson,
pastor of the B. M. E. church. His
discourse, which was very impressive,
was based on a passage from the
Book of Job. The pastor said death
was sure to come to all of us and he
was not talking to the dead but to the
living and urged all to prepare to
meet death. The floral offerings were
very beautiful and betokened the high
esteem in which deceased was held.
The pallbearers were Wm. Johnson,
Samuel Harrison, Clifford Johnson, J.
Swith, Jas. Green, Thomas Green, the
body being laid to rest in Greenwood
cemetery.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Jas.
McArthur, who has been in the hospi-
tal undergoing an operation, is much
improved.

Rev. E. A. Richardson's daughter
Ermer was in the hospital undergoing
an operation for the removal of ton-
sils. We are glad to report she is
doing well at this writing.

Mr. Thos. Green has been under the
doctor's care with neuralgia for the
past ten days but is improving nicely.

We very much regret to see our
young men leaving their homes to go
on the water. There are no less than
10 of our best men leaving. They are
H. Woodbeck, C. Woodbeck, George
Woodbeck, Ted Miller, Earl Miller,
Morton Scott, Moses Earls, Lanson
Taylor, A. Patterson, Israel Smith and
Reg. Smith. The church will miss
them very much for some of them
were regular attendants, but we wish
them God's richest blessing and a safe
return to their respective homes at the
close of navigation.

STRATFORD

Rev. Writth and wife of Brantford,
held a meeting in the church on April
26. The Rev. Lucas was also here.

Mr. G. Wesley is on the sick list.

The Sunday School has been reorga-
nized. Mrs. J. D. Hall is the superin-
tendent; Miss Edith McTee is teacher;
Miss Hilda Wesley, secretary, and
Miss Helen Hightower, treasurer.

Rev. Lucas will have charge on the
8th of May.

Alfred Morton and Edward Ritt, of
Owen Sound, were visiting Mrs. Geo.
Harrison, Modewell street.

Mr. George Mallott of Brantford was
visiting George Wesley, of Modewell
street, for Easter.

Mrs. Augusta Brown of Detroit spent
Easter with her mother-in-law, Mrs.
Catherine Brown, 67 Monteth avenue,
and sister, Mrs. George Wesley, of
Modewell street.

Miss Jean Cromwell of Woodstock,
is visiting the Harrison family, Erie
street.

Miss Elsie Duncan spent her Eas-
ter holidays at her home in Guelph.

Miss Gladys Armstrong spent her
Easter holidays at home with her mo-
ther in Listowel.

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Canadian Anti-Slavery Group

(Continued from Last Issue)

A mob of colored people broke into the building, rescued the prisoner and he escaped to Canada. The rescue caused great excitement at Washington and five of the rescuers were indicted and tried but the jury disagreed. The incident showed that the new law would be enforced with difficulty in Massachusetts in view of the fact that the mob had been supported by a vigilance committee of respectable citizens.

A few months later, at Syracuse, a respectable colored man named Jerry McHenry was arrested as a fugitive on the complaint of a slaver from Missouri. He made an attempt to escape and failed. The town, however, was crowded with people who had come to a meeting of the County Agricultural Society and to attend the annual convention of the Liberty Party. On the evening of October 1, 1851, a descent was made upon the jail by a party led by Gerrit Smith and Rev. Samuel J. May, both well-known abolitionists. The Negro was rescued, concealed for a few days and then sent on to Canada, where he died, at Kingston, in 1853.

A more tragic incident was that known as the Gorsuch case. A slaver named Gorsuch with his son and some others, all armed, came to Lancaster, Pa., in search of two fugitives. In a house two miles from Lancaster was a colored family named Parker and they were besieged by the Gorsuchs. The Negroes blew a horn and brought others to their help. Two Quakers who were present were called upon to render help in arresting the Negroes as they were required to do under the act, but they refused to aid. In the fighting that took place the elder Gorsuch was killed and his son wounded. The Negroes escaped to Canada where they spent the winter in Toronto and in the spring joined the Elgin Association settlement at Buxton in Kent County.

The Anthony Burns case attracted more than any other arising in the carrying out of the Fugitive Slave Law. Burns, who was a fugitive from Virginia living in Boston, betrayed his hiding place in a letter which fell into the hands of a southern slaver and was communicated to a slave hunter. The hunter tried to coax Burns to go back to bondage peacefully but failing in this he had him arrested and brought before a commission who, on June 2, 1854, decided that Burns was a fugitive and must be sent back to slavery. Boston showed its feelings on the day that the Negro was removed from jail to be sent south. Stores were closed and across State street a coffin was suspended bearing the legend "The Death of Liberty." The streets were crowded and a large military force with a field piece in front, furnished escort for one lone black. Hisses and cries of "Shame" came from the crowd as the procession passed. Burns was soon released from bondage, Boston people and others subscribing to purchase his liberty. He was brought north, educated and later entered the ministry. For several years he was a missionary at St. Catharines, Canada, and died there in the sixties.

Along the international boundary there were exciting incidents at times, fugitives being chased to the border and often having narrow escapes from recapture. The Monroe family, mother and several daughters, escaped from slavery in Kentucky in 1856 and were carried by the underground railroad to Ann Arbor and on to Detroit, the master in hot pursuit. So close was the chase that as the ferry pulled out from the wharf bearing the fugitives to Windsor, Canada, the master came running down the street crying out "Stop them, stop them." He was jeered at by the crowd which sympathized with the Negro women.

In June, 1852, three fugitives arrived in Detroit and in response to frantic messages from Toledo were being held for their pursuers. In desperation the Negroes made a savage attack on their jailer, gained their freedom and got across the river, being assisted by friends in Detroit. GALLEY TEN 10 10 10 10 10 Rewards takt were offered for their recapture were useless as the fugitives took care to remain on the Canadian side.

Hiram Wilson tells of an incident that came under his notice at St. Catharines. A beautiful young girl, 14 years of age and almost white, was brought to Bugalo as maid for a slaveholder's daughter travelling in the north. She was spirited off by some Buffalo abolitionists, transferred to a steamer flying the British flag, and landed in Canada. She was taken to St. Catharines and sheltered in the home of Hiram Wilson. The master came over from Buffalo, bringing a couple of lawyers with him and tried to secure his property but his demands were refused. The owner claimed that he valued the girl at \$1,000 and it was later discovered that she had been sold no less than four times before coming to Canada.

The brutality of the Fugitive Slave Law was shown on more than one occasion along the border. A case that attracted much attention at the time was that of Daniel Davis. He was cook on the steamer "Buckeye" and one day while the vessel was in port at Buffalo he was called up from below. As his head appeared above the deck he was struck a heavy blow by a slave catcher named Benjamin Rust who had a warrant from a U. S. commissioner for his arrest. The Negro fell senseless back into the hold and on top of a stove, being badly burned. He was brought into court at once and the newspaper accounts relate in detail how he sat during the proceedings "dozing, with blood oozing out of his mouth and nostrils." After a trial that was rushed in most unseemly way the Negro was ordered delivered over to Rust, who was really agent for one George H. Moore, of Louisville. The brutality of the whole proceeding stirred up interest in Buffalo and on a writ of habeas corpus the fugitive was brought before Judge Conkling, of the U. S. court at Auburn and released. Before there could be further steps taken to hold the Negro he was hurried into Canada where he remained. He was in attendance at the big colored convention held in Toronto in September, 1851, and with his head still in bandages afforded striking evidence of the effects of the Slave Law. Rust, his assailant, was afterwards indicted at Buffalo but was allowed to go with a paltry \$30 fine.

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