quartette. Miss Mary won a medal at the ational Exhibition for a soprano solo entitled (Alleluiah! it was choir sang, "As it be

City," a apntomime. d by three figures robnamely Miss Louise nd man), Miss Marg and Miss Mildred Mrs. Susie Hunt as owing this Miss Grace a piano selection (on Then the spice of the C Andrew Johnson, choir leader, gave a Mr. Johnson has at the Canadian Nation for singing for hand running. The o more anthems, conprogram with "Un-lasting Portals." Rev. offered a word of

EIGN NEWS.

John Gwyon, for 33 at Bisley, Surrey Cy. hanged himself while had a Negrophobiac after, in his rectory, trange will, in order his name and hatred boys" and poor unglish underdogs who infortunate as to have

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_L.W.D.

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ONCE KIDNAPPED, DIES IN COLORED CHURCH

St. Catharines, Ont.,-On Geneva Street, St. Catharines, stands the BME Church, the corner stone of which was laid more than seventy years ago. It is neat and fresh in appearance, covered with stucco. It succeeded the little wooden church built on the same site and used as a place of worship during ten or more of the preceding years. Many wonderful stories could the present-day building tell of the gatherings there, of the tears and prayers poured forth for brethren in captivity in the South, of the deep devotion of a people who in their most dire need leaned always upon God. To the little church came Mr. and Mrs. Ball, both sweet singers, and among the congregation could be seen frequently "Aunty Butler," formerly Mrs. Stanford, heroine of the kidnapping raid on North Street. She had married a man named Butler after her husband's death.

The death of Aunty Butler took Sunday in occurred she had come to church wearing the new gown made for her by Mrs. Ball Passing by the hot stove she brushed against it and set fire to her dress. The flame was quickly exteinguished, but the shock proved too much for back into a seat she died in a few

Year by year, on August fiirst, it can be called insurrection."

as this, that here, in this sacred as-

Negroes Are Too Loyal ORATORICAL WINNER RACE GIRLS MAKE GOOD

Speaking before the Everett Political Club last Wednesday evening, Attorney Cyril F Butler advocated the desireability of colored people keeping themselves aloof from any one political party to the end of selling their support to the highest bidder.

Said Mr. Butler: "The day has come when we must identify ourselves with no particular political party. We must hold ourselves free so that we may lend our support to that man or party in the fruits of whose victory we can share From theBoston Chronicle

ylum, the ignoble slaveholder and his ferocious bloodhounds cannot penetrate."

"It well becomes them to feel glad that on hat ever-to-be-remem bered day 800,000 bondmen, by the unanimous voice of England,—that great city set on an hill-were, at the cost of twenty million sterling, pronounced unconditionally free, as free as her own pure atmosphere in which no slave can breathe. By that God-like decree she solemnly echoed in the face of the whole civplace in the little church. On the ilized world, the self-evident proposition that all men are created equal-that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable tights—and that among these are 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'."

the frail aged woman, and sinking ing in Boston, May 30, 1860, at an and girls on Friday, when he was and coaches as the best basketball anti-slavery convention:

their relatives remained, they set- and seeking hem at the risk of ev- the Constitution in Town Hall tled down cheerfully to make hom- ery peril-under the protection of When Wilson stepped forward to that when it rises to claim its rights with their cheers.

(Continued on Page Seven)



Evelyn Rose Jenkins, age 13, winner of first prize in the recent Oratorical Contest at Ealing School. Her subject was: "Canada, the Land of the Rising Sun."

FINALS IN NEW YORK CITY

awarded first prize in New York player in the school. Next year Although many of the colored such men as have walked our championship conducted by the asked by the President of the Smith South, especially in cases where taking their rights in their hands, the National Oratorical Contest on for the Basket Ball office, and the

es in St. Catharines. North street the English flag of Canada— the was at one time their special dwelling class and line class ling place and the neat little homes hav spoken to you this morning—two boys had competed, his classwith flowers at each door, and with has never been so degraded, its man mates from Mount Morris Junior School oratorical champion is four-

Beaming with smiles and well they celebrated the freeing of the During the years preceding 1865 toward the front of the audience in all respects. He is modest and West Indian slaves. On these ochhope, growing steadily stronger in sat the champion's mother and fahe's a good student," he said. casions many eloquent colored prea- the breasts of colored people in the ther. The mother, Mrs. Blanche chers spoke, among them, the Rev. South found an echo among former T. Wilson, 43, has been engaged his other teachers added. Robert Gordon, who gave a most slaves in Canada. In December of in the real estate businss since 1925

AT SMITH COLLEGE

New York City, May- There are only three colored girls in the Smith College in a student body of over two thousand.

One of those colored girls has just been elected as Basket Ball Representative for 1929-30. That is in effect, Chairman of all Basket Ball functions for the year. Basket Ball is the major sport of the Smith College. This colored girl

1. Arrange the tournaments for

2 Appoint the timers and scorers and referees for the games.

3 Notify the captains of the dates they play.

4 Arrange the banquets for the

5 Head the Committee to choose the "All-Smith-Team" for the year. 6 Announce the 'All-Smith Team at the gym demonstration and the

championship games. 7 Award the cups to the winners of the championship.

8 Award the cups to the tourna-

ment winners.

In short: have general charge of Basket Ball at Smith for the year. This same colored girl made the team in her freshman year, made New York, May-Welford Wil- the "All Smith Teams" in both her son, race boy from Harlem, won the Sophomore and her Junior years. Wendell Phillips gave the follow- highest honor for oratory for boys and is ranked by students, teams "And the race that has produced City junior high schools oratory will be her Senior year. She was people kept a fondness for the streets—thirty thousand capable of New York Times in connection with College Athletic Association to run

The colored girl is Harriet Ida

the sound of the singing and of ban- hood has never been so trodden out High School 27 jumped from their teen years old and an excellent states jos gave a pleasant impression of by the white men of thirty states, seats and made the Town Hall ring dent, Miss C. G Creighton, one of his teachers said.

"I'll say he is a wonderful boy

"He's going ahead too," one of

Eight contestants, four represnotable address on the occasion of sixty-five, a constitutional amend- when she was graduated from Ford- enting public schools and one a prethe emancipation celebration in St. ment was ratified, "abolishing and ham. She will take the bar exparatory school of New York City Paul's, London, Ont., Aug. 1, 1853 forever prohibiting" slavery throughout the United States. The joy he said, "especially on such a day as this, that here in this ground as this, that here in this ground as the said of the sub-The New York City Junior High Town Hall, Friday, May 17th.

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kind is the greatest in accomplishments that has ever inhabited the earth. But we are so, not because of her "humanity to man," because she thoroughly represented, of our virtues alone, but because we because she thoroughly represented, that are hard for an unskilled Bikind is the greatest in accomplishof our virtues alone, but because we stand upon the shoulders of countless generations before us, upon the less generations are less generations and the less generations generated by the less generations generated by the less generations are less generations generated by the less generations generated by the less generated by the less generated ge generation behind us has lifted the one which succeeded it into view, throughout the ages because of his questions. heir of all ages," is the richest in practical, religious, mechanical and inventive achievements; it has a greater horizon and a more extended borher because it is upborn by all that has gone before it, because all prior generations have poured into its lap the wonders and roln. the accumulated knowledge of the past. Should each generation have to accumulate all of its own knowledge by practical experience alone, the present age would be no further advanced than were our ancestors of a million years ago.

Somewhere in his writings Car- God lyle has said, ',Civilization is only a thin covering underneath which the savage nature of man hurns with an infernal fire."

This is so true that it becomes a trueism. The thin veil which separates civilization from savagery is

ization from centuries of savagery of the American Negro and a true thereof, including those cattle, as has been the work of ages. And for this veil we owe much to entire North American continent. Selection including those cattle, as well as walled in towns and fortified cities, belong to an unseen De-

distrust, bigotry and envy are all running, in serial form one of the ther a political, scientific or racial 725 HAMILTON RD., our duty, with broader visions, with anywhere. It is an African sav-

greater knowledge and enlighten- age's own story by Bata Kindai Ibn ment, it is our duty to eliminate Lo Bagola. hese evils from this generation. For In this issue and every issue folwe have had the experience that lowing there will be given titles, rethe past had not. We have had views and prices of several books blessings past ages never dreamed relating to the Negro and it is to be of. Each age should be the accom hoped that the public and especplishment of and something more lially the colored people, will avail than the age preceeding it. The themselves of the opportunity to rce of men should caontinue its secure some of these valuable books limitless dvance. The toiler of to-day is unsatisfied with the attain-without the knowledge of the many TIONS AND HOME REMEDIES ments and possessions which ful- great and good things that the race filled the hopes of kings and mon- has done and is still doing. archs of yesterday. His spiritual longing should therefore keep a-

Nothing is more rational than the Merlin, Ont., R.R. 5. tribute we pay to the lives of the truly great men and women of the Victoria, whose birth we are soon to Christian world. The present generation of man-celebrate, wiwll ever be loved and I have been of the opinion for a peoples of the earth.

great love and respect for all men

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And still this thin covering, this thin veil which separates our civil
books constitute a sure means to racial progress in that they are both the intellectual achievements claim, the earth and the fullness all mankind who has gone before Again, all peoples are beginning to ity who brought about their existlearn that to understand each other, ance, again is it any of our busin-That we have inherited some evils from the past as well as much good is only too obvious. Wars, jealousies, caste, prejudice, hatred, district bickers and control of the district bickers. Scribner's in serial form one of the district bickers a political existing land of the placed the stewardship of His possessions?

We are fortunate indeed for these writings ever to have become either a political existing.

Letters to the Editor

Your correspondent in Glasgow, past. They represent the spiritu- Scotland has certainly touched a 184 DUNDAS ST. Met 56 or 57 al upstriving of their generation. live wire among the group he rep-They are the embodiment of the resents. He attacks the 5 books ideal to whwich their age is aiming. of Moses and blames their teachwhich is always an improvement ing for the present status of the upon the ideals of the past. Queen colored man throughout the whole

exponents of the universal love of Abraham Lincoln will live Jesus Christ some very pointed

At the same time we are forced and because he taught all men to to admit that to take away these ove and to respect one another, and five books from the scriptures would the United States will be better cause the whole fabric of religion to known in the ages to come because fall flat. There would be no posit was fortunate enough to have sible chance for it to stand, since nutured such a great spirit as Lin- the founder and followers of the new scriptures put their stamp of 78 KING ST. Frederirk Douglas will ever be approval on the essence and stab-

oppressed race, to teach his fellow sy with your Glasgow correspondcitizens that the slavery of the past ent and my only reason for answerand the then present slavery was ing his letter is this: Any man who all wrong and against the will of claims Christianity at all should be repared to give reasons for his The immortal John Brown's soul belief in the same. Second, young still 'goes marching on' because he converts who go to scriptural writlay down his life for his sheep, although the sheep were black slave men, women and children. ings are apt to be perplexed and dismayed and fall into the slough of despondency over some of the things your correspondent has said. In the present issue the Dawn cated man, however, there are some I do not claim to be a highly edu-

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Mrs. Gladys Coursey gave) a shower in honor of her sister Edith Moxley's coming marriage to Mr. H. Wilson. The bride to-be received many beautiful and useful presents.

Mrs. E Groat paid a visit to Stratford to visit her daughter, Mrs. G Groat.

Mrs. Addie Martin of Chatham was the guest of Mrs. Groat for a few days.

Mrs. Marshall and son and Mr. Blair, of Woodstock also Mr. and Mrs. Smith and son Fred were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins.

Rev. and Mrs. Wright passed through the city on a tour.

Mrs. Grace Groat and baby are doing nicely at present.

Vera Mae Kelly, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly, 9 Mar mora Street departed this life on Saturday, May 18th, at 10 p.m. at he age of 10. Her funeral will be private, Tuesday, May 21st, at the above address. Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Fred and Lloyd and a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Drake and her daughter Florence who have been absent from the city for some few months returned to the city last Saturday evening. The citizens in general were right glad to welcome them home again.

After a long and lingering illness, James W. Thompson, a resident of this city for the past 20 years, died at Victoria Hospital on Saturday, May 4th. The deceased was in his 55th year and had been an invalid for over a year.

Mr. Thompson was born at Kingston, Jamaica, BWI, and at an early age started sailing the Atlantic. For over 15 years he served as a sailor, during which he visited several countries. His career however, was closed when he suffered a painful accident some years ago. Since then, he had resided in England and Scotland respectively, later coming to this city where he was employed by the Mc Clary Mfg. Co. He was characterized by simplicity of faith and spirit reliability and great brotherliness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Thompson.

The funeral services where held from his late residence by the Rev. Bernard Johnson of St. Paul's Cathedral of which deceased was a member. Interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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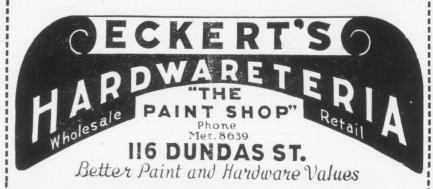
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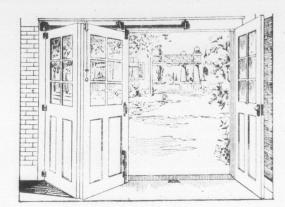
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The Sixteenth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins which was held on April 30, at their residence, 95 Glenwood, was a very brilliant and successful social event. There were guests from Toronto, Woodstock and Chatham as well as a host of local friends. Everyone came dressed, not only in her best frock but her most jovial and carefree spirit which added greatly to the success of the evening. Mrs. Wm. Berry and Mr. Paul Lewis added to the success of the evening with most beautiful and appropriate solos. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith of Woodstock sang a duet which captivated the house. Mrs. Pearl Kelly accomplished pianist, accompanied the sing ers. Miss Freda Anderson rendered several piano selection which made every one feel as if he really must dance. At 10.30 the guests entered a beautifully decorated dining room to partake of a well prepared and dainty luncheon. Being the 16th Anniversary celebration 16 guests were seated at the first, second and third table. Mr. Paul Lewis, toast-master and Mr. Wm. Myers, toast-maker did themselves great credit. As a token of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Jen-Bon-Bons, fine grade confections. kins are held it took two large tables to contain the many beautiful Manufacture, Wholesale and Retail and valuable presents they received. Telegrams and telephone messages of congratulations were received from friends n Montreal, Toronto, Windsor, Brantford, Hamilton, 186 DUNDAS MET. 473-w & j Owen Sound and Stratford.

TORONTO NEWS

On Sunday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. at the BME Church the Annual Union Thanksgiving service of the Watchmaker, Jeweler Lodges was held, namely Peter Ogden Lodge Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Maple Leaf Lodge and Household of Ruth. Sermon by Rev. Bro. T H Jackson PNF 11032. Address of welcome by Mr. C. N. Sharp: response by Bro. C. Maynard, NG 812: address by Sister R. A. Williams RNG 5354. The Annual Oration of Oddfellowship by Bro. John Carter PS 812. Lodges turned out in goodly numbers and the service was very interesting and instructive. Bro. S H Sheppard NG, 11032 was master of

Day program was given in the BME Church. A large congregation was present and enjoy Baskets, Brown Rice. special number being a solo by Mrs. Ball which was appreciated by

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joy was turned to sorrow in every Johnson asked them to sing at the Toronto civilized land during April of that first temperance demonstration in year when the great emancipator Grimsby Park. Abraham Lincoln entered into his towns in Canada which have not eternal rest.

MR. BALL'S LIFE

ines in 1845, son of the Rev. Henry died in this city a few years ago. Ball, who had formerly been on a plantation in Virginia and apart from his daily work was a local preacher there. The father escaped to the North in company with his brother and settled in St. Catharines, where he frequently preached. Through his efforts money for TOBACCO and PIPES. the little St. Catharines Church was collected.

The father died when Richard had reached the age of eight and there was a long apprenticeship for the boy in a barber shop, and afterward a partnership in the same business.

Mrs Ball were gifted with remark- city of Toronto when the end came. ably fine voices, and in early days as children, gathered around them daughter, Mrs. Parker, of Toronto.

the family gave concerts in every part of the country, travelling from coast to coast.

Their public career as evangelistic singers began at Grimsby, Ont loved ones of many in Canada. But when in 1877 he late Rev. Dr Huga been privileged to hear the sweet singing of "The Ball Family." One Few ministers and their wives of the sons is now pastor of a chu were more beloved & honored than rch in Rochester, NY. Two daughthe late Rev. Richard Ball and Mrs ters died in the United States while Ball. Mr Ball died in Windsor in their father was pastor of the Win-1925. He was born in St. Cathai- nipeg church, and one daughter

MANY YEARS AGO

Mr. Ball was invited to sing in Toronto many years ago, first by F S Spence. He sang in Occident Hall, and later in the old Allan Gardens Pavillion. During his early-years Mr. Ball took charge at various times of the churches in Windsor, St. Catharines and Lindsay. His ordination as an evangelist took place in 1889. He was pastor in London when the call came to the BME Church on Chest nut Street, Toronto. Accepting, he came in 1911 and remained until 1916. Then came a call to Win-He married in early life, Mary nipeg, where he was in charge five Jackson, the girl who proved such years. But the BME Church rea true helpmeet to him, and after membered the good work of their his conversion joined the church in pastor and asked him to return. He his home town. Both Mr. and was stationed at this church in the HEAD OFFICE, LONDON, CAN.

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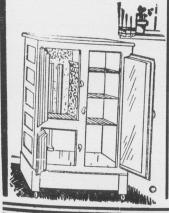
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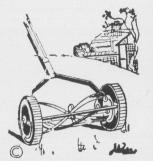
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LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cromwell of Toronto were recent visitors to our city. They were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs Toseph Cromwell, Epworth Ave.

Mrs. Thomas Cuff, sister of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson spent a few days in the city. She came especially to see her brother and her niece little Lillian Richardson, both of whom are ill.

Mr. and Mrs Chas Poindexter and Mr. Fred Ball paid a flying visit to Windsor and Detroit last. Maple Leaf Salmon, ½lb. 2 for 47c

Mrs. Cadwell and Mrs. Ida But- Red Salmon, Eagle Brand, ler of Lansing, Michigan were the guests of Mrs. Pearl Brown while Salmon, Fancy Pink, 1 lb. 2 for 35c in the city.

Minnie Shuler entertained their Mountain Blend Coffee per lb. 65c friends at the home of Mr. and Special Bulk Coffee, 1 lb.45c Mrs. Harry Coursey. The evening was spent in singing, games and Special Bulk Tea, per lb. 47c dancing. The hostess served a Fresh Oatmeal, 5 lbs. for25c guests expressed themselves as hav- Quick Quaker, with China pkg. 29c ing had a wonderful time.

On April 30th Miss Florence Lightbourne gave a surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. J Cromwell in honor of their 9th anniversary. The evening was spent in games and dancing. Mr. and Mrs Cromwell received some lovely presents.

Mrs. Jim Hill is home from hospital but is improving nicely. Mr. Chas. Cox is mproving nicely al-

Mr. Samuel Harris lost his home and contents by fire. The loss was partly covered by insurance. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Harris and his family on their great loss.

The Canadian League will hold ts picnic on August 4th, at Springbank. Listen for particulars. Keep the date.

Rev. Richardson is improving nicely at this writing.

Lillian Richardson has taken very ill again and has been put back in the hospital. Her condition is very grave at this writing.

The BME Church services have been very well attended. The Rev. Sturgeon, an Indian Evangelist had charge of the service Sunday evening. He delivered a very touching sermon on "Mother and the Old Time Religion." Rev. Stringer has promised to visit us soon

The Canadian League will give a strawberry social at the home of Mr. and Mrs Jenkins, 95 Glenwood Avenue, on Tuesday, May 28 at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcoome.

On April 27th, Miss Myrtle Hooper became the bride of Mr. W Mollott of this city. The ceremony took place in the parsonage.

Mr. Hubert Wilson is suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism.

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