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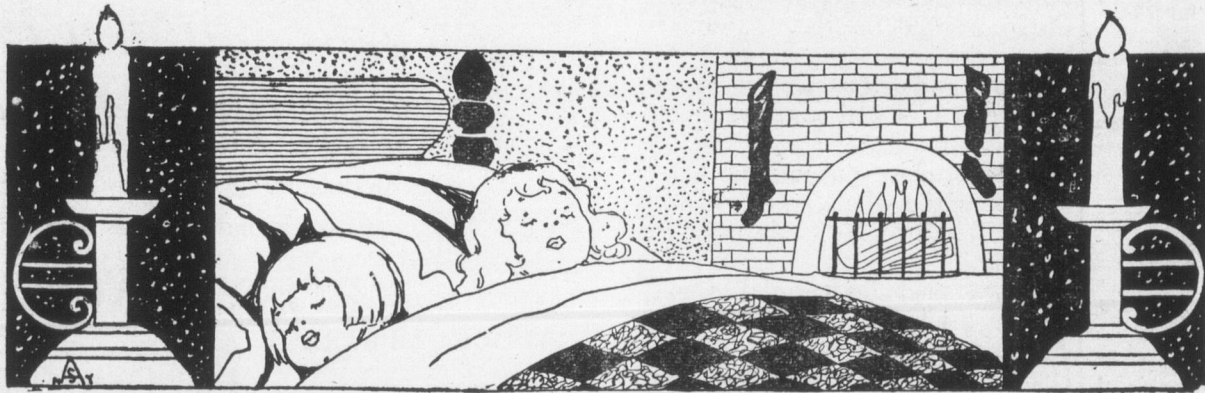


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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All

**"AND ON EARTH,
PEACE"**

(REV. F. O. STEWART, Toronto.)

Thus sang the angels, in bold prophetic strain, on the night of Jesus' birth. These words describe the day when there shall be a settled peace throughout the world, overlooking all the intervening years, and exulting in the conclusions of the Saviour's mission. How certain it is that in all the campaigns of the Christian era mankind has been marching forward through brightening prospects toward the final victories of peace. The angels were right in proclaiming peace on the earth as a consequence of the advent of our Lord. Christianity, which renews the individual heart, is the only power that promises any renewal and pacification of society. The reformation of all outward evils and abuses must be the result of a genuine redemption and regeneration of humanity by the operation of such Divine power as is manifested in Christ. One who expects the petitions of the Lord's prayer to be fulfilled, and who believes that Christianity is yet to develop new powers, and win larger dominions, and completely triumph in the earth, can easily hold the doctrine of a coming day of universal peace. Shall we, whose Lord is at the right hand of God in power and glory, fail in this faith, when the prophets rejoiced in that day long before the

Messiah appeared, when the angels anticipated it while the Saviour was yet in swaddling clothes, and when the early disciples could see its dawning through all the darkness of their troubled age?

The kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdom of our Lord; not as being consolidated in any one comprehensive theocratic dominion, but as being severally pervaded and possessed with the Spirit of Christ; so that, however diverse their forms of government may be, each and all of them shall be administered in accordance with Christian principles, and peace will possess the earth just in the degree in which the religion of Christ shall become thus known and honored among the nations. For this reason, among many others, let all hearts rejoice at this holy Christmas season, because, so often as it comes around, the heavens seem to open again, and the angels are heard singing their praises and prophecies in the sky. Christmas comes, as the old year closes and the new year begins, with gracious revivings of faith and hope and joy. It republishes the glad tidings for all people. It fills the world with cheer. It bids us never despair of ourselves or of the world. In the unusual unselfishness that prevails, and in the generous feeling that pervades society, a better day and state are annually prophesied. The glad carols, the glittering Christmas trees, the solemn services, the infinite ministrations, the general and manifold joy are so many echoes of the angelic strain, full of predication and promise. If the remembrance of Christ can work such an annual and blessed miracle in the world, what

**Africa, Continent
Of Surprises**

The following is a paragraph taken from an essay, "The Clash of Color," which appeared in the July last number of The Living Message, the Anglican missionary monthly:

"We now deal with Africa as the continent of surprises. The lure of slaves, jewels, metals and ivory drew explorers to Africa ever since it has been linked with the civilized world. The Negro is not lazy, as we generally think, but appears so because of racial fears. When Christianity dispels he is very energetic and ambitious.

Lord Bryce says: The American Negro has advanced more in sixty years than the Anglo-Saxon has in six hundred. Negro education should be a sacred trust to the world. The future of the world depends on whether race co-operation or race domination is chosen by the whites."

shall the power of His indwelling Spirit finally accomplish? O that this Christmas mankind might worship Him and adore Him even as Anna and Simeon of old, and not merely celebrate the day of His birth by feasting and giving of gifts, but that conquered, they may fall at His feet and crown Him Lord of all in their lives.

**WHITE ATTORNEY ORGANIZES
INTER-RACIAL CLUB**

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 17.—Prominent representatives of the various racial groups who compose the cosmopolitan population of the city that boasts that "the springtime comes in the summer time, the summer time comes in the fall; the fall comes in the winter time and the winter time doesn't come at all," recently met at the invitation of Leland G. Stanford, a prominent white attorney and organized the Cosmopolitan club, an inter-racial club composed of all races of San Diegans.

The club, which meets in the reception room of the Y. M. C. A. every Sunday, has for its object the improvement of racial conditions in San Diego and Southern California. Members of all races are invited to join and there is no membership fee.

At the last Sunday meeting among the speakers were Mayor J. Bacon, D. V. Allen, president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P.; Rev. J. J. Nakamura, pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church of San Diego; and a debate on "The Problem of Oriental Exclusion," with Harold P. Milnos, of Oakland, Calif., teacher of public speaking, opposed to the measure; and Bertram L. Comporet, local attorney, supported it.

At the next meeting W. N. Galbreth will speak on "What the Negro has contributed to America." A special musical program will be given by colored talent.

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THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

"For unto us a Child is born; unto us a son is given."

From across the ages, yet as fresh and as beautiful today as ever it was, comes the story of the magi and their gifts to the infant which was called Jesus. They brought to Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. There was a meaning, a great significance in the offerings which the three wise men brought, and this significance should be the symbol of all true giving in the world today. They brought gold, the most treasured of all their worldly possessions. In the giving of service to the Master and to our fellow-man we should emulate the spirit and the example of the three wise men and give the best there is in us for the great pleasure of giving. And along with every gift, each sacrifice and each service should go the best wishes of our hearts. There is a great joy experienced in giving and the bigger the gift, the greater the sacrifice, the greater the joy we experience from giving. The example of Christ and the wise men should stand out in bold relief during the coming Yuletide. For He never tired of giving to the world His best, His very best. The raising of the dead, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, comforting the distressed, sympathizing with the unfortunate—even the laying down of His life for all were His gifts to the world. Should we, then, be satisfied to give niggardly or grudgingly?

In the days before His coming frankincense typified sacrifice, sacrament and the best qualities one possessed. Myrrh meant that sorrows and bitterness had been suffered and that resentment had been foregone, sacrificed for the sake of others, for the sake of peace and good will here on earth. And so the wise men brought frankincense and myrrh. Shall we then not seek to give to the world the best there is in us to give. Shall we not be willing to sacrifice bitterness and strife for His sake and for our brothers' sake? One of the greatest lessons we can learn from the life of Christ is the placing of values in their proper places. Material wealth, principal-

ties, kingdoms, fame, earthly power and influence—all these had value in His estimation, but these values were placed in their proper places, and the greatest value with Him was the value of service to humanity and service to His Heavenly Father. Nothing gave Him more pleasure than doing a good deed for a little child. No act was more holy in His sight than relieving the suffering and comforting the sorrowing heart. In this country of North America, wherein Negroes equipped and prepared, repeatedly "knock unheeded at an iron gate," it is a good thing for us to remember that Christ's life was a life of service; service to an ungrateful world and that, although He knew of Judas' traitorous intentions and actions, "Christ washed the feet of Judas!"

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
The dark and evil passion of his soul,
His secret plot and sordidness complete.

His hate, his purposing, Christ knew the whole,
And still in love, He washed his feet.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
Yet all his lurking sin was bare to Him,

His bargain with the priest, and more than this,

In Olivet beneath the moonlight dim
Aforehand knew and felt his treacherous kiss.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
And so ineffable His love 'twas meet
That pity fill His great forgiving heart.

And tenderly to wash the traitor's feet,
Who in his Lord had basely sold his part.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
And thus a girded servant, self-abased,

Taught that wrong this side of heaven

Was ever too great to wholly be effaced,
And though unasked, in spirit be forgiven.

And so if we have ever felt the wrong

Of trampled rights, of caste, it matters not,

Whate'er the soul has suffered long,
O heart! this one thing should not be forgot:

Christ washed the feet of Judas.

(By George Marion McClellan,
Negro poet.)

STRATFORD

We are sorry to report the accidents of Frank and Willie Wesley, who have both been in the hospital.

Rev. S. A. Lucas had charge of the evening service in the B. M. E. Church on Sunday.

Hazey Wesley is the teacher of the B. M. E. Sunday school.

One of our young men has gone into the flour and feed business for himself and reports having a good trade. We trust all will patronize him.

Mr. James McCarthy of Owen Sound has accepted a position as chef in the Windsor hotel here.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins wish to thank the Hill St. Baptist church ladies for their shower given for their twin boys, Ross and Laverne. They also wish to thank the other societies for their flowers and cards expressing good wishes.

LONDON

Mr. Warren Ballen of Portland, Ore., spent a few hours with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kelly, en route to his old home in Guelph where he goes to spend his holidays.

The ladies of the Hill St. Baptist church gave a shower for the twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, bringing them a host of beautiful presents and a wealth of good wishes.

Mrs. Eddie Fountain of East street is able to be up and around again.

Mrs. Bill Bookie is confined to her home with neuritis.

Mr. Harold Miller is home again after a long absence.

The services in the B. M. E. church were well attended on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Woodcock, delivered two very telling sermons. The Sunday School Christmas tree entertainment was held on December 16 and was a great success. The small children deserve great credit for the dramatic part they took. We are glad to see Miss Alice Drake able to fill her old place conducting the little ones.

Don't forget the Baptist Christmas tree will be held on December 23rd.

Mrs. Taylor, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Moxley, for the holidays.

Miss Beaver of Niagara Falls is the guest of Mrs. Groat for a few days.

We are very sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

The concert and lecture given by the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People was a great success. Rev. E. McEwin Williams delivered a very powerful address. The Get Acquainted Club rendered special music. There were also solos quartettes and recitations of a very high order.

Miss Doris Watts of the London Conservatory gave a social evening for the girls in which Miss Vivian Knox was the guest, a few days ago. The evening was spent in piano solos and duets. The guest retired at a late hour after enjoying a dainty lunch.

OWEN SOUND

Abraham Booley, one of the oldest of the colored population in Owen Sound, died on Tuesday afternoon after a lengthy illness, aged 83 years. He lived in Owen Sound and vicinity for a great many years, and also resided at times at Chatsworth and Williamsford, also at

Jones' Falls, just outside of the city limits. The old gentleman was well and favorably known in the city, where he had many friends who will regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by his widow, who resides on 11th street west, two daughters, Mrs. Smith and Miss Booley, and two sons, Moses and Henry, residing in the United States. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from Fulton's funeral parlors to the cemetery at Chatsworth.

Mrs. R. Maston of Detroit and Mrs. A. Mackley of Toronto were home on account of the death of their cousin, Mr. Eli Booley, which occurred in Nelson, B. C. The remains were brought to Owen Sound by his mother, Mrs. Wm. Booley, and buried at Holland Centre. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved mother.

Mr. A. Patterson has returned home after a season sailing on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. J. Smith is confined to her bed with inflammatory rheumatism. She has been ill for the past two weeks but is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mrs. F. Molok is still bed-fast from a stroke she received over a year ago. Pray for her speedy recovery.

We are pleased to report that our children are on the public school honor roll. Their names are Norma Miller, Vieve Miller, Chonita Earl, Mary Green, Rosa Talbert and Herbie Green.

NORTH BUXTON

Last Sunday morning the Rev Mr. Perry preached a most interesting and soul-stirring sermon on "The Old-time Religion." The speaker said that some years back one would consider it as preposterous to speak of anything but The Old-time Religion, but there is today a new religion, a religion that is theoretical and not practical. Very interestingly Rev. Perry showed his hearers the main differences between The Old-time Religion and that of the new. "Some people have very queer and foolish ideas about religion," said the speaker, "and whenever a preacher finds it necessary to emphasize the importance of maintaining the church, giving the pastor an adequate support, it is considered out of place to preach these things. But the preacher, proved from the scripture that giving is a substantial evidence of the sincerity of those who possess the Old-time Religion, and not only is it an evidence by a test, said Rev. Perry.

Quarterly services will be held next Sunday and it is expected that Rev. Nelson of the A. M. E. church of Chatham will speak in the afternoon at the communion service.

Commencing next Sunday afternoon, the evening services will be dispensed with, and afternoon services will be held regularly until revival meetings are started some time in the New Year. The children are preparing for Christmas entertainment to be held on Christmas Eve.

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Two of the most widely known foreign visitors Washington has entertained for many a day have started back to their native land.

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The two are James and Saidi Tanganyikan, natives who accompanied Dr. W. M. Mann and his collection of wild animals over east Africa.

Saidi and James are glad to go back. They have, as a matter of fact, no alternative. They are wards of the British government and were permitted to leave Africa only on Dr. Mann's promise that they would be sent back in a few weeks. They will be taken to New York and put on a freighter which goes direct to Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of their native colony.

For the first few days of their visit the two were handicapped in their efforts to make friends by an unfortunate rumor (how it started nobody seems to know) that they were cannibals.

The many colored children of Washington who visited Saidi and James owe much to them.

It was largely due to their faithfulness and experience that some of the more valuable animals in the Smithsonian-Chrysler collection were brought the long distance from Dar-Es-Salaam alive.

Gusher Brings Woman Riches

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 8.—Jackson Barnett, Cree Indian, of Muskogee, long reputed as the richest Indian in the country, as a result of oil royalties, according to the Daily Oklahoman, now must take a back seat.

Mrs. Esther Jefferson, of Cushing, restricted member of the Sac and Fox tribe, now holds the honor.

But until about a year ago, Mrs. Jefferson was classed among the poorest. She had an allotment of 149 acres, but the ground was so bare, it wouldn't even raise good fish worms, she said. Her allowance was \$1,000 a year from the United States government and was the only sustenance on which she and her husband and two daughters could depend.

Now she has an income of more than \$1,200 a day, with several wells under the drill, promising to add to the flow of money into the Jefferson household.

This sum has been steady since early last spring when the first well was brought in on her barren little farm, until now, with restrictions of the Shawnee Indian agent requiring her to spend only a small part of her income. Mrs. Jefferson has amassed a fortune variously estimated at between one and five million dollars, including several royalty bonuses, and with money still coming in.

BE YOURSELF

(By EMMA LUE SAYERS)
Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—Nordic pride and prejudice were given a slap in the face here by the Hindu lawyer and scholar, Sakharan Ganes Pandit, B.A. (Bombay), who talked to me at length on the subject. Prides and prejudices are based in false assumption of knowledge or in rank ignorance, according to Mr. Pandit. He gave as a basis for this assertion, Adam and Eve in the arden of Eden and stated that the fig leaf covering for Eve only hid the nakedness of prejudice; that it was synthetically produced for religion on pretense of wisdom. "That is pseudo-science," said Mr. Pandit, "yet it gives prejudice the semblance of a half-truth." All of this revolves on who are white persons. It has been proven that a white person is not always one with light skin, which is very impracticable and to use his own words: "Even the Anglo-Saxons range from the fair blond to the swarthy brunette, often running much darker in color than the lighter-hued Negroes."

Mr. Pandit criticized Causasian biologic redemption of the world which only meant Nordicizing and sterilizing other races into likenesses of themselves. He stressed the point that Negroes should be themselves and not imitate the white man.

S. G. Pandit came to America 20 years ago, took out naturalization papers a few years later, married an American white woman and has acquired considerable property in Arizona and California, including a \$15,000 home in Los Angeles.

Negro Cast to Feature In Ten Special Pictures

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—An unusual sally into an untouched field of motion picture art has been announced by Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal Pictures Corporation.

Universal will make ten two-reel Baby Jewels with an all-star Negro cast. Ten of the best of Octavus Roy Cohen's Saturday Evening Post stories about the Negro in his native haunts of the South have been purchased for this series.

This will bring to the screen such well-known fiction characters as Florian Slappey, Lawyer Evans Chew, J. Caesar Clump, Septic Sims and Joe Bugg.

The pictures will be made under the supervision of William Lord Wright, head of the short-subject and western departments. The scripts are being written by William Lester.

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Hamilton Fish Asks Aid in Memorial Fight

New York, Dec. 10.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a letter from Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., who introduced in congress a bill providing for a memorial to the colored soldiers of the 93rd division in France. Mr. Fish writes as follows:

"I am writing to ask if you will please use your influence and that of your association to carry a word to the colored newspapers and to your people that H. R. 9694 which authorizes the expenditure of \$30,000 to erect a monument in France to commemorate the valiant services of the 93rd division has passed the House of Representatives and has been reported out by the senate committee on military affairs, and is awaiting action by the U. S. senate.

"Unless a vote is reached before March 4th, when the senate adjourns, the bill will die automatically and a favorable opportunity to secure such action by this congress will have expired and it will be much more difficult to take it up again in any future congress. Consequently it is of the utmost importance that every senator, particularly in the northern states, be petitioned by letters and telegrams to work and vote for the bill in order to secure its immediate passage.

"There were 400,000 colored soldiers in our army; there are 1,000,000 colored people in the country and every one should be interested in seeing that recognition is given to the soldiers of the colored race who made the supreme sacrifice.

The four regiments which composed the 93rd division served with the French army. Three of them had their flags decorated with the French croix de guerre. There is no dispute as to the heroism, gallantry and courage of the colored fighting soldiers of the 93rd division. Out of a total strength of 10,000 soldiers in these four regiments, 457 were killed and 3,468 were wounded, amounting to 40 per cent casualties.

All the colored people of America are asking that the unjust discrimination against the heroism of the Negro soldiers be done away with, and that a monument be erected in France which will be for all time an inspiration to patriotism and loyalty for all the colored people of America.

I hope that you will be able to interest the colored people to take upon themselves the responsibility of notifying the senators by resolutions, letters and telegrams that the entire twelve million colored people of America request and demand that this bill be voted upon and passed before March 4 in order that the gallantry of these colored soldiers who were segregated by order of the war department, be recognized and a monument be erected on the battlefields of France so that oncoming generations of America will know of the glorious record of these colored soldiers.

Trusting you will bend every effort to get the support and the cooperation of all the colored newspapers, churches, fraternal organizations and leading citizens to make

their wishes known to the Senators of the United States, Sincerely yours,

"Hamilton Fish, Jr."

White Woman Makes Negro the Goat

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Dramatically explaining to the police how two Mexicans and a negro attacked her and killed her companion, Jake Dieterick by striking him in the head with a flower pot, Mrs. Margaret Cromb, aged 26, a very pretty young woman, failed completely to camouflage what investigation is proving to be another mysterious murder, by using the southern tactics of accusing a dark stranger, most generally described as a Negro.

Although charging that three men criminally assaulted her, the police state that Mrs. Cromb declined to permit a police surgeon to examine her. At the coroner's inquest where the jury reported "death at the hands of persons unknown" it was brought out that Mrs. Cromb, her husband and Dieterick had been drinking in Dieterick's home before she and Dieterick left the house for the greenhouse which Dieterick owned, to get some magazines, leaving her husband listening to the radio. She testified they had been away from the house about 10 minutes when she saw a man in the shadows throw a flower pot that hit Dieterick on the head and felled him, and that she then was struck unconscious by a Negro and two Mexicans.

Coroner Nance was credited with saying that there were several mysterious discrepancies in the stories of the various principals of the tragedy.

"There are several things I want to learn," he is reported to have said "before I can give a satisfactory verdict in this case. First, I want to know how Dieterick, his skull fractured in two places, got back to his home.

"Second, why the two men fought so desperately, and

"Third, what Dieterick and Mrs. Cromb went to the nursery for in the first place."

South Africa Looks For Help in Working Out Racial Problems

South Africa is looking expectantly to America and particularly to the Southern States, for help in working out its difficult problems of racial adjustment, according to Dr. C. T. Loram, British Commissioner for Native Affairs in the South African Union, who was here last week as the guest of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. As the official mediator between the British government and the millions of South African natives, Dr. Loram occupies one of the most important offices in the South African Union, and is in America to gain from its interracial experience all the light possible on the solution of South African problems. "There appear to be many parallels between interracial conditions in America and those in South Africa, and we of the latter country find much to help us in your efforts in that field," said Dr. Loram.

He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress of the Negro in this country, particularly along educational lines. "The remarkable advance that the American Negroes have made in education and economic competence," he said, "is very encouraging to those of us in South Africa who believe in the possibilities of the natives and in giving them opportunity for development, rather than in the too common attitude of cynicism and repression. Your Interracial Movement also is a great inspiration to us, in that it illustrates the fact that good will and co-operation, rather than antagonism and violence, are the only effective methods of interracial adjustment. We have been watching it with the greatest interest and have already made considerable progress in reorganizing our work for the natives in a similar way, having set up interracial councils in fourteen of the largest South African centers.

"However," Dr. Loram continued, "the situation is much more difficult with us than with you, since in the South African Union the natives outnumber the whites two or three to

one, and in the whole of Africa perhaps a hundred to one. The white man in South Africa, therefore, is in a hopeless minority and does not know how best to deal with the situation. Consequently, we are earnestly seeking light and in particular are looking to the American South for help in finding a just and Christian solution of the problem. If you can work out such a solution, you will be doing South Africa and the world the greatest possible service."

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this opportunity, through the columns of THE DAWN to express their sincere thanks to Rev. Este for the The Excelsion W. C. T. U. takes splendid recital given for their benefit on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th. The much misused word "exquisite" could be properly applied to the programme, as the art of an elocutionist as shown.

Mrs. James Holt (nee Celestine Taylor) of Rochester, N.Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Taylor.

Mrs. Bella Johnson, social worker and president of W. C. T. U., has been confined to her home with throat trouble, but we are glad to report improvement at this writing.

Those on the sick list are Mr. George Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Srr. Mrs. (Rev.) Jones.

We are glad to report that Mr. Chas. Taylor, of Green Ave., is much improved in health, as is also his mother.

The Society of Elks, Pride of Montreal lodge, will hold a memorial service in honor of departed brethren at the Union Congregational church on Sunday. Mr. Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler.

The 19th anniversary festival, the greatest in the history of the church, was held Sunday, Dec. 5th.

Mrs. J. Jefferson of Ethel street has returned home after spending a month's vacation in Massachusetts and New York states.

BRANTFORD

Miss Olive Smith gave a birthday surprise party at her home in honor of Miss Irene Johnson on Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

Nov. 26th the Chlrch Aid gave a baked bean social at the church which was enjoyed by all, and great credit is due the ladies for the manner in which the repast was served. Quite a creditable sum was realized.

Mrs. Fox and baby sister of Butfal were in the city visiting her father, Charles Johnson, of Spring St., for the week-end of Dec. 5th.

The stork passed through Brantford and stopped at Terin Hill, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown a fine boy.

We are glad to say that Mr. Cela Malott and Mrs. Martha Malott are much improved at this writing.

Mr. Geo. Johnson of Sheridan St. is not so well at this writing, also Mr. Charlie Johnson of Campbell St.

BOMB HOME OF SWEET LAWYER

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Remembrance of the famous Sweet segregation war fare were aroused Friday when a bomb was hurled into the palatial home of Julian W. Perry, race lawyer who was associated with Clar-

ence Darrow in the defence of 14 colored citizens in the Sweet trial. The victim of the bombing attempt recently moved into a white neighborhood, and it is thought that white segregationists hurled the bomb in an effort to frighten him away. The bomb failed to explode.

Coolidge Receives Negro Educators

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge received at the White House, Drs. M. W. Johnson, president, and Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer, both of Howard university. Dr. Johnson is the first colored man to head Howard university, an institution here at the national capital, which is, in a way, under the patronage of the government, as annual appropriations are made each year by the government toward its expenses. The secretary of the interior has supervision of these governmental appropriations and is patron ex-officio of the board of trustees.

President Coolidge spoke at the commencement exercises of Howard University June, 1924, and upon that occasion said: "Here (at Howard university) has been established a great university, a sort of educational laboratory for the production of intellectual and spiritual leadership among a people whose history, if you will examine it as it deserves, is one of the striking evidences of the soundness of our civilization."

Doctor Johnson, the new president of Howard university, at the White House, said: "Howard university was established in 1867 by a man who had been a soldier and who was not content to see the four millions of American Negroes physically free from bondage—he also desired to see them intellectually and spiritually emancipated. During the 59 years of its existence, the Howard community has kept in unswerving view the desires and ideals of this noble man. Little by little it has grown in students, in friends, in standards and in power, until today it is the one Class A university organization in the United States ministering directly to the needs of the colored people. Last year its registration reached the total of 2,155 students from 37 states and 11 foreign countries—about one-third of all Negro students, receiving college or university training in the whole of the United States. To those students it gave instruction in teaching, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, music, domestic arts, architecture, law, religion, etc. "And yet the work of the university and its colleagues in the field of education has but little more than begun to meet the great need for college and university trained men among the colored people. Since the days of slavery only ten thousand colored men and women have obtained college training. About 6,469 are now pursuing it. If all of these should graduate in the next four years, there would still be less than two college trained men and women to every 1,000 Negro population. There would be only one physician to every 3,000 and one dentist to every 20,000."

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New York, Dec. 8.—Announcement of the first of a series of awards to Negroes of American residence in recognition of their outstanding creative work was made Tuesday by the Harmon Foundation and the Commission on the Church and Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

A total of \$3,000 in cash with gold and bronze medals will be distributed in the William E. Harmon awards for distinguished achievement under the direction of Dr. G. E. Haynes, the commission's secretary, in the fields of literature, fine arts, science, including invention, education, business including industry, and religion. Six first prizes of \$400 each with a gold medal and the same number of second prizes of \$100 with a bronze medal were awarded to colored persons who were considered to have created something of national significance in the several fields, and one award of \$500 and a gold medal was given to a white man for outstanding work in improving relations between white and Negro people in America. Formal presentation in the home cities of the successful candidates will be made on January 1 which is Emancipation Day.

Juries of five, specialists in the type of work being considered, passed upon the entries in each kind of achievement. On every such jury at least one member was a Negro. Among the judges who acted were: E. E. Just, professor of biology, Howard U.; Jno. Hope, Pres. Morehouse College; R. E. Moton, president N.N.B.L.; Bishop R. E. Jones M. E. Church, New Orleans; Rev. Peter Ainslie, Baltimore; John Hays Hammond, scientist and author; E. E. Slosson, chemist and editor of Science Service; Grosvenor Atterbury, architect; H. G. Leach, editor of the Forum; Jno. H. Finley, editor of the New York Times; Paul Monroe, director of the International Institute; S. A. Lewisohn, financier; J. E. Spingarn, author and literary critic; Dr. Preston Ware Orem, composer and musical editor; H. T. Burleigh, composer and soloist St. George's Episcopal church, New York; W. S. Braithwaite, poet and editor; Dean W. A. Boring of the School of Architecture.

CHATHAM

A very serious accident occurred last Sunday when Mr. Hodge was badly burned by an exploding gasoline can. He was sent to the hospital where he is improving.

A mock conference held in the A. M. E. church was enjoyed by all.

The Harmony Arc club gave a definition social Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. Lynn, Princess St.

Mr. Samuel Simmons who has been critically ill is improving slowly.

The funeral of Miss Gladys Lewis was held last Tuesday from the family residence, Wellington St. The service was conducted by Rev. Brown of the B.M.E. church.

The Sunbeam Club of the B.M.E. Sunday school, under the auspices of Miss L. Lynn, gave an afternoon tea at the industrial school from 3 to 5 o'clock.

TORONTO

As usual, services are being held in the three Colored churches of Toronto. Despite the smallness of the congregations, the services in each church are of a very high order. Rev. F. O. Stewart, pastor of the B. M. E. church, gave two excellent messages on Sunday. Speaking at 11 a.m. from II. Tim. 2:3, subject, "Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ." The evening subject was "The Marvellous Man." Text, John 18:6. At Grant A. M. E. church the pastor, Dr. T. H. Henderson, held forth the word of life during the day. Rev. A. McEwen William of the First Baptist Church, conducted services during the day. At 8:30 p.m. Rev. Williams and his splendid choir and quartette conducted a service of song in the Wesley United church, giving an excellent programme of Negro Spirituals and other pleasing numbers. The choir and quartette of this church are becoming very popular and well known throughout the city.

Mrs. Serena Sharp has been confined to her home for the past week owing to severe illness. Mrs. Anna Clinton, of 214 Roberts, is also confined to her bed, but is some better at this writing.

Don't forget the concert and dance at Orange Hall to be given December 30, by the Home Service Association.

You are probably not interested in prize fights one way or the other, but when you read of the injustice handed to Tiger Flowers and the unsportsmanlike way the commission and referee took away his title you cannot think that in order to win a title now you have to murder your opponent. Flowers almost did that and even had Flowers knocked Walker out, he (Flowers) would have been disqualified. It has been clearly proven that Flowers had lost the fight three days before it was fought. Isn't that strange in this civilized age?

We hear quite a number of nice compliments about the Lady Canada Cafe and its managers. We hope you have been there and enjoyed some of their home cooking and excellent service.

Mothers and fathers, bundle your boys and girls up and send them to Sunday school. Any Sunday school will do, and you will be giving them one of the best and most lasting doses of medicine that you can give them, and one that is sure to cure.

Christmas is almost here and, as usual we are trying to get something for all our acquaintances, which is impossible, and in so doing we are spending money we need and cannot afford, otherwise, trying to keep up with the Jones, and the after effects are certainly terrible on our constitutions and pocketbooks. But each year we do it, and enter the New Year needlessly in debt and embarrassed. Still it seems to be human nature and each year we decide not to do it and do it over and over each year. What the remedy is I can't tell you.

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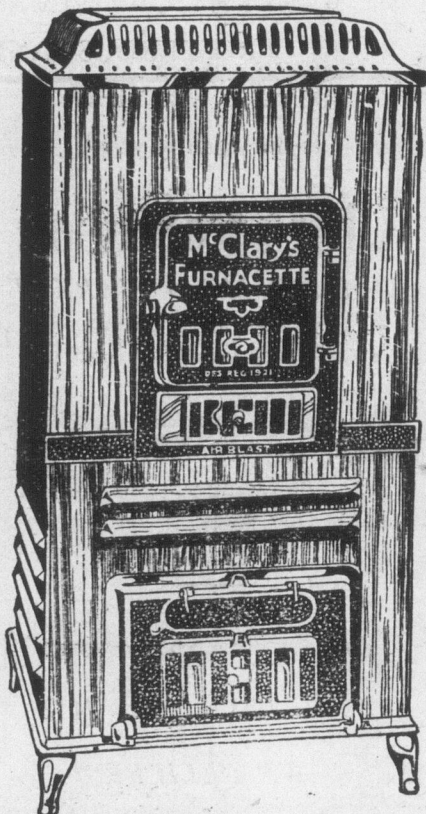
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Coolidge On The Negro

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"The social well being of our country requires our constant effort for the amelioration of race prejudice and the extension to all elements of equal opportunity and of equal opportunity and equal protection under the laws which are guaranteed by the constitution. The federal government especially is charged with this obligation in behalf of the colored people of the nation. Not only their remarkable progress, their devotion and loyalty, but our duty to ourselves under our claim that we are an enlightened people requires us to use all our power to protect them from the crime of lynching. Although much decreased, while any of it remains we cannot justify neglecting to make every effort to eradicate it by law.

"The education of the colored race under government encouragement is proceeding successfully and ought to have continuing support. An increasing and trained medical skill to be devoted to the service of his race."

Negro Soldiers Are Good Marksmen

New York. (N.A.C.P.P.S.)—The New York Times carries a special dispatch showing the high rank accorded by War Department records to Negro soldiers as marksmen in the U. S. army.

The highest score was made by the white 30th infantry with 98.3 per cent., but only 73.6 per cent of its riflemen took part. Next came the 45th infantry, a Philippine scout regiment, with 98.6 per cent.; the 42nd infantry, a Porto Rican regiment stationed in Panama, with 98.1 per cent and the 25th infantry, a Negro regiment at Nogales, Arizona, with 98 per cent.

The record of the Philipinos and Negro soldiers was remarkable, says the Times dispatch, because 91.3 per cent and 92.3 per cent of the respective personnel finished the course.

Three Killed in Fall

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 8.—Three colored workmen at the F. C. D. plant fell to their death Friday morning when the scaffold on which they were working became over balanced. The victims were Charlie Holmes, Nathan McDowell and Tom Sallywhite.

According to witnesses 14 men were engaged in tearing away the inside walls of furnace No. 6 when the accident occurred. The scaffolding inside the furnace became tilted and the three fell to the bottom, a distance of 40 feet. The furnace had been blown out three days previous, but the fire had not been completely put out and the bodies of the men were horribly burned. None of the other workmen was injured.

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