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the Springtime,
skies of deeper hue;
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—By Verita Smith.

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NEGRO EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY

(This is from an editorial in
The New York Times)

Bishop Manning and Mr. V. Everitt Macy are among the latest recruits to the movement for raising a five million dollar endowment fund for Hampton and Tuskegee before the end of the present year. It is a big undertaking, but the promise of success lies in the support forthcoming in both the South and the North. The Atlanta Constitution calls attention to the strides "negroes are actually making in increasing the material wealth of the South," and finds that negro education along industrial lines is "of national concern."

Education, whether of the Tuskegee-Hampton industrial type or of the type supplied by colleges and professional schools, is the primary tool which the negro must employ to promote his own progress and that of the community in which he lives. yet the best of tools may be blunted against too formidable obstacles. The environment in which the trained negro strives for achievement must be such as not to make him wonder whether his education is not a mockery. The opportunities to which he is entitled in law and justice must not be restricted. It is a satisfaction to turn to the last annual report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and find evidence of the subsidence of the grosser forms of race hostility. There is really good reason for believing that lynching, a hideous blot on our national record, is destined to disappear. During the thirty years before 1919 the average number of lynchings per year was 107. In 1920 it dropped to 65 and remained at approximately that level for three years. In 1923 it was down to 28; last year it was 16. The association's report calls attention to a number of instances during the past year where State authorities have sought to prevent mobs from taking the law into their own hands.

Residential segregation for negroes is a newer and more difficult problem. In 1917 the United States Supreme Court decided in the Louisville case that the segregation of negroes by law is unconstitutional.



HARRY COURSEY, well known colored athlete who has been made Manager of the McCormick's O.B. A. Baseball team for the coming season. This is the first time in the history of London that a colored boy has managed a white O. B.A. team. As usual Coursey expects to bring home the bacon.

On the basis of that decision a segregation law enacted by the Louisiana Legislature last September has been voided. The same end is striven for in a number of places by "co-operative" action among white home-owners and real estate interests. Restrictive covenants have been upheld in the Federal courts. Obviously the legalities and principles involved in such private action are different from discrimination by ordinance or law. The ultimate decision usually is based on the economic argument. Profits from negro occupation of new districts have a way of overcoming racial prejudice.

The adjustments of the negro to his environment will be made easier if once we are rid of the lynching evil, of mob violence, and of occasional discrimination against the colored people in the processes of law and justice. The negro citizen has been winning a stronger leverage with his rising economic status. Our new immigration policy must inevitably enhance that status by emphasizing the importance of negro labor in the North as well as the South. It was a point well stressed in the memorial addressed by the National Association to the American Federation of Labor during last year's Presidential campaign. But this appeal for fair treatment by organized labor received only a "formal acknowledgment."

Race Workers Form National Organization

Chicago, April 22—Plans are being developed here for one of the most significant Negro labor movements ever undertaken, the American Negro Labor Congress. Arrangements are being completed for the meeting and organization of the Congress in this city some time during the summer. The congress will be composed of delegates from the various Negro Labor Unions, mixed unions (black and white), delegates from groups of unorganized workers in factories, shops, etc., from organizations of Negro agricultural workers, and individuals of both races well known for their championship of the cause of the Negro working class. Questions to be considered at the conference include: Racial prejudice, jim-crowism, equal pay for white and black workers, discrimination in Labor Unions, lynching, and a United American working class. Its motto is: "The future of the world is in the hand of the working class, black and white."

MAKES POSITIONS FOR COLORED MEN

Makes positions for colored men
Mr. Richard Ball of this city was last year placed in charge of the dining room of one of the largest passenger boats of the Canada Steamship Company, operating out of Toronto. His entire crew was colored. So satisfactory was his service that the company has asked him to take charge of the newest and finest boat and they have also requested him to furnish a colored crew for the ship on which he was in charge last year. This is what we call making good for himself and making positions for the race.

Marble Championship

St. Paul, April 22, — Competing against hundreds, William Vernon, 15 year old colored boy of 260 St. Anthony Avenue, won the City Marble Championship in the St. Paul Daily News tournament, held at Ramsey playgrounds. Vernon received a cup from the First National Bank.

FISK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RESIGNS

New York, April 24—It became officially known here on Tuesday that Dr. Fayette Avery McKenzie, president of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., has resigned as head of that institution.

His resignation did not come as a surprise to those who had inside information on the situation at Fisk, as it was the consensus of opinion that his usefulness as an educator among our people had ended. According to reports, the resignation is effective June 30.

The board of trustees of the university went into session here Monday with the advisory committee selected from the alumni. It consisted of Miss Sophia Boaz, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Henry H. Proctor, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. John M. Gandy, Petersburg, Va.; Prof. T. N. Inboden, Enfield, N.C.; and James H. Robinson, Cincinnati, Ohio. Measures were discussed along the lines of obliterating the stain and odium that the university had suffered in the past six months, and a constructive program is under way to regain the goodwill of the public to prevent serious damage to the endowment fund which has been subscribed but not collected.

Aunt Jane 156 Years, Has Passed Away

Henderson, Texas, April 22—After having spent over a century and a half on this earth "Aunt" Jane Williams, reputed to be the oldest known living person in world, died here Sunday from infirmities, resulting from old age. She was born in 1761.

Aunt Jane witnessed many trying events in the country's early struggle for independence. She claimed to have heard George Washington make a speech for the presidency. She passed through every important period of war that this country has ever had.

Aunt Jane is survived by one son, said to be 75 years of age.

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Editorial

CHARACTER

A man's character is like unto his soul. The seed of both are planted in his body by his Creator and form the immortal parts of his being.

Some insist that the soul alone is immortal, but what argument can you give to prove the immortality of the soul that will not also prove the immortality of character? Not one. If the soul of the righteous man shall outlive the grave, so shall his character. If the soul of the good man is a delight to the Giver of Life, so is his character. If the soul of the wicked man is accursed, so is his character. If an unclean soul brings sorrow and disappointment to its Creator, so does a stained character.

The soul, that admitted immortal spark within man which lifts him to that high estate he occupies in life, and places him so far above the other creations of the same Master Builder, is simply man's innermost life, while the character of man is the reflection of the development of his soul. The two are inseparable. One cannot live without the other. A man without a soul would also be without a character, and a man without a character would be soulless. There can be no such thing as a soulless man or a characterless man, unless the whole structure of Christian faith is to be denied. Every human being must have both a soul and a character, the nature and development of which are determined by that being alone, otherwise we would of no higher order than the brute. As we grow and expand with the passing years, so does our soul develop with the character upon which we feed it.

If our lives are pure and upright, our character is stainless and our soul as white as the driven snow. If our lives are impure and ignoble, our character is soiled and our soul is blackened accordingly. Reputation and character are often so confounded in the minds of unthinking ones that no distinction is drawn between them, yet there is as great a difference as between darkness and light, between the mortal and the immortal. A man's reputation is the opinion in which he is held by those about him, a mortal factor, while his character is his life as seen by the eye of the All-knowing One, an immortal factor. By the circulation of false reports a man's reputation may be seriously injured, while only by

his own actions can his character be stained. Through vicious and malicious representations a man may bear a most unsavory reputation among other men, yet his character be as pure as a child. Others may create for us a reputation, but we alone are builders of our character. Let us then lead such lives as will give to our countenances the certainty of a good character.

F. O. STEWART

N.B.—The Editor being sick has necessitated our substituting for him this week as an editorial writer.

THINK RIGHT

Think smiles, and smiles shall be;
 Think doubt, and hope will flee,
 Think love, and love will grow;
 Think hate, and hate you'll know.
 Think good, and good is here;
 Think vice—its jaws appear!
 Think joy, and joy ne'er ends;
 Think gloom, and dusk descends.
 Think faith, and faith's at hand;
 Think ill—it stalks the land.
 Think peace, sublime and sweet,
 And you that peace will meet;
 Think fear, with brooding mind,
 And failure's close behind.
 Think this: "I'm going to win!"
 Think not on what has been.
 Think "Vict'ry:" think "I can!"
 Then you're a "winning man!"
 —by David V. Bush

Edmund Dede was a composer and violinist. He was born of slave parents in 1829 in New Orleans. He took up the violin and was regarded as a virtuoso at twenty-one. He was of African blood, and spoke the French language. He established himself in Paris and became a teacher of the violin and a composer of note. He was a close friend of Alexander Dumas.

THE MEANEST MAN

The meanest man I ever knew
 Was not old Kaiser Bill.
 He only sought to rule the world
 To fight; to crush, to kill.

'Twas not old Nero, no not he
 He merely loved a chase.
 He'd turn a couple of Christians loose—
 —The lions won the race.

Nor was it Slippery Pete the "dip"
 Who stole the blind man's cash.
 He simply took what others gave
 —And calmly took the lash.

'Twas not the rich man long ago,
 Who copped the poor man's sheep;
 He only took a little lamb
 When wool was selling cheap.

'Tis not the party down the street
 Who tunes in on the phone
 When you are whispering foolish things,
 Just meant for "Her" alone.

Nor is it he who robs you blind
 With aces five, or more,
 He merely takes your bank account
 —And crowds you out the door.

The meanest man on mundane sphere
 It is—alas! alack!!
 The one who says he is your friend
 Then stabs you in the back.
 REX

"I understand young Briefless is about to marry the daughter of old Bonds, the millionaire."

"Yes, so I am told."

"Will he give up the law business?"

"Yes he will give up the law business and go into the son-in-law business."

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Mr. and Mrs. Irons, of Nelson St. have returned home after spending the winter with their daughter in Illinois.

We are very glad to hear of Mrs. Helen Prior having a successful operation and is again home improving nicely.

Mrs. M. Stewart is convalescing nicely in the Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Wm. Taylor is confined in the Victoria Hospital where he underwent a slight operation. Mrs. Annie Grapson, his daughter, of Toronto, is with him at present.

Messrs. Wm. Ward, Louis Harris and Armstrong have gone to Detroit where they have accepted positions.

Little Dorothy and Daniel Moxley are confined in their home with the mumps.

Rev. E. M. Woods of Hill St. Baptist Church tendered his resignation last Sunday evening to take effect immediately. He preaches his farewell sermon on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Chandler and children have returned home after spending a pleasant visit with her mother Mrs. L. Chandler of Fort Erie.

Miss Freeda Anderson has returned home after spending a pleasant visit with her father and brothers.

The Editor, Mr. Jenkins is improving nicely.

Rev. Samuel R. Drake, General Superintendent of the B.M.E. Church of Canada, paid his annual visit to Beth Emanuel B.M.E. Church on Sunday, April 26th, and delivered two very soul stirring messages to capacity audiences at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. We are led to believe that as years go on our superintendent is growing considerably keen in intellect and breadth of vision, as his splendid messages proved to us that much care and thought had been given in their preparation. His message of the morning on the "Temptation of Jesus" was very helpful and encouraged the hearts and souls of his hearers, but the afternoon message though delivered hurriedly owing to his having to leave at 4.15 for Woodstock, was a master-piece. Subject: "Drifting." We were made to think deeply as he portrayed to us the harbor of Salvation and said, that for every one who turned their face away from God, there were thousands that drift beyond this great harbor of salvation. The pastor conducted the evening service, using as his subject, "The Law of Reciprocity." Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Brown assisted the pastor at the afternoon service. The General Superintendent continued his visit on Monday evening and delivered an illuminating and inspirational address concerning the progress of our race in the world. We have never heard the superintendent to better advantage that at this time, and we are certain his message touched the large number who were present to listen to what he had to say. As the pastor of the Church, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those ladies who made it possible in making the annual visit a success by serving the splendid buffet luncheon in the basement and contrived by each of them.

We also extend our thanks to the chorister and choir for their services, and to all who helped in raising our assessment.

Ridout Street Methodist Brotherhood came over with twenty-six men and conducted the service on Sunday morning. Rev. F. O. Stewart addressed the King Street Presbyterian Brotherhood at 10 a.m.

J. F. Jenkins continues on the convalescent list.

W. L. Taylor is in Victoria Hospital, having had an operation performed on Monday. Mrs. Louis Stewart is also in Victoria hospital, suffering with hemorrhages.

Mrs. Arnold Pryor has been taken home from St. Joseph's hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irons are at home after wintering in Detroit and Marquette, Mich.

The Annual Conference notices have been received announcing the 69th annual session of the Ontario Conference of the B.M.E. Church, which is to be held in the Garden City, St. Catharines, Ont., June 23rd, 1925, at 8 p.m.

Lecturer—Now for a few minutes, ladies and gentlemen, we shall consider the fundamental principles of architecture. The Etruscans—

Voice from the Rear—How d'ye build a doghouse?

Lecturer (promptly)—Do you contemplate moving, sir?

ST. CATHARINES

Our General Superintendent, Rev. S. R. Drake, paid his annual visit here last Sunday. On Tuesday evening the 21st he gave a very interesting address on the progress of our race.

The officers of the B.M.E. Church held a spring bazaar on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

The Brotherhood is holding some very interesting debates each Monday evening which are proving very entertaining.

Mrs. Charles Bell, who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

We are glad to see Mrs. John Nicholson up and around again.

We are sorry that Miss Edna Bell is still confined to her bed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

She tried to kill him with a glance,
But she was, truth to tell,
So cross-eyed that, by grievous chance
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He—Well, the way my money has been going it looks suspicious.

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The second Sunday in May will be observed as Ladies' Day in the B.M. E. Church.

Friends of Mrs. R. Baldwin will be pleased to know that she well on the way to recovery after five weeks of critical illness in the General Hospital and we trust she will soon be able to return to her home

Mrs. Baldwin's fourth son, Leonard is also in the hospital in a dangerous condition.

Mrs. John Lucas has returned after a two weeks visit to her daughters in Windsor and Detroit.

Mrs. E. Davis and daughters, Mrs. Hubbard and Miss Charlotte Davis of Buffalo, are visitors in the city being called to the bedside of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Saunders, who was in the hospital but is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Ida Jones is confined to her bed through illness.

Rev. S. A. Lucas is on the sick list.

HALIFAX, N.S.

The Blue Ribbon Society of the A.M.E. Church had a most enjoyable concert last Thursday evening. After a select programme, consisting of songs and readings and special musical selections by the Lyric Orchestra, refreshments were served by the members of the Society, which closed an enjoyable evening.

The Cornwallis Baptist Church was the scene of one of the largest gatherings ever witnessed there when thirteen candidates were baptized at the evening service.

The Rev. W. Constantine Perry, formerly of New Glasgow, was the special speaker at the P.S.A. of the International Club on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and the address was considered one of the best ever listened to.

Miss Dolly Smithers of New Glasgow, who was visiting Mrs. (Rev.) Perry, returned last Monday.

Mr. J. A. R. Kinney is now manager of the Colored Children's Home. For 25 years Mr. Kinney was sales manager and advertising agent for one of the largest commercial houses in Eastern Canada.

The Rev. W. C. Perry has a strong desire to return to Ontario and would consider any pastoral appointment if communicated to at 19 Moran St., Halifax, N.S.

Mr. Perry has been very successful in his pastoral work and has the reputation of being an energetic worker and an evangelistic preacher of repute.

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Father—That may be; but it'll take the sudden and oft repeated pressure of a good paddle to bring it out, I think.

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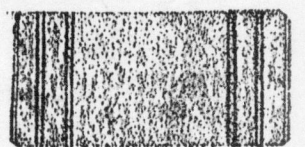
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Ernest—Did the lawyer for the de-
fense submit you to a cross-exam-
ination?

Ethel—No, indeed. He was just as
pleasant about it as he could be.

TORONTO

Mr. L. Buddell, 66 Palmerston Ave.
Toronto has gone to Chicago to visit
his sister.

H. W. Ashburn has returned home
again from the General Hospital af-
ter seven weeks sickness.

A farewell reception was tendered
to the Rev. A. McEwen Williams,
pastor of the First Baptist Church,
Toronto, on Tuesday evening, April
21st.

Mr. Arthur R. James was the chair-
man and among the speakers were
Rev. O. C. Elliott, Moderator of the
Toronto Baptist Association; Rev. D.
E. Hatt, M.A., Manager of the Bap-
tist Book Room, Mr. L. F. Kipp, Ed-
itor of the "Canadian Baptist."
Rev. R. A. Ball, Pastor of the B.M.
E. Church; Rev. C. W. Carpenter,
pastor of the A.M.E. Church; E. L.
Cross; Messrs. R. J. Brooks, M. M.
Marshall and J. W. Montgomery.
Resolutions were presented from the
B.Y.P.U. by Mr. C. Maynard; the
Sunday School, by Mr. J. Alex.
Knight; the choir, by Miss B. L.
Rudd. The presentation of a purse
amounting to \$128 by Mr. O. A. Brew-
ton.

The gathering closed with singing
"God be with you till we meet
again," and benediction by Rev. Wil-
liams.

Hard to Speak In

Uncle Ben of Moss Center was en-
tertaining the visiting orator after
the speech.

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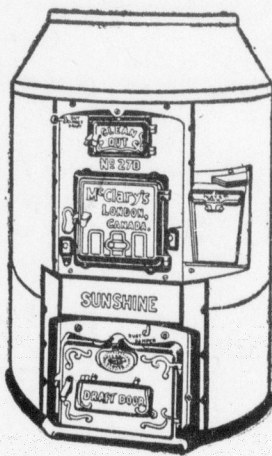
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Dempsey, The Dodger

Associated Negro Press.

Still dodging Harry Wills, and still being abetted in it by a large part of "white" sentiment. His latest postponement is that Wills must first dispose of Gibbons. Just a little while ago it was "I will fight the winner," then Wills was being matched with Firpo. Of course, Dempsey and his accomplices were hoping to God that by some accident or other, Firpo would dispose of Wills.

For three years Dempsey has thus on some thin excuse been permitted to doge meeting Harry Wills face to face and fist to fist. And we confess that we never thought that American sporting circles would let him get away with it. From the way in which the stage folk stood up so nobly for Charles Gilpin, when a few snobs wanted to deny him the honor which was due him, we had conceived the opinion that among actors and boxers and other entertainers and sports there was a higher state of democratic morality than there is in the U.S. Senate, the Virginia legislature, the editorial rooms of the Newport News "Press" and such other backward institutions. I thought those howling gladiatorial fans who attend the boxing ringside would like to see a good fight where the decision could not be made beforehand. Dempsey says that a fight with Wills would not "draw" a crowd. Why not? If a Dempsey-Firpo fight paid and a Wills-Firpo fight also paid, why not a Dempsey-Wills fight? The hardest drawing seems to be for Wills and his manager to draw Dempsey and Kearns into reach of Wills' right hand.

If Jack Dempsey will only stand up to the fight, he'll get a crowd all right, for in addition to the large number of those white people, who are real sports, there are several million colored people who would be willing to pay a gate fee just to see this "Champion Dodger" caught at last within the arm reach of a real man.

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New York, April 22—The board of trustees of the Carnegie Corporation announced Friday that an appropriation of \$100,000 had been made to the Hampton-Tuskegee endowment fund, \$50,000 for the endowment fund of each school, and specified that the income was to be used for the general support and the maintenance of and instruction in the industrial and applied arts departments of the schools.

Colored Girl Champion Speller

Denver, Colo., April 22—Colorado hissed having a colored spelling champion by a narrow margin, when Miss Lola Barnes, vanquisher of all competitors in her home town, Salt Lake, and its county, Tracy County, lost out in the State Spelling Match last week by two words. Miss Barnes, however, returned home with stronger determinations than ever to win the championship. She intends to enter the next match and try for the honor again.

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