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To the Editor,

The Dawn of Tomorrow.

Dear Sir:—

The first anniversary of The Dawn of Tomorrow finds the paper a lusty youngster, its brief past crowded with the success born of a work well done, and a future before it which opens a field of endeavour so great that only the love of race of its promoters will shield them from disheartening contemplation. For it is one thing to have an ambition to help one's own race, and quite another to provide the sinews of war, meet the arguments of intolerance of those whom it is sought to help and uplift.

But in these three things The Dawn of Tomorrow has successfully ridden the waves of public opinion at a time when but few publications in Canada have been able to keep their heads above water. No matter in what infinitesimal degree the ambition of this paper of the colored race has been achieved, its existence has been amply warranted, and it would be a thousand pities if its voice did not continue to preach the gospel of fair play between the white and colored peoples.

Canada occupies a unique position in relation to the colored man. In the middle of the past century she threw her territory open to the runaway slaves, and made men and citizens of them the moment their feet pressed the green of her sod, of the leaves of her maples sheltered them from the sun. She detested slavery then, and she detests it now. But intolerance dies hard, and there exists in most of us an almost unconscious prejudice which leads us to keep the colored man on the ground, though we would abhor the charbe that we would virtually perpetuate his slavery.

The Dawn of Tomorrow can lay claim to having made some progress in bringing to the attention of the white people the necessity for extending a helping hand to the less



J. F. JENKINS, B.A.

Mr. Jenkins, in collaboration with Mr. J. A. Pinckney, Toronto, was responsible for the birth of The Dawn of Tomorrow. They have jointly carried the financial load inseparable from the launching of such an enterprise and to them is due the fact that our people have an organ conducted by and for them in Canada. Mr. Jenkins has each week, not only written up editorials on live topics but has, in addition attended to all the many little chores incident to the distribution of the paper to its readers.

fortunate colored race. But after all is said and done, it lies first with the colored men and women to make good and by dint of personal endeavour to shoulder themselves into the place they covet in the social scale—a place which will afford them equal opportunity with the whites to make a living, educate their children, and live their lives in such peace and comfort as is the admitted right of those of any color in the station to which they belong.

The uplifting ladder is at the feet of every colored man and woman, but few have even their foot on the first rung. The Dawn of Tomorrow's attempts to improve the colored people have amply demonstrated this. There must be more team

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Prof. Fred Landon Compliments "Dawn"

More than 70 years ago the colored people of Canada had a newspaper voicing their ideas and their hopes, published by Henry Bibb, at Sandwich and bearing the very significant name "The Voice of the Fugitive." There is a bound volume of this little paper, running through 1850-51 in the Detroit Public Library and a similar volume in the library of the University of Michigan.

Henry Bibb, who was the editor, was born in slavery but escaped to the free states of the North where he took part in the campaign of the Liberty Party during the forties and is described by no less a person than Garrison as having been an effective public speaker. He seems to have come to Canada late in the forties and for the next few years he was influential. What eventually became of him, I do not know. Possibly after the end of the war in 1865

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F. O. STEWART

Mr. Stewart has been connected with the D. of T. since its inception and has been a most indefatigable worker in its interests.

He has been willing at all times to take up and carry through any work that presented itself and has contributed in no small manner to its success.

REV. S. DRAKE CONGRATULATES "THE DAWN"

To the Editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow.

Dear Sir:—

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the splendid service you have rendered our race in Canada in editing so successfully The Dawn of Tomorrow during the past twelve months.

This paper has made a record for itself as a clean sheet, that could be welcomed in the home, as a family paper, to be read by all members whether young or old.

I think your policy as Editor has been fair and honest. Your editorials timely, thoughtful and practical, dealing forcefully with questions of vital interest to the race at large.

It has been inspiring to read articles by other members of the race dealing with subjects of general interest. These men have expressed themselves in fine terms, giving voice to honest opinions as men who no longer fear to speak as they think.

Your are to be congratulated on this splendid effort, and all who appreciate the time, the talent and cost of any publication today will only have words of commendation for the Editor of The Dawn.

Our Annual Conference, after hearing the report and statement of the year's operation, gave its endorsement and approval.

We trust that it will be only a short while until your Annual or Semi Annual subscriptions will increase sufficiently to warrant you to enlarge its size. Here is an opportunity for practical cooperation by boosting the Dawn until it becomes a publication of practical benefit to all our people.

Yours for Success,

S. R. DRAKE.

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Editorial

OUR ANNIVERSARY.

We offer thanks to the Almighty as well as to a host of friends and supporters upon this our first anniversary. Chief among these friends is our printer, Mr. R. F. Fielding, who, aside from ourselves, has borne the greater part of the burden and who still carries the larger portion of the deficit. The Dawn is not at present a paying business proposition. There came a time in our existence when it looked utterly impossible to "carry on." At this juncture Mr. David Ross, Mayor Geo. A. Wenige and Mr. W. J. Wray came to us, not only with their moral support and with good advice, but with financial assistance also. "The Dawn must not cease its publication," is the way they expressed their sentiments. Needless it is for us to state that not only does The Dawn, but that 20,000 colored Canadians feel very grateful to these three Christian gentlemen.

One year ago The Dawn of Tomorrow greeted the day with an eight page publication. This size we maintained for more than six months. Lack of finance borne of a lack of proper appreciation forced us to reduce the size from eight to six pages.

One year ago in stating our reasons for coming into existence, we said in our initial editorial: "In planning for The Dawn of Tomorrow, two thoughts were uppermost in our minds. First we were convinced of the extreme necessity of a Race paper in the Dominion of Canada; an organ, through which we might express our views and through which the world might learn of the many good deeds we are doing and of the many fine thoughts we are thinking; a journal which will keep us informed of what the race is doing in other parts of the world."

Mr. Edwards said: "The policy of the Dawn will ever be sympathetic to any person or group of persons whose aims and ideas are for the betterment of themselves and the community in which they live." Whether or not we have carried out these policies, we leave it to the reading public to judge.

We have given our readers a clean journal, free from attacks and counter attacks. We have given the general public information concerning our group which was unavailable to any other Canadian paper. We have published historic facts concerning

the race which has enlightened both races.

A sad regret we have is that with the passing of the two extra pages went the opportunity to continue publishing these historic facts. We encouraged education among our young people. We have pleaded for equal opportunities for our group. We have defended the Race against unjust attacks. We have attempted to create and maintain a better understanding between the races. We have pleaded for co-operation and unity in every phase of race activity. We have encouraged business enterprises as a means of helping ourselves and by way of making places for our boys and girls. We have recommended thrift, industry and frugality as a means of lifting ourselves and bettering our conditions. Lastly, we are about to launch a society for the advancement of colored people, similar to the Urban League of the States.

In making this fight we have incurred a deficit which runs into hundreds of dollars. Whether or not we shall reach our second anniversary is left to our own people. Unless more substantial support is forthcoming from those in whose interest the Dawn is edited we cannot continue much longer.

Has the "Dawn" Served Its Purpose?

In answering the above question we must first of all set out to inform our many patrons of some reasons for the existence of our little paper.

One year ago in the early spring Mr. James F. Jenkins conceived the idea that we needed some tangible way in which to more fully express ourselves, and also let the world at large know that we folk in Canada are capable of doing big things. In the month of July the first edition was ushered before the public after much argument, pro and con, by many wise sages that claimed to know the mind of the twenty thousand people representing our race throughout this fair Dominion. Some claimed we were not ready for a paper. Others said it would not be given support. But Mr. Jenkins, having faith in his fellow men, began to negotiate with various influential men of the Anglo-Saxon race and received encouragement to go ahead. With undaunted courage he went forth and as a result, for twelve months The Dawn of Tomorrow has been filling a much needed want in the many homes in Canada.

There has been much commotion and unjust criticism about the size of the paper. Some going so far as to say that it ought to be much larger. We believe that very little earnest thought has been given the needs of printing a news paper by those who are offering such remarks. It is the desire of the Editor and staff to give the public a larger paper, but before this can be accomplished, we must be assured of at least three hundred cash subscribers. This number will enable us to give our patrons better service in every way. We have endeavoured during the first year of our paper to keep the reading public informed as to the doings of our folk all over the world.

We have made a special effort to publish all items of interest. Our aim has been to give to our readers

a clean journal that the school boy and girl could enjoy as well as father or mother.

We have tried to encourage our young people to contribute to the pages of our paper and it is hoped that our second year will create sufficient interest among them to induce them to reply to our request.

In proof to our many patrons that the paper has served its purpose, we quote a statement made by one of our interested friends: "The Dawn of Tomorrow is a very valuable paper and is doing a good work. It must continue to exist." Many others have made similar statements. What is your opinion, as one of the race?

F. O. STEWART, Business Mgr.

I KNOW

(By S. E. G. Allen)

All the way seemed dark before me
An 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."

Speaking of Speed

Among Irvin Cobb's numerous stories is one that has an especial appeal to the electrical fraternity.

Cobb relates that one day in a Southern town he overheard two darkies disputing as to their respective ability as runners. Said the first:

"You claims you is fast! You says you's so fast folks calls you speedy! Jest how fast is you, nigger?"

"I'll tell you how fast I is," said the other. De room whar I sleep nights is got jest one 'lectric light in it which light is forty feet from the bed. When I gets undressed I kin walk over to dat light and turn it out and get back into bed and be all covered up befo the room gits dark".

His Master's Voice.

Mr. Stocks (slumming on the East Side)—Well, well, poor boy; so your father is dead. How did he die?

Urchin (who can't be bothered with no questions)—Aw, he strangled to death. He was sittin' in a lunch room eatin' some horse meat when some guy yells "whoa," and the stuff stopped in his throat.

"My God! You gave my wife arsenic instead of sleeping powder!"
"That's all right. You owe me fifteen cents more."

In Africa the banana is the staple article of food, and every tropical village has its banana fields, as common as the potato fields of temperate climates.

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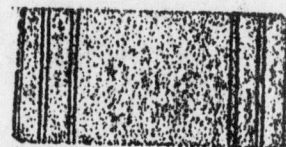
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TORONTO NOTES

Mrs. C. Hodge of Rockville, Md. spent two weeks visiting former home friends. She left on the 4th for her home.

Mrs. Stewart has moved to her new home at 117 Dundas St. W. apartment 2.

Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Montgomery entertained a large number of delegates at their home, Osgoode Hall.

An impressive funeral was witnessed on Tuesday at the A.M.E. Church which was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock. Rev. W. E. Guy preached a very touching sermon, warning all that the soul must make that flight like the young eagle it must rise.

A tennis club has been organized at Grant Church. Come and join us and help make up two equipped teams by May 1925.

Don't forget our Annual Picnic to Grimsby Beach on July 31st. Boat leaves 8 a.m. Come early. Don't miss it. Return from beach 7.30 p.m. Adults \$1.25. Children under 12 60c. Round trip—A big crowd expected.

Mrs. Waithe, who is in the General Hospital is doing well.

Mother Richardson is sitting up at times and is doing fine.

Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, July 6th was a great spiritual feast day. Dr. T. H. Henderson preached two very inspiring sermons in the morning and evening services.

Mrs. Mary E. Benson of Washington, D.C. is visiting her son and her daughter at 684 Dundas St.

Mrs. Watkins of Windsor who formerly was with the Coca Cola Co. of that city has been transferred to Toronto by the company. He was received into Grant on Sunday.

Mr. Gow of South Africa is back again. He has been visiting Syracuse and Cleveland.

Mr. Coats occupied the pulpit in the B.M.E. Church last Sunday morning.

Rev. Ball is expected to return next week.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Deas on Thursday at 2 p.m. when Mrs. Mattie Barker was married to Mr. James H. Kenney, of Port Huron, Mich. Rev. Dr. Henderson performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Mrs. Cora Hodge of Rockville, Md. Mr. Taylor was best man. The bride wore a gown of silver grey canton crepe and a hat to match. Following the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served. After the reception the happy couple left for Detroit. On their return they will reside in Port Huron.

The Panama canal is the widest in the world.

Regular brushing of the gums as well as the teeth is essential for a healthy mouth.

LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Cromwell, Mr. Paul Lewis, Mr. Robert Harris motored to Windsor to attend the B. M.E. Conference. They also visited Detroit where Mr. Cromwell happily met his father whom he had not seen in 20 years. He also met his three brothers and his 2 sisters. On their way home they stopped at Fletcher, Ont. to visit relatives.

Miss Lucille Berry entertained a party of 25 on Tuesday evening at the home of her sister, Mme. Hunter. All spent a very pleasant evening. The honoured guests were Mr. and Mrs. De Weever with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irons, Miss Harrison and Miss Henderson who are visiting Mrs. Fred Kelly.

Hill St. Baptist Church Notes

Two very impressive services were held at our church last Sunday. In the evening Rev. Wood delivered a splendid sermon on "Faith".

We were very pleased to have worshipping with us Mrs. Jno. Irons, her children, grand children, and great grand children.

Rev. E. M. Wood has left the city on his vacation. He expects to be away two weeks.

We are glad to welcome back to the city the following old Londoners who have recently made their homes in Detroit: Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shillingforth and baby; Mr. and Mrs. C. DeWeever and Mr. Stanley Drake. With Mr. Drake was L. Mellburn of Windsor.

Last Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly entertained in honor of their guests, Miss Mabel Harrison of Stratford and Miss Henderson of Ingersoll. A host of congenial friends gathered to celebrate the occasion.

B.M.E. Church Notes

Mr. Walter Taylor of Detroit addressed the Brotherhood last Sunday morning. His subject was "Service" The Brotherhood thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Taylor's address. Mr. Shillingforth and Mr. DeWeever gave short addresses also which were highly appreciated.

Mrs. Fred Harris is visiting her daughters in Detroit.

Mrs. Geo. Chandler and children are spending their holidays with Mrs. L. Chandler in Fort Erie.

Last Sunday evening Rev. S. R. Drake conducted the services. He delivered one of the most masterful sermons which has been heard from the pulpit in many years.

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WINDSOR NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Powell of Detroit visited Mrs. Georgina Millben on Sunday.

Mrs. Currie and children of Chatham and Miss Rider of Pontiac, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry visited Mrs. Georgina Millben on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson and Mr. Henry Struthers of Detroit and Miss Jennett Millben visited relatives and friends in Chatham and Dresden on Sunday.

Mr. Allen Millben is spending a few days in Ann Arbor and Jackson with friends.

Mr. Claude Carter and Miss Marion Richardson of Detroit and Miss Sarah Handsor visited Miss Vera Smith on Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Smith of Chatham spent Sunday with his wife and son.

Mrs. Thomas Millben and little son are visiting her parents of Chatham township for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Handsor of Jackson, Mich. visited relatives and friends in Windsor and Chatham over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Chick Shreve of Buxton motored to Windsor. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moore of Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and two sons of Cleveland, motored to Windsor to spend the 4th of July with Mr. and Mrs. James Foster.

The W.S.S. wish to thank Miss B. Jones of Sandwich for her home for the club meeting.

The sad death of Mr. Ed. Washington occurred on Monday June 30th. He was buried from Tanner A.M.E. Church to Windsor Grove Cemetery on Thursday, July 3rd. He was a well known resident of Windsor.

Rev. S. A. Lucas of Cleveland, Ohio preached at Tanner A.M.E. Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Mercer Street are all smiles.—a daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Stewart are visiting in Windsor for their vacation after the Conference.

The death of Mrs. DeBarber of McDougall St. occurred on Wednesday, July 2nd. She was a member of Tanner Church for a long period of years.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Ball of Toronto are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ball McDougall Street.

Services in B.M.E. Church on Sunday morning, Rev. F. O. Stewart of London preached a very inspiring sermon which was enjoyed by all.

FORT ERIE NOTES

Mrs. M. Chandler and children are visitors with Mrs. L. Shandler.

Mrs. F. Taylor and Miss M. Taylor spent several days in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Mr. H. F. Jones was a visitor in Fort Erie over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker visited Mrs. T. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolden and baby, Edna, spent Friday in Fort Erie.

Mr. T. Dougherty has returned to his home.

ST. CATHARINES NOTES

Mr. George Bell and family and Miss Violet Morton motored to Niagara Falls on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Young of Niagara Falls has been a constant visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bell during the past week.

Mrs. Charles Morton of Hamilton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell and family on Sunday.

Quite a number of American tourists have been visiting in this city during the past week. Among them was Mrs. Cynthia Miller and a party of friends. While in the city they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Collins. Mr. Will Alligood, formerly of St. Catharines was also in the party.

Master Leonard Grant is at Niagara on the Lake, filling a position at the Queens Royal Hotel.

The Brotherhood took the Sunday services, our pastor, Rev. Logan being absent. Everyone enjoyed the services which were interesting very much.

Miss Violet Morton of Hamilton has been visiting at the home of Mrs. George Bell.

Mrs. James Grant entertained a few friends last Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Mrs. Frank Richardson and children and Miss Verita Smith spent a very pleasant day at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Arthur Dorsay has been spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. Lawrence Grant of Buffalo was in the city last week visiting relatives and friends.

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Rev. Mrs. J. F. Taylor and Mrs. Smith of Chatham were in the city 3 weeks ago.

Mr. Frank Gardner of Hamilton spent the week end in the city.

Miss Selina Smith spent several days in Chatham.

Nine of the Smith family motored to London and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Alex Vant of Detroit, Mich. was a visitor in the city on Friday last.

Rev. Adams of Brantford will hold service July 13.

Mrs. Dr. Legurtis, Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell, Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. Marshall jr. and Miss Selina Smith motored to Ingersoll on Sunday.

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SARNIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. Or-giss Dickerson, Mrs. B. Rolling and Miss Helen Jones, of Sarnia, motored down to Chatham on Sunday to visit some friends. They report a good time.

Mrs. O. Dickerson was host on Friday evening and entertained the Priscilla Club. Everyone present reports a lovely time.

The Priscilla Club is holding its annual picnic on Friday, July 11 at Lake Huron Park. All are invited to join us and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Murdock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gate-wood, Port Huron, over the week end.

The Missionary Society met on Tuesday night at Mrs. Guy Wright's and a goodly number were present. We were glad to have Mrs. Rev. Williams, our president, with us.

We were glad to see Mrs. Rev. Williams in her usual place in church on Sunday night after quite a spell of illness.

The Sarnia Tennis Club has reorg-anized and held the first game on Friday. All the members were pre-sent and a good game was played. Refreshments were served.

SOUTH WOODSLEE NOTES

Rev. Pete Harris, formerly of Lon-don, joined the Baptist church and will preach one Sunday in each month

and Rev. J. R. Smith one Sunday in each month, Rev. J. H. Pinick two Sundays in each month.

Mrs. Molock and a number of our Church members attended the BME Conference in Windsor last Sunday.

The Puce Church will give a home coming on the 4th Sunday in July. Everybody is welcome. There will be good speaking and lots to eat.

HAMILTON NOTES

Mr. Parker spent the week end in the city.

Mrs. Maudie Harris is improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alligood and daugh-ter Vera, Mrs. Adams, son and daugh-ter all motored to St. Catharines with Mrs. Norman Rhodes on July 1st, bringing back Mrs. Bert Wilkins.

Mr. Thompson motored from Tor-onto with a party of 7

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James of Tor-onto spent a few days in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hall and children spent Sunday here and at-tended services at St. Pauls.

Miss M. Lewis of Clyde St. is quite ill at this writing

The Men's Rally at St. Paul's on Sunday was largely attended and a grand success.

Dr. Allen occupied the pulpit at

the morning service.

We were glad to welcome our ex-pastor, Rev. A. W. Hackley, who preached a powerful sermon at the evening service.

Excellent music was rendered by he male chorus under the leadership of Mr. J. C. Holland and Mr. Jess Brown

Mrs. E. E. Terrelong is spending a few weeks in Jamestown, N.Y. the guest of her mother.

The Trustee Aid will give a Lawn Social on the Church lawn on July 15th.

Mrs. May Brown organized the Junior Missionary Society starting with 31 members.

Mrs. Wilkins is visiting Mrs. Alli-good.

Our Day Together Club, formerly known as Silent Workers, will hold a drama, The Ten Virgins, on the 22nd of July.

Rev. A. W. Hackley was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Detroit are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Slaughter.

OWEN SOUND NOTES

Sunday was a very quiet day here as the pastor was absent, being away at the BME Conference at Windsor. There was no service in the morning

but in the evening the meeting was conducted by Rev. Woodford of the Anglican Church. His subject was the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. He gave us a splendid talk.

On June 21st there passed from our midst one of the oldest men of our race in this city in the person of Wm. Branscomb in his one hundred and second year. He was born in the State of Maryland and came to Owen Sound 69 years ago. He was twice married, his first wife, whose name was Jane Nicol, died about 35 or 40 years ago. He married again to Miss Francis Douglas, who died about a year ago. He had no childrer, by either of his wives. He was a mem-ber of the Disciple Church and was a good Christian man. He leaves to mourn his loss one nephew and one niece, Mrs. Bowes and Mr. R. Smith and one adopted boy, L. Branscomb.

Mrs. H. Woodbeck and son W. Woodbeck are attending the Annual Conference at Windsor.

Mrs. E. A. Richardson is visiting Mrs. A. Harrison while her husband, Rev. E. A. Richardson is at the Con-ference.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Green and left a fine son, which makes 40 grand children for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green.

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Rev. Dawson and his officers and members also tried themselves in providing the necessary things of life in the matter of food. Nothing was lacking in the way of satisfying appetites of Torontonians, Buxtonites, Londoners, St. Kittites and the host of other Canadians and Americans who were in attendance at this conference. The General Supt. Rev. S. R. Drake excelled in the manner of keeping the preachers straight and appeared to be almost a super-man. He towered above everything else when he called his better half to the platform and publicly gave her the credit for twenty-five years of encouragement to him in his ministerial life. We take our hats off to Mrs. Mary Drake as a pattern for others to follow.

The Missionary Society helped materially in the success of this conference, reporting the neat sum of nearly three hundred dollars for the year.

All the officers were elected for another year, as follows: Mrs. J. Bowles President; R. Wilson, Vice Pres.; A. Wilson, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. F. Stewart, Cor. Sec.

The Sunday School Convention also returned all officers except vice pres. At the close of the evening the appointments were made, all ministers being returned to their stations of the previous year.

The Sixty Ninth Annual Conference will convene in St. Catharines, the garden city of Canada.

In the meantime, all eyes are looking toward the East, to Fort Erie, where it is expected the first district Conference will be held in the early autumn season. Get ready Fort Erie. We are coming.

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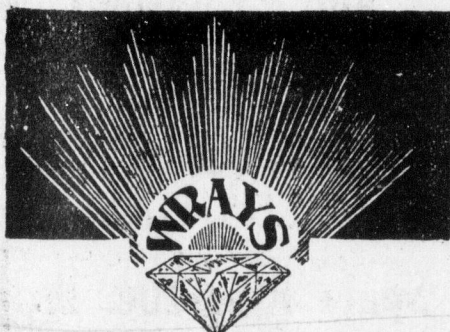
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The fourth Quarterly Meeting services were held on Sunday, June 22nd. Rev. Henderson preached both morning and evening and at 3 p.m. The pastor delivered the Communion sermon and on Monday evening the Quarterly Conference was held. Rev. Dr. Henderson was chairman. All the reports were good.

Services were as usual on Sunday, June 29th. Rev. Nelson preached at the morning and evening services to large audiences.

Miss Nina Adams returned home on Sunday morning after undergoing an operation in one of the hospitals in Toronto. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Viola Sault brought her mother, Mrs. Amanda Johnson home last week. Mrs. Johnson being indisposed for some time.

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett on Sunday.

STRATFORD NOTES

Mr. Henry Shepherd and Mr. Tinley spent the week end in Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craig and two daughter of Detroit motored over to Stratford and stopped a couple of nights with Mrs. J. D. Hall, reporting having a nice trip. Mrs. J. D. Hall and daughter motored back with them as far as Woodstock on Saturday.

Miss Mable Harrison spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. F. W. Kelly of London, where she was the guest of Miss Gertrude Henderson and after spending a few days visiting in London motored back to Stratford where Mrs. Henderson will take up the hairdressing trade with Madame Harrison.

Miss Henderson and Mable Harrison also spent a day in Ingersoll at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson after which they motored back through Woodstock, where they made a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cromwell on their way home to Stratford

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In such positions as have been reluctantly opened to him, the colored man has made good. As the scope of opportunity widens for him, he will be found equal to the calls that society will make upon him. Cheerful under every circumstance, a lover of music from the cradle to old age, warm hearted and trusting, the colored man in this atmosphere of freedom, cannot long be denied his due.

As a subscriber to The Dawn of Tomorrow, I once again wish it the success it has proven itself entitled to. May its light never wane, but increase to a noon of triumphant existence in which the sun of its doctrines and ambitions will make bright the path of the colored race and thereby promote concord and good will in this dominion, which is the common heritage of all.

Yours sincerely,
EDMUND J. CARTY

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he went back to the South, as did others of his race in Canada.

It is significant that 70 years later another paper, founded in Canada as a voice for the colored people, bears the title "The Dawn of Tomorrow." It is a different world, a different Canada in many ways, but the thing that Henry Bibb always prized so highly, liberty, remains as of old. The people who read Bibb's messages of optimism and hope from week to week during the early fifties could not at that time see any dawn appearing but ten years later they were to see a great war being fought that was to change their destiny for all time to come. The message of hope that permeates the pages of Bibb's paper has been caught by one of another generation who in his paper continually urges his people on to better things. Congratulations are in order on the completion of the first year. May The Dawn of Tomorrow go on to yet greater things.

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