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CANADIAN ANTI-SLAVERY GROUP

Before the opening of the Civil War, pretty much all Canadians were vociferous abolitionists. Great Britain had abolished slavery throughout her dominions in 1833, a fact which inclined many Canadians to assume something of a smug righteousness in the presence of the evil still existing in their neighbor's country. It was a common taunt thrown at Yankees that they were slaveholders or accomplices in slavery and, curious though it may seem, this attitude was more pronounced against northerners than against those Southerners who occasionally sojourned in Canada. There was, however, a certain element of the Canadian people who measured the slavery issue aright saw their own relation and that of their country to the evil and proceeded to do what they could to end its existence. And this group rendered service to the abolition cause quite out of proportion to their mere numbers. Leaders of the movement in the United States have left on record their appreciation of the work that was done in Canada at a time when all too many in the North were apathetic if not hostile.

The Canadian abolitionist group might be conveniently divided into three classes according to the character of their contribution to the cause, though the actual services of any one of them might, and often did, fall into more than one such class. There were, first of all, those daring adventurous spirits, of whom Dr. Alexander M. Ross would be an example, who, regarding their lives as of small account, went right into the heart of the slave territory and brought out or assisted to freedom those Negro slaves with whom they could get in touch. More risky work on behalf of freedom was never done in America. In the second class might be placed the work of those men, white and black, like Rev. William King, Josiah Henson, Rev. Hiram Wilson, Rev. Isaac J. Rice and Henry Bibb, devoted their lives to the uplift and betterment of the refugees from slavery who came to Canada, and who by showing what the black man could do in freedom, struck mightily at the shallow



Professor F. Landon, of the University of Western Ontario, whose article on "Canadian Anti-Slavery Group" begins in this issue of the Dawn. The article was written specially for The Dawn of Tomorrow.

arguments as to the benefits to the black man of a state of servitude. The third class would include those who worked to create public sentiment against slavery and to promote public interest in the victims of the system who came to Canada, poor, ignorant and dependent but finding in British freedom that which compensated them for all the dangers and difficulties of the flight north. In this class would come the names of Rev. Dr. Willis, principal of Knox College, Toronto; Thos. Henning, Toronto, for long the secretary of the Anti-slavery society of Canada, as Dr. Willis was for long its president; Hon. George Brown editor of the Toronto Globe; Gordon Brown, his brother, and associated with him in the editorial management of The Globe; Rev. Wm. McClure and John Fraser of London; Principal McCullum of the Hamilton High School, and others, but including all who were associated with the work of the Canadian Anti-slavery Society. Abduction of slaves from the South was a deadly blow to slavery because it unsettled the whole property system of that part of the republic. That was the particular effect of the Harper's Ferry raid, led by John Brown. He who went into the slave states for the purpose

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"Get Acquainted" Club Gave Real Good Performance

As human nature is prone to be egotistically enlightened we refrain from giving our own version of the play presented by the Get Acquainted Club last Thursday evening. Instead, we reproduce the article which appeared in the Free Press last Friday morning. In naming the characters in the cast, the Free Press inadvertently omitted the name of Allan Anderson who was Joseph, chief butler to Mr. and Mrs. Crusty. Mr. Anderson's interpretation of Joseph was most marvellous.

Giving to an audience which practically filled the auditorium of the East End Town Hall a brand of acting which ranks with the best shown in London for years the Get Acquainted Club, a colored organization devoted to charity, last night presented an outstanding interpretation of the play "Our Domestic," of English origin. The play, as lived by the actors which last night excelled in the stage art, offered something unique and something in which a laugh could be found in every other line. For a cast the Get Acquainted Club chose wisely and each member gave the keenest interpretation of the part in which he or she appeared. The large audience was given an entertainment of the first rank and the receipts, to be devoted to charitable work, reflected the great success of the presentation.

Under the direction of J. F. Jenkins, and musical direction of Fred Ball, the plot was unfolded in a manner which would bring worthy praise to the best of professions. As "Caroline," Mrs. Pearl Brown earned the generous applause which was accorded her efforts. James Brooks' interpretation of the role, "Quaver," was worthy of special mention as was also the acting of Paul Lewis as "Francis." Fred Kelly as "Crusty," Myrtle Hooper as "Julia" and Mrs. Bertha Johnston as "Mrs. Crusty." The remaining members of the cast, all of whom excelled in their respective parts, included Mrs. F. Poindexter as "Sarah," Mrs. Maud Cabera, Mrs. M. Chandler, John Lucas and Charles Poindexter.

AMAZED AT PROGRESS OF COLORED PEOPLE

Toronto.—Rev. Dr. John T. Tucker, principal of the Dondi Training Institute, Angola, West Africa, under the United Church of Canada, who has just returned to the city following a tour of the South, having been sent there by the Phelps-Stokes commission to study the method of higher education among the negroes, expressed amazement at the progress evident among the colored people. The Negroes are in possession of property, he claimed valued at one billion dollars, and many of the homes are of the superior type and furnished in taste.

Dr. Tucker found the Negro of the South more emotional than the average African. The problem of lynching, he claimed, came from the poor, degenerate white. Questioned as to the attitude of the better class of whites of the South to the Negro, he stated that gradually the attitude was changing and the sentiment in favor of the Negro supported greatly by the inter-racial commission. Dr. Tucker was astonished at the progress of education among Negroes and the magnificent equipment of colleges, including arts, industrial and agricultural branches of study.

The play of two parts, concerns a well-to-do English family, Mr. and Mrs. Crusty and their daughter, Caroline. Caroline is in love with a music master, Quaver, and a servant of one Meeks in love with Caroline, is in love with the Crusty maid, Julia. Francis' master arranges to meet Caroline to press his suit, while Caroline tries to prevent this meeting and marry Quaver. A ball is arranged by the Crusty servants and Quaver invited to play at it. As Quaver is playing, the Crustys arrive on the scene and break up the party, Quaver seeking shelter in Caroline's room. The servant Julia allows a letter to reach Mr. Crusty, purporting to tell of a meeting between Quaver and Caroline for elopement. At the same time Francis tells Mr. Crusty his master has lost all his money. Quaver is found in Caroline's room and Mr. Crusty decided a means of "getting even" with Quaver by making him marry Caroline.

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Editorial

THE SENTENCE OF WILLIAM McKATHERN.

Not a Negro in Ontario has any sympathy for Wm. McKathern who stands convicted of one of the most brutal crimes ever committed in the annals of our province. He has brought a cancerous blot upon the fair record which we have maintained for the last century. For us he has turned back the clock of progress fifty years. Would to God he had not been born.

But—we take exception to certain remarks made by the presiding judge in passing sentence upon the prisoner. When he congratulated the "good and law abiding citizens of Chatham for not having snatched the prisoner from the strong arm of the law and burned him at the stake," in our opinion both the dignity of the bench and respect for law and order suffered a deadening blow. Why should British justice be congratulated for so being? Why should law-abiding citizens be complimented for not having reverted to barbarism and worse? And again, is not the "strong arm of the law" to which the judge referred sufficient to prevent such a thing, and is not the spirit of the Canadian people and the Canadian law such as to render lynching and burning entirely impossible? Such a compliment to the "good citizens" of Georgia or Tennessee would have been quite proper and in order, but to the law-abiding citizens of any part of our Dominion it is untimely and unnecessary. In the event that a colored man is again accused of a similar crime what effect will this suggestion have upon the citizens, all of whom are not too intelligent? And in view of the fact that such a hint has been thrown out, would it now be surprising if the prisoner were taken out and burned at the stake? Could the same judge then serve on the bench with a clear conscience in the case of the lynchers?

As to the crime of rape, no one has more horror of it than we colored folk. No class of people is more desirous of seeing it stamped out. It is becoming a common crime here in Ontario. But Wm.

McKathern is the first Negro ever accused of such a crime in this province. To say the least, then, it seems unfortunate that the first Negro ever to be accused of such a crime must be the first person to receive the extreme penalty. It might be argued that his crime was among the most inhuman. We admit that it was among the worst, but not the worst. Compare the damage done by this Negro to that done by the old white gentleman here in London not so long ago. The Negro's crime was against a very aged and highly respectable white woman. The white man's crime was against scores of little children ranging from 3 to 10 years in age. His crime was against their young bodies and their little innocent souls. He filled their bodies with disease and their souls with filth. Can we conceive of a more inhuman crime? Others we could mention which parallel this case but no capital punishment was meted out. But it seems that since Simon the Negro bore the cross of Christ his race has ever been chosen to bear the full penalty of the sins of the world.

THE ULTIMATE OBJECT OF CHURCH UNION.

(Rev. F. O. Stewart, Toronto)

The ultimate object of church union is the evangelization of the world. Through Jesus' wonderful prayer for Christian unity as though all His prayers, there can be felt the pulse-beat of His Father's purpose for the world. "That all may be one," so He prays, and then, "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." What a divine commission for a United Church! The world waits for evidence upon which to found its faith. And no greater evidence can be produced in our time than the fact of fellowship that will be realized in a Church United for the salvation of the whole world. Such fellowship inwardly experienced and outwardly expressed is what constitutes a Christian church.

And for just that message of fellowship human and divine, the world awaits today. Only by that experience of fellowship can the problems of the world be solved. For we have learned one great lesson from a very costly experience, that world problems of today are problems of neighborhood. They have to do with relationships among the great racial and color divisions of the human family. The Christian church is the body of Christ. What Jesus would do to relieve and assist humanity were He here in the flesh, the Christian church must undertake throughout the length and breadth of all lands. Divided she cannot hope to cope with a task so unspeakably large.

It has long since been realized by the leaders of the various branches of the Christian church throughout our fair Dominion that our separate resources are miserably inadequate to do full justice to our Master's work. And all are agreed that one church must inevitably be the outcome to successfully meet the demands of our day and generation. We are not prepared to offer at this time any suggestion as to where it must come from or who shall be its leader but we are certain that the time is here when one great church

must supplant the two now existent Methodist bodies in Canada if we are to be of greater service in the extension of our Master's kingdom. The price of His continued presence is progress towards His completed kingdom in the earth. The Good Shepherd has other sheep whom also He must bring. And some of them are lost sheep. Those especially the church must seek, in this and every land. In that search she will find the presence and the power of the living Christ. The religious need of Canada weighs heavily on the heart of our church. It is a situation the like of which has never faced a church before. The Christian church in its ministry of life is put to the severest test. It is called upon to preserve the standard of the highest and at the same time preach the Gospel of Redemption so effectively as to save the worst. Can we accomplish this great task better, divided or united? My own personal opinion of the question is that more can be achieved by the united efforts of the Christian church in giving service to humanity and the result of the work accomplished will be more satisfactory. Let us come together and do bigger and greater things for God.

THE CASE OF AMILLIO KING

Toronto, Ont.—Amilio King, a Canadian born Negro boy, is certainly being persecuted by the public school system of Toronto. Here is a boy, born in Canada, at the age of eleven years, ousted and rejected by both Catholic and Protestant school teachers who are backed up by the principals of the schools and must also be backed up by the superintendent and board of education, as his mother has been to the teacher of the Catholic school and to the teacher of the protestant school and each time the buck has been passed and she has been sent to first one and then the other for about six weeks, and the boy out of school all this time at eleven years of age just because in the last public school he attended he played truant two days.

Now when asked why he stayed from school two days, the boy said he, with two other boys, were caught in some mischief of which each was equally to blame, but the teacher only whipped him, and feeling that he had been unjustly whipped alone, he did not go back. When his mother discovered he was out of school she took him back to the teacher, who said it was out of his hands. Then the superintendent was consulted who passed it up. Then the juvenile court officials were consulted who passed it to the Catholics and he was told he had to go there until the end of this year, when the tax would be changed. On entering the Catholic school, Monday, February 14th, he was told he could not come there. Now the question naturally arises, who are the schools for, if not for the children? How can the adults drive the children into the streets to idleness and crime and expect or hope for future good citizens?

Mrs. King, being a Catholic, tried to get Amilio into a Catholic boys' school and here is the totally absurd position they handed her. He is too

young for one school and too old for another. The boy is only eleven, yet they left her under the impression that there was no school under their jurisdiction for a boy eleven years old.

They took him from the Catholic schools and tried to get him in the boys' home at Bowmanville but it was full and we have the sad spectacle of this boy being in the street, his mother unable to protect him and unable to get him in any kind of school. Please tell us what is wrong; who is pushing this prejudice button with so much vengeance. We know it is prejudice and nothing else, because if you expelled ten and eleven year old boys for playing truant, you would hardly be able to conduct a school and furthermore if you expel truant boys you would have no need for all these truant officers we see on the street stopping and chasing children during school hours.

We don't mean to say Amilio is an angel but we do say and know he is a child and subject to any misdemeanors any other child is subject to. We say further that he does not give impudence or does not fight back; when he is corrected he takes his punishment if he feels it is just and leaves school if he feels it is unjust, for which we cannot blame him much, as we were all children once. The C. L. A. C. P. must get behind the case. It is the most unjust and the most prejudiced case of its kind we have ever seen anywhere and something must be done and done immediately or into the streets all will go. You cannot afford to overlook such flagrant injustice.

MY BIRTHDAY.

This is my birthday and my life—As human life is—has been long. It has been one of constant strife, To choose the right, avoid the wrong.

Old Father Time seems to forget. The years roll by; he leaves me here. My future is unknown, and yet Of what may come I have no fear.

With God I claim the right to plead, If I but of His presence sure. I care not where my path may lead So I His leadership secure.

S. E. G. ALLEN.

CHATHAM

Miss Arlene Freeman the young daughter of Mrs. G. Freeman, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Friday. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. Richard Henderson has returned home from the Public General Hospital after a very serious illness.

Mrs. Allan Vandusen is in the Public General Hospital, recovering from a serious illness.

Jackie Robinson, the daughter of Mrs. Ann Robinson, who was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital due to a serious accident, is getting better.

A Valentine concert was held in the St. John Masonic hall Monday night. It was attended largely and enjoyed by all. A bazaar was held afterwards.

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A social will be held at the home of Mrs. Anne Rodgers, Princess street, on Monday night.

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During the present month a series of sermons is being delivered by the pastor of the B. M. E. church from the subject, "Some Questions that Will Not Down." Feb. 6th, "What Must I do to be saved?" Feb. 13th, "How can a man be born when he is old?" Feb. 20th, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" Feb. 27th, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" The public will be made welcome to our services.

The ideal social under the auspices of the choir of St. James B.M.E. Church on Wednesday, February 9, was in every way a decided success. The members take this opportunity to thank all who were kind enough to purchase a ticket for this affair.

A campaign for three months is on in the B. M. E. church. Our objective: \$1,000.00. Motto: Push and Shove. You are asked to get an envelope and help where help is needed.

A great meeting was held in Grant A. M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, February 13 at 3 p. m. when Mrs. M. E. Anderson of the Apostolic Assembly delivered a forceful message from the subject, "Remembering Christ." This meeting will not soon be forgotten by the large audience that was present.

We are very glad to know that Mrs. K. P. White, who was taken sick while spending Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stanley Edwards of Buffalo, is convalescing at her apartment, 298 Dundas St. West.

The Bucilla Art Club is giving its annual dance at the Orange Hall on March 7th. You know what the first one was, so come out and make this one a grand success.

The Eureka Friendly Club is giving a social tea at the residence of Mrs. O. Beecher, 122 University Ave., to which you are cordially invited. You cannot afford to miss it as you know what the club is doing, how long it has been organized and the good cheer it has brought to so many despondent souls. The price of the tea is 25c. Tea will be served from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., February 17th.

We regret to announce the death recently of Mr. J. H. Officer who has been an employee of the C.P.R. for about 15 years. Mr. Officer was a familiar figure on the streets of Toronto and while living here had made many friends, as was demonstrated at his funeral. The body was shipped to Columbus, Kansas, for burial.

Recent demonstrations on the part of the larger nations toward the smaller nations seem to indicate that the smaller nations are only slaves to the will and commands of the larger nations. It is to be hoped that the last world war did not produce that result.

Whether the groundhog saw his shadow or not, I am unable to say, but of late the weather has favored both pro and con. At any rate, a

few groundhogs have come out that did not go back again.

Rev. McEwen Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and his family will soon be en route to the Sunny South viz., Nashville, Tenn., to visit relatives. They make the trip almost annually and enjoy the change from the extreme cold weather. We hope they will have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Don't forget the duty you owe your children. The future hope of the family, of the city, country and world is in the children, and if you help them all you can, give them the best you have, even though they can't seem to appreciate it now, the time will come when they will love and respect you for your efforts on their behalf, just as you now look back at your mother and father and think what they tried to do for you, even if they did not always succeed, you can appreciate their efforts. The builders of nations are depending on your children, maybe on your very own child (who knows?) so the least you can do is to give your child the best you have to enable him to battle the vicissitudes of life. Don't give grudgingly, but give with a pure and free heart and a hope that they, your children, may be foremost in the uplifting of the next generation.

Failures are the stepping stones to success so it is said. That being the case we should not be discouraged at our failures, but should use each to give us new determination. It takes Grace, Grit and Guts to get Greenback and takes all of that to put it to work to get more, but what man has done, man can do, so be of good cheer.

Don't be guilty of thoughtlessness. God gave you brains so you could think for yourself and He meant for you to use them. If God had intended the other man to think for you He would have given him all the brains and you none. Sometimes it looks as if you were overlooked, but that's because you do not use what you have.

THEATRE ARTS TO EXHIBIT AFRICAN SCULPTURE IN N Y

The Theatre Arts, Inc., announces an exhibition of primitive African sculpture to be held in New York City from Feb. 7 to Mar. 5, according to information reaching the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The collection includes masks, fetishes, ivory and wood sculptures, weapons, musical instruments, cloths and other products of African craftsmen.

The collection was assembled by a Belgian collector, M. Blondiau, who spent 25 years doing so. Among the tribes said to be represented in the collection are the Bushongo, the Bakuba, Baluba, Bangongo and the Kasai. The collection contains nearly a thousand items and will be represented in an illustrated brochure and catalogue.

Following its exhibition in New York at the New Art Circle, it is to be taken to various other centres in the country which may be interested in seeing this work.

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It has been truly said that "Travel is a liberal education" and this expression was never so true as it is today. The whole world so to speak, has been made easy of access by transportation systems, by rail, ocean, automobile and aeroplane. While the advantages of travel are now available to the many instead of the few, the refinements of modern railroad transportation and the exacting requirements of the modern traveller as regards his creature comfort have combined to make the detailed arrangements of an extensive tourist trip rather complex. Every traveller making a vacation trip wishes to derive the utmost benefit in pleasure and education and to spend as little time as possible arranging its many details, the itinerary and train connections, securing sleeping car, steamer and hotel reservations, etc. He desires also to make the best possible use of the time available by the inclusion of the most important and worth-while attractions and above all, to know how much it will cost.

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stone Park, Salt Lake City, Denver, Colorado, Pike's Peak and Chicago. The other from Toronto east to Montreal, Quebec, St. Anne de Beaupre, the Saugenay River, the Maritime Provinces, Saint John, N. B., Prince Edward Island, the Bras d'Or Lakes, Halifax, N.S., Land of Evangeline, Annapolis Valley, Boston, Mass., and finally Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion. Descriptive booklets of both these tours will be available very shortly and in the meantime further information may be secured from any Canadian National Railways agent or from the organizers.

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League Doings

The executive secretary has received a communication from the immigration department asking the League's advice upon the advisability of allowing the American tobacco growers to bring their colored help with them.

On the fourth of the present month our Executive Secretary was called to Chatham for the purpose of setting up a branch of the League there. It is recalled that Chatham was one of the first cities to establish a League but for some reason the organization was allowed to die out. The new branch, however, under the guidance of Rev. Norman G. Brown, promises to be one of our most active branches.

On February 7th our Executive Secretary visited the Brantford branch of the C. L. A. C. P. He reports that the League there is in splendid condition. At the meeting held on the evening of the Secretary's visit the League pledged itself to do something out of the ordinary for the advancement of the Brantford colored people during the year 1927.

A. J. E. Butler president of the London local unit of the League, is preparing a comprehensive survey of the colored people of Middlesex county. When he has finished his survey Mr. Butler will be able to furnish statistics from every angle concerning the colored people of London and vicinity.

The Toronto branch is now investigating a charge that a colored lad had met unfair treatment at the hands of the school authorities. We trust that no intentional wrong has been done and that if a mistake has been made it will be corrected and the whole affair amicably settled.

The Dresden branch has gotten away with a new start for the present year. At the last regular meeting the Rev. J. H. Pinick was elected president. This means that the League will be very active during the present year as Rev. Pinick is in the habit of injecting a portion of the great amount of energy with which he is possessed into others.

We understand that Windsor is planning to make 1927 a banner year under the leadership of Mr. Wm. H. Kelly. The League has planned a constructive program which is working admirably.

We are sorry not to have heard from Hamilton in time for publication, but we feel sure that President Holland is not asleep.

St. Catharines

Mr. J. B. Brewster is the successful tenderer and has been awarded the contract for rebuilding the tug Austin H. that was considerably damaged by fire in Port Dalhousie harbor four months ago. He is also awarded the contract for extensive repairs to the tug J. H. Binning. Both boats are now lying in the drydock of Muir Bros. Drydock Co.

Limited, Port Dalhousie, where the work is being done.

We are glad to have Mr. Alex Nicholson up and around again.

Quarterly meeting on Sunday was well attended. Bro. Johnson of Guelph, assisted Rev. Logan and preached three very inspiring sermons.

Rev. H. F. Logan was in Windsor attending the commissioners' meeting on the unification of churches. While there he visited his son and other relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Bell visited Buffalo recently and while there attended the recital of Roland Hayes.

Miss Gertrude Bell has returned home after an extended visit with her brother, Mr. Louis Bell, of Toronto.

Mr. Benjamin Walker, of Niagara Falls, visited the city on Sunday.

The Best Authors

I have long been in the habit of trying to read only the best authors and taking copious notes from their writings for after use. I have now several notebooks filled with such, and it seems a pity to hide such where they will never be seen by any eye but my own. There is always a public waiting for good ideas and it occurred to me that my good little paper, THE DAWN OF TOMORROW, of which I am very proud, might find room for a few. Here follows:

"Not to have what is called a reasonable confidence in our own individual opinions is a mark of a weakling."

"Jesus did not say when He would return a second time, but He did say he would return, and He did say that some would not be saved. It is possible for a soul to be lost."

"It is not necessary that we should be always dwelling on Jesus' second coming, but we ought never to forget it."

Dr. Thomas says, "Nowhere in Scripture are we invited to pray for faith; we are to put it forth."

"We are to believe profoundly that Jesus is coming again, but it will be absolutely unexpected at the time."

"Vice is the product of unoccupied minds; virtue grows of itself in energetic natures."

"Character is built with pains. Acts ripen into habits. Habits mold character, and character determines destiny."

"One is never too old to begin a great and noble work."

"To love one human soul is to have capacity to love all."

"The true worth of a man is to be measured, not by the things he has done for himself, but what he has done for the world around him."

"Adversity leaves only the worst thief for one's friends."

"A fault confessed is a new virtue added to a man."

"To have character is to control circumstances."

"The youth who surrenders himself to a great idea, himself becomes great."

"Where the heart is prepared for evil, opportunity is not long wanting."

Someone has said "Nothing is so infectious as an evil temper."

S. E. G. ALLEN.

Condemns South African Slavery

By N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.

Lord Olivier, former British Secretary of State for India, writing in *The Nation* for February 9 analyzes and condemns the "slavery" imposed upon the native workers in South Africa by a system of laws and industry based entirely upon exploitation of the colored man. White men in the South African mines, Lord Olivier points out, are paid "on the average about ten times as much as the black" even skilled native machine operators receiving only a maximum of 54 cents a day.

"The mines," declares Lord Olivier, "are over-capitalized on a scale at which they can only be kept running on a basis of underpaid native labor." Lord Olivier continues:

"Some apologists argue that as the white man is racially superior to the black, he is justified in seeking to maintain his position by preventing the native from attaining equality with him. That sort of self-deceiving pseudo-Darwinism claptrap is indicative of the kind of argument used in defense of the South African white labor policy. It is claptrap because, in the first place, not all white men, on any scale of human valuations, are superior to all black, and a great many white men are inferior to a good many black. There are a great many educated black South Africans who show much more intelligence in regard to the essentials of this question than whites who thus argue.

"If the attempt to maintain the repressionist and color-bar theory should be persisted in it is not the natives that, in the long run, will be defeated. It is not they, but the white race that have shown the first symptoms of degeneration—a degeneration entirely due to their own perverse social theory. The native is at present desirous and disposed to adapt himself to the life of European civilization; and if white men worthy of that civilization continue to assist him to do so, South African society will develop on stable lines."

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Calcutta "Modern Review" Hails The "Negro Renaissance"

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth avenue has received a clipping from the *Modern Review* published at Calcutta, in India, which contains an article signed by Agnes Smedley, on "The Negro Renaissance." The article is accompanied by photographs of Henry O. Tanner, the painter; Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois; Elise Johnson McDougald, New York teacher and social worker; Major R. R. Moton; James Weldon Johnson secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; and Jean Toomer, author of "Cane."

In her article Miss Smedley lists many Negroes prominent in the arts, literature and education. She asserts that in 1924 more than 30 books were published by Negro writers and that in 1925 the number was doubled. In the text of her article Miss Smedley reprints "The Weary Blues" by Langston Hughes, which won the "Opportunity" poetry contest and is republished in his book of that name. Miss Smedley says of the Negro as an artist:

"It may be said as Dr. Dubois says, that the Negro is primarily an artist, and that from him we can perhaps expect the only creative art that America in its mad chase for the flesh pots of Egypt, has to offer. Because the white American has never, as a nation, stood on that border where life and death meet, nor endured the spiritual suffering that is worse than death. The Negro has."

OBITUARY

Mrs. Clara Cummings, widow of the late Isaac Cummings, entered into rest on Friday morning, December 31, 1926 in her 89th year. Deceased was born in Columbia, S. C., December 8th, 1837, coming to St. Catharines at an early age. She remained here ever since. She was deeply interested in the affairs of the B. M. E. church which her father helped to erect. She loved to work for the benefit of her church. Five children mourn her demise: Mrs. George Bell, Mrs. John Cornish, Mr. Ben Fletcher, Mr. Alfred Fletcher, all of this city, and Mrs. Margaret Diggs of Auburn, N.Y., besides fourteen grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, January 3rd from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Cornish, 55 Rodman St., to the B. M. E. church where services were held, many sympathizing friends attending. Rev. H. F. Logan conducted the services, assisted by Rev. L. Johnson of Niagara Falls, Ont. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. Dorsay, J. Nicholson, W. Harper, A. Williamson, A. Nicholson and B. Brewster.

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In early boyhood man shows his disbelief in signs. He always takes a short cut where the sign says "Keep off the grass." His favorite fishing place is in the shadow of the sign, "Fishing in this stream prohibited by law." At the old swimming hole he hangs his clothes on the "No swimming allowed" sign. "Trespassers will be prosecuted" is to him just an invitation to walk in.

And it is not only the thoughtless youth that seems to believe "Forbidden fruits are sweetest." I have seen professors, who know that there should be "no smoking except in room 19," enjoying a smoke in their offices. I have also seen several members of the Faculty eating and drinking in rooms other than the cafeteria, although they knew that in so doing they were "acting without proper regard for their associates." Of the Faculty members who patronize the cafeteria several have been known to serve themselves in the kitchen rather than wait their turn in a long line. Would this be classed as proper "regard?" However, laws should not be abolished just because they are broken. This old world would not run very smoothly without rules and regulations. On the other hand, perhaps, it is the occasional breaking of a law usually observed that makes life a little more enjoyable. If the time should come when every man-made law was rigidly enforced we might sing with the poet:

"And since this world is clean and nice
And ironed from end to end,
And scrubbed of every petty vice,
With nothing left to mend,
Oh, tie me to a reckless blimp
That tugs its moorings free,
And let me sail beyond the pale
Of human liberty."

T. S. in Western U Gazette.

The President of the University of Wisconsin declares that so long as he is president "complete freedom of thought and expression will be accorded with utter impartiality alike to teachers who entertain conservative opinions and to teachers who entertain radical opinions. The fact that I may think, or that a citizen of the state may think a teacher's opinions wrong-headed or even dangerous will not alter this policy. For the whole of human history presents unanswerable proof that only through the open and unhampered clash of contrary opinions can truth be found."—*Dalhousie Gazette.*

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OWEN SOUND

On Sunday morning, February 6, the attendance at the B. M. E. church was very small. The pastor went to the Central United Church to hear Rev. J. W. Graham, D. D. Dr. Graham is a very able speaker. He came to Owen Sound in the interests of the maintenance and extension anniversary of the United Churches of Canada and Rev. Richardson had an opportunity of hearing a great sermon on giving to the support of the Christian church. He spent a pleasant hour and was much inspired by the eloquent words and encouragement which he received from his visit.

On Friday, January 28, the children of the B. M. E. Sunday school had an enjoyable sleighride around the city under the supervision of Mr. Carrel Woodbeck. The children report a good time. On the same night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harrison Jr. was held a pound social for the benefit of the B. M. E. church fund. The attendance was not very large as the finances of our people are very low at this time of the year. All who attended the social had a splendid evening. Music was furnished by the Harris family. Everyone was glad he went.

Mrs. Rev. Richardson has been confined to her home with the flu, but is improving at this writing. Her husband was also complaining of having a touch of the flu and was not able to be out to the Thursday night prayer meeting. Brother H. Woodbeck took charge of the service and we had a blessed time waiting on the Lord.

Mrs. Jacob White is under the weather suffering from the flu and is still confined to bed. Mrs. White is over 80 years old. Pray for her speedy recovery.

The B. M. E. church choir has been reorganized, Mrs. Wm. Harrison having been elected as leader. The choir met at the residence of Mr. Thos. Green for practice on Tuesday night, Feb. 8, and also selected a programme for the anniversary Sunday of the church which will be held on February 20th and 21st. They will furnish a good program of music including jubilee melodies. In the absence of our Superintendent, Rev. S. R. Drake who is ill, one of the prominent men of the city will deliver the address. We are praying that Rev. Drake may speedily be restored to health.

BRANTFORD

The church Aid recently gave a social at the home of Mrs. Grace Johnson which was a success, the house being well filled. The sum of \$9.45 was realized and our thanks go to the friends whose presence made the affair a success.

Mrs. Annie Johnson of 135 Campbell street recently visited her mother and sister, Mrs. May Workman in Hamilton.

On February 3rd the ladies of the church aid held a quilting at the parsonage in the afternoon and in the evening a social was held, ice cream and cake being sold. There was a goodly number present and the sum

of \$8.45 was realized.

On February 6th Rev. Wright preached morning and evening, his evening subject being "The Character of the Apostle John." Good-sized congregations listened appreciatively to the discourse.

Miss R. Wilson is in town on her annual visit, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Saul Lucas. We are always glad to see Miss Wilson. We are sorry to report that her brother in Hamilton is very ill at this time. Miss Wilson and Mrs. S. Brown intend visiting him and hope to find him improved in health.

February 5th, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Johnson left for Guelph to visit Mrs. Fisher who is ill. Mrs. Johnson remained to nurse her.

J. F. Jenkins editor of the Dawn of Tomorrow, was in the city on February 7th on his annual visit to the C. L. A. C. P. which meets at the home of Mrs. Chas. Walker, 1 Park Ave. He gave a very interesting talk on the work of the League and what it is doing for the betterment of the race. He spoke of how he had secured the promises of work for several in London and other places through the help of the League. He wants to do the same thing in Brantford for the unemployed. It is up to the young men and women to do their utmost to assist Mr. Jenkins in his efforts. Mr. Jenkins intimated that plans were being considered for the enlargement of the Dawn of Tomorrow. Those who heard him enjoyed his remarks thoroughly and were very pleased to have the privilege of talking with him. We hope his efforts will be successful.

Mrs. George Johnson is very ill at this writing.

Mr. Charlie Murray met with a very painful accident recently, having the misfortune to sustain a dislocated shoulder. At present he is resting as easily as could be expected.

Miss Hazel Wesley was in the city over the week-end the guest of the Misses Malott.

Mr. George Johnson spent the week-end at his home.

LONDON

Friends of Mr. C. H. Brown will be pleased to learn that he has been released from Victoria hospital and is convalescing favorably at home.

The chicken supper given by the ladies of the Hill Street Baptist Church last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Kelly, was a decided success both financially and socially.

The valentine social at the home of Mrs. Mary Coury given by the B. M. E. Sunday School last Monday evening was indeed an enjoyable affair.

Friends of Miss Alice Drake are congratulating her on having won first prize in the Free Press poetry contest a few days ago. The contest was open to all readers of the Free Press, which shows the importance of Miss Drake's victory.

Her friends are advising her to take up writing as a vocation.

On February 13th the Get Acquainted Club broadcasted from the Free Press radio studio. That the radio fans were well pleased was shown by the many requests which came from long distance points for repetitions and for special numbers.

On Valentine night Evelyn, Kathleen, Jimmie and Fred Jenkins gave a surprise party to their grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Groat. There were many children present as well as several adults. The gathering made the evening a very pleasant one for Grandma Groat as well as for themselves.

Little Frances Moxley and her father, Mr. Edward Moxley, are confined to Victoria hospital. Both are improving favorably.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Mabel Cook fell and injured herself a few days ago. Her injuries are not serious however, and she is able to be around again.

Mrs. Lillian Butler and Mrs. Hattie Berry are reported on the sick list. Both are somewhat improved at present.

Both the Methodist and the Baptist churches invite you to their Sunday services and midweek prayer meetings. The churches are warm and comfortable and the sermons are very inspiring.

Mr. John Lucas has been confined to his bed for the past few days with a severe cold and aggravated throat trouble. For a while his friends were uneasy over his condition, but he now shows signs of improvement.

The B. M. E. choir gave Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown a very pleasant surprise last Saturday evening.

The B. M. E. choir entertained the Salvation Army at the Oak street citadel last Thursday evening with old time spirituals and recitations. The audience which was very large, thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The officers expressed their sincere thanks to the choir and their wishes that the singers would come to them again in the near future.

ST. CATHARINES

Samuel F. Lynn, grand master, M. W. P. H. G. L. of F. & A. M., of Ontario, was the honored guest of St. Luke lodge No. 21 on Monday evening, January 10, and after an inspiring and helpful address, sat down to a most wonderful banquet.

Mrs. Charles Bell is visiting in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell, of Hamilton, were in the city attending the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Cummings.

Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan and Mrs. Charles Bell attended the funeral of Mr. B. Sutton, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan were served to New Year's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Williamson.

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Pickens Tells Of European Visit

New York, Feb. 11.—William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People returned the day before yesterday on the White Star Liner, Olympic, from his European tour in the course of which he delivered 60 lectures in England and Scotland, and spoke in Germany Poland and Russia. Mr. Pickens said he had been given full opportunity in Russia to investigate the regime of the soviet government and that there was "absolutely no color prejudice" in that country. He declared that the recovery of Germany in the years following the World War was one of the remarkable things in Europe.

"The British Empire," said Mr. Pickens, "as at present constituted, has about 6 colored people to every white. The masses of the British people are today studying the color and race problems of the world more than any other people ever before studied such problems. They were glad to learn the truth about the N. A. A. C. P., especially that it represented co-operation between white and black toward a common goal of interracial accord. I had about 60 lectures in England and Scotland and I found the English were not as slow to appreciate a joke as they had been reported to be. I found African students in the universities of both England and Scotland.

"The energy and coolness and courage with which the Germans are rebuilding their industry and commerce are amazing. Berlin, the capital is still one of the cleanest and most orderly cities in all Europe. The requirement of the peace treaty that Germany scrap her army has lessened her burdens, heavy as those burdens are. But wages are miserably low. It makes an American ashamed to feel that at home his fellow citizens are wasting what to the Germans would be luxuries and that the finest intellectual people of Germany are doing without some of the simplest conveniences of an ordinary American home. The uproar in Germany about the colored troops on the Rhine was mainly the work of politicians. The people were much more interested to hear about South Carolina. They packed the Prussian legislative building to hear about conditions in the Southern States. One of the soberest men in all Europe today is the German.

"As for Russia, though they need an efficient expert in most of their government offices in Moscow to save time and money, the workers have done well in ten years filled with revolution or efforts at it. There is of course poverty and the symptom of poverty, namely stealing, and some robbery. In Russia beggars and theft are the natural effect of poverty, as in most other places, except in Chicago where robbery seems more like a pastime or profession. But there is no violence in Russia. No city in Europe seemed more free from disorder than Moscow. I was given full opportunity to investigate government bureaus. While much is to be done,

the outlook seemed far from hopeless. The Russian government, pivoted on work and run by workers, is a stupendous and amazing social fact, and its achievements will be of tremendous importance to all peoples for all time.

"As to color prejudice: There is much less of it in England than in even the most liberal state of the United States, for England did not have 250 years of color slavery. There is less color feeling in France and Germany than in England. And there is absolutely none in Russia. When anyone mentions colored people in Russia, someone will ask 'What are colored people?' They know black individual humans in Russia and their greatest literary genius, Pushkin, had a full-blooded African ancestor.

"I must say something about the Society of Friends, under whose auspices I travelled and spoke in the British Isles. The Friends, who are sometimes called Quakers, did everything in their power to make my stay a pleasant and successful one. They arranged meetings, gave me references to their branches in other countries throughout Europe, accorded me the most cordial hospitality in their homes and made by far the biggest single contribution to my European tour. They have an extraordinary reputation in Europe for impartiality. All the groups and parties who hate each other tolerate the Society of Friends."

"The Friend," published by the Society of Friends in England, tells of the success of the lectures delivered by William Pickens in that country. The magazine reports that their committee "had arranged a most successful series of meetings throughout the country, at which William Pickens, the field secretary of one of the biggest Negro organizations in the United States, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had spoken. Meetings were held in Manchester, Keighley, Leeds (3 meetings), Rawdon, Rugby, Birmingham (many meetings), Bristol, Letchworth, Welwyn, Garden City and London. It was reported to the Council that his visits had been an unqualified success and appreciation of them had been received from many who had heard him."

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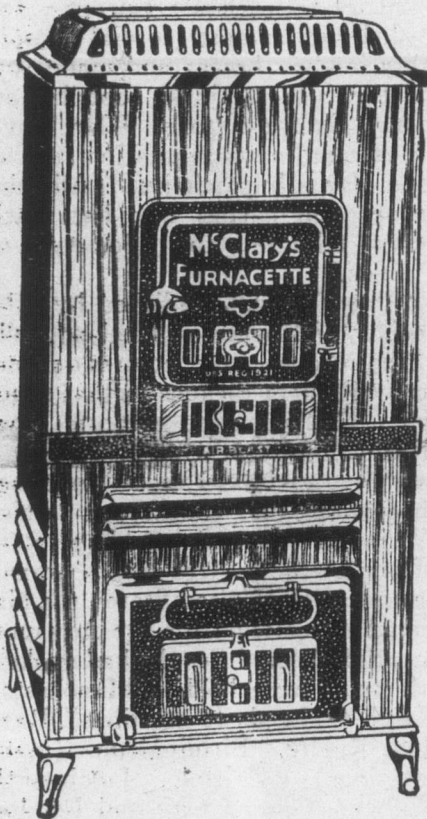
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Canadian Anti-Slavery Group

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of bringing out slaves knew full well that detection would probably mean lynching. Yet into the South these abductors went, none braver in this respect than the escaped slaves who, better than anyone else, knew the dangers. There are plenty of cases on record where escaped black men went south after wives and children, sometimes having to make repeated trips. Redpath, in his "Public Life of Capt. John Brown," makes the statement that as many as 500 persons went from Canada each year into the South to bring out others. Josiah Henson, himself a refugee, claims to have assisted no less than 18 people to freedom, while a woman, the famous Harriet Tubman, is credited with bringing more than 300 slaves to freedom making nineteen trips for that purpose into the South. Dr. Alexander M. Ross, famous as a naturalist, likewise went repeatedly into the South before the Civil War and spread everywhere he went the news of the land of freedom to the north. His memoirs speak definitely of thirty-one slaves whom he aided in escaping. Fifteen of these he met in various Negro settlements in Canada in the course of a tour he made in 1860. The plan followed by Dr. Ross in his work was to go to a town, pose as a naturalist hunting birds, and then, as he roamed over the plantations get in touch with discreet slaves who could carry his tidings to their fellows. The risk he ran in this can be imagined and on more than one occasion it was almost a toss-up for his life. His last southern journey, made early in 1860, resulted in bringing a man and woman from Kentucky to Canada. The indirect influence of his work must have been very great. Though he was able only to bring out a few of those he talked with the news of Canada was carried far abroad and probably started many others on the long journey north.

The second group of the Canadian abolitionists included men and women of noble character who gave up much to serve their fellows. They performed, too, a most important service as "receiving agents" in Canada for the "passengers" who came in by the Underground Railroad. Rev. Hiram Wilson and Rev. Isaac J. Rice both graduates of Hamilton College, were associated for some time in the conduct of a mission for refugees at Amherstburg, then the most important point of entry for the fugitives. Wilson was later associated with Josiah Henson in the educational work for Negroes conducted at the Dawn settlement under the name of the British and American Institute, and still later he is found residing in St. Catharines, Ont., giving his whole time to receiving fugitives and looking after them. In a pathetic letter, written in July, 1855, after speaking of the safe arrival of some fugitives and efforts made on their behalf, he says:

"My means of support are so scanty, that I am obliged to write without paying postage,

or not at all. I hope you are not moneyless as I am. In attending to the wants of numerous strangers, I am much of the time perplexed from lack of means; but send on as many as you can and I will divide with them to the last crumb."

In Levi Coffin's Reminiscences there is a reference to Rev. Isaac Rice which throws some light on his character. Coffin, during his trip to Canada in 1844 to see the condition of the fugitives so many of whom he had assisted at Cincinnati visited Amherstburg and stopped at the Rice mission school for colored children. Speaking of the man who was directing this work, he says:

"He had labored here among the colored people mostly fugitives for six years. He was a devoted self-denying worker, had received little pecuniary help and had suffered many privations. He was well situated in Ohio, as pastor of a Presbyterian church and had fine prospects before him but he believed that the Lord had called him to this field of missionary labor among the fugitive slaves who came here by hundreds and by thousands poor, destitute, ignorant, suffering from all the evil influences of slavery. We entered into deep sympathy with him in his labors realizing the great need there was here for just such an institution as he had established. He had sheltered at this missionary home many hundreds of fugitives till other homes for them could be found. This was the great landing place, the principal terminus of the underground railroad of the west."

Of another type was the work of Rev. William King. By marriage in Louisiana he came into possession of a number of slaves and desiring to free them he brought them to Canada. Feeling that his duty towards them was not fully performed by the act of manumission he proceeded to provide opportunity for them to become independent and self-sustaining. Under a charter from the Canadian Government he established what was known as the Buxton settlement located in Kent county not far from the shore of Lake Erie. This was by far the most successful attempt at founding a distinctly Negro colony in Canada and Buxton even today preserves its character. King remained with his black people until 1880 and died in 1895. The original settlement, sometimes known also as the Elgin settlement, was divided into plots of fifty acres which were sold at a low price and on annual payments to the refugees. The colony made progress from the start and its schools for the colored youth became known in the United States as well as Canada. The moral conditions surrounding the settlement were of the best, the absence of crime being most marked.

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"Hope is the only thing in the universe that can be made out of nothing, and out of nothing it can make everything."
"Prayer is talking in your heart with God."

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