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## Report of Annual Conference Of B.M.E. Church

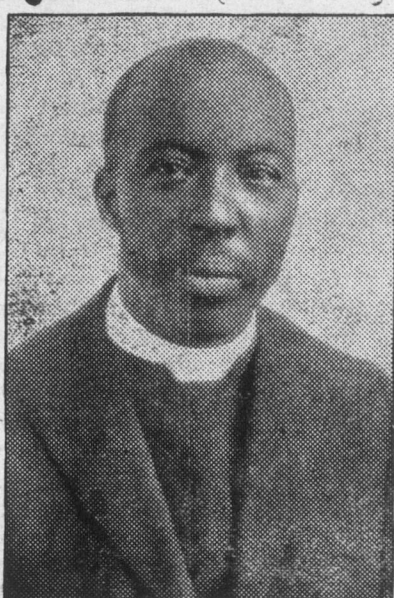
From June 21st to 27th inclusive the City of Owen Sound, Ontario, was the scene of much activity. The occasion was the gathering together of minister, delegates and friends for the seventy-first annual session of the Ontario Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

While the atmosphere was a bit gloomy, owing to the decease of the General Superintendent, Rev. Samuel R. Drake, just previous to the sitting of the Conference, nevertheless his good work continued and his name very much revered.

The Rev. H. D. Wright, having been given the oversight of the work for the remaining weeks of the closing year, called the seventy-first annual session to order at 8.30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 21st. After making a few preliminary remarks the acting general superintendent, Rev. H. D. Wright, introduced Brother Peter Harris, pastor of the Harrow Church, as the speaker for the evening. Bro. Harris, who is a Travelling Licentiate, and a candidate for the ministry, gave a very timely and interesting address, using as his subject, "The Sending Forth of His Disciples."

On Wednesday morning the presiding officer called the session to order at 9.30 a.m. A very spirited devotional service was carried on after which the presiding officer addressed the Conference from the topic, "How God calls men." The subject was full of thought and very helpful, especially to the clergy, who were very attentive to the speaker.

Organization for routine business was next in order, and the Rev. E. A. Richardson, of Owen Sound Church was elected as the recording Secretary and the Rev. F. O. Stewart, of Toronto, as the Statistical Secretary. The credentials of the delegates were received and being found regular, the delegates from the following churches were given a seat within the boundaries of the Conference: Windsor, Mr. W. Perkins; Toronto, Miss S. Stanfield; Brantford,



REV. H. D. WRIGHT,

The newly elected Superintendent of the B.M.E. Conference. He is the oldest minister in the B.M.E. Church in point of service.

Mrs. Brown; Owen Sound, Mr. T. Green; Stratford, Mrs. J. D. Hall; Harrow, Mrs. E. Talbert; Collingwood, Mr. Joseph Thomas; St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Guelph Woodstock, Fort Erie, North Buxton and Dresden were also represented at this session. The remainder of the second day was given over to appointing of committees and various other routine matters were discussed during the day. Thursday was another great day when the session was called to order by the presiding officer and the devotional period comprised a beautiful message from him on the subject, "The Need of a Revival." Conclusive evidence was given that there is a great need of a revival in the church. The afternoon session was given over to the receiving of reports, and despite the short year every church made a very fine impression on all who were present to hear what had been done on the different fields during the past nine months.

Each report showed that some real efforts had been put forth to sustain the work throughout the entire connexion. Before leaving this part of our narrative, permit us to say just a word concerning the reception tendered the entire conference on Wednesday night, June 22nd. We are not able to find adequate words to express what we would like to say con-

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### ODE TO FREEDOM.

(By G. Heart Andrews)

(Inspired by the approach of the 94th anniversary of the abolition of Slavery in the British Empire.)

Sing we the freed-man's song of songs,  
Under the flag that floats in the blue,  
Realm of a race of kings—belongs  
Sovereign and flag to the Negro, too.

Never the shackles' blistering bite,  
Never the shameful whip on the back,  
Upspringing truth honor and right  
Gave us the freeman's track.

Wield we the whip on ourselves,  
Let the mean shirker and sluggard  
arise;  
He is the master who masters his soul.  
Virtue aieves, where dread violence  
dies.

Take up the burden, hope makes us  
strong,  
Heart to the sun and eyes on the day,  
Freedom had never a charter for  
wrong.  
Liberty treads not the libertine's way.

Sing we the freed-man's song,  
Under the flag in the blue,  
Liberty, birthright and flag belong  
To the Negro, too.

## Victory In Sweet Case Is Complete

New York, July 22.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, announced today that the case against all the defendants in the Sweet trial were dismissed July 21. It will be remembered that all eleven defendants in this case were tried together at the first trial beginning October 30, 1925, and continuing for three weeks. This trial resulted in a mistrial and on the next trial beginning April 19, 1926, and lasting until May 13, the State elected to try Henry Sweet against whom it felt it had the strongest evidence. This second trial resulted in the acquittal of Henry Sweet. But there still remained impending the indictments against the other ten defendants. The fact that the cases against these ten defendants have been dismissed completely closes the fight which was made by the N.A.A.C.P. in behalf of Dr. Osian H. Sweet and the co-defendants which began in October, 1925.

## Whites Must Drop Absurd Illusions

• (From the Montreal Gazette)

Paris, July 25.—Matin will publish tomorrow an interview with Bernflot Moens, Dutch anthropologist, in which he predicts a great war of the races unless white men renounce their conception of the superiority of the white race. He says long study in the United States formed his convictions regarding the dangers of the situation.

"I have just spent 14 years in the United States," he says, "where I found a country forming a remarkable field of study. At New York I changed my place of living 30 times, lodging among Negroes, Armenians, Italians, Poles, Jews and Indians. I lived their lives and studied their institutions. The result is a warning to those who still nourish the absurd illusion of the supremacy of the white race.

"Supremacy of the whites is now 3,000 years old, but, 5,000 years ago, when there was already a remarkable Mongolian civilization, what was going on where Rue de la Paix now runs? Probably a man covered with hair was hiding behind a tree to knock down a fellow with his club.

"My own conclusion is that black and yellow men, after a long period of lethargy, have now shown their strength. I believe their awakening is near. A thousand symptoms indicate it. And since they are much more numerous than the whites, it is easy to imagine what may result. We are at the beginning of a new epoch for humanity.

"I am an optimist and like to believe that the time of national wars has passed. It is possible that the white men of Europe will agree among themselves. But we will perhaps fall into the greater disaster of a great war of the races.

"We must profit by the few years which remain to us to create an international spirit which, unfortunately, scarcely exists today and less in the United States and England than elsewhere.

"Besides our sentiment of supremacy, we cultivate the ugly prejudice of the hopeless inferiority of yellow and black men. We should not wait until they show us our mistake.



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### Editorial

#### RIGHTFUL INDIGNATION

Numerous protests have reached our office over an article appearing in the Toronto Saturday Night under date of June 18. It is alleged by the complainants that the article referred to is a plain, purposeful attempt to cast aspersions upon the colored people of Canada; that it is an attempt on the part of the writer, one Mrs. Grace Frazier Macklin, to show that Negroes are undesirable citizens. Mrs. Macklin illustrates her article with cuts of fine specimens of Italian, Polish, Ukrainian and Chinese children. She remarks concerning the children of these respective races: "Italy is here pleasantly represented and we all know that Italians are very desirable citizens." "Three bright and attractive Polish girls. Mental alertness seems to be here, as well as physical soundness, with all the promises of good citizenship in their adopted country." "Two girls from Ukraine, dancing in their national costume with beautiful embroidered tunics." "A picturesque little figure from China who will probably be a good citizen in time." "Two fine, intelligent boys from Poland, who would seem to be most desirable in Canada." And lastly, concerning the cut of the little colored lad for whom she must have used a fine comb to procure, she remarks: "The Negro type is here presented, and he does not appear to be a very desirable citizen."

Of course, in an article of this nature, it is not always easy to see just what point the writer is trying to bring out; just what motive she has in mind. However, without knowing the writer of the article herein referred to, but with the evidence which we have in hand, we are forced to conclude that Mrs. Grace Frazier Macklin is both biased and prejudiced; that she went to great lengths to show the other races at their best (except possibly the Chinese, whom she confesses will PROBABLY be good Canadians IN TIME) and that she "hand-picked" the colored lad of whom she says, "He does not appear to be a very promising one."

In the first place, we know the school from which these "types" were picked. We know of two colored children, a sister and brother, who are leaders in their respective classes. These two children are neat and well dressed. They have been more than once honored by their school for bringing home victory on field days. Again, there are more than forty children in attendance at this particular school. The one used in Mrs. Macklin's article was not only the worst specimen that could be found there, but one of the worst which could be found in Toronto. We are at least pleased to notice that she chose fine specimens of other races, for fairness always appeals to us as Godlike. Still, had she been desirous of seeking poor specimens of these races also, she would not have had far to seek. We must, therefore, dissent from the editor of Saturday Night, when he claims that "they (the pictures) were simply taken at random in the schoolyard of one of the oldest schools of Toronto to illustrate the different nationalities." From what we know of the situation, there was not much "random" in the selection of these types.

We might say, for the benefit of Mrs. Macklin, that many young aspirants seeking fame and greatness have attained it by attacking the Negro, for he is the weakest and the least able to defend himself. Again, the Negro may not be a desirable citizen from the point of view of some people, still, when a search is made of his record in police courts, in jails, in asylums, in charitable institutions, he will be found to be a far more desirable citizen than certain races which are referred to as "very desirable" in Mrs. Macklin's article.

#### Communication

411 Tuscarora Ave.,

Windsor, June 22, '27.

Mr. J. L. Jenkins, Editor "Dawn of Tomorrow," London, Ont.:

My Dear Mr. Jenkins.—The Toronto Saturday Night, issue June 11, contains an article on Immigration. The article is illustrated by pictures of youths of different race emigrant types. The article is substantially true, but the picture of the Negro boy, as typical, is a reflection inversely on one group. Beneath the pictures is a brief statement relative to the merits. We are in the category of the "undesirable" on that basis of picture representation.

I have forwarded a protest to the editor and am enclosing a copy of the same.

Sincerely yours,

H. LAWRENCE McNEIL,  
Pastor First Baptist Church.

Below is reprinted Rev. McNeil's protest:

411 Tuscarora Street,

Windsor, June 22, 1927.

To the Editor, Saturday Night, Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Sir.—The issue of the "Saturday Night" for the week of June 11 contains an article on several emigrant types, with the pictures of youths illustrating the various races in the review. Apparently the object was to advise

your readers of the capacity of these emigrants to integrate with Canadian life. The effect of this article is incalculable in the construction of the attitude of the public mind toward these races. As one of a group designated "undesirable," I wish to protest the subtlety of this propaganda.

In the selection of your types for review, a fine sense of discrimination was exercised. All the youths were of the finest type of their respective groups with the exception of the Negro. By no equitable standard of measurement can that picture of a Negro youth be construed as the criterion of existing or prospective emigrants. There is such a flagrant disparity between this particular youth and the average as to render him incapable of typifying his race. His selection induces the impression that the ultimate design was to serve the preconceived concept "undesirable" in application to the Negro.

The writer acquiesces in the observation that as pertinent to this type the Negro is, undesirable. But to disseminate the impression that this type represents the average is to engender prejudicial attitudes incompatible with fact. As an organ of inestimable potency the impulse to publish facts should be dominant.

The Negro's enviable record as a citizen in this commonwealth warrants the opinion that his classification as undesirable is grossly unfair. In his endeavor to render himself worthy of the esteem of his fellows he welcomes a just presentation of his case before "the bar of public opinion."

Sincerely yours,

H. LAWRENCE McNEIL,  
Pastor First Baptist Church,  
Windsor, Ontario.

#### A LETTER TO THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

From the Negro's Point of View,  
By Chandler Owen.

Negroes on the whole have too many conventions. These gatherings are also generally too long. Moreover, like the average convention of the whites, these assemblies not infrequently are little more than oratory and rhetoric applied to social problems. There are some exceptions, however, and in this class I place the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, whose sessions have just come to a close in Indianapolis.

The N.A.A.C.P. represents the combination of the best heads and hearts of both races for the making of a better America through exact and equal justice. The organization does not aim to cover every field. It confines itself to fighting in the courts and the public press for the civil, political and general manhood rights of the Negro. It was instrumental in having the United States Supreme Court declare unconstitutional the grandfather clauses which disfranchised Negroes, and the residential segregation ordinances which prescribed the living quarters of Negroes to specific sections of a town or city.

The leading spirit of the N. A. A. C. P. is Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois. During the lifetime of Dr. Booker T. Washington, they were considered as mutual opponents. Later years, however, have revealed that they were not opposed as a general rule, but each was simply specializing in a particular phase of race uplift. For instance, Booker T. Washington said, "Man must live by the sweat of his brow," and Du Bois replied, "Man does not live by bread alone." Both statements were true.

We need more patrons than business institutions; more carpenters and brick masons than architects, more cooks than movie stars; more passengers than conductors or engineers; more audience than actors, musicians and singers; more patients than physicians or dentists; more clients than lawyers. To say this is no reflection upon businesses, architects, movie stars, conductors, artists, physicians and lawyers. Nor is the condition peculiar to the Negro race. It is uniformly true of all races and nationalities.

Dr. Richard T. Ely once said: "People suffer from two kinds of lacks: a lack of goods for the higher wants and a lack of wants for the higher goods." Booker T. Washington fought to secure for Negroes goods for the higher wants. Du Bois and the N. A. A. C. P. are fighting to inspire wants for the higher goods. These two efforts are complements, not contradictions.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH MUST TAKE INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF RACIAL CONFLICT

Says New York President of Women's Home Missions in Western Conference Address

(Pacific Coast News Bureau).

Oakland, Cal., July 27. —"Fellowship with God and fellowship with man are the great principles of Christianity. And in the latter phrase the church is called upon to participate in the problems of racial conflict, of capital and labor and other great conflicts of society. The spirit of Christianity must be carried into these conflicts for their final settlement, and there lies the work of our missions," stated Mrs. John Ferguson of New York, president of the Council of Women for Home Missions, in an address to the 200 women and girls in the first session of the interdenominational conference of missions which recently opened at the Oakland Y. W. C. A. for a six-day meeting.

As an example of how the "Christian church must interest itself in nearly every problem of the day with the exception of politics," Mrs. Ferguson cited a recent instance where whites sought the passage of legislation in Atlanta, Ga., which would prohibit Negro barbers from serving white men and women; legislation that was halted by the activity of members of the interracial commission of the South, a church group.



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## TORONTO

The services in the B. M. E. Church on Sunday, July 10, were very well attended and highly interesting. The new pastor, Rev. F. O. Stewart, gave a very excellent address from the text, II. Cor. 5:7, "We walk by faith and not by sight. The subject was "The Nature and Importance of Walking by Faith." We, as children of God, are willing to trust our future happiness to God, because He is true to His promise, said the speaker. For all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. The spirit of the morning worship was continued in the class meeting, and all expressed themselves as being fully blessed because of God's presence. Immediately after the morning service the Sunday School opened its session under the leadership of C. Andrew Johnson, superintendent. The attendance was exceptionally large and the lesson as reviewed by the pastor, was enjoyed by all. In the evening after devotional exercises, the pastor informed the large audience which had gathered together, that the evening was to be given over to Miss Sofie Stanfield, who was church delegate to the 71st annual conference recently held in Owen Sound, June 21 to 27. It goes without saying that the report was one of the best given in many years and showed that the delegate had not been idle during the sessions. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was given the delegate for her fidelity to her duties. The choir certainly excelled itself at this service and is worthy of special mention through the columns of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery are spending their vacation in Idlewild, Mich., as guests of their Detroit friends.

Mrs. R. H. Carter is visiting friends and relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Frazier, the daughter of Mrs. Shipley, is visiting her mother and sisters at 226 Dundas street west. Mrs. Frazier, whose home is in Danville, Ill., is seen in Toronto almost every summer looking after the welfare of her mother and sisters.

Quite a number of the Bible students are in the city this week and are making things interesting, going out in great numbers and telling their views to numbers of people who probably have not heard of them before. They have books and Bibles for sale.

Quite an interesting meeting was held at the Baptist Church last Sunday evening under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society, the president of which is Mrs. Musteen. Interesting papers were read by Miss Lois Patrick, directress of community service of Omaha, Neb., and by Mrs. C. A. Northover, secretary of the Provincial Council of Women.

Mrs. O. R. Beecher is visiting friends and relatives in Indianapolis and Chicago.

A number of the Bible students

visiting the city may be found at the homes of Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Thompson and others.

The Lady Canada Cafe of 259 Queen street west, is now under the management of Mr. J. T. Lane and he has excellent home cooking and adequate service.

Little Duley Jackson who underwent a severe operation at the General Hospital, is doing nicely and we hope soon to see her out and well again.

Mrs. S. L. Lewis, the mother of Mr. I. H. Lewis, was buried from her late residence, 590 Christie street, Friday, July 15.

The Eureka Friendly Club had their annual picnic Thursday, July 14. On account of threatening weather, not many were present, yet those who turned out had a wonderful time and a wonderful dinner.

The Baptist Sunday School picnic last Thursday at the Island was well attended and many interesting games were played

Rev. T. H. Henderson has redecorated the inside, and torn down the eyesore, in the form of a porch, that used to decorate the front of the A.M.T. Church at the corner of University avenue and Elm street. His efforts have made the church much more presentable and attractive. His congregation is with him, and they are preparing for the convention which meets here some time in September.

There are rumors and rumors of marriages to be held soon.

If you can swim fast enough, far enough and long enough, you can join in the exhibition contest and take a chance at that fifty thousand dollars prize money.

Master Desmond Davis is visiting friends and relatives at his former home town, Chatham Ont.

Miss Vera Marshall is ill at her mother's home in Barrie, Ont.

Mrs. Daniels of College street was visiting friends in Detroit the week of July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Prebble motored to Niagara Falls with friends, Sunday, July 24.

The Union picnic will be held on August 4 at Port Dalhousie. This is a great Toronto event. Do not miss it.

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## LONDON

### COLORED BOYS MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT NEW HOTEL LONDON

The official opening of the Hotel London, July 25, was a banquet of 350 guests, which assured the success of the colored employees of this hotel. This banquet proved that the employees, who are trained men secured from Toronto and Windsor, under the direction of Mr. Marshall, were well suited to cater to the most exacting guests. In selecting his men, Mr. Marshall emphasized that their conduct and bearing in the community would be judged as well as their work in the hotel. To Mr. J. F. Jenkins, editor of "The Dawn of Tomorrow," and secretary of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, goes the credit for the opportunity that members of the race were permitted to serve the public.

The members of the staff of waiters are Messrs. Brown, O. Ransom, E. Moon, Hart, Smith, Price, Copeland, Ambersely, Aey, B. Ransom, D. Moon, Irish, Davis, Duncan, Portsmann, Copper, Bonner, Flint, Parker, Kelly and M. McLelland.

The names of the bellhops and elevator girls (colored) under Mr. Willis Hackett, will be printed in the next issue of The Dawn. Mr. Hackett's staff is made up entirely of London boys and girls.

Members and friends of the B. M. E. Church were given a rare treat last Sunday evening when they heard a very able sermon from Dr. S. A. Price, missionary to Africa from the A. M. E. Church of the United States. He also gave a most interesting lecture on last Monday evening on the conditions prevailing among the Africa people. He left his audience under the impression that each one was responsible for the redemption of Africa. Dr. Price is highly educated, thoroughly capable and is a credit to his people both on this continent and in Africa.

The Get Acquainted Club will hold its annual picnic on August 27. The club promises to present one of the most unique programs at this occasion ever witnessed in the city of London. Mr. Fred Ball, chairman of the sports committee,

and his helpers are sparing no pains to make the affair a great success. Special accommodations are being arranged for out of town visitors.

The C. A. C. P. have planned a social for August 11 for the purpose of meeting and introducing the employees of the London hotel. The committee in charge is arranging an appropriate program for the occasion, after which lunch will be served free to the guests. The public is invited.

Mr. Stanley Drake, of Detroit is spending the holidays in the city with his mother, sisters and brother.

Mrs. Myrtle of Detroit is spending a few weeks with her father, Mr. John Anderson, of Glenwood avenue.

Mr. Willis Hackett, captain of the bellmen at the new hotel, is ill at the present writing.

Miss Gladys Stafford is spending her holidays with her father who lives in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coursey, Mr. and Mrs. C. Poindexter, Mr. Fred Ball, Mrs. Pearl Brown, recently had a delightful visit with friends and relatives in Windsor and Detroit.

Miss Alberta Butler of Detroit is visiting friends and relatives in London.

## STRATFORD

Mr. and Mrs. William de Groat and Mrs. Charles de Groat and family of Saginaw, Mich., spent four days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall.

Madame Harrison has returned after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Alexander, of Salem, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jessen and family of Detroit spent three days with his brother, Howard, and wife.

Miss Gladys Armstrong is spending two weeks at her home in Listowel.

Miss Hazel Wesley spent her holidays in Brantford.

Mrs. Matthews, Robert Hessen, Miss Henderson, Miss Duncan and the Harrison family spent Dominion Day in Port Huron.

Billy Harrison, who is running on the road, spent a few days at his home in the city.

Mr. Levi Gow of Capetown, South Africa, at present a student at McMaster University, spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and spoke in the B.M.E. Church on July 3.

Evelyn and Harold Duncan of Guelph, spent the holidays with the Harrison family.

Miss Margaret Harrison spent her holidays in Woodstock, the

guest of Miss Pene Cromwell.

Rev. Lucas is expected to preach on Sunday, July 17, having been returned by the last annual conference at Owen Sound.

Mrs. J. Hall has returned from the annual B.M.E. conference.

Mr. Wallace Armstrong and Miss Burdette spent Dominion Day in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson spent Sunday, July 3, with his brother in Levan.

### NEGRO DOCTOR MAKES NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICAL SCIENCE

(N.A.A.C.P. Press Service).

Dr. William A. Hinton of Canton, Mass., has made a notable contribution to medical science, according to the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal of June 16, in his development of a test for syphilis which, according to this eminent journal, "should constitute an advancement in the aid which the laboratory can give the clinician in the diagnosis and treatment of syphilitic infections." Not only does this issue of the journal contain an article by Dr. Hinton on his work, "A Glycerol-Cholesterol Precipitation Reaction in Syphilis," but there also appears in the same issue an editorial which speaks highly of the Hinton test. The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal is published by the Massachusetts Medical Society and is the official organ of the New England Surgical Society, the Boston Surgical Society, Inc., the New England Pediatric Society and the New Hampshire Surgical Club. It is one of the most reputable medical journals published in the United States.

In brief, Dr. Hinton's test is a simpler, more accurate and less expensive test for syphilis than the Wasserman test which hitherto has been the standard. The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal says, in closing its editorial:

If the Wasserman test, with its relatively high cost, its delicate reagents; difficult of preparation and subject to many deleterious influences; with the skill required in its performance, and the judgment demanded for its proper interpretation, and with its false positives and negatives, if this test can be replaced by a test, inexpensive to use, with simple, easily prepared and stable reagents, requiring no great skill in setting up the test or in reading the results, a test giving results at least as dependable as those of the Wassermann test, then the contribution of Hinton should constitute an advance in the aid which the laboratory can give the clinician in the diagnosis and treatment of syphilitic infections.

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## BLACK AMERICAN AVIA- TORS ENTER THE \$35,000 HAWAIIAN AIR FLIGHT

(Pacific Coast News Bureau.)

San Francisco, July 27—A move to write the names of black Americans up near the top of the new aviation history which America is now making, is under way through the announcement of the Citizens' Trans-Pacific Flight Committee of San Francisco, with Frank A. Flynn, secretary of the National Aeronautical Association, as chairman, that two black American youths are listed among the probable entrants to the non-stop \$35,000 Hawaii-America flight.

### Colored Air-mail Pilot.

Backed by a local millionaire, Clarence E. Martin, 3771 Latimer Place, Oakland, a colored youth who received his first lesson in aviation from the late Lincoln Beachey who lost his life during a flight at the World's Exposition in 1915, will pilot a California-built monoplane recently built and given a trial test June 25 at Bay Farm Island.

Martin, a former air-mail pilot, has been flying planes of various types around Oakland for years. Starting in 1914 by carrying gasoline for Beachey at the Emerville racetrack, the colored youth began the study of aviation in 1922, following his graduation from the University High School.

During the war he studied aviation at the Berkeley Aviation School and he says he has a rating with the War Department and America's youngest and best Negro authority on aeronautical engineering. A few years ago he was associated with Emmett Tanner, daredevil stunt flier.

Martin expects to hop off some time in August and plans to make the flight alone.

## NORTH BUXTON

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Tuesday, July 20, in the B. M. E. Church, when a number of members and friends assembled and staged a grand reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright, the newly appointed superintendent of the B.M.E. Church of Canada. A splendid program was put on, composed of music, etc. Addresses of appreciation, admiration and hope were given by F. Robbins, R. Legee, W. A. Shadd, A. G. Prince and Mrs. C. Wright. The closing remarks by Rev. H. D. Wright were greatly enjoyed by all present. Rev. Mr. Wright has been in training for the office he now holds for many years. In his address he advocated absolute confidence in God, and consolidated co-operation among the members and friends of the church, believing that upon this foundation by praying without ceasing, the B.M.E. Church of Canada is going ahead, realizing victory after victory. After the program a sumptuous repast was served to all. The entire evening was expressive of the fact that the members and friends of the B. M. E. Church at Buxton wish Rev. Wright success in his great and worthy undertaking.

## History Of Famous 25th Infantry Has Been Published

The regimental history of the famous colored regiment, the 25th Infantry of the United States Army, has recently been published through the Smith-Brooks Printing Company of Denver, Colorado. According to a letter addressed to the N. A. A. C. P. and signed by L. A. Carter, chaplain of the 25th Infantry and secretary manager of the Department Military History, "this history is a simple, direct, unique and attractive narrative stressing and emphasizing feats of bravery of Negro soldiers of which every American should be justly proud." The history has been compiled and written by Capt. John H. Nankivell of the United States army.

### A NEW ONE.

A number of prominent Los Angeles movie stars and sportsmen gathered around the Washington Boulevard Cafe, after the Olympic bouts and listened to this yarn from Clyde Hudgins:

"I was seconding a boy named Kid Clancy in Omaha," said Clyde. "He was only a preliminary lad and that night he met a tiger in a Negro named Charley Smith.

"In the sixth round the colored boy gave Clancy the one-two punch and the Kid went down and out. A second rushed out and threw a bucket of water on him to revive him.

"Get up, Clancy, you're out," we said.

"How far?" asked the saturated Clancy as he started to swim across the canvas."

### NOT YET.

Is there no place for me in Heaven?  
Or does the Lord sometimes forget.  
For now I'm nearly eighty-seven  
And still He seems to say, "Not yet."

Not yet my dear child, no not yet.  
I have more work for you to do,  
And though you may be eighty-seven,  
There's work that none can do but you.

The fields are ripe for harvesting,  
I have my workers everywhere,  
They learn to love the work they do,  
I have them in my earnest care.

You do not know, you cannot know,  
How vast the work that must be done,  
I triumph in my majesty  
The world for me must yet be won.

But sometime I will call for you,  
For work for you in Heaven awaits,  
There's work of which you can't conceive,  
Until you pass the pearly gates.  
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## The Fugitive Slave in Canada

(By Fred Landon)

For fifty years before the Civil War in the United States, Canada alone offered permanent refuge for the slave escaping from bondage in the South. How many slaves were summarily emancipated by reaching British territory can never be determined definitely, so widely do contemporary estimates differ, but that the loss to the slave-owners was very great is shown by the complaints that were constantly voiced in the South with regard to the protection afforded the runaway in Canada and by the repeated efforts to secure an agreement to surrender fugitives. As early as 1826 Henry Clay drew attention to the loss to the South resulting from slaves running away to Canada and spoke of it as a "growing evil." In that year he wrote to the American minister at London: "They (the refugees) are generally the most worthless of their class, and far, therefore, from being an acquisition which the British Government can be anxious to make, the sooner, we should think, they are gotten rid of the better for Canada." Two years later Clay returned to the subject, declaring that the evil was still growing and pointing out that it was likely to disturb Anglo-American relations. His representations to Great Britain were without effect, however, the answer being made that the American proposals for extradition of fugitives could not be entertained. Britain could not depart from the principle recognized by the British courts that "every man is free who reaches British ground."

The position taken by the British Government was quite in accord with the sentiment of the Canadian people. Sympathy with the fugitive manifested itself in many ways during the half-century that Canada was a city of refuge, and realized in thousands of cases the hopes expressed in the famous old Negro song, chanted so often by black men made free:—

Oh, I heard Queen Victoria say  
That if we would forsake,  
Our native land of slavery,  
And come across de lake;  
Dat she was standing on de shore,  
With arms extended wide,  
To give us all a peaceful home,  
Beyond de rolling tide;  
Farewell, ole master, don't think hard of me,  
I'm travelling on to Canada,  
Where all de slaves are free.

As the number of fugitives escaping to Canada grew year by year, becoming a black stream after 1850, the sympathy of the Canadians manifested itself in the most practical way. While the refugees in the northern states were being harassed by federal agents and dragged back to slavery on the cotton plantations, Canadians were proud of the fact that their flag stood for true freedom. There were those among them who by their lives showed

forth that:—

True freedom is to share  
All the chains our brothers wear,  
And, with heart and hand, to be  
Earnest to make others free.

For Canada's attitude to slavery was not passive but actively aggressive. After the passing of the Fugitive Slave Bill in 1850 the underground railroad, that marvellous system by which slaves reached freedom, could have its termini only in Canada or near the Canadian border, for nowhere else in the North could the slave feel absolutely safe. During the last ten years of the slavery struggle, therefore, that is before the issue was left to be decided by war, Canada was a most powerful factor in the nullifying of the Fugitive Slave Law by rendering slave property in the South unstable and hastening on the final decision that had to be made whether the American nation could longer remain half slave and half free. The South recognized clearly the part that Canada was playing. "Underground railroads are established stretching from the remotest slave-holding states right up to Canada," said Senator Polk, of Missouri, in 1861. The very fact that the negroes knew of a free country to the north was a menace to the slavery system. That knowledge had reached the South as early as the period of the war of 1812, when Kentucky riflemen had been surprised to find black men, formerly slaves, fighting in the Canadian forces on behalf of their new-found freedom. The Southern Negroes, hearing of this might very reasonably argue that their master's enemy was likely to be their friend. As the migration to the north grew during the twenties and thirties, negro colonies were founded in Canada which, in addition to providing homes for those who made their escape, also carried on active operations assisting others out of bondage. Native Canadians, as well as negroes, went far into the south, spreading the news of the free country to the north. In the early fifties the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada was formed, with branches in the leading towns of Upper Canada and until the close of the Civil War continued an active force, assisting fugitives and creating a sentiment hostile to slavery and all its works.

The social status of the negro in Canada was adjusted with ease. In a new country, where the work of hewing farms out of the forest was the chief business, any addition to the available supply of labour was welcomed. The negro was taken at his own value. If he were willing to work there was plenty for him to do and he was paid the same wage as the white labourer. If he wouldn't work there was scant sympathy for him and he could suffer the consequences. There was no favouritism and little prejudice. Nor was the political status of the negro at any time in doubt. Back in 1829, when the enforcement of the Ohio Black Laws threatened ruin to the colored people in Cincinnati, they looked to Canada for

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### BRANTFORD

Tuesday, June 21, Rev. and Mrs. Wright motored to Owen Sound to attend the conference and with them were Mr. John Lucan and their daughter, Mrs. V. Ashby, who is visiting them from Montreal. Our delegate, Mrs. Agnes Brown, also went on the train, with Rev. S. A. Lucas. All report a wonderful time, and we are very glad to have Rev. Wright back again, and more pleased because he has been made general superintendent of the connexion, and we feel highly honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and baby, of Cleveland, are in Brantford, the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson. They are thinking strongly of making Brantford their home in the near future.

Rev. Wright, Sen., Mr. W. J. Wright and wife and Master J. D. Wright, grandson, of Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. V. Ashby of Montreal, Que., were spending their vacation in Brantford. They motored on Friday, July 1st to Woodstock and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crumwell and had a fine time. Monday, July 4, the family motored to Guelph and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, then on to Toronto, sightseeing. Tuesday, July 5, the family motored to St. Catharines and were guests at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell, then on to Niagara Falls, sightseeing, and the family report a very fine time in all the trips.

Thursday, July 7, Rev. Wright and family were guests at tea at the home of Mrs. Grace Johnson, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Mrs. Delfish and Mrs. Agnes Brown, all spending a very pleasant evening.

Friday, July 8, Mrs. Grace Johnson entertained a number of friends in honor of Mr. Johnson's birthday, also in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Jun., of Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. V. Ashby of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Cleveland, and other home guests, numbering 20 in all. The evening was spent in cards and games, and dancing. Refreshments were served, and all report a wonderful time. The wee small hours of the morning brought the very pleasant affair to a close. There were two prizes given, first and second, to the one holding the highest number and the one holding the lowest. Mr. W. Wright and Mrs. Delfish carrying away the first prize and Mr. LeRoy Anderson the second prize.

Sunday, July 3, Rev. Wright delivered a wonderful address on Confederation, and Mr. Simmons sang very feelingly in his usual manner. Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Cleveland, sang a solo which was enjoyed by all.

Thursday, July 7, the ladies of the church and gave Rev. and Mrs. Wright and family a reception in honor of his election to the office of general superintendent, which was enjoyed by all. There was a wonderful program in which the

minister from Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Froman, and Rev. Reycraft of Wellington United Church participated. Both these ministers spoke very feelingly on the work of the church and how we could assist the minister and encourage him with our prayers, presence and money and by doing these things, we would meet with success. The chairman, Mr. Brown, then called Rev. Wright and family to the front, and Mrs. Charles Walker, on behalf of the church, spoke of the high esteem and affection with which the pastor and family were regarded by the congregation and the community at large. A beautiful basket of roses and carnations was then presented to Mrs. Wright. The event closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mr. W. Wright and family left Friday morning for their home in Columbus, Ohio, motoring all the way.

Mrs. Ashby left Saturday night for her home in Montreal, after having had a wonderful time while in Brantford.

Miss Hazel Westby was a visitor in the city last week, the guest of Mr. George Malott.

Rev. and Mrs. Wright left Friday, July 15, for Buxton, Dresden and other points on their vacation.

Wednesday, July 6, Mrs. Chas. Walker entertained at tea Rev. and Mrs. Wright, Jun., Mrs. Ashby, their daughter, of Montreal, Mrs. Delfish, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Johnson of Cleveland, and Miss Bertha Johnson and Mrs. Grace Johnson. The supper was wonderful and enjoyed by all. After the repast, everyone went to the parlor where they were highly entertained with music and singing.

### NEGRO, BORN A SLAVE, DIES A MILLIONAIRE.

Atlanta, Ga., July 22.—Atlanta's wealthiest Negro is dead. But as a monument to himself he leaves the largest barber shop in the city, a life insurance company, a cemetery association, and an estate valued at approximately one million dollars.

Born a slave, Alonzo F. Herndon came to Atlanta in his twenties and opened a one-man barber shop. His courteous manner won the respect of the whites whom he served, and his business grew. At first one, then two chairs were added and as new demands were made, additional barbers were employed until today 42 barbers work in a shop that extends an entire block from Peachtree to Broad street in the business section.

Beginning as "boss" of himself alone, Herndon lived to see more than 700 Negroes employed in his enterprises. When he died late last night at the age of 65, he was President of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company and of the Southview Cemetery Association, but his interest was, as at first, in his barber shop.

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## Report Of Annual B.M.E. Conference

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servicing this beautiful display of hospitality on the part of the good women of Owen Sound, who excelled themselves in every particular to make our visit to their city one of pleasure. That they were successful, goes without saying. We shall not soon forget that eventful night we spent in the City of Owen Sound.

Friday, June 24th was another great day in the events of the week. Prayer was the topic, and it was very forcefully brought out by the leader, Rev. H. D. Wright, that thus far the church has only half tried in the endeavour to reveal just what prayer can be made to accomplish. No man or woman, said the speaker, will make a mistake by relying on the power of prayer. At 10 a.m. on Friday, the 24th, the order of the day was the election of a successor to the late Superintendent, Rev. S. R. Drake. The General Conference special committee having appointed the Rev. H. D. Wright to carry on until Conference and the same being confirmed by the Annual Conference in session, a vote was taken and the Rev. H. D. Wright was elected to serve in the office of General Superintendent for the balance of the term, which runs for three years, terminating in 1930. Felicitations were in order and a united expression given to the new presiding officer, assuring him of the sincerity of those who had placed him at the head of the church and wishing him much success in his new endeavour.

The General Superintendent, very much overwhelmed at the honor conferred upon him, made a very gracious reply, assuring the members of Conference that he would endeavour to give the best that was in him for God and the Church that he had given the major portion of his life for.

He asked that all would follow him as he followed God, saying that he had been borne for this very hour. At 2 p.m. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society convened for their 17th Annual Session. Mrs. Mary Johnston, of Niagara Falls, Ont., President, presiding. A very interesting session was held by the women of this organization, both in the afternoon and evening, terminating with a very fine musical programme, and the yearly election of officers. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Johnstone, she asked to be relieved of the responsibility as president, which was granted. Mrs. S. Logan, of St. Catharines was the unanimous choice as her successor to the office of president for the ensuing year. Mrs. Logan has been a member of the Missionary Society for many years, having served in the office of Treasurer for five years, and is well deserving of the honor bestowed upon her. The Missionary staff of officers for the year 1927-28 will comprise the following persons: Mrs. S. Logan, Pres., Owen Sound; Mrs. A. Harrison, Vice-President, Owen

## MONTREAL

On May 29th there passed away at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Mr. Levi Spencer, a highly respected citizen and retired businessman. Mr. Spencer had been a resident of this city for nearly 30 years, and a man of sterling qualities. Funeral took place on June 1 from Wray's Undertaking Parlors, Mountain street, to the Union Congregational Church. Rev. Este officiated, taking as his text Psalm 1:3, "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water," after which a service was conducted by the Elks Society, "Pride of Montreal." Mr. Spencer leaves a loving wife, three daughters and a son to mourn their loss. The funeral was one of the largest ever held among our people. Interment was in Mount Royal Cemetery.

Sunday, June 26, "Review" in the Sunday School was conducted by Superintendent O. Neale and Mrs. Jefferson. A visitor, Mr. Hillbourne, addressed the school.

The Women's Club celebrated its 25th anniversary Sunday evening, June 25. The church was crowded to the doors. Mrs. Gates of Chicago, former president; Mrs. Jas. Green and Mrs. Clarke, Washington, D.C., were in attendance.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Edward Taylor, Green avenue, who has been confined to her home the past winter, is able to be out again.

On May 28 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Nurse (nee Gladys Tomlinson).

On June 23 a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Julius Jones.

Sound; Mrs. F. C. Stewart, Rec. Sec'y, Toronto; Mrs. Marion Powell, Cor.-Sec'y, Windsor; Mrs. M. Howard, Treasurer, Toronto. Honorary Presidents: Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Windsor; Mrs. Mary Johnstone, Guelph.

Saturday, June 25th, the 30th annual session of the Sunday School Convention and Y.P.S. convened at 2 p.m., with Mr. J. Thomas, of Collingwood presiding. This branch of the church presents our young people at their best and portrays the future prospects of the church at large throughout our fair Dominion. The reports were very fine, taking all things into consideration and the young people of our Churches are to be commended for their interest in matters pertaining to spiritual things. It is a sign of hope in this day of indecision and unrest. Sunday, June 26th was a great day in Zion. The services of the day were all of a very high order and the spiritual tide very strong. 9.30 a.m., Love Feast, led by Rev. S. A. Lucas, Rev. L. Johnstone and Bro. P. Harris. At 11 a.m. Rev. Thos. H. Jackson of Niagara Falls delivered a soul stirring message to a large audience. 3 p.m. Rev. F. A. Price, M.D., a returned missionary from

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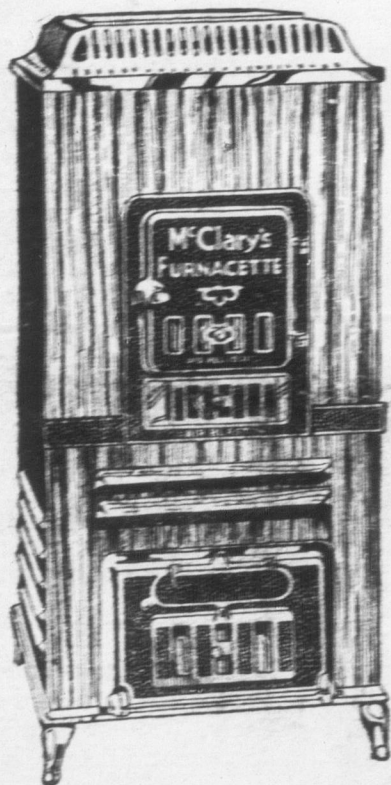
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## Annual Report Of B. M. E. Conference

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Cape Palm, Liberia, S. Africa, was the speaker for the hour. Dr. Price used for his text, Rom. 1:16, Sub. "The Power of the Gospel." Truly it can be said that the speaker electrified his audience as he showed what God's power is doing for men in the dark regions of Africa, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This message of Dr. Price will not be soon forgotten by those who were privileged to hear it, and any who are in doubt about the saving power of the Cross of Christ, can be fully assured that there is life for a look at the crucified one.

Rev. J. Thomas Dawson, of Windsor, brought this great spiritual feast of the day to a fitting close with a timely message from St. Mark 16th chapter, 15th verse. Subject, "The Great Commission." The message was indeed helpful to all. The consecration meeting on Monday morning, June 27th, was attended by about 40 persons. Rev. H. D. Wright, General Superintendent, led the meeting and gave a very helpful message on the second coming of Christ. This meeting began at 6 a.m. and continued until about 9 a.m., after which all adjourned for breakfast. The Conference and the S. S. Convention and Y.P.S. resumed their sessions at 10 a.m. when many matters pertaining to the affairs of the church were discussed and properly disposed of. In the evening from 7.30 to 8.30 Rev. Wright discussed the question of Church Union to a large gathering of folks. Negotiations have been going on for the past three years between the B.M.E., A.M.E. Z. and A.M.E. Churches concerning this great question, and it is felt that consummation of this all important question is not far off.

The annual election of officers for the Sunday School was held and the following elected to conduct the affairs of our young people for the year 1927-1928. President, Miss A. Drake, London; Vice-President, Miss E. Perkins, Windsor; Rec.-Secretary, Miss V. Smith, St. Catharines; Cor.-Secretary, Marguerite Jackson, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Treasurer, Mr. T. Dougherty, Fort Erie.

The Stationing Committee then made the following appointments: Windsor, Rev. J. Thomas Dawson; Toronto, Rev. F. O. Stewart; St. Catharines, Rev. E. Alph. Richardson; N. Buxton, Rev. W. C. Perry; London, Rev. Thos. Woodcock; Niagara Falls, Ont., Rev. T. H. Jackson; Guelph, Rev. L. Johnstone; Owen Sound, Rev. H. F. Logan; Brantford, Rev. H. D. Wright, Gen. Supt.; Collingwood, Bro. C. Alfred Johnston; Woodstock-Stratford, Rev. S. A. Lucas; Harrow, Bro. Peter Harris; Fort Erie, Rev. T. H. Jackson.

Many friends and visitors from various cities of the province were in attendance during the sessions.

Taking all things into consideration, the Seventy-first Annual Conference will go down in history as one of the great events of British Methodism. —F.O.S.

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The little house was weather-worn. It leaned toward the sheltering hillside. Summer came with bloom hiding the garden and when the moon shone dimly the ghosts were morning glories and hollyhocks, the latter poking their noses in at the windows. The wind of Indian Summer, itself a ghost, scattered them about the garden. They never went beyond it. This was the home of Mrs. Ball, (colored), and educated woman, being left a widow with little support, decided to open in her home a school for small children in the village of Vienna. This brought joy to the hearts of the mothers as well as the children. Everybody knew Mrs. Ball's capabilities. Among her first pupils, were Elijah and Percy Black. Elijah was a meditative sort of a boy Percy much the reverse. He would say, "Missie Ball, when I get a big man I want to be a doctor or a bartender." He liked to play with bottles. "Percy," she said, "you must be a doctor." Today he is one of the most prominent doctors in the New England States, thanks to Mrs. Ball. After a long time a wee grandson came into the care of Mrs. Ball, named Mintter. Adored by grandmother, in the winter she would put his top coat on, pull his cap down, tie his scarf at the back, his mittens on a string around his neck and would send him out to play. In the Black family a little sister Annie, was always hippity, hopping and bobbing around for some one to play with Spud Mintter. Hey little boy, come over here and play with me. Mintter and Annie Helen, knowing nothing of color or race, became playmates and good friends. What does color of skin matter anyway, we are all the Lord's children. He loves us all alike. Great the temptations Mintter would offer Annie Helen: "If you will come home with me my grandma will give you a great big piece of bread with black currant jam on it." There never was jam like it since. Mrs. Ball's house was neatness itself. She had taught Mintter to wipe his shoes on coming in and Mintter taught Annie Helen the same. Mrs. Ball was loved by everybody. Mothers loved to sit and visit with her, with their needlework in the shade of her house. Pretty soon there would be a teaparty and very enjoyable times were spent. Edison, the great inventor, was well known to her. He lived with an uncle not far from her home. People of the world, why not work in a spirit of co-operation, then all the world would all be in perfect harmony.

Of strife and discussion dissolve oh Lord, the band, and may love prevail among the people of the land, from hence to the world's end.

—A. HELEN SOPER