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RACE YOUTH WINS MEDAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—At a general assembly of the faculty and students of Dunbar High School held Monday morning, Cortez W. Peters was awarded the Underwood diamond medal emblem for accuracy and speed in a typing contest given at the Washington office of the Underwood Typewriting Company on March 26.

Mr. Peters is a graduate of the Department of Business Practice of Dunbar High School, and in the test maintained a net speed of 109 five-stroke words a minute for 30 minutes, the requirement to qualify being only 100 words a minute.

The medal is 20-K white gold, platinum plate, with alternating diamonds and emeralds, and crown set. Mr. G. H. Ward, assistant manager of the Washington office of the Underwood Typewriter Company, and the students' friend, presented the award and stated that Mr. Peters was the first student, and the only person in the District of Columbia ever to win it.

Mr. J. C. Wright, of the Dunbar faculty, who discovered the latent typing ability of Mr. Peters and trained him, was awarded the corresponding Underwood teacher's diamond medal emblem.

Mr. Peters also has won the Underwood gold button insignia of the Order of Accurate Typists; Remington gold pin and a Remington standard typewriter; Royal gold pin; Woodstock gold jeweled pin; and is known among the boys as the "speed king typist." Under Mr. Wright's coaching he is now in training to enter the international typing contest for world's championship to be held in New York next October.

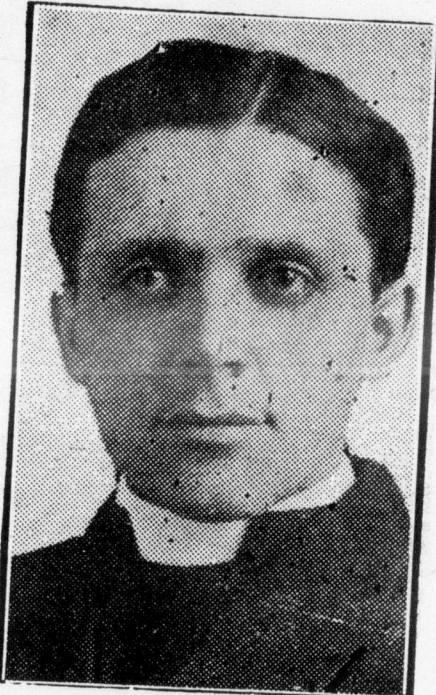
SPRINGFIELD COLORED GIRL SCOUTS WIN CONTEST WITH NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

The only colored troop of girl scouts in Springfield, Mass., where there are 1,400 girl scouts altogether, recently won the local song contest against 12 other troops. The colored girls sang James Weldon Johnson's Negro National Anthem, set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson.

Miss Edna P. Randolph writes that not only did the colored girl scout troop win the song contest, but they were also the only troop to be in perfect uniform.

LEAGUE DIRECTOR



REV. G. QUINTIN WARNER, Judge of the Juvenile Court of London District, who has taken a very great interest in the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People.

AMERICA DEPENDS UPON NEGRO

NEW YORK, April 15.—The official journal of the Episcopal Church carried in its last issue a list of the activities of the colored American in an effort to awaken the white American to his importance as a factor in the life of the country. The account, which urged greater co-operation of the church in the welfare of the Negro, gave a summary of the chief activities of the race in this country as follows:

Negro labor supplies one-seventh of all workers in the United States.

Negroes operate a million farms, one-fourth of which they own themselves. 40,000 out of 300,000 coal miners are Negroes.

One-third of all iron and steel workers are Negroes.

One-half of the employees in the Chicago Stock Yards are Negroes.

The number of Negroes in manufacturing and industrial pursuits increased 151.13 per cent. with a total capitalization of over \$100,000,000.

The accumulated wealth of Negroes increased from \$20,000,000 in 1886 to \$1,500,000,000 in 1920.

In 1922, 523 Negroes received the B.A. degree and 20 the degree of M.A. from American colleges and universities.

The comment of the Michigan Churchman is as follows:

"A race which is taking such a large part of our national development surely deserves the greatest attention from the church."

REV. W. C. PERRY PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON AT NEW GLASGOW

Rev. W. Constantine Perry, who for the past two years has been pastor of the Second Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night. There was a large congregation, who heard with interest his sermon on "Individual Responsibility." Since coming to New Glasgow to take the oversight of this congregation, a little more than two years ago, Mr. Perry has been able to accomplish much in the way of improvement in the status of the congregation. He has raised \$4,000 during that time, which is a very creditable amount. During his pastorate there were fifteen baptisms in the church. The church edifice has been renovated and beautified, new electric fixtures have been put in, and a pulpit, donated by First Presbyterian Church, was installed. Many other improvements have been made, adding to the beauty and utility of the church.

During Mr. Perry's pastorate he has purchased a parsonage for the congregation, and on this has paid \$1,000. All this money was raised by Mr. Perry, the generous people of the town contributing, so that it was no burden whatever to the members of his congregation. There remains a mortgage of \$1,000, which is not heavy.

The parsonage has been re-shingled and is in first-class condition.

In the work of the pastorate Mr. Perry has received much help from his devoted wife. Mrs. Perry has acted as organist, has been President of the Helping Hand Society, was for some time Secretary of the W.M.A.S., and interested in the other church societies. She has also been a member of the New Glasgow W.C.T.U.

Mr. Perry has proved an energetic pastor, and as a result of his stay in New Glasgow he leaves the congregation increased in numbers, and with a much improved church property. He proved an efficient organizer and raised a large sum of money for the work of the congregation. He found many discouragements, however, in the work of the congregation, and decided to retire. Mr. and Mrs. Perry and family leave at the end of the week for Halifax, where they will spend some time before taking up work elsewhere. They will be followed by the best wishes of many friends.

SEES DANGER OF THE FALL OF THE WHITE RACES

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 15.—According to Theodore Lothrop Stoddard, author of the alarmingly sensational book, "The Rising Tide of Color," the white race must conserve the forces which have placed it at the head of civilization if it is to successfully withstand the vigorous onslaught of the awkward races of the East in their bid for world power and domination.

According to Stoddard's statement, Japan with her 60,000,000 people, wants the leadership of the 500,000,000 of the yellow races and the hundreds of other millions of the East who dream of the downfall of the whites. The whites of the earth, 550,000,000 strong, must hold out against 1,500,000,000 blacks, a two-to-one ratio that is fast increasing in favor of the blacks by reason of the falling birth rate among the white people.

"For the time being Japan's ambitions have been checked," Stoddard says. The Washington conference ending the Anglo-Japanese alliance and solidifying the white races bordering the Pacific, the terrible industrial depression in Japan following the war and the earthquakes have hit Nippon with hard blows. There is no immediate danger of war with Japan, for she realizes that to make war courts disaster. While the situation is superficially better, the elements of danger are still at work.

Stoddard thinks the United States did the only thing possible in excluding Japanese by law.

"If we let them, the Orientals would be swarming over our Pacific borders in overwhelming numbers. In Hawaii it is only a question of time until the native-born Japanese will have political control of the island. The white American population is being gradually and surely pushed off the island by the encroachment of Japanese in agriculture and industry.

"To conserve the white race we must first keep out undesirable races and next build strength within. In the former process we must back up our paper edicts with military preparedness. Nobody wants war, but our barriers must be stronger than our paper ones."

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Editorial

BOBBED HAIR AND HORSE HAIR

Mr. Editor: I beg your attention and indulgence for a few minutes while I relate my fears and observations in a matter with which my mind is greatly absorbed at the moment.

While seated in one of our street cars recently my eyes and my mind were occupied in their respective functions on this newest of fads, which seems to have become internationally epidemic—the bobbed hair fad. I sat there meditating about the result of the present attitude of our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters toward the God-given charm, which has, all through the ages, been the object of unlimited attention and admiration, and no labor or expense has been spared to increase its beauty and abundance.

Always regarded as woman's crowning beauty, and always admired by the normal man, we find that the devil has at last succeeded in his ever-destructive campaign to rob us of this source of pleasure and happiness. And I say while thus seated and meditating two young ladies, girlish-like, tripped gayly in the car and threw themselves into the seat in front of me, as though to give me a close-up opportunity for my observations and meditations.

Both of the brunette type, the one had an abundance of beautiful, lustrous, lively hair, which had been drawn up and around in such a charming way as to expose a beautiful neck, upon which the hair, as the eye followed it toward her collar, gradually became finer and finer, after passing through several little eddies and swirls, until it was no longer hair, but down.

Then my eyes, passing to her companion, rested upon a neck that was robbed of all this beauty by the sharp tools of the tonsorial artist, and instead there was to be seen a myriad of little black specks, closely resembling a piece of dressed pork, but there was no hair in sight.

Now, sir, please listen to my apprehensions.

We know that extensive cultivation means growth that is root growth. The farmer knows that if he can get a vigorous root growth for his grain the crop will be abundant. The horticulturist gives most of his attention to the roots of his plants by frequent and diligent cultivation.

The rosarian cuts back his rose bushes severely in order to get sturdy and sufficient root growth, and large canes and full blooms are assured. In fact, we know that all growth is increased according to the attention given to the roots, either consciously or unconsciously.

consciously.

We know that the hair on a man's face is considerably coarser than that on his head, and the hair on his neck below his ears has to be shaven off according to custom on account of its bristly nature.

Tonsorial artists recommend shaving the scalp where premature baldness has set in, in order to stimulate root growth and encourage a healthy state to the hirsute appendages there.

Well, sir, what will be the result when this devilish bobbed hair fad is banned?

As a result of the cultivation of the roots of the hair on the necks of our formerly beautiful women folks we will see an abundant growth of coarse, bristly hair, either crinkly or straight according to its nature, but unfortunately more dense and uncontrollable.

Unless the fad is abandoned soon I expect to live to see the day when our girls of the present, when mature women, will be cursed with a great tuft of growth on their necks closely resembling horse hair, which will refuse to be controlled by hair pins or hair nets, and on account of its location will be in full view unless some style of head covering will be designed that will dip deeper down at the back than that worn at present.

I imagine I can hear the devil chuckle and laugh to himself when he sees how he has brought about this wicked disfigurement of one of God's wonderful creations, the woman beautiful.

We have no objections whatever to the scanty garment called a skirt, nor do we shrink from the decollete upper garment, in fact, we would urge the dictators of fashions to go as far as they like in this connection, but there is the danger that this bobbed hair fad is an irreparable disfigurement of the personal beauty of woman.

THE PIKER.

A GREAT WOMAN

Greatness and distinction are of two kinds in particular. It comes to some who are unfit and unprepared for it as if by an unwise fate.

It sometimes settles itself upon and clothes an individual before he or she is aware of its presence as if by coincidence, or in other words it would have fallen upon any individual who might have happened to be in the proper place at the proper time; oftentimes, unfortunately, being a miserable misfit.

And on the other hand greatness is the result, whether acknowledged or not, of a consciousness of a duty to be performed, an obligation to an individual or to society, which involves personal sacrifice and comfort, and so it happened that while the editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow lay ill on a cot in Victoria Hospital, and the work in connection with the paper was at a standstill, we are surprised and delighted to find that his splendid wife, the mother of five children all in the infant class, the youngest yet in arms, I say, we see her rise to emergency and the paper is again being published, and to her alone we give the credit. Unassisted, we see her make the important sacrifice of home comforts and demands, and get out and hustle (for successful newspaper people must hustle) up matter for the paper and instruct the publisher in its details in such a manner that we believe the Editor himself will find it difficult to surpass. And as a result of this discovery we feel that the staff of The Dawn of Tomorrow will be greatly improved and dignified by her activities.

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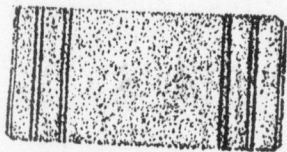
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The hostess, Mrs. M. Grayson, received in a gown of beaded white georgette trimmed in ostrich, and was ably assisted by Mrs. J. Hope, who wore a becoming gown of black canton.

Among those who assisted to make the evening a pleasant one were Mrs. Reed, Mrs. G. White, Mrs. Coates, Miss Jordan, Mrs. M. Tobin, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. F. Price, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Murrell, Miss Brooks, Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Bowers. The Bostonian Orchestra, with its wonderful music, featured largely in contributing to the gaiety of the evening.

Several especially good renditions were given by Mr. Will Farrell, of "Plantation Days," whose company heads the bill at the Pantages Theatre. Mrs. Farrell and Mr. Eubie Blake, of "Shuffle Along" fame, were also guests. A splendid repast was served and early in the morning the guests departed.

B. M. E. Church News

Rev. and Mrs. Ball have returned home after an absence of nearly three months.

Mr. Frank Price, of 39 Vanauley St., has returned home after spending the winter at Palm Beach and also Montgomery, Ala.

Rev. Williams preaches his last sermon on Sunday, April 26, at the Baptist Church, and will then go and join his family in Lovell, Kentucky.

MONTREAL NOTES

At the annual convocation of the Congregational College held at Emmanuel Church on 15th inst., Mr. Chas. Este graduated with honors, being a prize-winner, and receiving his commission as preacher of the Gospel.

Mr. Este is a very promising young man, being a powerful preacher, orator and poet. The Union Church has been fortunate in engaging his services for another year.

The Union Sunday School presented a very nice program on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. (Rev.) Jones is entertaining the Mite Missionary on Thursday evening.

Mrs. T. B. Olley gave an entertainment in Liberty Hall for the benefit of Mr. G. Carr, who is suffering from failing eyesight.

We are pleased to see Supt. E. O'Neil, who has been spending the past winter in New York.

Mrs. Chas. Ashby entertained the "Philis Wheatley Club" on Monday last.

The W.C.T.U. Seniors gave a benefit social for a needy family at the home of Mrs. B. Johnson on Tuesday last. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the social was a great success financially.

Mrs. Irene Morris spent Easter vacation at her former home, Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Mr. Eddie Elliott, who has been successful for the past three years in winning the prize in the Athletic Club, also won the silver set a few weeks ago.

Mrs. B. Johnson, social worker, is visiting in Richmond, Que., en route to Boston, where she will attend the Pentecostal convention.

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We, his brethren of the brotherhood, appreciate very much the good news that comes to us regarding our brother's health and truly pray that he may be completely restored and be enabled to meet with us in our meetings. Brother Jenkins is our recording secretary and has been faithful to his duty since being placed in office. With all of his many duties he has always proved that he was interested in the progress of our organization. We find in Brother Jenkins a conscientious, sympathetic and earnest worker for the uplift of humanity and vitally concerned about the advancement of his people.

As brothers we extend our best wishes to him and his good wife and family and assure them that we are desirous of his speedy return to health, that he may once more assemble with us in our meetings.

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Mrs. J. F. Jenkins wishes to extend her sincere thanks to her many friends, white and colored, for their kind consideration and sympathy during the present illness of her husband. To the two churches and their auxiliaries and to Messrs. Ball and Moxley and their co-workers she extends special thanks.

HAMILTON NOTES

Mr. Waltre and George Morton, of Stratford, spent a few days in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. While in the city they had dinner with their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown.

We regret to say that Miss Taylor is confined to the General Hospital. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Miss Gladys Holland is improving slowly.

The Trustee Aid will hold a War of Nations in the S. S. room on Thursday night.

Mrs. Eva Wade entertained the Trustee Aid on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Bell gave a kitchen shower for the parsonage Thursday night. Many useful gifts were presented to the parsonage.

Master Leroy Townsend is improving nicely. We are glad to see such a great improvement.

Among those sick are Miss Josephine Townsend, daughter of our pastor and his wife, also Mr. Wm. Bell.

Rev. J. C. Holland was indisposed on Sunday, but we are glad to report he is better at this writing. He was missed by all.

Mr. Charles Brown is going into the taxi business. We wish him great success.

OWEN SOUND NOTES

Sunday, April 12, was Easter Sunday, which was quietly spent here in the B.M.E. Church. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, conducted the morning service, his subject being "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ," taken from St. Matthew, chapter 28, verse 6. "He is not here, for he is risen as he said; come, see the place where the Lord lay." Rev. Richardson spoke very touchingly of the great and happy morning to all Christian believers.

At 3 o'clock Sunday School convened, with Brother Thomas Green, Superintendent, assisted by the Pastor, in charge. The session was conducted with Easter carols and the school lesson.

The evening service was conducted by the Sunday School with a program of Easter carols, recitations, solo and the reading of Psalm 23 and St. Matt., 28th chapter, first 10 verses was read

responsive by the congregation.

E. A. Richardson had a birthday party at the parsonage on Tuesday, April 14, in honor of his 36th birthday. Everybody invited report having a good time. We wish him many, many such happy birthdays. May God's riches bless him and his family.

Mr. Abram Bowie is very sick at present. He is very old and can't stand it much longer. Pray for him.

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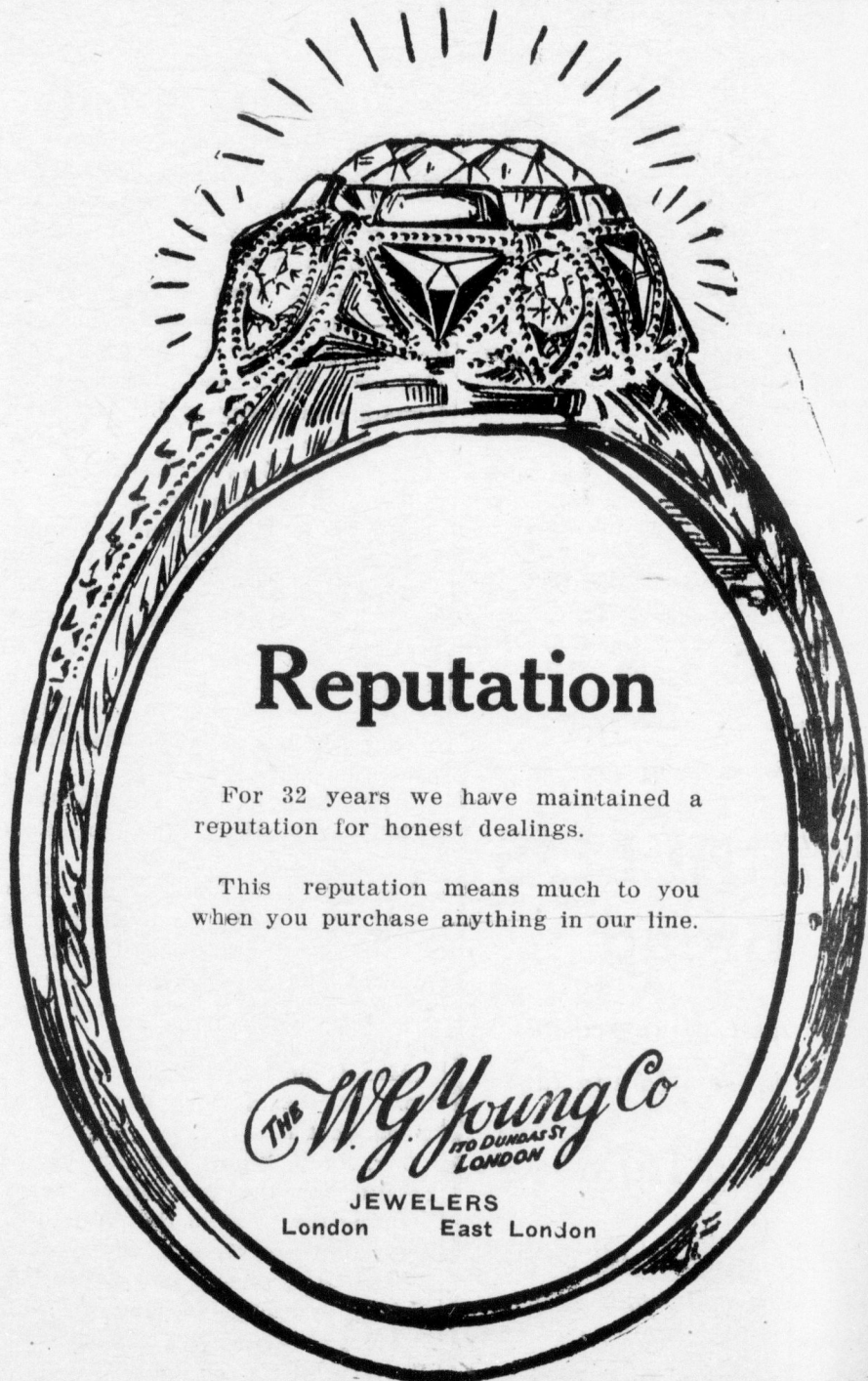
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LONDON B. M. E. CHURCH

The inclement weather does not prevent the many friends and earnest Christian men and women of our community from being loyal to the services held in our church. Sunday, April 19, was a very gloomy and dismal day, but our meetings were well attended all day. The pastor as usual delivered two very interesting messages which, according to the interest manifested by those present, were well received. At 11 a.m. the text was taken from Rev. 2:10; subject, "The Victor's Crown." The most beautiful part about this crown, said the speaker, is that it is not a second-handed one, but on the Master has been keeping for His faithful son or daughter who have come up through great trials and tribulations. As Christians our reward is glorious, it is durable, and it is personal, said the speaker, and should encourage all of God's people to continue faithful to the end. The pastor chose for his evening text, Col. 3:1; subject, "The Evening of the First Easter." It was claimed by the speaker that the evening of the first Easter gave the followers of Christ a true idea and conception of what power and control they were to exercise in saving the souls of mankind. The choir repeated their Easter music by request. The men's brotherhood were away at 10 a.m., having been invited to Colborne Street Methodist Church to conduct the morning service. Ridout Street Methodist Church Brotherhood will be with the men of our church on Sunday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

Rev. S. Richard Drake, General Superintendent of the B. M. E. Church of Canada, will pay his annual visit to our church on Sunday, April 26, and will speak morning and afternoon at 3 p.m. A public meeting will be held on Monday evening and the superintendent will give the principal address; subject, "Church Unification and Race Progress."

Mrs. Frederick F. Fountain, of Sackville Street, has returned home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. S. Hodges, of Niagara Falls, Ont. Mrs. Fountain reports a splendid trip.

Miss Hilda Carter has resumed her studies at the Normal Institute after a pleasant visit with her parents.

STRATFORD NOTES

Rev. C. A. Johnson, of Guelph, had charge of the evening service in the B. M. E. Church; also George Stickney, James Wilson and Mr. Harris, of Guelph, motored up to attend the evening service.

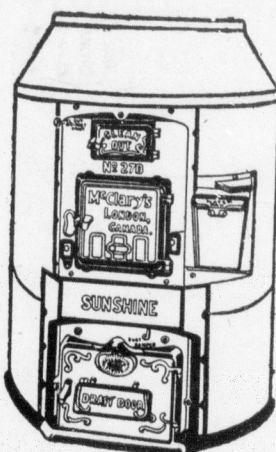
Gertie Henderson, sister of Ingersoll, and Jean Crommell, of Woodstock, were guests of Madam Harrison and family last week.

Margaret Harrison has returned home after spending Easter holidays with Miss Jean Crommell, of Woodstock.

Mr. J. D. Hall has returned home and is following a spraying business, assisted by Cecil Miller, of Drayton.

Rev. S. R. Drake made his annual visit on April 5th. Mr. Walter Morton is spending a few weeks in Hamilton. Mr. Jas. Brown, of Hamilton, spent Good Friday with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Topp have returned to Drayton after spending a few days with relatives in Stratford.

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THROUGH THE VALLEY AND SHADOW AND BY THE RIVER OF DEATH

I have walked through the valley and shadow and by the river of death. I found the valley not an unpleasant one, nor was the Shadow of Death ungainly. The River of Death flowed full and free and it was beautiful to look upon. As I walked the banks of this river, waiting for someone to bid me plunge therein, thousands of my fellow human beings took the final plunge. And I walked on, unafraid.

To the right of me one spoke and said: "I would not hesitate to make this final plunge if I only knew what is beyond this river; whether there is life beyond this River of Death." This thought did not enter my fevered mind as a thing to be concerned about, but I was simply waiting for a command to plunge. And I looked back upon yonder bank from whence I came and I saw many familiar faces, even some of your faces. And you bade me with frantic gestures to return to you from the Valley of Death. I saw you and my physicians, running here and there, using all of the energy of your bodies and souls to persuade me to come back again to you. Your persuasions had little effect upon me, and I turned my head sadly away from you and again to the River of Death. I was neither afraid to take the final plunge, nor was I undecided, but I simply waited for the command. And to the left of me I heard a voice, but saw no one, saying to me: "Thy work is not yet finished. Return to yonder banks." And then I slowly and with much labor climbed upon the banks which led from the River of Death and sat down among you. And as I looked into your faces and saw how earnest you were to save me from the River of Death, and yet how powerless you were to repair me, more than ever before in my life I realized the weakness of the human family and that if there is not a Supreme Being, all humanity is lost. And again I returned to consciousness, and I looked through my north window and viewed the stars, the constellations and satellites, shining in their fixed order and splendor and glory. And as I saw from the south window the moon shedding its beautiful, radiant and soft rays upon the earth, I was wont to proclaim: "O Heavenly Father! How omnipotent art Thy great power, how beautiful art Thy handiworks, how endless art Thy mercy." And thus I fell asleep to pleasant dreams.

SPRING'S AWAKENING

Sweet harbinger of Spring,
I hear thy welcome voice.
When your songs of praise ring
It makes my heart rejoice.

The darling pussywillows
Have already made their debut,
And o'er the sea foaming billows
The waters again are blue.

I see the garden tulips
Have risen from their wintry bed;
And soon we will be welcoming
Each beautiful, brightly hued head.

The sun's soft warming rays
Will soon change to gladdening heat.
Then the good old summer days
Will make our wish complete.

The golden yellow dandelions
Will gather quickly on the greens
And help our awakening moods
To accomplish many schemes.

Thank God for the Springtime,
Which brings skies of deeper hue;
Thank God for the sunshine
That drives away our blues.

Oh! Sweet harbinger of Spring,
We hear thy welcomed voice;
And when your songs of praises ring
How it makes our hearts rejoice.

—By Verita Smith.

APPOINT RACE WOMAN TO Y.W.C.A. NATIONAL BOARD

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