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Homecoming Celebration A Grand Success

What is considered as one of the biggest events in which any church or community has ever been actively engaged was the celebration of the annual home coming last Sunday and Monday under the auspices of the Sunshine Club of the B. M. E. church at North Buxton. Using the noted Frenchman's phrase: "Every year in every way, the home coming becomes better and better." Notwithstanding the heavy rains which fell on Saturday prior to the opening of the celebration on Sunday, and the cloudy skies on Sunday morning, a large number of people motored in and continued all day. At the morning service, the pastor, Rev. W. C. Perry, preached to a large and appreciative audience. The program in the afternoon was of a very unique nature, and probably one of the best ever rendered here on Sunday afternoon. The program was presented by the Writers' Club of Detroit, to whom the word "Excelsior" could be written above them for their wonderful program. It was unique by virtue of the fact that most of the numbers rendered in poetry and prose, were the compositions of the members of the club themselves. The program was so much appreciated that by request the club presented another program at the evening service. The Detroit Writers' Club will be able to entertain any congregation any time with the greatest of satisfaction. Monday was another day long to be remembered. In the morning a soft ball game was played between the Buxton girls and the Merlin team, which was won by the former. In the afternoon the team of the Second Baptist Church, Detroit, met their Waterloo before the Chat-ham Giants in one of the most thrilling and exciting games ever played here. The closing event was a monster concert in the evening in which a one-act play, entitled "Waiting for the Trolley" was staged by eighteen characters. The church was packed to capacity and everyone expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied. Perhaps those who deserve the most praise are the members of the Sunshine Club of which Mrs. Minnie Robbins is president. These women are, beyond any doubt, the most energetic church workers that can be

Lost \$75,000 In Florida Storm

Associated Negro Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 13.—D. A. Dorsey, Negro millionaire, of Miami, who returned to his home Tuesday night, after coming here to secure labor to rebuild the schools in that city, stated that the storm had done more than \$75,000 worth of damage to his property and holdings in Miami. The roof of the hotel which he owns was torn off and windows blown out. Four of his apartments were unroofed, and twenty houses blown off their foundations and eight or ten of them were completely demolished. The damage, he said would roughly amount to \$75,000.—St. Louis Argus.

OUR REWARDS.

If each little deed of kindness And each little word of love Be rewarded by God our Father, And treasured in Heaven above, When year after year filled with such He see, What, O what must the recompense be. —S. E. G. Allen.

found in any church. They work with a will and a determination to succeed, and they succeed. These women were kept busy all day Sunday and Monday in serving meals to the satisfaction of all. In a letter received by the pastor from one of the visitors, it was distinctly pointed out that the supper he received (chicken) was the best he had ever seen served anywhere. Mention is also to be made of the Fountain City quartette who assisted in the program on Monday evening to the great delight and appreciation of the audience. Let it be remembered that annually on the first Sunday in September and on Labor Day, this event of home coming is observed by the Sunshine Club of the B. M. E. church, and as it is an appropriate way of meeting and greeting friends old and new, to spend the time in Buxton, it behooves the dates to be specially remembered, as all roads from Michigan, Ohio, Chicago, New York and Ontario, from which we had representatives this year, lead to North Buxton. The thanks of the Sunshine Club and pastor of the church go out to the many friends who came in and helped to make the occasion such a splendid success. Come again next year.

Brantford Branch First Anniversary

Sunday, October 10th was League day all day at the B. M. E. church in Brantford. At 11 o'clock service Rev. H. D. Wright preached the League's anniversary sermon. His discourse was eloquent and inspiring and it filled each member with enthusiasm to do his and her best for the cause. At 3 o'clock the League assumed full charge of the program. The program was made up of choruses, recitations, solos, a tableau by the children and very inspiring addresses by Rev. Reycraft of the United Congregation and J. F. Jenkins, general executive secretary. The success of the day came at the evening service, when the church was filled to capacity. Our white citizens were by far in the majority. The program was in charge of the League. The recitations, songs, and so forth, were of a very high order. Laverne Jones rendered one of his favorite solos. Mrs. L. Johnson read a most wonderful paper. Rev. Reycraft was with us again and gave a most instructive talk. Rev. Lucas, Rev. G. Johnson and Mr. John Lucas gave very interesting talks. J. F. Jenkins delivered the principal address of the evening. His subject was "The Historic Background of our Race." For forty-five minutes the audience listened to his most interesting address with rapt attention. And last, but not least, came the Jubilee Singers. Of all the Jubilee Singers we have ever heard, we believe these to have been the best. The audience expressed its willingness to listen for hours longer, although the singers were late in arriving. The League is well pleased with its first anniversary and it wishes to thank all those who contributed to its success. A substantial sum of money was raised which was turned over to the church.

25 COLORED ACTORS IN "FIGHTING LOVE"

Culver City, Cal., Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—Bertram Millhauser, the brilliant scenarist, who is adapting the story "Porgy" for an all-colored super-feature, is also the scenarist of "Fighting Love," a part African location feature starring Jetta Goudal seen in "Three Faces East," and directed by Chrislander, of the DeMille studios. Twenty-five colored actors are being used in the African scenes.

African University All-Black Staff

Negro Profosors Will Teach Native Races a Better Civilization IN ONE LANGUAGE English to be Only a "Subject"—Bush Schools Will be Ended on Gold Coast

January 1 next will be a red letter day in the history of the Gold Coast. On that day the doors of a college set in an estate of four square miles on a hill overlooking the West African city of Accra will be thrown open to native students. It will be the beginning of the realization of an ardent negro dream—a university where the black man will teach his own culture to his own people. The name of Achimota—the hill where the college is being built—already echoes like a magic sound wherever educated Africans gather. Achimota is to be the mainspring of a peaceful revolution, not just a university, but the keystone of a far-seeing government scheme of education which includes colleges, secondary schools, elementary schools and kindergartens throughout the length and breadth of the colony. For Better Civilization Everywhere they will be staffed by West African teachers engrossed in developing a new and higher civilization for their country. The immediate and practical object of the new university is to produce teachers and leaders for this sublimation of African nationality. Dr. A. G. Fraser, a Scotch professor who did 16 years' hard educational work in Ceylon, and thoroughly understands the yearnings of colored peoples, was appointed principal some time ago. The assembling of the staff was placed in his hands, and he has secured the co-operation of Dr. J. E. K. Aggrey, a brilliant native professor, who has accepted the post of vice-principal.

A Native Chief

Dr. Aggrey belongs to a leading Gold Coast family of the Fanti tribe, and is himself a chief. He has had wide academic distinctions and a world renown as a negro educationist. For the moment he is the only native member of the staff.

Dr. Fraser, Dr. Aggrey and some 25 (Continued on Page 6).

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Editorial

ABYSSINIA APPEALS TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In a note to Sir Eric Drummond, the secretary general, Ras Tafari has asked the League of Nations to officially fix to the League's treaty register, Abyssinia's interpretation of the Anglo-Italian "sphere of influence." Abyssinia's interpretation is clearly stated by Ras. He says; "In our view, they (England and Italy) had no right to contract such an agreement, but as they had, of course, no intention of violating Article 10 of the Covenant, their agreement could have no legal force, and, in our regard, is null and void." Some several months ago Tafari had lodged a protest with the League in which he stated that the British and Italians had no right to enter into an agreement regarding the territory of a third party, and secondly that the treaty is a violation of both Articles 10 and 11 of the League covenant.

"Abyssinians very naturally were troubled on learning that two great powers had come to an understanding as to their course of action towards a friendly country which, like them, is a member of the League, without informing that country in advance. They interpreted this action as an indication to combine to exert pressure upon it in order to obtain economic advantage, if Abyssinia should consider its interests dictated that those advantages be withheld," he states.

Of course, as we expected, Secretary Drummond side-stepped Ras' request, stating that it was impossible to register such a document along with treaties, although he promises "to make suitable references in printing the treaty series containing the Anglo-Italian exchanges, notes and agreement," and to circulate the Abyssinian documents to all members of the League.

The course which the secretary has taken in this matter is open to criticism. It does not speak well for the League's ability or its good intention to settle amicably questions arising out of misunderstandings between weaker nations on the one hand and powerful ones on the other hand, and again, the question comes to our minds; "Why print in the official treaty series interpretative documents submitted by Dublin and

Downing Street in the Anglo-Irish treaties and then refuse a similar request from Ras Tafari of Abyssinia?" The two cases offer no difference in kind; and yet there is a difference. And the League is SUPPOSED to have come into existence to level this very difference. But its failure to deal fairly, justly and firmly with the present situation has not helped its prestige nor will it inspire confidence in the minds of those who have always looked upon the League with suspicion. There are some who have always held that the League is simply a pact between a few powerful nations to control the world.

It would seem as though Britain and Italy have abrogated to themselves certain rights in Abyssinia without consulting anyone. Their "sphere of influence," their projects to build railways through Abyssinian territory and to claim and exploit certain areas of territories has been decided upon between themselves, without so much as asking Ras Tafari's government to consent. However, when Abyssinia voices protest, Sir Austen Chamberlain very courteously states that it was not intended to coerce Abyssinia in any way and that the African kingdom was free to make decisions unimpeded by outside pressure. However that may be, the thing has a sinister flavor; it savors of the attitude that might must always be right. It will take a good deal of explaining to explain it away.

We are watching, with millions of other unbiased people, the attitude of the League of Nations in the Abyssinian situation. We are waiting with anxious longings, for we are convinced that it is on these "little things" that the League's influence will either live or die.

And for Abyssinia, all men with just and true hearts can have nothing but praise. Abyssinia of today, as Abyssinia of yesterday, will not be insulted and maltreated without a VIGOROUS protest. Ras Tafari would not have been deserving of the mantle of his illustrious forbear, King Menelick, had he acted otherwise.

NEW RACE JOURNAL FOR SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—"The People's Eye Opener," 208 Villita St., is the latest addition to the Race journalistic ranks in Texas. U. S. Tyler is the editor and J. T. Barber advertising manager of the "Eye Opener," a clean cut 5 column 8 page paper using four pages of "patent"

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON AMERICAN MOBISM.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a clipping from the Western Press, of Bristol, Eng., commenting on American lawlessness, in which occur the following sentences:

"The Negro question in the United States is undoubtedly at the root of much of the violence and intimidation that is practised there. We in Europe can show nothing to match the demerita of a mob that still tears a Negro to pieces or burns him alive for his

crimes. * * * It is an odd illustration of the difference between theory and practice in the United States that thousands of men who nominally possess full political rights dare not exercise them for fear of inviting the vengeance of their fellow citizens."

Risks His Life To Rescue White Man

Colored Laborer Saves Fellow Worker Through Heroic Efforts. Buried to Neck, but Aids Friend.

New York, Oct. 13.—(Special).—By scooping away sand from the face of William Reinert for half an hour on Tuesday, Benjamin Langford, a colored laborer, saved his fellow-worker who is white, from being smothered to death in a shifting 100-foot sand pile at W. 19th St. and Coney Island Creek, Brooklyn. Langford himself was buried to the waist and both were eventually rescued.

Goes to Rescue

Reinert, who is 31 years old and lives at 6 Liberty Place, Weehawken, N. J., had slipped from the crest of the pile and rolled into an artificial pit formed by the sand and an adjoining mound of crushed stone. No sooner had he come to rest at the bottom than the sand started to shift. Before he could regain his feet and struggle out of the amphitheatre he was buried to the neck.

Seeing the plight of his companion, Langford, who lives at 135 Albany avenue, Brooklyn, scrambled to his aid. The sand kept pouring in from above and Langford had to work like mad to keep Reinert from going under. Meanwhile he shouted "police," "help," "fire" and everything else calculated to arouse the attention of persons in the nearby street.

But the deluge only increased in velocity, and Langford was growing tired. The fight was just becoming hopeless when a policeman in the street heard the calls.

Battalion Chief Michael Shanahan was summoned with Fire Rescue Squad No. 2. When the Chief peered into the arena he saw Langford, a puffing automaton, frantically brushing sand from Reinert's head. A temporary scaffolding was rigged up and a rope lowered. Langford was told to grab the rope, but he refused and fastened it under Reinert's arms. When Reinert had been drawn to safety, he allowed himself to be hoisted from the pit.

Both men were exhausted. They were revived by a stimulant and allowed a day off by their employers, the M. J. O'Hara Contracting Co.

FLORIDA NEGROES AID MIAMI SUFFERERS

Associated Negro Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 13.—The appeal for aid for the sufferers in the storm stricken district of this state met a ready response from the people of Jacksonville and other sections of the state here during the past two weeks. B. C. Vanderhorst, general manager of the People's Insurance Company, called a meeting of the business men of the city and started the appeal, which resulted in the raising of over \$600 by the local branch,

of the Business League. Mr. Vanderhorst later went to Miami, taking a trained nurse, Mrs. R. L. Brown, with him, who is now supervising relief work at that place and nearby vicinity. The insurance company also organized other relief stations through its agents in that district.

The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Masons, D. D. Powell, Grand Master, gave \$500 to the work and the St. Joseph Aid Society sent its Grand Chief, Dr. T. H. B. Walker, with a carload of supplies and money to the district.

At the terminal station in this city members of the Daughters Elks here under Mrs. Hattie I. Williams, and the Colored Travellers' Aid, did heroic work in assisting the distressed refugees who passed through here en route to their homes in various parts of the country.

KANSAS CITY LEAGUE TEAM TO PLAY 25th INFANTRY

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—The Monarchs of K. City, composed of members of several of the National Negro League teams, will visit Nogales Oct. 21, 22 and 23, for a three days' series with the 25th Infantry at Camp Stephen D. Little. The Monarchs will spend the winter in Los Angeles playing winter baseball at the White Sox Park.

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Wins Fight to Free Condemned Men

Luther Collins, In Jail Five Years, is Now Free and Back at Work.

After five years of unremitting effort, the Houston, Tex., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has won a spectacular fight resulting in the liberation of Luther Collins, a colored man, who was successively sentenced to death and then to 99 years in prison, and has spent in all five years in jail.

Mr. Collins was convicted and sentenced on the testimony of a white woman of ill-repute, and the contradictions in the testimony she gave, together with evidence of Mr. Collins' good character, made it evident he was innocent of the assault charged. The Houston N. A. A. C. P. not only raised \$2,000 to carry the case through the Texas courts on repeated appeals, but interested prominent white people in the case. Financial aid offered by the National office of the N. A. A. C. P. was refused by the Houston branch which declared it could and would finance the case itself.

Recently Luther Collins' 99 year sentence was reversed and the district attorney of Fort Bend county, Texas, gave the Collins attorney authority to try the case in any county he wished. The attorney promptly named Washington county, where the attorney had practiced law for 25 years. The bond was at once reduced from \$7,500 to \$2,500 and Collins was released under bond in March of this year. Bond was signed by four of the most prominent white and four of the most prominent colored men of the city of Houston, one of the white men being secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, two of them bankers and the fourth a prominent merchant. After a number of consultations between the district attorney of Washington County, the judge and the defense attorneys, the district attorney moved that the case be dismissed. Collins was freed early in September and is now working at the job he held before his arrest.

Had it not been for the fight made by the Houston N. A. A. C. P., Luther Collins would long since have been dead as he had no friends to intercede for him and the public took it for granted he was guilty.

WINS GREATER NEW YORK NEWSPAPER STORY PRIZE

New York, Oct. 13.—Emile G. Thomas, a native of St. Croix, capital of the Virgin Islands, who came to this country 5 years ago and who attended night school at Washington Heights High School five nights a week, taking English, Latin, Algebra and American history, and who works at the Vacuum Oil Company during the day, was awarded first prize in the New York World's Biggest News story of the week contest.

Thomas picked the World's Series as the biggest news of the week ending Oct. 3 and received the prize because of the freshness and sincerity of his article. All high school students of New York excepting employees of the World are eligible for the contest.

Thomas is 24 years old. He aspires to be a dentist.—St. Louis Argus.

LONDON.

Mrs. Minnie Harris is home again after spending several weeks in Detroit with her daughter, Mrs. Vant. She reports that Mrs. Vant's eye trouble is progressing favorably.

Mr. Ed. Mixer of Gray street, has been seriously ill. He shows signs of improvement.

Mrs. Rachel Fountain, who was recently confined to Victoria Hospital, is home again. She is much improved.

Rev. Thomas Woodcock spent a very pleasant vacation with friends in Windsor, Detroit, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

The Get Acquainted Club is making great preparations for their Hallowe'en party which is to be held in St. George's Hall on Oct. 29th. Persons who do not attend will miss a treat.

Miss Vivian Knox, our young and coming pianist, is receiving many commendations from her instructors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, of Gray street, have gone south to spend several weeks with relatives. They are sorely missed by the many friends they left behind.

Invitations ar out for the twelfth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry Front street. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have a host of friends, many of whom will be present next Thursday evening to wish them many future blessings.

We are pleased to announce that little Francis Moxley is making steady improvement in health.

The B. M. E. Sunday school held a very enjoyable and successful supper last Monday evening. The church is holding its harvest home supper next Monday evening, Oct. 25. Come and enjoy yourself.

Mrs. Arthur Moxley has moved into her new home at 49 Glenwood Ave.

London is expecting Brantford and other cities to be present on Oct. 29 at its Hallowe'en party.

JOHN BROWN'S DAUGHTER DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Only Child to Witness Execution of Her Father for Treason.

Eureka, Cal., Oct. 18.—Pacific Coast News Bureau)—Mrs. Annie Brown Adams, last surviving member of the family of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, died last week after 56 years' residence in California.

Witnessed Execution.

Mrs. Adams, 87 years of age, and the mother of 8 children, was the only child to witness the execution of her father, the famous abolitionist who, with five slaves, raided the United States government arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Va., Oct. 16, 1859. One slave escaped, two were killed and two were captured and executed.

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OPENING OF HOCKWALDS NEW
SHOW POSTPONED ONE WEEK

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 20.—Pacific
Coast News Bureau)—Arthur Hock-
wald's new colored musical comedy,
"Struttin' Sam F'om Alabam," opened
Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Majestic thea-
tre, having been set back one week,
waiting for the departure of "Monkey
Business" from the Broadway house.

Love Of Music Inherent In Soul Of Colored Race

(Mississippi Festival Music Inspires
Universal Director to Publish Book
on "Black Harmony.")

(By Rosa Dale)

Universal City, Cal., Oct. 20.—(Pa-
cific Coast News Bureau).—While in
Natchez, Miss., seeking locations for
cotton field and Mississippi River
scenes for his "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
production, Director Harry Pollard
visited a Fourth of July colored festi-
val and became so impressed with the
"sincerity and sense of rhythm fre-
quently found lacking in the so-called
cultured compositions" that he has
decided to reproduce a number of
heretofore unpublished traditional
melodies in a book which he will call
"Black Harmony."

"There is a growing tendency to
treat the true Negroid music as min-
strel songs," says Director Pollard.
"This is not only a serious error, but
a grave injustice. Springing from the
white heat of the moment of 'feeling'
religion, spirituals are sincere evi-
dences of sincere faith. That they
are exploited by modern mercenaries
is greatly to be deplored for that is
one certain way of cheapening the
only genuine and definite folk music
of which America can boast."

"The black man is volatile, a child
of moods. It is just as natural for
him to be gay as it is for him to be
plaintive. The occasion, as a matter
of fact, creates the mood."

"The music of the black man may
be said to be roughly divided into
two classes, 'spirituals' and 'jubilees.'
The former is marked by its mournful
lugubriousness, its deep sense of religious
fervor and its amazingly spontaneous
origin. The jubilee song originates
the same way, but the motive is dif-
ferent. Strangely enough, even in
jubilee songs, there is a faint religious
background as witnessed the cele-
brated 'Two by Two,' a rollicking
chantey, sung in a melodious mono-
tone, artfully colored by rich accom-
panying chords on the stringed in-
struments.

NEGRO MADE FOOTBALL CAPTAIN OF BATES COLLEGE, ME., TEAM

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

To a Negro football star, Charles B.
Ray, who weighs only 150 pounds, has
gone the distinction of being the first
colored man ever elected as captain
of the Bates College football team. For
two years Mr. Ray has been chosen
unanimously to the "all-Maine" college
football team. He is a versatile play-
er, being starred not only for kicking,
but for forward passing and carrying
the ball. Ray is popular in college,
playing center field on the college
baseball team. We came to Bates Col-
lege from West Chester, Pa.

Other Negroes who have been foot-
ball stars at American colleges in-
clude: William H. Lewis of Amherst
and Harvard; Drew of Amherst;
Matthews and Marshall of Harvard;
Pollard of Brown, and Robeson of
Rutgers.

WHITE WOMAN REPLIES TO "NEGRO RAPIST" SLANDER.

Asserts Colored Women of South In
Danger of White Men's Attack.

Following William Pickens, Field
Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., who
lately nailed in the columns of the
N. Y. Tribune, the old lie that white
women cannot walk with safety in
the South for fear of attack, a white
woman has written to the same news-
paper.

This woman, Dr. Carrie K. Bartlett,
not only reports that for years she
taught and moved freely among Ne-
groes in Arkansas and North Carolina
without ever receiving anything but
courteous treatment and assistance;
but adds that it is the colored women
who fear attack from white men, not
the white women who need to fear at-
tack from Negroes. Says Dr. Bart-
lett:

"I never received from a Negro man
or woman anything but the most per-
fectly courteous treatment, but I
learned from the colored maids of the
friend with whom I was living, of a
situation for which I wish we might
find a remedy. These colored women
are afraid to go on the streets alone
after dark for fear of attack by white
men. Most of the maids go home at
night. They believe that they do not
have as good police protection as do
white women, and for mutual protec-
tion go home in groups. It seems to
me that it is the colored, not the white
women of the South for whose safety
we should be concerned."

CHINESE ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST PREJUDICE SCHOOL STRIKE

Oakland, Calif., Oct. 18.—(Pacific
Coast News Bureau).—Pacific Coast
racial groups and organizations includ-
ing the United Parlor of Native Sons,
have joined with the Chinese Ameri-
can Citizens' Alliance in a protest to
the Oakland Board of Education
against any suggested proposal to seg-
regate American-born Chinese chil-
dren in California schools.

The protest marked the ninth day
of a school strike, which began when
41 white students in the John street
school were withdrawn from the
school by their parents as a protest
against Chinese in the classes.

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The harvest festival services on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 10 and 11 in the B. M. E. church were in every sense of the word a very successful affair. The pastor gave two interesting messages which were enjoyed by a goodly number during the day. The morning subject was "Thanksgiving for Blessings of Divine Providence." Text Ps. 65:11. The evening subject was "The Lesson of the Flowers." Text, Matt. 6:28.

A New England boiled dinner was served on Monday evening under the auspices of our church Aid. Despite the illness of our pastor during the past week, he was able to fill the pulpit on Sunday, 17th inst., and gave two forceful messages during the day. At 11 a.m., the subject "Faith in prayer" was illustrated from the story of Dan. 6:10. This message was very helpful and elicited the following thoughts: The asker must be in faith i.e. must be a believer. The thing asked for must be an object of faith. The manner of asking must be faithful. In the evening at 7, the subject was "Gospel truth distinguished." Text, John 18:38. We believe these sermons were made very clear and intelligible to all, and no one need look askance as to what the preacher was driving at.

Our first quarterly communion service will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 24. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sick and Convalescent

Rev. F. O. Stewart was confined to his bed the major portion of last week, but is able to be out again. Miss S. Stanfield is indisposed at this writing. Mr. D. Fletcher and youngest daughter are able to be out after a severe illness. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Sharp are improving. Mr. Harry Brown has been very sick but is improving.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mrs. K. P. White, 208 Dundas St., when the Bucilla Art Club gave a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Mabel Bowers who is leaving the city. Dancing and games were features of the evening. Before refreshments were served, Mrs. Marion Gaycon presented the guest of honor with a beautiful salad bowl, a gift from the officers and members of the club. We wish her God-speed and hope it will not be long ere she is with us again.—Miss D. Holder, Sec'y.

NIAGARA FALLS.

JONES-SMITH

The Pier St. B. M. E. church was the scene of a very beautiful fall wedding, Sept. 29th, when Beulah Lorena, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, Robinson, St., became the bride of Dan Leo Jones, of Buffalo, N.Y. Promptly at four o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. Rachel Young, Pier St., the bride entered the church, leaning on the arm of her father, gowned in duchess satin, with overdress of georgette and Venetian lace, trimmed in seed pearls, wearing a coronation crown with veil of silk net caught with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink Ophelia roses, entwined with white spirea and baby ribbons, tied with white tulle. Little Thelma Smith, cousin of the bride, arrayed in pink crepe with

overdress of pink georgette, made a charming little flower girl, carrying a basket of pink roses. Miss Claudia Palmer, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., assisted the bride as maid of honor. Gowned in orchita taffeta with black velvet picture hat, carrying yellow 'mums tied in orchid tulle. Miss Marie Hodge, gowned in pink taffeta, bouffant style, with silver lace, carried pink roses tied in blue. She was wearing a large black velvet picture hat. Miss Estelle Young, gowned in blue taffeta, bouffant style, with silver lace, carried pink roses tied in silver. Mr. Otto Simmons, of Buffalo supported the groom and Messrs. Ronald Smith, Edwin Young, E. Wright and Charles Adams were the ushers. The church was decorated with gladiola, palms and late fall flowers. Rev. Stewart, of Toronto, assisted by Rev. Johnston, performed the ceremony. After a very dainty buffet luncheon, served by Messrs. Arthur Johnson and Odey, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., the happy couple motored to Buffalo, where they took the boat for Cleveland and Toledo, the bride travelling in jungle green satin dress with grey coat trimmed with black fox and hat to match. Upon their return they will reside in Buffalo, where the groom is employed in the post office.

INVESTIGATING MIAMI CONSCRIPTION, ATT'Y- GENERAL TELLS N. A. A. C. P.

New York, Oct. 8.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Ave., has received a letter from the Department of Justice, in Washington, stating that an investigation is being made of the alleged conscription of negro labor in Miami, Fla., concerning which the N. A. A. C. P. telegraphed protests to the president, the attorney general and the secretary of the navy.

The letter, which is addressed to James Weldon Johnson, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, is signed by John Marshall, assistant attorney general, and reads as follows:

On behalf of the attorney general, I acknowledge your telegram of Sept. 27, 1926, calling the department's attention to the situation in Florida, with respect to the alleged conscription of labor at Miami.

This matter is being investigated by the department. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

WARNER BROS. RAISE SALARIES OF 29 COLORED ACTORS

Hollywood, Cal. Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—No expense is being spared in Warner Bros. endeavor to make the new Syd Chaplin comedy feature, "The Missing Link," the biggest comedy hit of the 1927 season. Not satisfied with spending \$1,000 for a gorilla costume for Sam Baker, the colored actor who will portray the gorilla part, the salaries of 29 colored actors were voluntarily increased 75 per cent.

Supporting Everett Brown, the colored actor who is cast as the African chief, are 153 colored actors used as native Africans in the picture which has its locals in the African jungle. The colored talent was supplied by the only colored casting office in the film business, conducted by Jimmy Smith, the "colored Will Hays of the movies."

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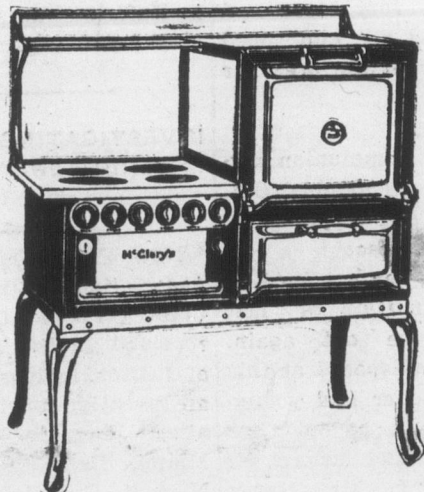
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African University Has All-Black Staff

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Other professors and teachers are at present preparing for the opening of the college.

They are studying native languages and institutions, the lore and customs of the Gold Coast, its history and music, its people's aims and ideals. On their shoulders will fall the vital responsibility of standardizing the language and producing the first native text-books.

English "a Subject"

Their task, too, will be to express in educational form the West African's philosophy and outlook on life.

All the advantages of European training and civilization will be at hand, but the essential object is not to Europeanize the African, but to assist him to stand on his own feet in the higher realms of life.

To this end the English tongue will be "a subject" in the Achimota curriculum. The students will be taught in their own vernacular and not in English.

End of "Bush Schools"

Coincident with the establishment of the university, "bush schools" which have sprung up all over the Gold Coast with unfortunate results, are to be abolished.

Away in the bush, boys and young men who have secured a mere smattering of the English tongue and the "three R's" masquerade as teachers and start native schools.

Extracting high fees from ignorant natives, the unqualified "teachers" hand to their students a little "pidgin English" and often mischievous ideas of European life and customs.

By January 1 next, however, all teachers in the colony must be registered. "Bush schools" will be illegal, and those attempting to teach without proper qualifications will be gradually eliminated.

CHATHAM

Mr. Hilliard Bird, of Detroit, was a week-end visitor with friends in this city.

Miss Beulah Harding spent a few days with her mother. Miss Harding is a student at the London Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have taken up their new residence on Wellington St.

Mr. Gordon Currie was a visitor with his mother for a few days.

Mrs. Louis Pryor spent a week in Detroit recently.

The members of the Pollyanna Club entertained the colored ministers of this city on Friday last. A very suitable dinner was served and they spent the remainder of the evening in music given by several of Miss Helena Lynn's pupils. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Miss Alberta Braxton is up and around after her recent illness.

Mrs. J. C. Richards is visiting with friends in Dresden.

Mr. Harry Lucus and Mr. T. Holden motored to London to visit Rev. S. A. Lucus.

Mrs. Green, of Detroit, has returned after spending a few days with Mrs. Robinson.

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