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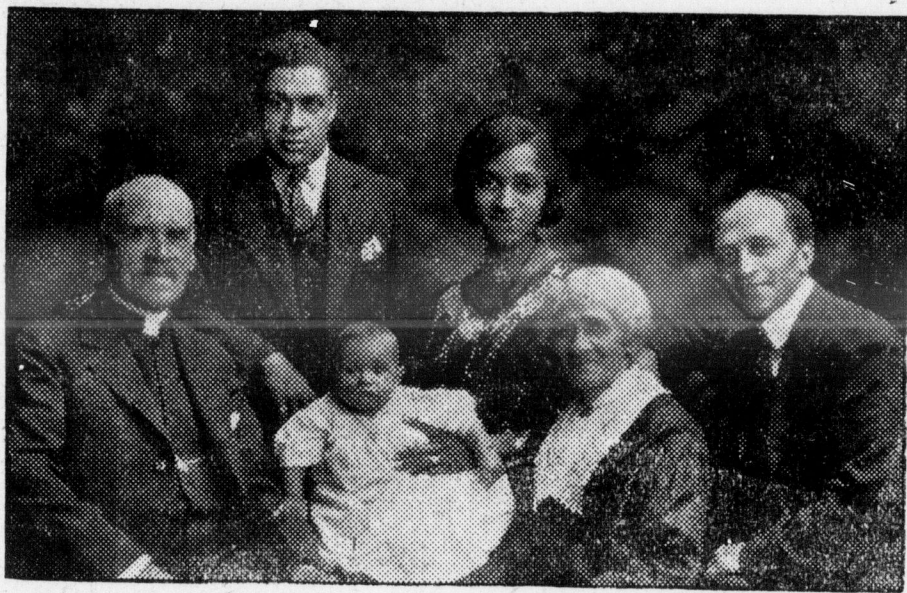
On Friday evening, Dec. 28th, in Prince Edward Hall, at a dinner given by the above named company, there was presented to the public the policies to be pursued by it.

Dr. W. H. Jones, pastor of Tanner A.M.E. Church was toast master and in a stirring speech presented the claims for the company and its officers. The company has been incorporated under the laws of Ontario with a capital of \$40,000 divided into 8000 shares at \$5.00 per share. The officers of the company are J. T. Bishop, President and General Manager, Alfred Prince, North Buxton, realtor and farmer, Vice President; Mr. Chas. Buster, realtor; Mr. Geo. Smith, Prop-Walker House and J. W. Bowles, merchant.

In his address to the gathering, Mr. J. T. Bishop, who is a man with a large vision, stated that he had begun the business and had been operating in a number of the cities and towns in Essex and Kent counties, using a car he had built for that purpose since June. He had realized the vast possibilities ahead, but found that the work required to be done was too much for one man, hence the company.

Mr Bishop said it would be the policy of the company to establish a chain of stores through the province dealing in real estate, groceries and dry goods, to place on the market first qualities goods at moderate prices, and to import from the West Indies a large proportion of the teas and coffees, spices and extracts, etc., which the company would handle.

Mr. Bishop showed how the many companies handling the goods from the West Indies, made huge profits, often amounting to 200 and 300 per cent. and claimed that what they were able to do, the company formed could also do if properly supported, and that as the company grew, it not only benefitted those who held shares in it but made responsible positions for the young men and women of the race who were prepared to fill them. He appealed to those present to boom the company not only by advertising



Seated left to right, top row—Mr. Arnold Pryor and Mrs. Helen Pryor, daughter of Mr. Fred Ball and granddaughter of Rev. R. A. Ball; second row—Rev. R. A. Ball, pastor, B.M.E. Church, Toronto, formerly of London; baby Yvonne Pryor, great-granddaughter; Mrs. Rev. R. A. Ball; Mr. Fred Ball, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ball.

Negro Objections Approved By Court

(By The Associated Negro Press)

The Buckeye Cotton Oil Mill of Jackson, Miss., has been closed by order of the Federal Court at the instance of Mary Highland, colored, who resides in the neighborhood and objects to the smoke and dust resulting from the operation of the mill. The court order compels alterations in the plant costing \$20,000 to eliminate the nuisance complained of, and in the meantime the mill will be shut down. Who says the Negro of the South doesn't enjoy equal rights with the white man.

it, but also by taking out as many shares of stock as they possibly could.

Rev. Dr. Gomez, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Detroit, and Rev. Dawson of the B.M.E. Church, Windsor, warmly endorsed the company in their remarks and showed their endorsement by taking application blanks and filling them out.

All persons desiring to take out certificates of stock will please call on or write to H. P. Kirby, Secretary-Treasurer, 486 Glengarry Ave.

The menu was prepared by customers of Mr. Bishop, consumers of his teas and coffees, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Nina Jones.

Purpose Sending American Commission To South Africa

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York City, Jan.—The fruits of investigation of hygienic, economic and educational conditions in Southern American States, and in South Africa, has encouraged the directors of the Phelps-Stokes fund, the International Education board, and mission societies of Europe and America, to co-operate in sending a commission to make a similar study in East Africa.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, educational director of the Phelps-Stokes fund, who headed the earlier commission will serve as chairman of the new commission. He left for Africa on Saturday, accompanied by Dr. James Hardy Dillard, of the General Education Board; Dr. Leroy Shantz, agriculturist and botanist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Other members of the commission are Major Hanns Vischer, secretary and member of the British Advisory Committee on Education in Africa; Professor James E. K. Aggrey, a native of the gold coast and formerly a professor in Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., and Dr. Garfield Williams, Educational Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

INDIANS GIVE MONEY TO THEIR SCHOOLS

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Washington, D.C., Jan.—Donations totaling \$100,000 to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York were recently made by Lucy Poloke and Suma Bosen, wealthy Creek Indians of Sapulpa, Oklahoma for the education of the members of their race, the Interior Department has announced.

Lucy Poloke donated \$83,000 and Suma Bosen \$17,000. Both have estates of considerable size and have allotments which are producing oil in large quantities, giving them substantial incomes annually.

The principal of the two endowments is to be used by the American Baptist Home Mission for the maintenance and support of the Bacone Indian School and the Morrow Indian Orphan Home at Muskogee after the death of the donors. During their lifetime Lucy Poloke and Suma Bosen are to receive the income from the \$83,000 and the \$17,000.

The Bacone Indian School and the Morrow Indian Orphan Home are leading institutions of their kind in the United States and are devoted exclusively to the uplifting of the Indians, having at the present time students and orphans from twenty-one different tribes throughout the country. The Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and particularly the Creek Indians, have contributed very largely to the upbuilding and support of these institutions and in that regard they stand alone as having been made possible by the donations of the Indians themselves. The total donations of this character now exceed a million dollars.

Another educational gift made public today was the sum of \$5,000 donated by Silsainey Johnson of Smithville, Oklahoma, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, to the Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Indian girls at Durant, Oklahoma.

REAL INVESTMENT

A one armed colored preacher in Oklahoma, who bought 214 acres of land in that state at a sheriff's sale has already received \$500,000 for a portion of it on which oil was discovered, and is negotiating for the sale of the balance at \$1,500,000.

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Editorial

LONDON'S COLORED CITIZENS

More than 76 per cent. of London's colored families own their own homes. Among us is one citizen who owns 10 pieces of improved property and there are three who own 2 pieces each. Our homes are not in any segregated district or locality, but they are scattered throughout the four corners of the city. Some of our homes are in the city's best residential district. We have also two colored churches, each possessing a parsonage. While our churches are not large yet what is lacking in size is made up in esthetic taste and in beauty. An examination of the records of the city's relief office reveals the fact that in proportion to the population, colored people make fewer demands upon that office than any other race. An examination of the records of the police courts shows that proportionately, colored citizens are in police court less than any other citizens. We also learn from these records that no colored person has ever been charged with murder or with any of the more serious crimes. During the late war ten of our boys saw service overseas, two of whom made the supreme sacrifice. Out of all of Canada, London possesses the only two colored brotherhoods that are connected with the World Brotherhood Federation and out of consideration for the splendid service which we are rendering to the brotherhoods, one of our members has been chosen as Vice President of London Federation. This is a record for which we are not ashamed. This is the record on which we base our claims to all of the rights and privileges which belong to citizens of the highest type. For this record, we believe we deserve the encouragement and the genuine good will of all good citizens.

No long since one of our number was soliciting funds for a certain institution. While interviewing one of Canada's leading financiers the following conversation took place: "Yes, but I give \$100.00 each year to the . . . institution." "But that is an American institution, ours is a British institution. We are loyal Britishers," he was told. His answer was "O, that makes no difference to me, whether it is an American or British institution, your loyalty doesn't count."

But our loyalty does count. It

does mean something. It means something to the peace, happiness and prosperity of all or Canada. Take our own city for instance. Has London ever stopped to think how blessed she is by having such a group of colored citizens as she possesses? Suppose our places were taken by some who use the stilleto and by others who carry their guns, would that add to the peace and happiness of our city. Out of the thousands of colored people who have lived and died here in Canada, not one has ever been a traitor. In speaking to the students of Toronto University last week, Professor Aggrey, the noted African said: "Our psychology is love and work." May I add to this faith. The psychology of the Canadian Negro is love and work and faith. This is the goal toward which we have set our face. Nothing can ever cause us to falter and we believe that some day Canada will realize the worth of her colored citizens.

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

The New Year is like unto the turning of a new white page of life's register, whereon the follower of Christ would record the purest motives, a consecrated life, and the noblest service to humanity.

These words are not unfamiliar to our thoughts. They are scriptural and reasonable, and easily within the grasp of human thought. It will be recalled that when the seventy came back to Jesus to report as to their success in their kingdom, that they were greatly rejoiced that even demons were subject unto them. But lest even His disciples should lose sight of that which is greater, the Master said, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven," (Luke 10:20.) The name written in heaven; the Divine impress upon the soul; the surety that we are what God would have us to be—this is supreme in the mind of Jesus.

Again we are told of what John saw, as he looked through the future years: "And the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in those books" (Rev. 20:12). And none can enter the New Jerusalem but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Rev. 21:27)

Perhaps it is because of such passages as these that earnest followers of Jesus can sing with the spirit and with the understanding; also, these beautiful lines.

Yes my name's written there,
On the page white and fair;
In the Book of Thy Kingdom
Yes my name's written there.

The words of another poet inspire my mind as he breaks forth in almost the same strain with these beautiful words:

"Life is a leaf of paper white,
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes
night.

Greatly begin! though thou have
time

But for a line, be that sublime—
Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

We, as Christians, face the New Year conscious of the failures of

the Old Year; the most consecrated, the most faithful, and the most successful painfully realize how far short they have come of what they should have been. How glad, therefore, are we that we can turn a new white leaf, forgetting the things that are behind to press forward to things which are before, that we may be our best for Him who merits our supremest love, our largest selves, and our noblest service.

F. O. STEWART

Letters to the Editor

153 King Street East,
Kitchener, Ont.

To the Editor,
The Dawn of Tomorrow.

Dear Sir:—
You will remember the letter of mine appearing in The Dawn of Tomorrow a few weeks ago re a tract for free distribution. Many hundreds of these have been distributed by mail and by personal delivery to firms and business concerns. Many of these firms have given me their promise that they would do all in their power in future to relieve the situation by employing such colored persons as may be available, provided such persons are qualified to do the work. The head of one firm told me that if he employed a colored person to work for him and other white held would object he would show the latter the door, and fill their places with others. I am shocked at Mr. Edwards' condemnation of this plan however, if he has expressed the mind of all of the colored people in Canada, then that means they do not desire my co-operation or aid in this most important step in bettering the conditions of our people in this country. Yes, let the colored people co-operate in all things helpful to themselves and others. But do not forget that this is a white man's country, and if we would progress he we must in some way appeal to his human good qualities, to help us, and we must do all we can with his aid to help ourselves and we will succeed.

Co-operate a little please, but let us appeal to the strong and ask them to co-operate with us by opening their factories, stores, and offices to such of our boys and girls as are or may be qualified to step in, and at the same time we will make places for these, our boys and girls also. One firm told me that they had never had the chance to employ or refuse to employ a colored person, and would not refuse them. Now then, let us qualify our boys and girls and send them to such firms for employment.

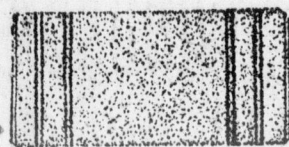
Now, whether this plan appeals to the Negro of to-day or not, it has and is appealing to white people to help the Negro in an industrial way.

Therefore, the tract is going forth, and has gone forth, so far without the financial aid of the colored people, for the good of the course of the Negro in Canada. I regret that Mr. Edwards has publicly condemned our efforts in the name of the Negro of to-day. We are living in the dawn of a new day. The spirit of the new day will move all to appeal to the higher qualities of men and thus get their co-operation, not only for our good, but for theirs as well. There-

fore we quote: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, (wisdom, might and riches here, mean ability to foster selfish schemes, power to bring it to pass and thus accumulating mountains of riches) but let him that glory, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord who exercises loving kindness, judgment and righteousness on the earth, for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23, 24.)

Therefore, they that prosper in this "new day" will do so only in the Lord Jehovah, which in part will mean to appeal to the good and higher qualities in men and seek their co-operation in all good things. No other spirit in co-operation can succeed now.

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BRANTFORD NOTES

Miss Louisa Ross, of Windsor was the guest of Miss Viva Payne for a short time during the holidays. Miss Ross was returning home from McMaster University, Toronto.

Rev. S. A. Lucas was in Woodstock last week visiting friends there for a few days.

Mr. George Molott of Brantford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris of London.

Mr. Johnny Lucas spent Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lucas.

Mr. Stephen Johnson, of Cleveland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Johnson, Park Ave.

Mrs. James Wilson and son of this city, left last Monday for Detroit to spend Christmas with here sisters and brothers. They reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jordon, of Detroit, spent New Year's day with his sister, Mrs. James Wilson.

Mrs. Johnny Jones, of Detroit, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Wilson.

Mrs. Isaac Johnson has been on the sick list.

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Jr. and young son, Mr. Arthur Marshall, all of Toronto, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Sr., over Christmas. We are all sorry the young people could not remain longer.

Mr. Alex Vant, of Detroit, Mich. was a holiday visitor in our city last week.

Rev. Lucas of Brantford was in the city on business.

Mr. Robert Blair of Woodstock is a frequent visitor in Stratford.

Mr. Walter Cromwell is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Service was held in the B. M. E. Church on Christmas Sunday and the church was prettily decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cromwell, of Toronto were the guests of Dr. Le-burtis and family during the holidays.

NORTH BUXTON NOTES

A very pleasant event took place on the evening of Dec. 17th, 1923, when Mr. and Mrs. Mr. H. Chase celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home.

The entire affair was given and managed by their youngest son, Mr. Johnny Chase, of Detroit. They received many beautiful gifts. The

children gave them a gift of fifty dollars.

Among the many guests present were Rev. S. R. Drake of London, Mrs. Laura Buster and son of Windsor and Mrs. Charles Garel of Windsor. and Mrs. Fred Johnston and Miss Lillian Chandler of Detroit.

Rev. Drake made the presentation on behalf of the children. He also addressed the family and many guests present, ending with words of appreciation and congratulations to the host and hostess. After the remarks and congratulations from the guests a very delicious luncheon was served. Everyone went away after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

OAKVILLE NOTES

Services were as usual at Turner Chapel on Sunday and everyone enjoyed them.

Everyone wishes to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Amon Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Duncan. Mrs. Joseph Decoursey and family, their heart-felt sympathy in the loss of their brother, Benjamin Duncan, of Chicago, who departed this life on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th. Mr. Amon Duncan left on Friday evening, en route for Chicago to look after the remains and will be away for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Waynor, Mr. J. R. Johnson and daughter. Miss Edna motored to Buffalo last Monday. They returned on Wednesday reporting a fine time. Miss Edna remained in Buffalo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were made happy by the presence of their son George who spent Christmas at home. Whilst in town he visited Rev. and Mrs. Nelson.

HARROW NOTES

The Rev. S. S. Robertson, from the B.M.E. Church at Dresden, Ont. will conduct a week of evangelistic service in the B.M.E. Church at Harrow, beginning on the first Monday night in January and continuing all through the week. Prayer service every afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. You are all invited to this spiritual treat. Come one, come all and be welcome.

STRATFORD NOTES

Master Howard and R. Hesson is spending the Christmas holidays in Washington, Pa., and expects to be away for two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gallway of Dunnville spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthew.

Reg. Moore of Lucan was the guest of Miss Modine Hesson over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. L. Jones of Brantford is spending a week as the guest of Miss H. Wesley.

Mrs. J. D. Hall entertained Christmas eve.

Mrs. A. Douglas entertained on Sunday. Covers were laid for five and a fine meal was served.

Mr. McCarthy made a flying trip to Owen Sound and brought back the other two children to spend the holiday.

TORONTO NOTES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Barton is blessed with a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Maude Bonner, of Montreal is here spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Finney, of Brinkley, Ark., is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Delmer Mallott.

Mrs. George Hunt was taken suddenly ill and was operated on in the hospital last Thursday.

Miss A. McComas, of Rochester, N. Y., is the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Seldon.

Mr. F. Marshall, of Montreal spent Christmas with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor entertained Dr. and Mrs. Henderson at their home last Wednesday. Covers were laid for nine.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope left last Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. E. Ward, Chatham.

Mrs. E. Dolnan is visiting her parents in Chatham during the holidays.

Mr. Wm. Ottis is spending his holiday with relations in the United States.

Mrs. Walter Todd is visiting her parents in Hamilton.

On the evening of Dec. 27th, a unique programme was interestingly rendered at the A.M.E. Church by the Sunday School pupils. The church was beautifully decorated and a good sized Christmas Tree stood at one corner of the platform, laden with presents, and attracting the eyes of many little ones from time to time. The opening address was given by Mr. S. S. Scott, following which the children sang, recited, and gave piano solos. Fourteen of the senior and intermediate girls performed a splendid drill, half of them wearing red scarfs and sashes and the other half wearing green. Miss M. Mallord was the pianist for the evening. Two of the girls swung clubs to the accompaniment of the piano. At the close of the programme the presents were distributed and later the children had ice cream served them in the basement.

All credit for the splendid program is due to Mrs. Dr. Henderson, because it was through her enthusiastic work that such an entertainment was made possible. Misses Mallord, Crawford and Crocker also deserve credit for decorating the church.

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WINDSOR NOTES

Some of our readers are grumbling because of the scarcity of Windsor notes. If you have something for publication send it in. We have tried to make our requests to our churches and friends very plain and if you have something interesting on and it does not appear in these notes please do not blame the agent. Send in your notes.

The choir of the B.M.E. Church gave a very pleasing recital on Sunday evening, Dec. 30th. Mr. Wm. Harrison acted as chairman for the evening. The first selection was an anthem, "Sing Ye Host." This was followed by solos, duets, and another anthem, which with the parson's address made a very pleasing program. A special feature of the recital was a clarinet solo by Mr. Arlington Dunphy, a young and promising musician. The piece "Romance" was rendered in a masterly manner and was much to his credit. Stanley Drake was the accompanist on the organ.

Both services at First Baptist Church on Sunday, the 30th, were well attended, which made our hearts rejoice, it being the last Sunday of the old year. The pastor surpassed all former efforts in his morning and evening discourses.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Jos. Flennoy, who passed away on Sunday morning at her home in Detroit. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church, Windsor on the 2nd of January.

Victoria Chapter No. 3, O.E.S. elected and installed their officers for the ensuing year.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, Mrs. E. Monroe, Grand Secretary was agreeably surprised, when the members of Victoria Chapter No. 3, O.E.S., together with friends, gathered at the home of Mrs. R. Graves, Mercer St., and presented her with a beautiful star pin inlaid with pearls, which was highly appreciated.

Mrs. Jos. Howard, who was quite ill is improving.

Mrs. E. Haney, who has recently undergone an operation, we here is on the mend.

Mrs. Buster and Mr. R. Watkins are in the hospital but are out of danger.

Mr. Walter E. Davis is on the sick list.

Mrs. Posey, of Jackson, Mich. is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Geo. Beck left for an extended visit to Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Geo. Green is in Charleston, S. C., on a months visit to his mother there.

The J. T. Bishop Co., Ltd., made its initial bow to the public as a fully incorporated concern last Friday at

a dinner given by the company in Prince Edward Hall. If the tooth-someness of the menu is a criterion, then the company is due for a long and prosperous career. Look for more about the company elsewhere in this issue.

Who are all smiles?
Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Thomas—a boy:
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson—a girl.

Tanner A.M.E. Church choir rendered in a very pleasing manner, the cantata "King of Israel," closing the Sunday services for the year, last Sunday evening. A large and appreciative audience listened to them.

To The Dawn of Tomorrow.

We wish you a very Happy and very Prosperous New Year, and we pray that the Good Master send you many of them to prepare the way for a united people.

CHATHAM NOTES

Mrs. Sylvia Wiley and Edna Taylor have returned from Detroit after being there for a few days.

Mrs. Jenny Johnson of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. Edna Malott, of Windsor, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Mrs. Gertrude Verrett of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Murray.

Miss Georgina Harding has returned to Amherstburg, after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Black of Cleveland, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Mrs. Clarence Watkins, of Sandwich is visiting relatives in Chatham.

The sad death occurred on Wednesday, in Detroit, of the late Geo. Freeman, who was instantaneously killed when he fell from the building on which he was at work. He is survived by a wife and two children, a father and six brothers. The funeral services were held from the B.M. Church on Sunday.

Mr. Marshall Washington, of Windsor is visiting in the city.

The B.M. Choir gave a splendid rendition of the cantata "The Shepherds' Vision" to a large and appreciative audience on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

The children of B.M. Sunday School gave their annual Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, which was very much enjoyed by a large crowd. The Christmas House, which contained the presents was especially enjoyed by the children.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th, pupils of Helena Lynn, A.T.C.M., gave a piano recital in B.M. Church, and at which time certificates were presented to Grace Johnson, E. Chase, E. Henderson, B. Shreve, T. Steele, A. Williams, who were successful in passing the prescribed exams of the

Toronto Conseratory of Music in piano and theory.

Mr. S. O. Simmons of Windsor, spent the holiday in town.

The members of the Pollyanna Class entertained their mothers on Friday afternoon in the Woodstock Industrial School.

LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Belle Johnson, of Toronto, Ont., spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Eddie Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cromwell, of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harris, the parents of Mrs. Cromwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris spent Christmas in their new home at 199 Trafalgar St. Their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Phillips spent the holiday with them.

Mrs. Gladys Coursey of Glenwood Ave., has been confined to her bed for a few days. We are pleased to report that she is progressing favorably.

Mrs. Annie Vant and daughter, of Detroit are visiting their mother and grandmother, Mrs. R. Harris.

The death of Mr. Wm. Weeden occurred at his home in St. Thomas last week. He was well known in town and the announcement of his death comes as a shock to many.

The Rose Bud social was a wonderful success.

A club bag was presented to Mr. John Lucas by Mrs. Cromwell on behalf of the Church and choir as a token of appreciation for his wonderful service as organist.

Rev. E. M. Wood preached to powerful sermons at the Hill Street Baptist Church on Sunday last.

The music last Sunday at the Hill Street Baptist Church was of a very high order.

B.M.E. Church Notes

Sunday, Dec. 30th was the occasion of the second Quarterly Communion Service in Beth-Emanuel Church. The pastor spoke morning and evening and Rev. H. B. Storey of the Southern Congregational Church was the speaker at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. M. Woods and congregation, of Hill St. Baptist Church also worshipped with us, and Mme. Hunter rendered a vocal selection.

The two infant sons of Mrs. M. Terrentine, and the infant daughter of Mrs. Jno. Vant, the latter from Detroit, were baptized at the evening service on Sunday, the 30th, by Rev. F. O. Stewart.

A Five Hundred Dollar Rally is being launched by the trustee board of the B.M.E. Church, to begin in Jan. and end in March. Optimism is our watch-word.

Sunday, January 6th is our Annual Covenant Day. All Christians, and especially members of the church should renew their covenant for the new year. The elements of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on this occasion.

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(By Fred Land)

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An Underground Railroad Story

(By Fred Landon, M.A.)

Dr Alexander Milton Ross, of Toronto and Montreal, who made daring trips into the slave states in the fifties, spreading news of Canada and helping slaves to escape, describes a typical example of "underground railroad" workings in the experiences of a Negro man and his wife who were finally landed in London, Ont., coming in by Port Stanley. In 1859, just after the John Brown raid and while Southern nerves were still tense, Dr. Ross went to Harrodsburg, Ky., giving out that he was a Canadian looking for a farm. In his leisure he amused himself hunting in the forests and the man with whom he was bargaining for a farm allowed an intelligent Mulatto to accompany him. The slave told Dr. Ross that he had been separated from his wife a month after they were married, the woman being sold to a hotelkeeper in Covington. He feared that he was himself about to be sold further south and begged Ross to assist them both to Canada. Dr. Ross explained to him that if he wanted his freedom he would have to be ready to sacrifice for it. If he could reach Cincinnati himself there would be people there who would shelter him and aid him further. Dr. Ross agreed, for his part, to try and get the woman to Cincinnati so that they could be united there and sent on together. The Negro man, Peter by name, made good his escape, being aided by the compass with which Ross had supplied him. The doctor meanwhile went to Covington and put up at the hotel where the woman was owned. The owner of the woman told Ross that he had paid \$1200 for her but rather regretted his bargain because she refused to take up with his own Negro man. He promised her a good lashing if she didn't give in and confided to Dr. Ross that he knew how to manage such Negroes. He would even send her down to New Orleans if necessary, where she would bring \$2000 because she was "likely."

Ross managed to get a word with the woman while she was waiting table in the hotel dining room and told her that her husband intended to run away and that she must meet him in Cincinnati. He would aid her in the enterprise. Ross went across the river to Cincinnati but the next Sunday night, at midnight, he crossed the river in a small boat, met the woman at a point agreed upon and an hour later had her on free soil in Ohio. Putting the woman in a cab he drove to a point near a friendly hom, then dismissed the cab and entered the house by the rear door to escape observation. The woman was to await her husband here and then they were both to be sent on to Cleveland to embark for Canada.

Dr. Ross himself went on to Cleveland to make further arrangements and in a few days received word that Peter, the man, had reached Cincinnati, though with badly torn feet. A few days later came another letter stating that freight car no 705 had been hired to convey a box containing one package of "hardware" and one of "drygoods." The key of the car

was enclosed in the letter and the train of which the car was a part, was due to arrive on the following Tuesday evening. That morning Dr. Ross drove into Cleveland from a home just outside the city and as he passed the chief hotel he was astonished to see the Harrodsburg farmer with whom he had been bargaining, standing outside. He made his way past the farmer unobserved and proceeded to the harbor, where, after a long search, he found a schooner loading with grain for Port Stanley and sailing the next day if the wind were favorable. The captain agreed to stow away the two fugitives and to carry them across the lake.

Toward night Dr. Ross went to the freight depot and met the train conveying the precious shipment. He found car No. 705, unlocked the door, entered and closed the door after him. There was no sign of life but he called in a low voice "Peter" and the reply came at once "Yes, massa, shall I open the box." there were two fugitives in a drygoods box just sufficiently large for them to sit up in. They were helped out, placed in a closed carriage, driven to the harbor and hidden in the hold of the schooner. After midnight sail was made and Port Stanley was reached the following evening.

"When our little vessel was safely moored alongside the pier," says Dr. Ross, "I led my two companions on shore, and told them they were now in a land where freedom was guaranteed to all. Two happier beings I never saw. We knelt together on the soil of Canada and thanked the Almighty Father for His aid and protection. Next day I took them to London and obtained situations for both Peter and his wife."

Does any reader of The Dawn of Tomorrow know who these people were whose story is told by Dr. Ross.

MONEY

It's certainly fine to have money to spend

On autos and parties and fun without end—

But it's canny to lay just a little away,

You may need it some day.

It's certainly joy with a fifty in hand To order the niftiest suit in the land, But if forty will buy a good pant, coat and vest, Just lay up the rest.

There's been many a dollar when fun once began,

Has just jogged along as a mere "also ran",

Would much better than running with no prize to boast,

Have been "left at the post."

For it's not every road that's paved every mile,

There's gravel and mud every once in a while,

And the entry that's packed in the little bank book

Has a wonderful look.

No, you needn't be stingy, or squeeze 'em too tight,

And to spend as you go is every man's right,

But money once spent can do little for you,

Just save one or two.

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What-Not Column

When were slaves first landed in America?

The first cargo of Negro slaves was landed at San Domingo on the Island of Haiti in the year 1565. These were at once put to cultivating the plantations. Slaves were brought by the Spaniards to Florida in 1565, but the first slaves were brought to the colonies were landed at Jamestown, Va., in 1619, by a Dutch trading vessel, who exchanged twenty Negroes for food and supplies.

What reference did President Thos. Jefferson make to slave trading in his message of 1806?

In his message to Congress at the commencement of the session of 1806, President Jefferson asked of that body the wisdom of abolishing African slave trade. The message was referred to a select committee, which reported a bill to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States. This bill, of course, was fought by the Southern representatives. A long and fiery debate ensued and the act was finally passed after several amendments, imposing a fine on persons engaged in the slave trade were added.

When did the emancipation of slaves occur?

The emancipation of slaves in all the French colonies took place in 1794 and in the English colonies in 1838 and 1839. Sweden emancipated her slaves in 1846, Denmark in 1848. Holland delivered her American colonies from slavery in 1862. The African slave trade was closed in this country on the first day of January, 1862, followed by the Emancipation Proclamation January 1st 1863.

Next Week's Whatnots

Who captured the British General Prescott, in the war of the Revolution?

Who was Major Jefferey?

What did Col. Alexander Hamilton say of the Colored soldiers in the War of the Revolution?

PRAYER

Trillions of earth are all God's children here,

And we, in that vast throng need know no fear.

Because His love is power and power is love

Unlimited as his bright home above, And we are safe in listening to His calls,

As sure as sunlight on our pathway falls,

And guidance sure to each and all who seek,

Abundantly to all is given, the strong the weak.

It is because of love, His bounteous care

Is over all, and that God answers prayer.

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NEGROES PAY POLL TAXES BUT DO NOT VOTE

(By The Associated Negro Press) New Orleans, Jan.—Negro longshoremen, despite the fact they have been on a strike for the past three months, paid 909 poll taxes this week, although they are not allowed to vote in the free state of Louisiana. They also gave each of their old members \$5 for thanksgiving.

SEVENTY-SEVEN

And am I really seventy-seven?
And yet God keeps me here on earth.
Has He no place for me in heaven,
That I must wait this glorious birth?

"God moves in a mysterious way,"
Has long been said, and longer thought.

What all His will I cannot say,
But this I know I'm His blood bought.

And when for me such price was paid,
Can I not trust a love so deep?

Where all my sins on Him were laid
That a rich harvest I might reap.

But still there's work for me to do
Before I reach the gates of heaven.
Unfaltering, that work I'll do,
Even though I may be seventy-seven.

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