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## Confederation And After; 60 Years Of Real Progress

Sixty Years of Literature

Canada has had many celebrated writers since Confederation; but for the most part their work has necessarily been an extension to new soil of impulses originally European. She has, however, made one unique contribution to world literature in the invention of the animal story in the late eighties by Charles G. D. Roberts and Thompson Seton—both native sons. Previously, no writer in the world had ever treated animals as subjects for serious fiction; but the discovery and conquest of this new and fascinating field by the two Canadians led others—particularly in the United States—to follow them, with happy results.

Confederation itself inspired the first considerable outpouring of fine native poetry; for in 1867 Lampman, Carman, Duncan Campbell Scott and Roberts were children of impressionable age, and Louis Frechette still in his twenties; and the optimism with which they, as young men, faced the future, serene in a faith in the destinies of a united country, led them to sing in more confident tones and with a surer mastery of their art than the poets of earlier generations. Love of the land was ever their chief inspiration. And after them came younger men—MacInnes, Nelligan, Service, Lozeau, Pratt, Norwood and Wilson MacDonald—all distinguished for artistic virility, and one woman—Marjorie Pickthall—famed for the sweetness and tenderness of her melodies. Canadian poetry is conservative, dignified and graceful, and is yearly occupying an increasingly more enviable position in international literature.

Miss Mazo de la Roche's recent attainment of fame with her novel "Jalna" marks the present peak of a steady rise in native fiction, evident from the days of James de Mille and William Kirby, shortly after Confederation. Towards the end of the last century Gilbert Parker and Ralph Connor were telling Canadian stories to their hundreds of thousands. Miss L. M. Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables" at the beginning of this century became enormously popular. The successful Canadian novelists and short story writers of this decade form a large and honorable company,



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including such as Paul Morin and F. P. Grove.

Mumor, which began a hundred years ago with Thomas Haliburton, the creator of "Sam Slick," has been continued by de Mille and Sara Jeanette Duncan, Leacock, McArthur and Donovan. Historical writing, after the death of Garneau in 1866, may be represented by L. J. Burpee, the late Sir John Willison and M. O. Hammond.

The writing of plays is a more recent development, but in Merrill Denison Canada already has a dramatist of genius.

Lately the Canadian public has learned to take pride in the achievements of her authors, and the sympathetic interest in their work now shown by their countrymen has encouraged them to try to win this growing national audience by more ambitious performances. Another result of this attitude is a constantly increasing library of readable books that interpret the life of each section of the country to other sections thus promoting closer union. Still another result has been the checking of the exodus of native writers. Sixty years ago no Canadian writer, except a newspaperman, could make his living

## Get Acquainted Club Holds 2nd Anniversary

The Get Acquainted Club's second annual service, held May 22nd, in the B. M. E. Church, Grey street, proved to be a decided success, spiritually as well as financially. The event was enjoyed by a large and attentive congregation.

The service was opened by a processional by the club, followed by an anthem. Scripture lesson, I Tim. 1st chapter, read by Mr. Fred Kelly, a member of the club, after which the

club sang a hymn in memoriam of Rev. S. R. Drake, deceased leader of the British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, who was dearly loved as a friend.

A very fitting and forceful sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Woodcock honorary president of the club, taking as his subject, "Charity," from I Cor. 13:13. The main theme, "Love," as brought out very beautifully.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucas of Brantford, ere elcome guests at that service, Rev. Lucas, singing some of his old favorite songs, assisted greatly in the lifting of the offering. The offering was \$20.00.

Next followed an address given by Mr. Charles Poindexter, president of the club. His main idea was to make plain the object of the club, what it has done in its first year and what it hopes to do in the future with the co-operation of all.

A great deal of credit is due Mr. Fred Ball, musical director of the Get-Acquainted Club for his untiring efforts to make the service what it was, a success, and also Mrs. Fred Kelly, who assisted him at the piano.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, plants and cut flowers.



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## Editorial

### THE LATE SUPT. S. R. DRAKE

Although the general public was aware that Supt. Drake was critically ill, his death came as a blow to the colored people throughout the Dominion. He was one of Canada's native sons who stood out pre-eminently as a speaker and as an executive among the most distinguished divines of the continent. He was one of the few truly great preachers who chose to remain in Canada and devote his talents to building up and maintaining the church for colored Canadians. As many other Canadian born ministers with promising future have done, he could have gone to the United States, to a larger field, to a bigger charge which would have been more remunerative and with a greater outlook upon the future. But he refused to do this, preferring to labor among his people here. His task here was a strenuous one. But few of us can realize what it means to hold together a scattered connexion which is both weak and unremunerative. Men with less tact and determination, with less ability and ingenuity could have failed long since. But to superintendent Drake the word failure was not known. But what this almost superhuman task cost him in body, mind and soul none will ever know. Perhaps it was this great strain upon all of his great capacities which caused his death at the prime of life. It may be truly said of him that he was a martyr to the British Methodist Episcopal Church. By dint of his personality he kept the "Old Ark Moving," and we can only hope that his successor will be able to maintain the high standard which Superintendent Drake has set.

### An Inhuman Act

Recently the following article appeared in the London (Ont.) Free Press:

#### Nurses Revive Color Question.

London, Eng., May 17.—The Daily Mail's Capetown correspondent says that the nurses in Victoria Hospital at Mafeking, who resigned in a body because they were asked to assist a native doctor in performing operations at the hospital, continue to render essential services to the patients from humanitarian motives.

The matter has revived the color question and is interesting the whole Union. The nurses, he says, are all Euro-

peans, resigned when Dr. Molema, a native, sent his European patients, some of them women, to this hospital and operated on them. The nurses object to taking orders from any native, whether a doctor or not.

Dr. Molema qualified at Glasgow and subsequently was assistant surgeon at Coombs Hospital, Dublin.

And they had been trained in the offices of "tender courtesy." And their watchword was "distribute the milk of human kindness." These nurses may or may not have been proficient in the art of nursing, but without doubt, their ethical training was sadly deficient. If human suffering and human ills do not appeal to nurses in such a way as to transcend all prejudice, even color prejudice, they disprove that high calling to which Florence Nightingale gave such dignity. Even the suffering of dumb brutes appeals strongly to the sympathies of true nurses. But because these patients in Victoria Hospital at Mafeking, A., had elected to have a native physician, they had placed themselves beyond the bounds of human sympathy or beyond the consideration due to animals. The native physician, Dr. Molema, who had been prepared at Glasgow and who had been assistant surgeon there, had evidently been chosen by his patients, not because of his color but by reason of his fitness. Other native physicians will likely be chosen for the same reason. What the nurses intended to gain by resigning in a body is something we fail to comprehend. If Europeans in S. Africa are in the habit of employing native doctors because of their proficiency (and this certainly MUST be the reason) they will not cease to employ them because of the inhuman action of a few undertrained nurses. Neither will their act thwart the ambition of intelligent natives to study and practice medicine.

However in refusing to "take orders" from the colored physician, the nurses have succeeded in raising again the dangerous color question in South Africa. Thoughtful Europeans have through subterfuge and through other methods, tried to keep this question in abeyance, knowing, as they do, that its consequences would be far more damaging to the whites than to the natives, if once it gains headway. The Toronto Star of a few weeks ago carried an interview of one high in the ranks of the militia, fresh from S. Africa. Among other things, he said: "A clash between the Europeans and the natives of S. Africa is inevitable, and as to the results—well, I can only say that I hope I shall not be there."

If the action of these nurses typifies the feeling of the average European towards the natives in S. Africa, we see that a clash is inevitable for black, brown and yellow men the world over have resolved that they shall be treated as men, that there is something even sweeter than life itself.

### A MILLION MILES OR MORE.

A negro employee was being questioned during an investigation after a trespasser had been killed when he fell from a moving freight train.

"Did you see the man on the train?" he was asked.

"Yes, sah."

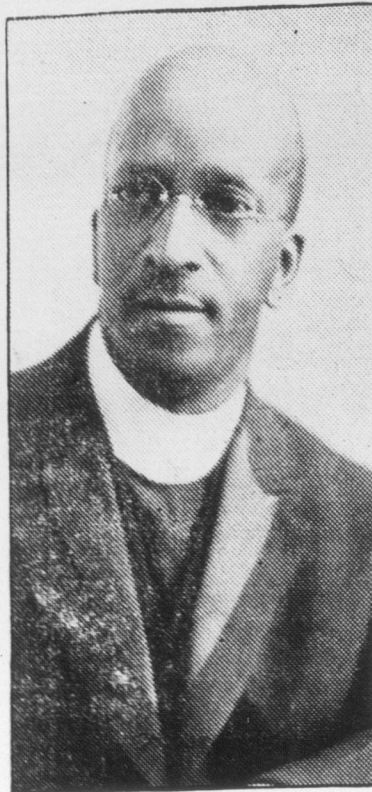
"Where was he?"

"'Bout thirty cubs back from de engine."

"Where were you?"

"On de back end of de tendar."

"What time of night was it?"



The Late Supt. Samuel R. Drake.

## Two Funeral Services For Late S. R. Drake

The late Rev. S. R. Drake, general superintendent of the B. M. E. connexion, departed this life on May 6th, 1927, at 1:20 o'clock, at the age of 54 years. Services were held on May 9th at the family residence, 229 Maitland street, at 2:30 p.m., and in the B. M. E. Church at 3 p.m. The officiating minister as Rev. H. D. Wright, of Brantford, assisted by Rev. T. Woodcock, of London.

The choir rendered many of the deceased's favorite hymns and Mr. Jones of Detroit, rendered a most touching and beautiful solo.

The pall bearers were: Rev. H. F. Logan, St. Catharines; Rev. F. O. Stewart, Toronto; Rev. J. T. Dawson, Windsor; Rev. S. A. Lucas, Brantford; Rev. E. A. Richardson, Owen Sound; Bro. C. A. Johnson, Guelph. Honorary pall bearers: Bro. John Lucas, Brantford; Bro. Frank Edmond, Windsor; Bro. Thos. Dougherty, Port Erie; Bro. C. H. Brown, London; Bro. S. Brown, Brantford; Bro. Chas. Brown, Simcoe.

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The visiting ministers were: Rev. T. H. Henderson, Toronto, Rev. M. Newsome of U.S.A. Attendance was large and flowers of every description were there.

His funeral was one of the largest in the history of the church. People from all parts of Canada and from

"'Bout eben o'clock."

"Don mean to tell me that you saw that man thirty car lengths away at eleven o'clock at night?"

"Yes, sah."

"How far do you think you can see at night?"

"'Bout a million miles, I reckon. How fah is it to de moon?"

many points in the United States came to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved leader and friend.

The late Rev. S. R. Drake leaves to mourn his loss his widow Mary, four children, Stanley, Alice, Vernon and Florence; one sister and one brother. Interment at North Buxton.

## Services at Buxton

Funeral services for the late Rev. Samuel R. Drake were held at North Buxton Tuesday afternoon, May 10, 1927.

Rev. H. D. Wright was in charge of the service while Rev. E. A. Richardson of Owen Sound, read the messages and resolutions of sympathy. Mrs. Jennie Bowles, of Windsor sang sweetly, by request, "My Task." Mr. Charles Robbins, of North Buxton also sang a solo. Mrs. Vernon, of Detroit gave a very fine address, also Rev. W. C. Perry, pastor of the North Buxton Church. The North Star Lodge No. 7 F. & A. M., of Windsor, the order of which the late Rev. Drake was a member then took charge of the service which was very impressive. Many friends from afar gathered to pay their last respects to their departed friend and brother who had labored unceasingly among them for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom here on earth and for the betterment of mankind.

Mrs. Mary Drake and family wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the ministers and churches and all the societies and friends for their kindness during their dead husband and father's illness and for the beautiful floral tributes and messages sympathy during their recent bereavement.

### SAYINGS OF GREAT MEN.

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

He who feels contempt for any living thing has faculties he has never used—Thought with him is in its infancy.

No situation however pleasant, no wealth, however abundant, no station however exalted can afford solid or permanent satisfaction, without the favor of God.

We can all be good when there is no temptation to the contrary. Choose what is right, be steady in the pursuit of it, and leave the rest to Providence.

Trials are God's vote of confidence in us.

Remorse of conscience does not begin to gail the sinner real hard, until he has been found out.

Choose what is right, be steady in the pursuit of it and leave the rest to Providence.

Distrust the man who proves himself destitute of veneration. It does us good to bow the knee to an object we suppose to be greater than ourselves.

To help others spiritually is the highest mission of life.

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**LONDON**

Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Lucas of Brant-  
ford, were the pleasant guests of Rev.  
Woodcock and family for a few days.  
They also worshipped with us on the  
Sunday of May 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins, Editor  
of The Dawn, entertained Rev. and  
Mrs. S. A. Lucas and son Johnny to  
dinner on Tuesday evening May 24th.  
Covers were laid for twelve.

We are pleased to report that Mrs.  
C. H. Brown of 385 Hill St. is up and  
around again.

Mrs. Agnes Brooks and son James  
also entertained Rev. and Mrs. S. A.  
Lucas and son Johnny to dinner on  
Wednesday. Covers were laid for five.

We are glad to report that Mrs.  
Smith of 755 Little Grey St. is up  
and around again.

Mrs. Millie Smith of Little Grey St.  
has been ill for the past few days. We  
hope for her speedy recovery.

Mother's Day in the B.M.E. Church  
was a grand success. The morning  
service being conducted by Mrs. M.  
V. Coursey a large attendance was  
present. Papers from different mem-  
bers of the Church Aid were well de-  
livered, a lesson and good advice given  
to all.

The evening service was conducted  
by Mrs. Christine Jenkins. A well ar-  
ranged program was appreciated by all  
It consisted of solos, duets, readings,  
prayer and scripture reading. The  
mothers were all on the job and of-  
ficiated in every way to make the day  
a success. The Church Aid wishes to  
thank all who took part in making  
this mother's day one to be remem-  
bered.

A May festival and contest given  
by the B.M.E. Church auxiliaries, Sun-  
day School, Choir, Church Aid, Stew-  
ardess Board and Brotherhood was a  
grand success, each department hav-  
ing a booth beautifully decorated and  
the choicest of things to eat.

Mr. Fred Ball was successful in cap-  
turing the prize for his department,  
the Brotherhood, his number, a solo,  
accompanied by Mr. John Lucas at  
the piano.

The services on Sunday were well  
attended. Rev. Woodcock officiated,  
delivering a very strong sermon.

We were very pleased to see some  
of our old friends in the city again.

We are very sorry to learn of Mrs.  
Chas. Brown being sick. We certainly  
miss her from the Church and the  
other meetings and clubs.

Mrs. Margaret Stewart is also on  
the sick list. We wish her a speedy  
recovery.

Mrs. Cary Grovers, of Hamilton is  
visiting her sister Mrs. Arthur Mox-  
ley of Glenwood Ave..

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuyler, daugh-  
ters and son-in-law and Mrs. Ida Wil-  
son, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor Jr.,  
and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and children,  
also Mr. Atwood Taylor, all were the  
guests of their Aunt, Grandma, mo-  
ther and father, Mr. and Mrs. Irons,  
Nelson St.

Mrs. Morgan Guy was the guest of  
her niece Miss Myrtle Pryor.

Mrs. Beaver of Niagara Falls was the  
guest of her friend, Mrs. Eliza Groat.

We are very sorry to hear of the  
death of Mr. Johnson, who had been  
sick in the hospital for some time.

The invitations are out announcing  
the coming marriage of Mr. Wm.  
Groat and Mrs. Olive Marshall.

Mrs. Pearl Kelly who has been con-  
fined to her home is able to be around  
and resume her old place in the mus-  
ical circle again..

Every one is requested to make  
childrens day a banner day, June the  
12th is the day set. Help the child-  
ren and bring the banner back to Lon-  
don.

**Race Prejudice**

"Do you think that statemen of the  
better kind, cultured, polished and  
broad of vision, have a race prejudice  
when they deal with other nations?  
You are mistaken. Race prejudice is  
found much lower down.

In the gray moss region of South  
Carolina, where the live oaks stretch  
their great limbs across the highway  
and the mocking bird sings all the  
year through, you may find many trac-  
es of the old south.

Here are houses built forty years  
before a gun was fired at Bunker Hill  
—houses built of hewn timber pinned  
together with cypress lath cut to fit  
the length of a room and with ceiling  
boards fourteen and sixteen inches  
wide held in place by iron nails made  
by hand.

In these houses, preserving the fine  
manners, the limitless hospitality and  
the priceless furniture of another cen-  
tury, are the descendants of men who  
kept slaves.

Now the rich flat fields, that are  
not bought but only inherited, are  
tilled by Negroes who work on shares  
and are free.

In numerous villages of this dis-  
trict these free men set aside the first  
day of the year to celebrate their em-  
ancipation.

Their buggies, their cars and their  
mules are decorated with hunting and  
ribbons and they parade down Main  
street behind groups of marching  
lodge men, and after the parade they  
listen to speeches, feast and play  
games.

The celebration costs money, and  
the negroes are poor. Wherefore they  
visit their friends, the white people,  
who are descended from the 'quality',  
and ask for contributions that are  
gladly given.

Where then is this race prejudice  
so scathingly denounced by people  
who know little about it? It is in the  
heart of the white men still describ-  
ed by the black neighbour as 'poor  
buckra.'

The 'trash' may be rich and educat-  
ed now, but in a long-settled communi-  
ty they still are despised by Negroes  
whose ancestors were slaves of the  
'quality.'

When races clash, it is dross that  
clashes—not the finer metal.

All the world over, gentlemen treat  
gentlemen as gentlemen, whatever  
their race may be.

—By Robt. Quillen, in Heast's Publi-  
cations.

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## BRANTFORD

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Sunday, May 29th was Ladies Day, and the ladies did well and had a wonderful program. Mrs. Walker made a wonderful address in the morning, which was enjoyed by all. In the evening, Mrs. Scott, of Windsor, spoke well; also Mrs. Agnes Brown read a paper, which was enjoyed by all. Visitors from out of town for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Hearst of Simcoe, and Mr. Albert Brown. Monday evening Mrs. Scott, the conference missionary, spoke on her work. An offer was taken and given to Mrs. Scott.

Sunday, June 5th, is quarterly meeting and we expect to have with us Rev. Vanne Shets of Oakville, pastor of the A. M. E. church who will preach at 3 and 7 o'clock. Everyone invited to come.

Mrs. Maggie Jones of 7 Park Ave., has been very sick with pleura-pneumonia, but we are glad to say she is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Isaac Johnson and Burel Johnson were week-end visitors in Guelph. Rev. Wright will be in London on Tuesday, Windsor on Wednesday, Harrow on Thursday, and Woodstock on Friday, speaking in the interests of church union.

## ST. CATHARINES

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of South Carolina, who intend to remain in the city for the summer season, worshipped in the B. M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emma Mills has returned home after a pleasant motor trip to Chatham, Windsor and Detroit.

Misses Viola and Olive Williams, Elsie Brown, Miss Harris and the Misses Lee, of Lockport, N.Y., spent the day in the city visiting friends.

Mr. Nelson Bowers, of Buffalo, spent the week end in the city.

Miss Gertrude Bell has returned home after a pleasant visit in Buffalo.

Miss Bessie Bell, has returned to Buffalo after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Geneva St.

Mr. Charles Bell, Jr., is visiting in Toronto.

Miss Bessie Bell, of Buffalo, spent a couple of days in Toronto.

Mr. Charles Morton, of Hamilton, visited in the city on Sunday.

## TORONTO

Many interesting events have occurred in our city during the past few weeks. The three churches have shared considerably in these worthwhile events. On Sunday, May 8, Peter Ogden Lodge, G. O. of O. F., No. 111, held their annual thanksgiving service at 3 p.m. in the B. M. E. church. The Household of Ruth also attended this service. Maple Leaf Lodge, G. O. of O. F. attended Grant A. M. E. church on this same date for their annual sermon. A fitting service for Mothers' Day was conducted in the B. M. E. church under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Guild, Miss S. Stanfield presiding.

The J. H. Valentine Lodge, I. B. F. O. E. of W. attended Divine service in the First Baptist church, University and Edward streets, Sunday, May 21. Rev. A. McEwen Williams very beautifully enunciated the principles of the order to the brethren present. The service was very impressive.

Mr. John Dursay of St. Catharines, Phone 2812-W 541 Hamilton Rd.

Ont., was called to the city, his sister, Sarah, having passed away on Friday, May 20. The funeral was held on Monday, 23rd inst. Rev. F. O. Stewart conducted the service in the Miles undertaking parlors. Interment was made in Necropolis cemetery.

Mrs. Rev. R. A. Ball and daughter Edna Parker, were in the city for a few days. Rev. R. R. Ball of Rochester has also been a visitor for a month, recuperating from a breakdown. He has returned home much improved.

Mr. H. Brown, Mrs. Edna Carter are among those remaining on our sick list.

## Tribute to Late S. R. Drake

Rev. F. O. Stewart.

The passing of Rev. Samuel Richard Drake, general superintendent of the B. M. E. church of Canada, on Friday, May 6, 1927, in the 54th year of his age and the 19th year of his executive office, removes one of the most widely known and best beloved ministers of our connexion. Rev. Drake was born at St. Catharines, Oct. 21st, 1873 and, as a young man, embraced the religion of Christ, and soon felt the call to greater service and responsibility for his Lord and Master, to whom he had dedicated his life. It may be well said of our departed brother that he was a providence man. This statement cannot be made about any man until his history shows the fact. As you stand by the cradle of a child, you cannot tell what it will become. But in after years there is a reason to pass judgment. As we look back along the course of Rev. Drake's life we cannot fail to be impressed that he was one of God's special men to do a special work. In the light of this conviction we see the meaning of every prominent event in his life. It was either God ordered or God controlled. It was providential that he should become leader of our church, for thus did he become well acquainted with the many needs and was able to stem the onrushing tide of demoralization that apparently was about to overtake the church he loved so dearly. Reluctantly he accepted the task given to him in 1908 at Windsor; but he so far consummated it as to lead the church to the borders of the promised land. God has His man for the times; but He also removes him when someone else can finish the work he desires done. And we believe that the good work begun by our departed brother will go forward in memory of the interest and love that he had for the future of the church of his choice.

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## Supreme Court Upholds Primary Vote for Negroes

"One of the greatest victories the Negro has had in his battle for civil rights since the Civil War." That is the opinion of James Weldon Johnson, Negro Leader, on the recent Supreme Court decision voiding the Texas law prohibiting the participation of Negroes in the Democratic party primary in that State. The test case was brought by Dr. L. A. Nixon of El Paso, who attempted to vote in the last Democratic primary and was refused a ballot.

Moorfield Storey, distinguished white lawyer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told the court that 370,000 Negro voters in Texas had been disfranchised by this law, since a Democratic nomination is equivalent in Texas to election to any public office.

The Supreme Court found that this "White Primary" law was in violation of the 14th Amendment to the federal constitution, which forbids the States to enact any law to abridge the rights of citizens on account of race or color. "The statute of Texas," the decision reads, "in the teeth of the prohibitions referred to assumed to forbid Negroes to take part in a primary election the importance of which have indicated, discriminating against them by the distinction of color alone. States may do a good deal of classifying that it is difficult to believe rational, but there are limits, and it is too clear for extended argument that color cannot be made the basis of a statutory classification affecting the right set up in this case."

One important sidelight of the Supreme Court decision is the way it strengthens the claim made by Senator Borah in connection with the Senate's investigation of Primary election frauds, that primaries are an integral part of elections, and hence are subject to federal control where federal offices are among those to be filled by the election. Senator heard of the decision was: "Today's opinion indicates that the federal government has some authority over state primary elections." Recent primary scandals have lent force to the demands for federal intervention where states discriminate against any group of voters or where they tolerate the naked corruption which ran riot in some of last year's primaries.

## Declares New White Man Has Been Born

Hollywood, Calif., June —(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—Along with the birth of the New Negro, a new Negro, a new white man has also been born according to the Rev. Allan Hunter pastor of the Mt. Holly Congregational Church, this city. Speaking on the "New White Man" before his large congregation, Mr. Hunter who is in his early thirties said: "The New White Man has nothing to do with sweeping generalities. Science knows nothing of superior and inferior races

but a great deal of superior and inferior individual. The old white man worked for Negroes but the new white man is working with Negroes."

On the same program Ralph Bunche the A-Average University of California Southern Branch, June graduate, spoke on the "New Negro." According to Mr. Bunche there are no new Negroes in the strict sense of the word but the old Negro is merely taking advantage of his opportunities and that achievement alone stands out.

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## Canadian Anti-Slavery Group

(Continued from Last Issue)

Another memorable border incident occurred at Sandusky, Ohio, in October, 1852. A party of fugitives, two men, two women and several children, had been brought from Kentucky and were aboard the steamer "Arrow" about to sail for Detroit when they were all arrested by the alleged owner and taken before the mayor of the town. Rush R. Sloane, a local lawyer, offered to act in their defence. The proceedings were so hurried that no warrant or writ was ready to be produced in court and Sloane signified by a gesture that the Negroes were free. There was an immediate rush for the door on the part of the fugitives and their friends but even as they fled from the court room the claimant entered calling out "Here are the papers. I own the slaves. I'll hold you personally responsible for their escape." The fugitives meanwhile had gone to the harbor, entered a sailboat owned by a friendly fisherman and were on their way to Canada. The slaver, frantic at seeing his property vanishing, tried in vain to get other fishermen to pursue them. He then hurried to a neighboring town trying to secure help but with no more success. Within a few hours the runaways were landed at Port Stanley, safe from all pursuers. The slaver made good his threat to hold Sloane responsible for the loss of his property, entering action and securing a judgment for \$3,000. It is related as one of the pathetic incidents of this case that when the fugitives were first taken off the steamer "Arrow" one of the women dropped her infant child on the ground and disowned it, hoping that it at least would be free if she were condemned to return to slavery.

With so great an influx of refugees into a country that was sparsely settled, there was bound to be some suffering, but contemporary evidence indicates that after all it was but slight. There was probably more distress during the winter of 1850-1 than later on because of the large number who came in during the few months immediately after the passing of the Fugitive Slave Bill. In their haste to find safety many left everything behind, entering Canada with little more than the clothes on their backs. A. L. Power, of Farmington, who visited Windsor at the beginning of 1851, found about a score of families living in an old military barracks, most of them in need of both fuel and clothing. At Sandwich, near by, he also found distress and mentions seeing a family of eight children who were almost nude and who were suffering from the cold. Sickness was, in many cases, a result of the exposure to which the Negroes had been subjected in their effort to reach Canada. Later on the situation improved and by 1855 the workers of the American Missionary Association reported that "in general those who have gone there from the United States, even the fugitives, may provide for the wants of their families, after a short residence there; especially if they meet a friendly hand and more than all, good counsel on their part."

Various agencies in both the United States and Canada were active in the work of relieving the distress among the newcomers. The American Anti-

Slavery Society was early at work. "Several agents have during the past year proceeded to Canada to exert the best influence in their power over the fugitives that have flocked to the province in years past and especially those who have gone the past year. They are supplied with the means of instructing the colored population, clothing some of the most destitute fugitives and aiding them in various ways to obtain employment, procure and cultivate land and train up their children. Our friends in Canada are exerting a good influence in the same direction."

The fugitives themselves were banded together to aid the newcomers. The Windsor Anti-Slavery Society and the Fugitives' Union were both organized to relieve distress and assist their fellows to make a comfortable living. Supplies were sent in from points at considerable distances in some cases, clothing, food, money, and in one case a donation of 2,000 fruit trees from Henry Willis, of Battle Creek, for refugees who were going on the land. Michigan people were exceedingly generous in extending aid and there is record also of supplies sent from Fall River, Whitestown, N.J., Boston and other places in New England. There was plenty of work for the Negroes, the fifties being a period of railroad building in Western Ontario, so that writing in 1861, William Troy claimed that nine-tenths of the fugitives had got along without outside aid of any kind. "The fugitives show a marked disposition to help each other and relieve want," he says. "I could show hundreds of instances of kindheartedness to all persons, irrespective of race."

The organization of the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada came largely as a result of the sudden influx of Negroes after 1850 which, perhaps more than anything else, impressed upon Canadians the great issue that was rapidly dividing the neighboring republic. Beginning at Toronto, the anti-slavery forces in Canada were organized in the various cities and towns of the province and continued active until the Civil War. A marked anti-slavery sentiment was developed in Canada which manifested itself in part in the very large number of Canadians who enlisted in the Northern armies. The Anti-Slavery Society was also active in extending the helping hand to the fugitives, considerable sums being raised for relief purposes and support being given to educational and other movements designed to elevate the race.

In Canada the refugees were absolutely safe from the operations of the Fugitive Slave Law. No loophole could be found in the Canadian law that would permit the rendition of a slave. A famous case arose in the Canadian courts on the eve of the Civil War when a Negro, John Anderson, was arrested charged with the murder of a slaver named Diggs some years before, the crime having been committed while Anderson was trying to make his escape from slavery. Canadian opinion was much aroused and though the first decision of the courts was that the Negro must be extradited this finding was overruled from England and in the end the prisoner was released on a technicality. It was made quite clear that the British Government would view with marked disapproval any decision in Canada that would return a refugee to slavery.