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C. A. Johnston At St. Catharines

St. Catharines was given a rare treat when Rev. Richardson was successful in securing and presenting Mr. C. Andrew Johnson as solo artist in a rare high class musical entertainment.

In spite of the all-day rain, which still fell lively at concert time, a good audience greeted Mr. Johnson, among whom were many of our friends from Niagara Falls, Ont. and N.Y.

Mr. Johnson, who was heard in several group songs, has a rich baritone of exceptional quality and range; also possesses an ability uncommon to interpret English as well as American and Negro Folk Songs.

Miss Jessie Baker, local elocutionist was well received and set the audience in fits of laughter in her "Hats and the Movie Star." The B.M.E. Male Quartet were heard for the first time and were fully appreciated.

Miss Verita Smith, along with Rev. E. A. Richardson rendered pious duets by Spindler and Symphony by Hayden.

The proceeds of the concert were \$99.35.

A return engagement of Mr. Johnson will be looked forward to with much interest.

PROGRAM.

Invocation and welcome—Rev. A. A. Richardson.

B.M.E. Quartet—(a) The Rocks and Mountains; (b) Goin' to Shout All Over. Messrs. C. Dorsay, Arch. Bell, E. A. Richardson, J. Dorsay.

Piano duet: Husarenrit, Spindler—Miss V. Smith and Rev. Richardson.

Baritone: (a) Voice in the Wilderness; Scott—C. Andrew Johnson.

Musical Monologue: "Two Hats"—Miss Jessie Baker.

Baritone: There's a Land — C. Andrew Johnson.

Piano: (a) Adagio; (b) Allegro—Symphony No. 2—Hayden—Miss Smith and E. A. Richardson.

Baritone: (a) Time's Roses, Barry; (b) Daffodil Gold, Hodgson; (c) Big Lady Moon, S. Coleridge-Taylor; (d) Dear Land of Hom, Valmore. —C. Andrew Johnson.

"A Flapper Seeing the Movies"—



MR. ERED E. EBITO

Son of the late Chief Etim Ebitto, Eastern Province of Nigeria. Mr. Ebitto is now a student at Toronto University. He has attained his L.L.B. degree at Howard University.

Tuneful Songs Won Freedom for Youth

Detroit, Feb. 15. — Recorder's Court Judge, Charles L. Bartlett is an enthusiastic musician and patron of the arts, a fact which he believes in some way reached the ears of Clares Blair, a Race youth, arraigned before him Saturday for a petty theft.

Asked the means of livelihood, Blair replied: "I sing and make up songs as I go along."

"Compose one now," the judge requested and the negro sang the following:

"I just can't keep from crying,
There ain't no need denying,
I wonder what will become of me;
I need your sympathy."

Blair was put on probation.

Miss Jessie Baker.

Remarks—His Worship Mayor Wright.

Male quartet—"Po' Little Lamb"—Parks.

Reading: "The White Rose"—Miss Jessie BaBker.

Baritone: (a) I'm So Glad Trouble Don't Last; (b) Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass; (c) Go Down Moses; (d) De Blin' Man; (e) Swing Low, Sweet Chariot—White. —C. Andrew Johnson.

National Anthem.

Defying Death, Saves Five Lives

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 15—Defying death a heroic colored American saved the lives of five white fellow citizens in a mishap here on Saturday.

Michael Winn, helper in the kitchen of the high class Presto Cafe, 817 Market Street, was the man to prevent fatalities at the establishment when a huge ammonia tank in the basement exploded and his fellow workers were overcome by dense heavy ammonia fumes that were discharged.

So strong were the escaping fumes that they drove patrons from the first floor dining room, joined by patrons and patronesses and the waiters. No one dared to enter the basement which was seething with suffocating ammonia gas.

But Winn knew of the plight of his fellow workers who lay unconscious in the deadly fumes in the basement. "One life is not worth a half a dozen," he cried, and he rushed into the dense white clouds of ammonia gas that was pouring through the door that led to the underground rooms while a crowd that had gathered stood terror-stricken.

Winn staggered out of the basement and collapsed on the sidewalk a few minutes before firemen, summoned to the scene of the accident, arrived. Donning gas masks and entering the basement they found that Winn had shut off the ammonia machine thereby checking the flow of ammonia and preventing the unconscious men from suffocating. All the men who had been overcome were revived within a short time. Winn was hailed as a daring hero.

Tuskegee Teacher Praises N.A.A.C.P.

New York, Feb. 3.—Enclosing a contribution of \$25, the N.A.A.C.P. 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a letter from R. R. Taylor, Vice-Principal of Tuskegee Institute, in which he writes of his gift:

"The work of your Association is so far-reaching and important that

Crowded Audience Greeted Colored Baritone Singer

Owen Sound.—An audience that filled the big church to capacity, greeted Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw, celebrated colored baritone singer, when he appeared in recital in Knox United Church on Monday evening under the auspices of the B.M.E. Church. A wonderful singer, with a voice of surpassing beauty and mellow warmth, Mr. Greenlaw moved his many hearers to enthusiasm and inspiration with his rendition of a very appealing selection of songs from his extensive repertoire. There were many religious numbers which the artist sang with an impressive fervor, while plaintive old tunes of the sunny southland were memorably sweet. There were other charming songs of romance and Mr. Greenlaw swayed his audience with a whole gamut of emotions in the rich setting of melody. His religious songs included, "I Want to be Ready," "Steal Away to Jesus," "Standing in the Need of Prayer," "Shoutin' All Over God's Heaven," "Gospel Train," "Go Down Moses," "Way Down to Egypt Land," "Wondrous Story," "Open the Gates of the Temple" and also two very fine sacred songs, which were the singer's own composition, namely: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart" and "When They Crucified My Lord." "Open the Gates of the Temple" might be mentioned as one of the outstanding renditions on the program and is linked in memory with the lovely plaintive rhythm of "Stars May Forget." Other songs, all popular with the audience were the familiar pathos of "Old Black Joe," "Kentucky River," "Wail," "June Will Bring Me Roses" and "You'd Better Ask Me."

At the conclusion of the program a collection was taken at the suggestion of one of the audience and the plates were heaped with monetary expressions of the appreciation of Mr. Greenlaw's splendid program.

I do not look on it as an act of generosity but one of duty which every one of us should perform. I am very glad to make this contribution."

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Editorial

WHY NOT THE CANADIAN NEGRO?

Jan. 19th, 1928.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,
Editor, Dawn of Tomorrow,
London, Ont.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

We were very much interested in a recent issue of your paper in which the achievements of the Negroes of the United States were reviewed. We were agreeably surprised to learn of the great progress which your race has made within the past few years. We have reprinted the entire article. We shall be glad to reprint from your paper any article or articles which tell of the progress of the colored people, for as a duty to that race, we should encourage them in every possible way.

Could you not also give us such a comprehensive review of the achievements and the progress of the Canadian Negro?

Very truly yours,

Editor, The—

Yes, why not give a comprehensive review of the achievements of the Canadian Negro?

That is the question we have asked ourselves many times over. We make it our special business to tell every single achievement the Canadian Negro makes. We do this week in and week out. We search the heavens above, the earth beneath and the waters under the earth for data concerning their accomplishments. If, perchance a deed worthwhile escapes our observation, it is because we have searched and failed to find it. We even record deeds of mediocrity and commonplace and give them as much lustre as we dare without appearing over-zealous and over liberal in our praise. Still, withal, we are not able to give a comprehensive review of progress made by the Canadian Negro. And the fault lies mostly within the ranks of the Canadian Negroes themselves. The main reason why we are not able to make a "comprehensive" report upon this subject is that the Canadian negro is not making outstanding progress. There are, of course, bright jewels, here and there, oasis in the dreary wilderness, men and

women who are forging ahead in spite of the lethargy, lack of co-operation and even discouragements of their own people. But such cases are the exception, not the rule. Our young people are not preparing themselves, on the whole or even in reasonable numbers to "achieve." With every institution of learning open to them to enter, they are content to grow to manhood and womanhood without the necessary education, without a trade or a profession. Our men and women are too indigent, too distrustful of each other to pool their interests and begin businesses in which their boys and girls might labor and learn. They are too serenely content in their boasted assurance that "we can be served in any white business place here in Canada." And in this we are not so sure they are correct. Again, as much as the ideal of British fair play grips the hearts and conscience of every Canadian, our white brethren who are our business world, are not as yet ready to remove the color barrier and employ negro help on the same basis of merit as is applied to other races.

Every negro who has succeeded in Canada in business, at a trade or in a profession will tell you the same sad story, that he succeeded, not with the help, but in spite of his own people. Even our small and inconspicuous newspapers that champion the negro's cause as best they know how to do, must look to other races for support.

Let us here mention a few worth while achievements which negroes are making in the republic south. In the January Opportunity, Eugene K. Jones tells us that a Mr. Alexander, a civil engineer of Iowa has built most of the largest bridges in the southern part of that state and has been associate engineer on some very important constructions. He employs 289 men; that a negro mechanical engineer is manager of the Pittsburg office of a large Chicago manufacturing concern; that the largest house-moving business in Ohio is that of a negro, Bryant of Columbus. He has scores of auto trucks constantly busy; that Samuel A. Irving, a negro, has the contract for building all the concrete moulds for the foundation of the seven million dollar Columbia University Hospital. His contract is for more than \$350,000. He employs 125 carpenters in his work and a negro civil engineer for all his calculations. He was employed for seven years on the engineering staff on English railroads; that the metallurgist of the Deuth-Hampden Watch Company in Canton, O. is a negro; that the chief chemist in the Cleveland Hardware Company is a negro girl and that the head of the die press room and the fastest press hands are negro women; that Ferdinand D. Morton is a Civil Service Commissioner in New York and that Edward H. Wright is Public Service Commissioner of Chicago; that David Manson is manager of the western office in Chicago of the Ohio Iron Works; that there are ten negro members of the city councils, thirteen members of state legislatures, one state senator, one member of editorial staff of metropolitan daily papers; three negro assistant U. S. District Attorneys; three negro judges of municipal courts and hundreds of other col-

ored men and women holding responsible positions in public and private institutions.

Without doubt such achievements must be considered "comprehensive." If we could but tell such a tale of the achievements of the Canadian negro in this (so called) land of equal opportunities, minus race prejudices (as the saying is) we would, like Moses after viewing the promised land, be willing to close our eyes in death.

Letters to the Editor

THE STUDENTS VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

Dear Mr. Editor:

The question of "Adjusting Missions to meet the changing world" has very recently occupied the attention of the International Assembly at the Chapels of Wycliffe and Knox College, Toronto, Ontario. The different races and countries of the world were represented both in the morning and evening addresses.

The chair was functioned by a well known gentleman, Dr. J. L. Murray, who introduced the representatives to the audience. The mouth-piece of India was a past graduate student, Miss C. Eipe, clad in her native costume so becoming that even if she were not fully equipped as she was, she would, nevertheless, have been noted as typical of her people. Africa spoke through a man, who, leaving his home (Nigeria) to study abroad willfully forgot his native dress many thousand miles away.

I suggested for deliberation and debate whether the attitude of Missions in Africa (the continent I represented) at all times of peace or conflict will follow the example of the attitude, at such times, of Christ on earth. The question was very fully analysed, debated upon and answered in the affirmative. I was emboldened, therefore, to step right up to the platform and inform the representatives of the world and the auditors, in effect, that I am instructed to say that there is plenty of room in Africa for Christ and true religion.

Very sincerely yours,
Ered Etim Ebitio.

FRIENDS

There were myriads of angels before this earth was,
There are myriads that Heaven still on messages sends;
Some day I will join this great army because,
Jesus and I are friends.

Yes, the friendship of earth may be noble and true,
Even glorified where Divine Presence extends—
But when He is the Maker and Governor, too—
Jesus and I are friends.

And to answer the old question: "Lovest Thou Me?"
While on me this all-conjuring love so descends,
I must give in return what I can, full and free
Then Jesus and I are friends.

OWEN SOUND.

The Sailors Supper held in the B.M.E. church on January 11th, was the best ever held in the history of the church; in fact, it exceeded all previous records, both financially and otherwise. H. Woodbeck was chairman and filled the position creditably, assisted by Rev. H. Logan, pastor of the church. The program after supper was provided by Mrs. Wm. Harrison, who deserves great credit for the excellent way in which every member on the program acted, which pleased the crowd, who responded with loud applause. The opening chorus was O Canada, sung by all standing, while Rev. H. Logan opened with prayer. The second piece, Our Native Flag, by the choir was well received. Then a musical selection by Wilmore Johnston, Teddy Miller and Sam Harrison. Mrs. Wm. Miller gave two recitations with great applause; Mrs. Wm. Harrison and Bell Miller sang a duet; male quartet, W. Johnston, Bill Miller, T. Green and C. Woodbeck; Mrs. C. Johnston, guitar selection; Master Ted Miller, banjo selection; Mrs. Wm. Harrison, W. Johnson, Sam Harrison and Teddy Miller, a musical selection; Miss Norma Miller gave two splendid recitations. In all there were 24 pieces on the program. Miss J. White gave two solos which were very pleasing to the audience of about 300 people. The proceeds amounted to \$145.69 which was used for paying debts of the B.M.E. church. The official board wishes to thank all who helped to make the sailor supper a success, especially H. Woodbeck, who worked so hard in selling tickets, selling \$54.00 worth at 50cents each. The mothers' club is working hard in their efforts to raise their \$50 on the capital debt on the B. M. E. church parsonage which is due on February the first, by way of an Old Maids Concert, this being a leap year there might be something happen among the old maids of the city. Mrs. Clifford Johnson is the leader in the contest. The officials of the B.M.E. church are live wires these days. They are bringing a singer from Detroit, Mich., Mr. Gretnlaw, who is billed to sing in Knox United Church in our city on February 6th and are making great preparations.

We are sorry to report that Charlie Burns had the misfortune of being burnt out during the second week in January. The society of our city came to his assistance and helped him out. The B. M. E. church gave \$5.00 to help him.

Mrs. Rev. Logan is on the sick list at the time of writing.

How can I this love prove? How can I this love show?
For on Him all true happiness ever depends.
If I labor and live for Him I'll surely know
That Jesus and I are friends.

Yes, millions of years pass, there will be million more
Such a time not too long to be making amends.
For lost time on earth, and to prove more and more
That Jesus and I are friends.

—S.E.G. Allen.

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Rev. J. T. Dawson, of Windsor, spent a few days in the city en route east. On Sunday evening, Feb. 12th Rev. Dawson delivered a soul-stirring message to the large congregation in the B.M.E. church.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th the B. M. E. Sunday School held their annual Valentine social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Fountain, Lansdowne Ave. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as large as usual but those present spent a very pleasant evening. The refreshment committee—Misses Bernice Fountain, Jeanette Woodcock and Florence Drake assisted by Miss Violet Clinton served a dainty lunch for the small sum of 14c. Misses Phyllis Howard and Elsie Harris were responsible for the very pretty decorations of the spacious rooms open to the guests. Mr. J. W. Fountain, Supt., served the ice-cream and acted as spokesman. Little Miss Vera Kelly assisted by her teacher, Miss Dorothy Shadd, was in charge of the home-made sweets, and also distributed the valentines from the postal box. The school is grateful to all who helped to make the evening a success.

Mr. John Anderson, who has been confined to Victoria Hospital for some weeks, remains about the same. Mr. James Thompson of Grey St. is also a patient in that institution. His progress is very slow.

Mrs. C. Jenkins, wife of our editor, has been confined to her home for the past few weeks, ill, but is convalescing nicely at this writing. Ross and Leverne, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have also been on the sick list for a few days.

Miss Gladys Stafford of Little Gray St. has been confined to her home for the past two weeks thru illness, but we are glad to report she is some better at this time.

Sunday, Feb. 12th at 11 a.m. the Brotherhood had charge of the service at which time Mr. J. M. Sledd, who is attending the Western University, gave a wonderful address on "Sin" to an attentive audience. Those who did not avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Sledd, missed a great treat. Mr. C. Brown, pres., acted as chairman, Mr. Wm. Groat read the scripture and Mr. John Harris led in prayer. Mr. John Lucas presided at the organ.

Mr. Laverne Jones was a week-end visitor in the city, the guest of friends.

Miss Bernice Fountain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fountain, of Sackville St., took a prominent part in an operetta at the Sir Adam Beck Collegiate on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17th and 18th. Miss Bernice is now in her 3rd year at high school and London has every reason to be proud of her as she is one of our own home girls.

The choir of the B.M.E. church is planning to give a radio concert in the near future. Every department of the church is doing its bit to help in the drive which is now on for the Mortgage Fund. If you have not received one of the Birthday Bags don't fail to see some of the ladies and secure one right away and help us out.

Our prayer meetings have taken on new life and much interest is being shown. The attendance has not been as large as we would like but anyone who is not engaged on Wednesday evening we would be pleased to see you out. If you desire the meeting to come to your home just inform the pastor, Rev. Woodcock any time.

Sunday, February 19th the Brotherhood had charge of the services at 11 and 7. In the morning Mr. C. Poindexter delivered an inspiring address on "Co-operation" which was enjoyed by all present. At 7 o'clock Mr. Lake of Wesley United Church gave an address. We are glad to see the spirit of brotherhood which is being shown among the men and the interest they are again taking in this part of the work. We trust that in the near future all the men of our race in the city may be reached and in some manner take some part among us.

The male quartet: Messrs. F. Ball, J. Lucas, J. Jenkins and P. Lewis are among the finest of our musical talent in the city. Feb. 12 they were called to sing at Wesley United Church one of our largest Anglo-Saxon churches and they received a very hearty reception and an invitation to return. In the future they expect to sing in response to other invitations. If you have not heard these gentlemen, don't fail to at your first opportunity.

Mrs. F. Harris of Trafalgar St. fell on the ice a few days ago and sustained painful injuries to her hip. At this writing Mrs. Harris is much improved.

The Hill St. Baptist Church are holding services every Sunday at 3 p.m. and are inviting all the friends to attend. We trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the different speakers who are bringing the messages from time to time.

MAN SERVING SENTENCE FOR CRIME COMMITTED BY ANOTHER.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 15th — The arrest of Martin Roulhac on a murder charge and the subsequent arrest of his brother, George, on Thursday, revealed that John Butler is serving a ten-year sentence for robberies committed by George Roulhac.

Butler was arrested several months ago and was convicted of several burglaries. While he was being tried George Roulhac sat in the audience and as he said "felt pretty bad over it" but did not feel badly enough to confess. Thursday he was arrested on information received from his brother, Martin, who was taken into custody for the murder of Wesley Gill in a crap game on January 29th.

Geo. Roulhac confessed that he had committed the crime charged to Butler and in his confession listed several others that still remained a mystery to the officers here.

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The first memorial service of the John Henry Valentine Lodge, No. 740, I.B.P.O.E. of W., was held in St. James B.M.E. church on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 2.30 p.m. A very interesting program was rendered and enjoyed by a splendid audience. Mrs. H. Laurence McNeil of the First Baptist Church sang a very pleasing number "Open the Gates of the Temple." The First Baptist choir gave two beautiful anthems, Mr. R. P. Edwards acting as director, who also gave a reading entitled "Thanatopsis." Mr. W. J. Williams, Exalted Ruler, gave a synopsis on the history of the order. The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. F. O. Stewart, Sub. Reunion. Text: John 5: 28, 29. Mr. F. N. Lee, secty. of the lodge acted as master of ceremonies.

The second quarterly communion service of the St. James B. M. E. church was observed on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Bro. G. Coates gave a very timely message at 11 a.m. Text: John 4: 10. Sub. "Living Water." At the afternoon service 3.30 p.m. the speaker for the occasion was Rev. E. A. Richardson of St. Catharines. The speaker chose for his text the words recorded in St. Luke 22: 19-20, and gave a very helpful and inspiring message. Again at 7.30 Rev. Richardson was the speaker and his message on the subject "Spiritual Recuperation" was very fitting for the closing days of the old year and strengthening for the prospective days of the new. The choir as usual gave splendid numbers, assistings materially in the success of the day.

The infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrew Johnson of 10 Ravina Crescent have been quite ill for the past few weeks but are recovering very nicely at this writing. Mr. Johnson is the chorister of the B. M.E. church choir.

AWARD MADE TO
TEACHER-ARTIST.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15. — Miss Laura Wheeler Waring was presented with the Harmon award for work in art by Mayor Mackey, Monday, in the Chamber Wylie Church. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, of Washington, president of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, delivered an inspiring address upon the occasion.

Miss Wheeler is the daughter of the late Rev. Robt. Wheeler, for 33 years minister of the Talcott Congregational Church. She is an instructor in art at the Cheyney State Normal School.

The Philadelphia artist has studied under eminent teachers, including Henry McCarter and the late Wm. Chae. She won the Cresson Memorial Scholarship which gave her an opportunity to study in France under Boutet de Monvel, Printet and Eugene Delecluse.

JUDGE HAILS LINCOLN'S
BIRTHDAY, FREEING 32.

Chicago, Feb. 15th — Abraham Lincoln's birthday has real significance to Judge Howard Hayes of the S. Clark Street Municipal

MADE PLEA FOR
THE COLORED.

Rev. T. H. Jackson, Minister of B.M.E. Church, Tells History of His Race on This Continent. Fine Program Was Given.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—An impassioned plea to open up the gates of the business world to the negro was made by Rev. T. H. Jackson, pastor of the B.M.E. Church, at the benefit concert at Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church last night, in a brief address, during which he related the story of the migration of the negroes to Canada from the South and of their services and loyalty to the British flag since their arrival. An excellent program of readings and vocal and instrumental selections, was given by local and out-of-town talent.

The speaker traced the history of the races of the West Coast of Africa that comprise the majority of the American negroes, from the time of their sale into slavery to the present day. He told how, ignorant as they were of the wiles of the whites, they walked into the traps set for them by the slave traders and were herded into low compartments of the old sail boats to huddle together on their hands and knees throughout the long voyage to America and on arriving there were sold, body and soul, into bondage.

Recalling the emancipation of slaves by Queen Victoria and the invitation extended to the negroes to escape into Canada to find freedom and franchise and the days of the migration before the Civil War when thousands of the oppressed fled their masters to seek liberty in the land of the north, he asked why they should not call themselves British who had found liberty only under the British flag and who had faithfully served it ever since.

"We have peace and liberty," he declared, "What we want is opportunity and whenever we get it we make our way. When you people open your doors to our boys and girls and give them a chance in the business world, let our girls in your offices as stenographers and behind your counters as clerks and let our industrious men have a chance to go ahead of the ones who have to plod along, then you will know what they are capable of. Let us all pray one prayer, to ask God to make us one so that distinction of race will be no more and the negro will have a fair chance to go ahead and support his family respectively.

Instrumental numbers were rendered by Professor Charles Duff, Joseph Campbell, Mr. Black and Miss Audrey Smith; vocal numbers by Gordon Mitchell, Mrs. Hunt of Toronto, and Mrs. Boland of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and readings by Misses Mildred Dykes and Gertrude Bell. Two fascinating numbers were the pantomimes given by Misses Marguerite and Mildred Jackson, while hymns were

Court. Judge Hayes was the only judge to sit Monday. He celebrated the day by discharging thirty-two colored prisoners all against whom there was no specific charge.

sung by Mrs. Hunt. Accompaniments were played by Miss Reta Smith of St. Catharines. The Pennsylvania Four, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., gave an entertaining series of instrumental numbers and a touch of humor was added to the concert by Mr. Black by his humorisms.

COLORED LAWYER DEFENDS
WHITE MAN IN U.S. COURT

St. Louis, Mo.—Attorney John L. Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, is in St. Louis on legal matters pertaining to a conspiracy case in which the United States Government has against seven white men, charged with smuggling whiskey. All of the men have been convicted except one, Charles Noyes. He is being represented by Attorney John Thompson. The case is being tried in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here before Judges Sanborn, Stone and Kenyon.

Attorney Thompson is past grand-master of the Iowa Masons and is the first colored lawyer of his state to practice his profession in the U. S. Court of Appeals.

SIMCOE

The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurst on the 23rd of January last and left them a fine baby boy weighing nine pounds. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Emma Thompson of Rondeau, Ont., has returned home after a three week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Hurst.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON
EDUCATION.

"We come back to the query that is contained in the concentrated wisdom of the ages: 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

"All of our science and all of our arts will never be the means for the true advancement of our nation, will never remove us from the sphere of the superficial and the cynical, will never give us the civilization and a culture of any worthy and lasting importance unless we are able to see in them the outward manifestation of a spiritual reality."

"Unless our halls of learning are real temples which are to be approached by our youth in an attitude of reverence, consecrated by worship of the truth, they will all end in a delusion. The information that is acquired in them will simply provide a greater capacity for evil. Our institutions of learning must be dedicated to a higher purpose. The life of our nation must rise to a higher realm."

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W. Goos: "Bell hop!"

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CHATHAM BEAVER CLUB BANQUET.

On Friday evening last, a banquet was held in the auditorium of the Woodstock Industrial Institute by the Beaver Club, in honor of the Pollyanna Class of the Community Church, for the young ladies of the city.

The hall was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue, the tables being very artistically arranged with flowers and lighted by candles, which shed a soft glow.

All joined in the games played and a picture was taken of those present.

In view of this being leap year the young ladies selected the young men as their partners for lunch, where all did ample justice to the delicious repast, which was prepared and served by the members of the Beaver Club.

Rev. C. C. Greene, organizer of the Beaver Club, acted as chairman. Miss Aleatha Crosby, president of the Pollyanna class, spoke very highly of the Beaver Club and hoped they would make the banquet an annual affair. Miss Beulah Harding expressed in a splendid manner the appreciation of the visitors for the invitation extended them and assured the club all present had spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Harold Jackson, president of the Beaver Club, spoke in a very able way concerning the object of the club, which is to create a spirit of co-operation and good fellowship not only among themselves, but with the other clubs of the city.

Impromptu speeches were given by Misses Leota Lynn, Lena Montgomery, Mildred Needham, Secretary of the Pollyanna class, Relda Richardson of Pontiac, Mich., and Lena Lynn, also Messrs. George Crosby, secretary of the Beaver Club, M. L. Hodge, treasurer, and Rev. N. G. Brown, and Douglas Talbot.

The Beaver Club is a group of young men recently organized in the city having for their motto "We Lift As We Climb."

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Club for their hospitality.

CHATHAM.

Mr. William Simmons of Brantford was in the city over the week-end, and visited his sister, Mrs. A. Johnson of Chatham Township who also spent the week-end here with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Malott. Mr. Simmons left Sunday night to visit other relatives in Detroit.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the First Baptist Church held a special service and rally on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Rev. W. N. Reid, pastor of Campbell A.M.E. church, preached a powerful sermon from the subject "Thy will be done," while the choir of the community church furnished delightful music for the occasion. Though the weather was very cold and blustery still a goodly number of members and friends braved the wind and came out. A handsome offering was taken all of which was presented to Rev. N. G. Brown in appreciation of his services as officiating minister in the absence of the pastor. Mr. H. Byrd, formerly of Chatham, now

of Detroit, was a pleasing visitor over the week-end and assisted the choir in this service.

The Chatham Beaver Club, an organization of young men, sponsored and tutored largely by Rev. C. O. Greene, pastor of the Community Church, recently gave their first concert to a packed house in the Woodstock Industrial school. Only men participated in the program and the concert was a success from all angles.

The Chatham branch of the C.L.A.C.P. held its annual election of officers on Thursday, Feb. 9th. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Pres., C. M. Cooper; vice pres., A. Thompson; secretary, N. G. Brown; asst. secty., A. Parker; treas., Mrs. Albert Thompson; chaplain, Rev. W. B. Hollin. Its membership list is now 52.

Mrs. Alfred Highgate, wife of Alfred Highgate, formerly of this city, passed away recently in Detroit. She was the mother of ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom survive her save one daughter. Funeral services were held from the Community Church, Sunday, Feb. 12th, Pastor Greene officiating. She was fifty-nine years old.

The Chatham Ministerial Association met in the vestry of the First Presbyterian Church, Monday, Feb. 13th at 10 a.m. Among those present were: Captain Marshall, pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, presiding; Revs. Joseph Jones, secty.; S. V. Jamison, Rev. Robinson, Pastor Park St. United; A. C. Calder, M.P.P., rector Holy Trinity; A. E. Jones, pastor Victoria Ave. United; Reid, Raleigh Tp.; White, Dover Tp.; Patterson, Diexter, pastor Hollanders'; C. O. Greene, pastor Community Church and N. G. Brown, supplying the First Baptist Church. The last two were welcomed heartily as new members. Rev. S. V. Jamison read a brilliantly prepared paper on "Theistic Evidences from a Study of Comparative Religions." The next meeting will be held March 12th.

OWEN SOUND

On Sunday, Feb. 19th through the illness of Rev. Logan, who is confined to his bed with a severe cold, the service in the B.M.E. church was conducted by the members in the morning, led by Brother C. Johnston and in the evening by Mr. Cutbush from Westside United Church. The service was very inspiring and a spiritual uplift to all present. About 25 of a congregation turned out through the stormy weather which is prevailing here. Brother Wm. Johnston is in the G. M. Hospital undergoing an operation for his eyes. We are glad to report that he is improving.

Miss Norma Miller, 12 years old, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller, who took part in the Greenlaw concert, and who was greatly admired by the crowd for her splendid recitations, has been on the sick list with a sore throat. She is able to go about at this writing.

The children of the B.M.E. S.S. are having a jolly sleigh ride on the 29th of this month.

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ENGLISH PEERESS PLANS "FLORENCE MILLS" FUND FOR N. A. A. C. P.

New York, Feb. 3. — A titled Englishwoman, Lady Mary Cook, of Doughty House, Richmond, Surrey, Eng., has asked consent of the N.A.A.C.P. to organize a benefit in London in memory of Florence Mills in aid of the N.A.A.C.P. So eager was Lady Cook to undertake this benefit, that she cabled the N.A.A.C.P. for consent and a Committee of Executives after considering the proposal, cabled its authorization.

In proposing the benefit, Lady Cook wrote to James Weldon Johnson: "It is the wish of many London people to do something in memory of Florence Mills who was greatly loved and admired over here. Could you get an authorization from the committee of the N.A.A.C.P. for me to organize a benefit in London in memory of Florence Mills in aid of its funds. I know she would have wished that it might be possible with the money to perpetuate her name in some way in connection with the Association of which she was devoted and an interested member, and which, I am told, does splendid work."

The Advancement Association responded with a cable reading:

"Committee with thanks authorizes benefit in names of Florence Mills to raise fund for Association. Such fund may be known as the Florence Mills Fund."

In making public Lady Cook's project Mr. Johnson, speaking for the N.A.A.C.P. said:

"This proposal from Lady Mary Cook came without any solicitations whatever from the N.A.A.C.P., and was gratefully accepted. The London benefit which Lady Cook proposes in no wise conflicts with the memorial plans undertaken in this country, as her project is confined in its execution in England."

NEGRO OF U. S. SEEN AS NEW RACIAL TYPE.

Chicago, Feb. 15th.—Eighty per cent of the American Negroes are mixtures of white, American Indian and original Negro stock, believes Melville J. Herskovitz, professor of anthropology at Northwestern University. Prof. Herskovitz makes this statement in "The American Negro," a book to be published shortly, in which he seeks to show that the dark man of this country has developed a very definite race which is no longer African.

"My studies have shown that between one-third and one-fourth of the Negroes measured have American Indian ancestry in addition to the well established fact that many of them have white heritage," said Prof. Herskovitz. And from this mixture, white, negroid, and mongrel, three widely divergent bloods, there is being welded and is already discernable a definite physical type which may be called the American Negro."

The American Negro, said the professor has found himself a black man in a white culture, and has consequently sought to adjust himself as best he can.

BAGNALL FINDS NEGROES GAINING POWER AND COURAGE.

New York, Feb. 3.—Returning to this city after a recent tour of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin, Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches of the N.A.A.C.P., reports finding increased assurance among colored people, greater power through their organization, and a determination to make themselves felt as a political voting block.

"I talked with many prominent negroes and addressed many negro gatherings," said Mr. Bagnall. "Everywhere I heard high praise of the effectiveness of the N.A.A.C.P. work and program and of its focussing the power of the negro group. It is giving colored people courage everywhere to stand for their due."

"During the trip I addressed the students of the Ohio State University, in the sociology classes of Professor H. A. Miller, where intelligent interest was shown in all the phases of race relations."

"In Milwaukee, I addressed an interracial forum numbering among its attendance, the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of the Cathedral, the Health Commissioner of Milwaukee and a number of university professors. To these people I pointed out the futility of segregation. I showed that it tended to increase rather than to retard the mixture of races, since it encouraged fair negroes to relieve themselves by passing into the white race at the rate of 160,000 every ten years."

CALLED HOME.

She never dreamed death could so cruel be,
Life seemed so full of promise, and hopes so bright;
A brilliant future only could she see,
In such deep loved surroundings, all was light.

"Yes darling," was the inmost thought alway,
No darkness ever came to her sweet home;
That happiness a mother's love would pray
Surround her darlings' path where e'er she roam.

But all our future is unknown, which must
Be best for us or it would not be so.
No mother love, however strong and just
Could equal God's love in His power, we know.

It was this power that called her darling home.
"Her work in Heaven was needed," she would say—
For life is endless with no work to do:
We soon would tire such lengthened holiday.

S.E.G. Allen.

He: Don't you find it difficult to drink soup with a moustache?

She: Well, yes, it is quite a strain.
"The Sheaf."

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The Chatham L.A.C.P. was appreciative of last. With Pres chair and Sec as master of cer ing very pleasin dered:

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