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THE JOHN BROWN RAID

(Continued from last issue)

(By Fred. Landon)

It is only in the light of what took place after the collapse of the Harper's Ferry enterprise that Brown can be properly understood. His attack upon Harper's Ferry was an attack upon the State of Virginia, upon the United States government and upon the whole economic system of the South. Any man of judgement could foresee that it would fail. But what might seem folly to others was not folly to Brown, not more so than Joshua's plan to take a fortified city by the blowing of trumpets. Emerson saw pure idealism in Brown's act, an idealism that would sacrifice everything for the business in hand and take the consequences without fear or murmur. Brown had broken laws but he believed that his purpose was greater than any law, and his own death, he realized, would do more to arouse the American conscience on the slavery issue than even the success of his plan would have accomplished.

And so he died on the scaffold on a bright December morning, looking out over the smiling country within whose bounds existed the abominations which he had sought to destroy. Europe, as well as America, was moved by his death. Victor Hugo, looking out from France, wrote: "In killing Brown the Southern States have committed a crime which will take its place among the calamities of history. As to John Brown, he was an apostle and a hero. The gibbet has only increased his glory and made him a martyr."

In Canada the raid on Harper's Ferry made a profound impression. Despite the secrecy surrounding the Chatham convention there was quite a number of Canadians belonging to the anti-slavery group who knew what had taken place there and knew, too, that Brown was meditating a bold stroke. The raid was reported in detail in the Canadian newspapers. The Globe of Nov. 4th, 1859, pointed out that Brown's execution would but serve to make him remembered as "a brave man who perilled property, family, life itself, for an alien race." His death, The Globe held, would make the raid valueless as political capital for the slaveholders and the South might expect other Browns.

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GREAT NEGRO CHURCH BURNS

Chicago, Ill., Oct.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church, said to be the largest church occupied by Negroes in the world, was gutted by fire Friday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. Various possible causes given were the Ku Klux Klan, political differences, and internal dissension. Most credence is given to the charge that factions within the church were responsible. The loss is said to be \$100,000. It has not been possible to learn whether all the loss is covered by insurance, it being known that two policies for \$30,000 were cancelled two weeks ago because of failure to keep up the payments.

The Rev. Carl M. Tanner, son of the late Bishop Tanner and brother of the world-famous artist, H. O. Tanner, is pastor of the church. He came to Chicago from Washington and entered Mother Bethel at 30th and Dearborn streets. The purchase of the church just burned was heralded far and wide as the most progressive bit of constructive church work in the history of the Negro Methodism. Rev. Tanner was given much credit, along with Bishop A. J. Carey.

Greater Bethel was situated at 42nd st. and Grand Boulevard, one of the most aristocratic thoroughfares in Chicago. It was an imposing structure of white, and rose block-like against and above the fine homes round about. Originally it was built for the Lakeside Club, a white exclusive organization. Later it was occupied by Bernard McFadden as a health resort.

The cost of the church as given to the public varies. Figures run up to \$350,000. The lowest figure is \$65,000

Questions and Answers Column

Did the black race found the science of anstomy?

—G.L.K., Baltimore, Md.

As far as we know, the Chaldeans and Egyptians were the first peoples to study the stars. They were both black nations. Even to-day about 40 of the constellations still bear the names of African heroes and heroines, Cassiopea, Cepheus, Andromeda, Cadmus, Icarus, the Pleides, Hercules, Virgo, Ganis and many more, were all black heroes of antiquity.

What is a Nordic?

—T.R.F., Milwaukee, Wis.

Nordic is a name adopted by the Klan to apply to pure white faces. It is a fiction pretty much the same as the term "Aryan" adopted about sixty years ago by Max Muller. It is in reality a desperate effort on the part of the Klan to preserve the idea of white superiority in the face of the vast amount of evidence coming to the front that supports the fact of the former superiority of the dark races.

Have there ever been any great African epics?—R. D., Akron, O.

Yes. Among the greatest are the Iliad, the Odyssey, the Epic of Pentaur, the Romance of Antar, the Shan Nameh, the Ramayana, the Manab-barata, and many more too numerous to mention.

Who was Io, of the Grecian myths, —W.H.J., Kansas City.

Io, the famous little heroine of Ancient Greece, was the sister of Pelasgus, the legendary ancestor of the early Greeks, or Pelasgians, Zeus, the Grecian God, fell in love with her and became the father of her son, Epaphos, the "black, touch-born" son. He later returned to Greece and there founded a nation. "Aeschylus," the Grecian dramatist mentions him in his drama, "The Suppliants."

"Oh, what a cute little dolly! Does she say 'mamma' when you squeeze her?"

"Naw! My dolly's a modern doll! When you squeeze her, she says, 'Oh Boy'."

Wife—D oyou know that you have not kissed me for six weeks?

Prof. (who is absent-minded)—Good heavens, who have I been kissing, then?

DUNWICH OIL FIELD DEVELOPING RAPIDLY

Rapidly developing Dunwich Oil

Iona Station, Oct. 17—H. Frederick an eminent European geologist, has recently examined the Peace River Development Company's field in Dunwich, and expressed the opinion that it is very similar to the Pan-Handle field in Texas, and that the Pan would be found almost in the center of the company's leases with the Handle thinning out in a northwestern direction.

Mr. Frederick is enthusiastic about this field and has stated much larger wells will yet be brought into production in the shallow sands, but when the company drills to 2,200 or 2,500 feet a big oil pool will be discovered, far greater than the present producing wells, as the geological information shows an immense anticline centering on the company's property, very similar to Texas and Oklahoma.

This company has already brought into production four wells and are now regular shippers of oil to the refineries at Sarnia. The last well, No. 4, is producing practically pure lubricating oil, which is used on the company's engines direct from the well, with satisfactory results. This well is one of the first of its kind to be discovered in Canada, and is producing about 25 barrels per day. The actual drilling results in the Dunwich field are proving that the geological opinions expressed on this area are correct.

No. 5 well was commenced on Saturday, October 11, and is already drilled over 250 feet. Rapid progress is being made, and it is expected the Delaware rock will be struck at the end of this week and the well brought into oil production by the end of the month.

George Willits, of Bothwell, is in charge of drilling operations, and has succeeded in bringing every well so far drilled into production. Mr. Willits was formerly in charge of drilling operations for the Royal Dutch Oil Company in Burmah.

The company has installed a loading equipment on heir siding at Iona on the Pere Marquette, where the tank cars are loaded for the refineries.

—London Free Press, Oct. 18.

Full information regarding this company may be obtained at the office of the Western Securities Corporation, 421 Richmond St., London.

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Editorial

ASKS FOR BETTER CHANCE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

When members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science were in Vancouver they listened with deep interest to a dramatic appeal from Andrew Paul, a member of the Squamish tribe of Indians. Andrew Paul's plea was for a better chance for, not only his tribe, but for all of the North American Indians. He said in part: "Friends, what can I—a poor Indian—say to such an audience of the passing of my people. You have heard Dr. Smith tell of the old days, of our habits and customs of life that were familiar to my old friend the chief here.

"In the early days they followed the life described to you, but those days are no more. We have reached a new stage, a trying period in the crucial time indeed. Behind us are the customs followed by our ancestors for centuries; ahead of us are strange ways. Our fathers earned their living from the sea and from the forests. We of the generation of to-day, as Dr. Smith has pointed out to you, are trying to earn our living in mills, in logging camps and by long shoring. It matters not a deal for those who knew the old customs of our people, for they will soon pass on. We younger men, who have still fresh in our minds some of the legends and stories of our fathers, perhaps we cannot benefit—but what of the children? What of our race for the future? What does to-morrow hold for them?

"They cannot go back to the ancient ways and we want them to do better than they are doing. They must meet the new ways that are developing. They must strive with the white man for their living.

"I say to you and to all the white people through you, give them a chance. Give them the advantage of the same education that the white children get, open the way for them, learn to improve their minds so that they can have the same opportunities. That is the only way my people—the young children growing up—can really be benefited.

"There is a message I would like you to take back to the old land. Tell your friends that when the white man first came to the coast we swore allegiance to the British King; tell them that though they may be loyal in Great Britain they are no more

loyal to our king and empire than are the Indians of British Columbia."

Andrew Paul must have made a lasting impression upon those scholars who represented the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Turning aside from their discussion of flora and fauna, Anthropology, ethnology, physics, chemistry, geology, forestry and other sciences, here they were brought face to face with a real human problem. And if they could find no solution for the problem which Andrew Paul had presented to them what is there really in the advancement of science? They must have reasoned, for if, as science advances, it does not bring greater opportunities to all man-kind it falls far short of the aims of its promoters. Andrew Paul has well spoken, not only for his tribe, not only for his race but for all of the underprivileged and his plea will go echoing down through the ages.

The colored people of the Dominion through the Canadian National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are making a similar plea, are asking the same questions as did Andrew Paul as: "What of the children? What of our race for the future? What does to-morrow hold for them?"

TRUSTING

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Although the fig tree cease to flourish
And no fruit be in the vines:
Though the olive fail to nourish,
And the field yield hardest lines.
The flock cut off from every fold
And no herd left in the stalls,
Still, like good Hababbuk of old
My faith and trust hear slightest calls
The Lord Jehovah is my strength.
I walk with him in places high,
My feet like hinds feet till at length,
I know and feel him always nigh,
My joy still in Jehovah God,
Even while I pass beneath the sod.

MONTREAL NOTES

On Sunday, Oct. 19th at 3 o'clock there was a religious union meeting held at the Saints of Christ Church by the colored ministers of this city. Addresses were given by Rev. Jones, Rev. Adams, Mr. Charles Este, Dr. Clauzell and others.

Mrs. B. Johnson, social worker, spent the past week visiting institutions out of the city: viz.: Sherbrooke Knowlton, etc. in connection with her work.

The christening of Stella Ivy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Des Noyer St., took place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gordon Johnson is still quite ill at his mother's residence.

Mrs. J. C. Welch of the Auxiliary Board and an Executive of the Colored Home (Halifax) is visiting this city.

The Willing Workers of the Union Church will present the drama "Wanted, a Servant," on Thursday evening.

We are looking forward to a great musical treat when Roland Hayes the world famous colored singer will sing at the St. Denis Theatre on Thursday evening.

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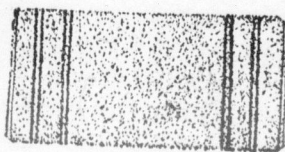
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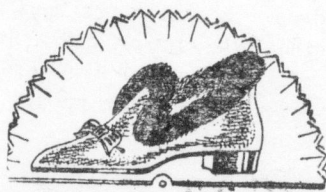
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LONDON NOTES

Hill St. Baptist Church Notes

The Hill St. Baptist Church Rally was a wonderful success. The pastor Rev. E. M. Wood preached two very impressive sermons both morning and evening. Rev. Stewart and choir conducted the services at 3 p.m. Rev. Stewart preached a splendid sermon which was enjoyed by all. We thank the pastor and members for their hearty response. Mr. Andrew Moxley rendered a solo: "Face to Face."

The evening service was impressive. It seemed a shower of blessings never to be forgotten. Three converts were enrolled, Baptising services will be held at the church the first Sunday in November.

B.M.E. Church Notes.

Sunday, Oct. 19th was a great day in Beth-Emanuel. Mr. J. Pack, of Askin St. Methodist Church brought a stirring message to the men and women of our church at 10 a.m. that will no doubt leave a lasting impression in the minds of all who heard him. Two very interesting services were conducted by the pastor in the auditorium of the church morning and evening.

Mrs. A. A. Johnson, of Niagara Falls and Mrs. J. A. Smith and family of Niagara Falls, Ont., enroute to Windsor, attended the morning service and paid a short visit to the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Budd of Clarence St. entertained after Church on Sunday evening. Among those present were the following: Rev. E. M. Wood; Rev. F. O. Stewart; Mrs. F. Stewart; Mrs. S. W. Cromwell; Mr. and Mrs. F. Fountain and Mme. Hunter and M. Chandler.

Mr. John Harris jr. is visiting his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris of Phillip St.

Miss Vivian Knox has been indisposed for a few days during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Norris of Toronto, passed through the city last week en route to Lansing, Mich. They were joined here by their sister, Mrs. Gladys Wilson. While in Lansing they were entertained by many friends. Their father, Mr. Percy Norris motored them to many points of interest among which was a visit to a Klan meeting. On their return they spent a few hours in Port Huron.

Mrs. Frank Budd will hold her Halloween party on Tuesday evening, Nov. 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball and daughter and Mr. Andrew Moxley motored to Detroit last Wednesday to pay a flying visit to Mrs. A. Moxley. From Detroit they motored to Lansing, after being joined by Mrs. Moxley and her sister, Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Annie Vant of Detroit with her infant baby girl are visiting the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harris of Maitland St. Mrs. Vant expects to carry her mother and father home with her for the winter months since both are in ill health.

HAMILTON NOTES

The services at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church were largely attended. Rev. Mr. Townsend preached at both services.

The Black Cat Social given at St. Paul's Church by the Stewardesses Board was a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Green of Chicago was the guest of Mrs. John Pierman, Gore St.

Mr. Wm. Bliel, Miss Dean Berry and Mr. Ross are on the sick list.

The Get Together Club gave a dance at the Victoria Hall last Wednesday evening.

Prof. Mathews of Toronto was in attendance with his orchestra.

Sunday will be Quarterly Meeting at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church. Dr. Henderson will be in attendance.

Mrs. Sault and Mrs. Duncan, of Oakville, Ont. attended the social at St. Paul's, A.M.E. last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duncan is holidaying at Mount Vernon, Ont.

Mrs. Rev. Townsend, the pastor's wife, arrived in the city last Tuesday.

Mount Olive Lodge, No. 1, F and A. M. will give a big Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance on Friday night at Victoria Hall.

The Trustee Aid met at the residence of the President, Mrs. R. A. Hamond, last Tuesday and spent an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Gladys Holland is greatly improved at this writing.

ST. CATHARINES NOTES

Miss Mary Stewart has returned to the city after spending the summer in Lakeview, N.Y.

Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan visited at Niagara Falls, N.Y. last Monday and viewed the new steel arch bridge.

Mr. George Bell had a birthday last week and some of his friends came in by surprise and gave him some switches, a box of candy, and a good time.

Mr. Clarence Harper gave Rev. and Mrs. Logan a pleasant motor trip to Oakville and Toronto on Tuesday.

Miss Adams of Oakville is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster.

A troupe of colored performers at The Griffin Theatre drew large crowds for three nights.

Dr. Rufus R. Hill and Dr. Chas. F. Ferguson of Camden, N.J. and of Orange, N.J., paid a flying visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell, 81 Geneva St. The Misses Edna, Gertrude and Bessie Bell accompanied them to the Falls and report a splendid time.

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HARROW NOTES

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26th. Preaching at 3 and 7 p.m. by the Rev. Clergent, D.D. of the Coptic Church of Abyssinia.

Rev. Clergent will give a lecture on Monday night, the 27th. All are invited to come and hear him.

FORT ERIE NOTES

Mrs. M. Bright has been on the sick list.

Mrs. P. W. Bolden and baby, Edna, were the visitors of Mrs. F. Taylor Mrs. Bolden's sister.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Gooderham of Windsor were in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jeneret and Miss Robertson of Buffalo, N.Y., were visitors of Mrs. L. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and daughter of Buffalo were visitors of Mrs. T. Parker on Sunday.

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mrs. McClure is on the sick list. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and son Norman, of Princeton were Sunday visitors in the city.

Messrs Arthur and Horace Marshall, have returned to Toronto after a visit in the city.

Messrs. Sam Smith, Walter and Fred Smith and Wallace James motored to London on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromweell and family, are visiting, Mrs. Leburtt in Collingwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith spent Thursday evening the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, of Princeton.

Mr. Johnny James of Hamilton is visiting with his parents.

Mrs. Ellen F. Winn of Toronto is visiting with her brother, George Selby, on Ingersoll Road.

Down South

On a certain Sunday morning the pastor noticed a new attendant at the church.

When the meeting was over the preacher made it his business to speak to the newcomer.

"Erastus," he said, "this is the first time I have seen you at church for a long time. I'm mighty glad to see you here."

"I had to come," replied Erastus. "I needs strengthenin'. I'se got a job whitewashin' a chicken coop and buildin' a fence around a watermelon patch."

On hubby's face, dismay.

On wifey's face, just clay.

The air was heavy, the night was hot. He sat on a hornet and up he got.

Why is a mouse like grass? Because the cattle (cat'll) eat it.

A boy in Massachusetts told the teacher that his sister had the measles. The teacher sent him home and told him to stay there until she got better.

After he had skipped joyfully away another boy held up his hand and said: "Teacher, Jimmy Dolan's sister what's got the measles lives in California."

What part of a fish weighs the most?

The scales.

PUCE NOTES

Mrs. M. Walls and Mrs. Effie Woodson are spending a few days at Rome, O., at their friend's Mrs. Moore.

The Puce Baptist Church are preparing for a grand rally the second Sunday in November.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson of Chatham were visiting at Mr. and Mrs. J. Molock en route to Windsor to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Wells on Saturday.

Elmstead lost one of their oldest school girls and comrades in the person of Mrs. Emily Wells. She was born near this place. All are indeed in sympathy with the family. She was the eldest girl of Mr. and Mrs. B. Struthers of Elmstead.

SARNIA NEWS

Mrs. W. Caldwell of Port Huron has been quite ill. She is much improved at this writing however.

The W.M.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Shelby Brooks, 37 Cobden St. There were a goodly number present. There were many visitors from the city and from Port Huron. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and Miss Mae Jackson of Lansing, Mich., who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of this city, has returned to her home. She reports a splendid visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crosby entertained many of their friends last Wednesday evening. There were many visitors from Port Huron. The affair was a very pleasant one.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Gray of Washington, D.C. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crosby, of 429 Nelson St. They expect to remain in Sarnia for a fortnight.

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Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Carpenter, newly appointed pastor to Grant A. M.E. Church, arrived at our city on October 9th. Sunday the 12th, with the church packed, he delivered two inspiring sermons. It being the Harvest Home and Fuel Rally, which was a decided success. An excellent programme was rendered and the sale of fruits and vegetables on Monday evening under the auspices of the Silent Workers Club. Total amount raised \$165.00

Mrs. Emily Taylor underwent an operation at the Orthopedic Hospital and is doing nicely at this writing

Mrs. Bessie Williams, formerly of 129 Peter St. has moved to 559 King St. W., Apt. c.

Red letter day at Grant A.M.E. ch. last Sunday. It being the first quarterly meeting for this conference year. Dr. T. H. Henderson, P.T. delivered a soul inspiring sermon at 11 a.m. and conducted love feast Rev. Carpenter spoke at 3 and 7 p.m. Two joined the church. There was a large attendance at each service.

Mr. O. J. Marshall of Verdun, Montreal was in the city on Saturday and reports a good time. While on his trip in New York and other cities in the east.

Miss Edna Johnson of Oakville, rendered a solo at the A.M.E. Church on Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Carpenter of Grant A.M.E. Church have taken up residence at 334 Dundas St. W.

Mrs. Ethel Jackson and Miss M. Mallard left last week for Buffalo, N.Y., for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. M. Bonner left the city for Montreal on important business. Don't forget the Annual dinner at Grant A.M.E. Church Nov. 27th, American Thanksgiving Day.

OWEN SOUND NOTES

The Cottage Meetings are away to a good start. Last Wednesday a good number attended at Mr. Wm. H. Harrison's

The need of the church of to-day is real prayer and we are seeking to get closer to God. These meetings will be every second Wednesday.

Harvest service was observed Sunday and all was in keeping, ideal autumn weather and the church beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables, oats sheaves, and flowers. The display which bespoke of the abundant harvest all around.

In the morning the pastor spoke on "Vision", using Mat. 5: 8, as a text. In the evening Rev. Richardson portrayed God in nature and showed him to be a God of provision as well as a God of love. His text was Ex. 34: 21-22. An excellent congregation was in attendance.

On Monday a short programme was rendered after which the collection of gifts were disposed. Credit is due Mr. J. Smith for the energetic way in which he got behind the effort. Also others who made it a success.



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CHATHAM NOTES

A fish and French fried potatoe supper was held in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21st.

Harvest Home was held in the B. M.E. Church on Sunday the 19th by Rev. J. C. Richards.

Harvest Home was held in the 1st Baptist Church on the 12th at 3.30. Rev. Seay preached an excellent sermon. The services were well attended and the displays were splendid. the collections were very gratifying.

A very quiet wedding took place, of Miss Cora Williams, daughter of Mrs. J. Williams, to Mr. Jack Taylor, on Tuesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Jefferson.

A very successful cooking sale was held in the basement of B.M.E. church on Saturday by the Pollyana Club in which Miss Lena Lynn is the head. They report that they will have another one soon.

Mr. Lewis Pryor of Detroit, spent the week end with his family.

A shower was held for the bride elect, Miss Lily Richardson on Monday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. Harrison.

Miss Dolly Scott of Fletcher is a guest of Miss Anna Taylor of this city.

OAKVILLE NOTES

The first quarterly meeting of this conference year was observed at Turner Chapel on Sunday, Oct. 12th. Dr. Hendeson preached two soul stirring sermons at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rev. Wm. J. Townsend, accompanied by his choir and others motored down from Hamilton for the 3 o'clock service at which time Rev. M. Townsend distinguished himself as a gospel preacher, with his choir rendering the music which was heartily enjoyed by all, the services throughout the day were highly spiritual and a success in every way.

The Quarterly Conference was held on Monday evening, showing the church well organized for the year and all auxiliaries having splendid reports, showing the working conditions of the church.

Whilst in Oakville Rev. Dr. Henderson was the welcome guest of Rev. and Mrs. Nelson and every moment of the time was pleasantly spent.

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson have a lovely Gray-Dort car, which we are glad to know he can drive himself and with friends spend many a pleasant afternoon motoring.

The Junior Choir sang lovely music last Sunday under the leadership of Mrs. A. Duncan and Mrs. V. Saulte.

Mrs. Lillie Budd is quite ill at this writing and we hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Hattie Bennett and Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, who were ill at the last writing are both able to be out again.

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