

and of working especially to the conditions of colored children.

Organization.
The organization of the Commission is very simple. There is a South-wide commission membership of nearly a hundred men and women, colored. In each of the states there is a state committee constituted. Finally in communities, there are committees made up in the same way of these groups is entire, but close relations maintained between them and communication through the latter's

present time, (1929), the staff consists of the director, educational director, women's work and four assistants. The field staff consists of seven state or regional workers of whom are colored. For which the Commission is responsible are Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri. The magnitude of the work would readily justify a much larger, were funds available on a larger scale. The officers of the Commission are: Chairman, Dr. J. H. King of Atlanta; Director, Dr. W. W. Alexander.

Effort has been made to organize the Commission on a "movement," and away from an organization. For none of the groups have adopted a creed or confession set any final standards or philosophy of the movement, but simply that of "seeking to solve the problem," but simply that the next practicable step in the direction of interracial justice and

Does the Commission attempt to do anything to any state or community ought to do with local problems. It does not, but the leaders of the movement ought to have intelligence enough to seek right solutions. It is necessary to supply skilled assistance and the necessary machinery in finding out the facts of any remedial program which the community may agree upon

It is not to be understood from the above that the race problem has been solved. There are still vast areas of ignorance that have scarcely been touched, vast realms of injustice that have proved impregnable. It is the confidence and support of the South's intelligent leadership that has been secured in a surprising way. The mass mind is still uneducated except by indirect means. The beginning has been made, but it is a hopeful one. Not a single man accomplished; vast areas lie just ahead, inviting the patient, persistent method has been demonstrated; a road has been shown, if patiently followed, will lead us out.

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ABYSSINIA HAS ONE OF OLDEST CHURCHES

Abyssinia—The church of Abyssinia known as the Abyssinian Christian Church, the civilized world's second oldest Christianity, which was established by this one of the only existing Negro Monarchies, although 1500 years old remains today almost the same as it was the day it was organized. For years the Ethiopians have sought to break the successors to Frumentius, an Egyptian, appointed bishop about 330 A.D. But always the same authority appoints the Bishop or Abuna and always a foreigner has been named. Only recently a new head was sent out by the patriarch of Alexandria and he was an Egyptian. The Christian Church of Abyssinia is a strange mixture of doctrines derived from pagans and Jews as well as Christians. In fact, before the coming of Frumentius the Ethiopians were generally practicing Jewish rites. There was a considerable mixture of Jews and Jewish blood among them and one of the outstanding claims of the royal family is that its members are descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

Though the Abyssinian Church generally agrees with the Coptic Church in ritual, yet it has many practices of its own. They have a literary language, the Geez, which is used in all services though scarcely understood. Like the Jews they strictly forbid all graven images, but their fasts are longer and more severe than those of Roman Catholics, while confession and absolution are strictly enforced. This gives great power to the priests who have high standing in their communities. These priests must marry, but only once. Another peculiarity of the church is the encouragement of pilgrimages to Jerusalem as a religious duty and as a means of acquiring forgiveness of sins.

The Jesuits, through Portugal's influence and aid against the Moslems, got control of the church about 1500 A.D. Finally the king made formal submission to the Pope in 1604, but the people at once rebelled and slew the king. Then then made war on the Jesuits, and all of them were expelled by 1633, when allegiance to the Patriarch of Alexandria was resumed.

The Abuna of Addis Ababa, the capital, is an important personage. Under him are all the bishops and priests, who receive their ordination from him. He officiates at all the great public religious ceremonies, including the crowning of the kings and queens of the country.

But he does not hold the purse



FRED E. EBITO, ESQ., son of the late chief of the Eastern Province of Nigeria. Mr. Ebitto represented Africa in the recent important Yarmouth Conference held in England.

strings of the church. That is done by the second church officer in importance, the Etchequie, who the Abyssinians always select from their own number. Since more than a quarter of the land belongs to the church and must be administered by church officials, and its revenues collected and managed by the church, it can be seen that the church business administration is very important—and so is the Etchequie.

Abyssinia, in northeast Africa, has long maintained its political independence as well as the independence of its ancient church. In fact, it is the only independent country in Africa.

"Negroes Protest" Is Title Of Essay

New York, Nov. 22—"Negroes Protest" is the title of an illustrated article in the September issue of the "Magazine For All," published in Berlin Germany.

The article details brutalities inflicted on Negro workers in various

WM. WELLS BROWN "RACE SUPERIORITY IS A SILLY IDEA"

(By Fred Landon)

The name of William Wells Brown ought to be better known to the colored race than it is at present and it is interesting to note that in the recently issued volume 3 of the Dictionary of American Biography nearly a full page is given up to a sketch of this man of color.

Negro reformer and historian, William Wells Brown was born in Lexington, Ky., about 1816. When but a youth he was taken to St. Louis and hired out on a steamboat. Next he was employed in the print shop of Elijah P. Lovejoy, then editor of the St. Louis Times. Working in this capacity Brown got his start in education; but he was hired out again on a steamboat at the close of the next year, being still a slave.

In 1834 he escaped into Ohio, intending to cross Lake Erie into Canada. On the way he was sheltered by a Quaker, Wells Brown, whose name he assumed in addition to the name William which he had borne as a slave. He now took up steamboating on Lake Erie and obtained the position of steward in which he was able to aid many a fugitive in getting to Canada. In the year of his escape he married a free colored woman by whom he had two daughters. Profiting by school instruction and by held from some friends he acquired considerable knowledge of the fundamentals. In the North he soon learned to speak so fluently that he could easily present the claims of the Negro for freedom. During 1843-48 he was variously employed as a lecturer by Anti-Slavery Societies and was also interested in temperance, woman's suffrage and prison reform and was associated with such ardent abolitionists as Garrison and Wendell Phillips.

In 1849 he visited England and represented the American Peace Society at the Peace Congress in Paris. He was welcomed by such famous Europeans as Victor Hugo, George Thompson and Richard Cobden. He remained abroad until 1854. During the years of his activity as a reformer he found time also to study medicine but his reputation, outside of his re-

parts of Africa and tells of their protest, as well as the protest of American Negroes against injustices here.

One of the illustrations is a picture of William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who tells not only about disfranchisement and other disabilities of Negroes here but about their progress in literature and the arts.

New York, Nov. 22—"No sillier idea has even been presented to the ignorance, cruelty and selfish pride of men than the idea of white or Nordic supremacy," declared Dr. John Haynes Holmes in his last Sunday's sermon in the Community Church.

Dr. Holmes, who is a Vice-President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People gave his service over to discussion of the American race problem, with Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune as the other speaker.

"Our troubles all spring from the fact, not that the Negro is black," declared Dr. Holmes, "or even different, but that we have always known him in this country as a member of a subdued, conquered and enslaved race. We therefore feel that we must keep him down, so that we, the whites may step up. The problem is not racial at all, but social.

"There is no such thing as an instinct of race prejudice. No man was ever born with any prejudice or aversion for any member of the human family. Children know nothing about this hideous thing. Race prejudice, so-called, is a matter of education, environmental influence, social custom, and tradition. We could get rid of this thing in a generation if we would only let our children grow up unspoiled by the vile prejudices that poison our lives.

"Finally, no man who practices his religion has any race problem in his life. Nor would America have any race problem if it took seriously its religion of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

form activities, is chiefly as an historian, his writings covering various fields. His own life and experiences he wrote in 1847 under the title "Narrative of William W. Brown, a Fugitive Slave. In 1852 he published "Three Years in Europe" and in 1853 "Clotel, or the President's Daughter, a Narrative of Slave Life in the United States." He wrote two plays, "The Dough Face" and "The Escape" and in 1863 published his first history, entitled, "The Black Man, His Antecedents, His Genius and His Achievements." This book went through ten editions in three years. "The Negro in the American Rebellion, His Heroism and His Fidelity" also made a favorable impression and supplied the need for an account of the part

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THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN BROWN AT HARPER'S FERRY

This year marks the 70th anniversary of John Brown's attack on Harper's Ferry, Va., and his subsequent death on the scaffold at Charleston, Va. on December 2nd, of 1859. There are few more controversial figures in American history, and there are few biographies of more striking interest than that of old "Ossawatimie".

In the seventy years that have passed since his day there have been a host of attempts to tell his life and appraise his character. He is still more of less of an enigma and yet in some manner he has become a sort of world figure of interest and the song that bears his name is known the world over. Though seventy years have passed, the soul of John Brown "goes marching on" because the soul of John Brown is the human love of freedom.

THE RECENT UPRISING

IN AFRICA

Certainly those of us who have followed the trend of events in Africa for the past decade and more are not surprised at the recent native uprising. For a long period of time the government has confiscated the natives' lands and has pushed them further into the jungles. By a method of forced labor the natives have been compelled to work the mines, build roads, clear forests and do other public work for a wage which is more than ridiculous. The most laborious work was assigned to the natives. But in spite of all these handicaps they proved that they had both the ambition and the ability to do skilled labor. Such an aptitude did they show that the white European mechanics were in danger of being replaced by the natives. This was checked by the "Color Bar Bill," one of the most reprehensible, despicable and dangerous pieces of legislation ever enacted in any country. Each one of these grievances is within itself sufficient to cause resentment and unrest; but the last general election brought about the climax. It is recalled here that the sole political issue on which the election was fought and won was the question of the natives' rights. Whether the natives should be treated as men and as citizens with the franchise further extended among them or whether their present franchise should be restricted and their present status be reduced even more nearly to that of abject slavery. Gen. Hertzog won with the latter issue as the basis of his platform.

The Dawn of Tomorrow has opposed, most bitterly, each of the aforementioned methods of dealing with the African native people. We op-

posed it on the grounds of common sense as well as on the grounds of common humanity and brotherhood. We have warned that it is foolish to assume that a very small minority can ever rule an overwhelming majority through unjust laws, and by bullying and cajoling, and that such methods would breed mistrust, suspicion, dissatisfaction and contempt in the minds of the natives. Our warning went unheeded. We expected it to be so.

We have noticed with great interest statements of the astute Minister of Justice upon the recent uprising. He would now have made more stringent laws to deal with future uprisings in order to avert "reprisals and lynchings." "Truly a Daniel has come to judgment!" Any person anywhere within the Empire, holding the portfolio of Minister of Justice, who is so indiscreet as to even suggest a possible lynching, should be impeached. There are hundreds of millions of black and other dark people within the Empire. The minister's suggestion of the institution of lynching is being freely discussed among them at this very hour. His remarks have not allayed the ill feelings of these darker people but rather his statement has made the situation more tense and more fraught with danger.

We notice that the native chieftains the native union heads, the native leaders and native college bred men come in for their share of the blame in the recent uprising. And why should it be otherwise? These men have been and are being taught to think in terms of good for their own people. Africa is no longer an isolated country nor does the native live to himself. Their boys are sent to the best colleges which the world affords. They invariably return to their native country to teach and to lead their people. It is more than plain that the recent uprising in Africa (and especially so since it seems a general one) is but the inevitable march of civilization which neither the Minister of Justice nor all of S. Africa can permanently impede.

China, in the midst of her internal troubles, is ruling against extra-territorial rights. Japan is determined that her race shall not be saddled with the "inferior complex," India is clamouring for self government, the native African is fighting hard to retain a small portion of his native land and to escape the status of a slave in the parts which have been taken from him. One writer has suggested that should the Europeans leave Africa it would only be a short time thereafter when the natives would exterminate themselves thru' inter-tribal wars. We have serious doubts of this assertion. It would take thousands of years of inter-tribal wars to blot out as many lives as the story told by the mute testimony of the myriads of skeletons which lay along the route of the slave traders. But the fact is that the European has no intention of leaving Africa. Africa yields too abundantly to the coffers of the mother country. Africa is needed as a dumping ground for her countless indolent, shiftless sons. So the problem is therefore to devise laws under which both races shall live together in peace and in harmony. Such laws must neither be retaliatory nor vindictive but they must apply with justice alike to both races.

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James Donnelly, 308 Cromwell St., Manufacturer.
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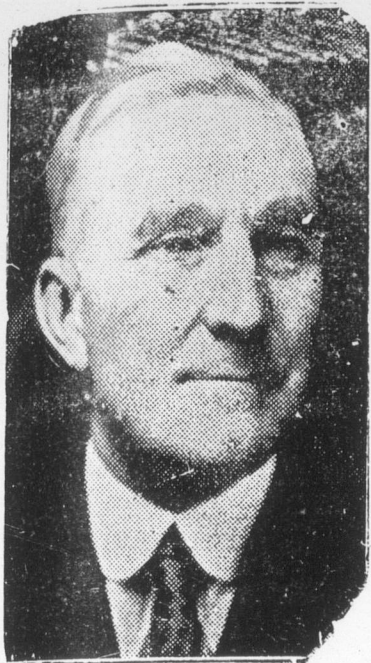
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The B.M. Church is moving along quite well under the leadership of its new pastor, the Rev. Gow. He is at present at Collingwood looking after the work there. Our churches both in Collingwood and at home are numerically weak owing to the fact that so many of our people have been forced to move away because of scarcity of work. The factories and other shops rarely hire any of our men. We are glad to report however that the majority of our city's colored population own their homes. This speaks well for them.

Harvest Home service was observed on the 13th of the present month. Both morning and evening services were largely attended. On the following Monday evening there was a sale of the harvest home offering in the church annex.

On Monday, October 21st, Miss Ida Patterson held a social at her home for the benefit of the Young People's Upward League. Miss Patterson is president and Rev. Gow is sponsor of the new movement. We wish this much-needed new venture success.

The Armistice Supper held under the auspices of the Stewardess Society, was a great success, financially and otherwise. Mrs. H. Harrison, convenor, who worked hard to make the affair a success, wishes to thank all who assisted in any way. The proceeds were more than \$40.

Pator Gow delivered powerful sermons on Thanksgiving Sunday. His theme was giving thanks to God for his endless blessings. The services were well attended.

Nov. 17 was Missionary Sunday owing to the absence of the pastor Mr. L. Greer, a Missionary to Africa, spoke to us. He spoke of the many excellent qualities of the African native and of his desire for real Christianity. He also urged us to assist Africa in whatever way we are able. His talk was most interesting.

Due to an accident to her ankle, Mrs. C. Johnson has been confined to her home for the past few days. We trust shee will son be able to be with us again.

Mr. A. Patterson spent last Sunday in the city with his family and friends. Mr. Patterson is engaged on the grain moving boat operating to and from the Great Lakes Elevator. His friends are pleased to notice that he is looking quite well.

In sad and loving memory of our darling Georgina Douglas who departed this life Nov. 17, 1916. The one we loved is missing. The voice we loved is still, As time flies on we miss he more, God called her home, it was His will, Keep her Masteh, in Thy keeping, Until I reach that blissful share, Then oh Saviour, let me have her And love her as I did before.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poindecker and Mr. Fred Bell visited in Chatham and through to Windsor and Detroit and spent Thanksgiving in Windsor with Mr. and Mrs. Poyer.

The Fourth Annual Banquet of the "Get Acquainted Club" which took the form of a Supper-Dance was given at St. George's Hall, Tuesday evening, October 29th. The hall was tastefully decorated in the Club colors, Orange and Black and made a very charming and pleasing scene. The decoration Committee under the supervision of the President, Mr. Poindecker, are to be congratulated. The members were: Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Poindecker and Mr. Bell.

The music was supplied by Jimmie Hearshorn's Orchestra. Mrs. Anna Brooks as well as Miss Dorothy Moxley, played several numbers during intermission, which were vociferously applauded.

At nine o'clock supper was served by the following committee: Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Coursey, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Moxley, Miss Stanford and Mr. Hunter. Mrs. Richardson was Convener of this Committee and many commendations were heard on every side for the splendid repast served.

Mr. John Lucas and Mr. John Coursey looked after the tickets at the door. Many out of town guests as well as a goodly number of town folk expressed themselves as having had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cronwell and their daughter Vivian recently paid a fine trip to Detroit to visit relatives in that city.

The local branch of the O.L.A.C.P. is holding a benefit supper on the 19th of December at the residence of Mrs. S. W. Cronwell, 41 William Street. The admission is 15c. (for a real good supper). The proceeds of this effort will be used to purchase Xmas cheer baskets for the city's needy.

Mrs. Elma Groat has been confined to her home suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Groat and family paid a fine visit to the city visiting their parents and old friends Sunday last.

Mrs. F. Henderson and her daughter Marie, of Rochester, were the guests of Mrs. Groat during the week end.

On Thanksgiving Sunday evening Mr. Wm. Myers was the speaker at the B.M.E. Church. Although a layman, Mr. Myers delighted his audience with a most brilliant and timely address. His audience was most appreciative.

Miss Florence Drake has been confined to her bed for a few days. It is hoped that she will soon be well again.

Last Sunday was missionary day at the B.M.E. Church. Pastor E. A. Richardson at the evening service delivered a very powerful and impressive sermon upon the great work of missionaries among our own people.



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DEATH OF MRS. C. CHARLES

On the 7th of the present month Mrs. Crissie Charles died at Parkwood Home, this city. Mrs. Charles had been a patient sufferer for a long period of time. She was one of the city's oldest and most highly respected citizens by all classes. She was, during her entire sojourn in Canada, a devout Christian. She was one of the pillars of the Colored Baptist Church. The funeral was held in the B.M.E. Church, the service being conducted by Rev. James Gibson who was her spiritual adviser until her death. He was assisted by Rev. E. A. Richardson, Lt. Col. J. W. Cole and his entire family who were her closest friends for many years, attended the funeral, and in a manner filled the vacant places of distant relatives who found it impossible to journey from Virginia and be present. Many more of her white friends attended the funeral. The body was interred beside that of her late husband at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The colored people of London wish to thank Lt. Col. Cole and family, the officials and nurses at the Parkwood Home and other white friends for the many kindnesses and favors shown to Mrs. Charles in her long and tedious illness.

Miss Rosetta, financial agent of the B.M.E. Conference is in the city in connection with her duties here.

Rev. H. D. Wright, superintendent of the B.M.E. Conference, paid his annual visit to the church here last Sunday. While only a few attended morning service the evening service was well attended. Rev. Wright gave the congregation one of his usual very good sermons. In connection with his visit a colonial tea was held in the B.M.E. parsonage the following Monday. The affair was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Timbers and family of N. Buxton were recent visitors to the city. They were the guests of Mrs. A. Drake.

AFRICAN CULTURE BEING STUDIED AT HOWARD U.

WASHINGTON, Nov.—The culture of the African is being studied at Howard University. Leo N. Hansberry, who is engaged in graduate work in the study of anthropology at Harvard, has prepared special text books on the subject for students in the course.

Among the eminent scientists who have been engaged to assist in the work of the course are Dr. Ernest A. Hooten, associate Professor of anthropology at Harvard and Herbert W. Krieger, curator of Anthropology at the United States National Museum.

Particular interest in the study has been expressed by the Bulgarian Minister.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(A.N.P.)—Congratulations are being poured into the ears of Leon Rene, leader of Rene's Southern Syncopators for their distinction in being selected to play at the El Patio Ballroom in Hollywood beginning Hallowe'en night. The ballroom is the largest and finest in the city.

UNREST GRIPS SOUTH AFRICA; DRIVE NATIVES

Capetown, South Africa—Severe action has been taken by government authorities here to put down uprisings among the colored population which have threatened to grow to serious proportions. The natives are said to be acting under the direction of the Third International at Moscow, a Russian Red body. The most dangerous trouble was brought about by the refusal of the residents to pay their poll tax.

More than 500 Europeans and 200 native police, armed with rifles, machine guns, revolvers and tear gas bombs spread consternation among the natives. It is said that arrested natives seemed to regard the whole business as a huge joke. The prisoners were marched through the densely crowded streets. More than 500 were arrested and more than 8,000 marched.

The public here has become increasingly nervous and uneasy in consequence of vague but persistent rumors of coming disorders. People have rushed to buy revolvers in the expectation of needing them for defense.

Police made a second raid in the centre of the town similar to the first when armed with tear gas bombs they rounded up about 6,000 natives and arrested about 600 of them for evasion of a poll tax due last March. These demonstrations in force on the part of the authorities are making whites and natives alike ask anxiously what is behind it all.

Meanwhile the police action has not succeeded in collecting the poll taxes or in stopping the boycott of municipal beer halls by the natives. Numbers of the Negroes have openly declared their readiness to accept sentence to a month in jail rather than pay the required taxes.

In connection with the raids there have been few instances of minor assaults, but none of the encounters have ended fatally since last June when a white man and two natives were killed.

SECRETARY MELLON DISCLAIMS USE OF WORD "DARKEY"

New York—Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, has written to Walter White, Acting Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., disclaiming use of the word "darkey" attributed to him in a newspaper dispatch. In his letter Secretary Mellon writes:

"I have your telegram of November 16th making inquiry as to whether I am correctly quoted in the press in using the term 'an old darkey' in an anecdote which I related to some newspaper men a few days ago.

"The story is one which is often told of a Pullman porter and, as I remember it, I used the term 'colored man' or 'pullman porter.' I would not, of course, wish to offend the feelings of any one by using a term offensive to him."

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Need we ask the reason why?
We are told by coming winter
That thine end is drawing nigh.

Soon beside thy cot, at gloaming,
We shall tender vigil keep;
And, with all who love thee dearly,
Tears of fond regret we'll weep;
For in silence, born of sadness,
We shall note thy fleeting breath,
While upon thy brow are falling
Dewdrops from the hand of Death.

Fairest of our well-loved seasons,
Must thou yield thy vital breath,
And unquicken sleep for ever
In the cold embrace of Death?
Nay, the God of Nature liveth!
He'll mark well thy lowly bed,
And again He'll crown thee Fairest,
When He calls thee from the dead.

—MACK

November 20th, 1929.

TORONTO

The annual Union Thanksgiving Service was held on Nov. 11th in the Grant A.M.E. Church, Soho St. Rev. T. H. Jackson was the speaker.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. T. H. Jackson and Mrs. C. Sharp.

We are all glad to see Mrs. Nelson out again after her illness.

Miss L. Winn wishes to thank the many friends for their generous contributions of fruit and flowers while she was ill in the hospital.

Mrs. Charles Winn and son are visiting in New York.

OAKVILLE.

The A.M.E. Church celebrated its 44th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 10th with appropriate services. The preachers were the pastor in the morning and the Rev. W. B. Gaswell in the evening.

Rev. Perry took part in the Armistice Day service which was held in the theatre on the afternoon of November 10th.

At a meeting of the Town Council held last Monday evening in the town hall, on application of our pastor, the taxes on the parsonage were cut in two, which makes it more convenient for the Church.

DEATH OF MRS. BENNETT

On Monday evening, Nov. 11th, the people of Oakville were shocked in knowing of the sudden death of Mrs. Hattie Bennett at her beautiful home on Macdonald Ave. Mrs. Bennett was just about to get ready to make a call when suddenly the end came. The late Mrs. Bennett has been an ideal Christian woman, an active worker in the A.M.E. Church; a member of the Stewardess Board, the Willing Workers' Society and of the Missionary Society. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Perry who paid a very glowing tribute to her Christian worth and character in the words, "She hath done what she could."

Revs. Stewart and MacNeil of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, Hamilton and the University Ave. Baptist Church, Toronto, also assisted and spoke of the loss sustained in the passing of the deceased. A husband, four daughters and one son survive.

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EDITORIAL

HAS LONDON (ENGLAND) SOLD HER SOUL?

Judging from the extent to which London (England) is catering to American color prejudice for the sake of gaining a few dollars from the American tourist, one is led to ask the question: "Has London sold her soul for a mess of pottage?" Has she sacrificed her high principle of right and justice for the sake of gaining a few more American dollars? Facts have recently transpired which prove that the Robert Abbott case is not an isolated one but is directly in line with the newly established hotel and restaurant policy in London. Mr. Abbott was requested to leave two London hotels and was refused by thirty others. Not only this, but, as Mr. Abbott says: "On our return home on Oct. 12 on the Aquitania we were forced in the grille room against our wish, where we were deprived of any and all music and other entertainment, although we were first-class passengers." And this is not all. Recently Paul Robeson, noted singer and actor, was refused admittance to a restaurant at which an entertainment had been arranged in his honor. It is also recalled that a delegation of natives from S. Africa to the Young Men's Christian Association were forced to walk the streets all night because no hotel would admit them. Recently a party of doctors suitably dressed and behaving with decorum, were requested to leave the Locarno Dance Hall at Strestham, with the explanation that their color was objectionable. Included in the party were a post-graduate of the London School of Tropical Medicine, a member of the Middle Temple, a solicitor of the supreme court of Grenada, B. W.I.—all proud of being subjects of the British Empire. A member of the Legislative Assembly of India states that he knows of several instances of Indians being refused accommodation in London on the grounds that they were non-white. He further states that this exclusion, based on the grounds of superiority, is creating a great deal of bitterness, and that he would not undertake to say what shape ultimately this bitterness would take.

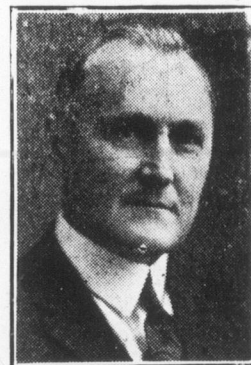
There are no justifiable grounds on which these hotels and restaurants in London can base their claim in the treatment of these men of color. Each incident has weakened the belief of the darker races in the sincerity of the Englishman's claims for fair play and British Justice. Not even a dog will retain love and respect for his master who begins to kick and mistreat him whenever an occasion offers itself. Not even the excuse of seeking "social equality can be offered here. Were the native delegates to the Y.M.C.A. seeking social equality when they sought to secure a night's lodging? Were Mr. and Mrs. Abbott trying to "mix it" when they arrived perfect strangers in London and were forced to apply to more than three-scores of hotels before they finally secured accommodation? Were the Indians seeking it, fresh from Bombay and now for the first time in London? Was Paul Robeson seeking social equality when he attempted to enter a restaurant at which he was to be honored by friends? It seems

that others were seeking equality with Robeson.

It is understood that the question of the color bar in hotels, restaurants and on steamboats will be raised in the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment. The House will do well to give this question serious consideration, for within an Empire of 400,094,000 people, the darker portion is too great in number and perhaps too cumbersome to be lightly considered. Ramsay Macdonald's earnest efforts for peace on earth will count for naught so long as there is a seething fermenting unrest within the Empire.

Wm. Wells Brown

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played by Negroes in the Civil War. The last work of importance which he wrote was "The Rising Sun, or the Antecedents and the Advancement of the Colored Race" (1874). In this book he undertook to trace the history of the Negro from Africa to America. For many years he was the chief authority in America on the history of his race. He died at Chelsea, Mass., on Nov. 6th, 1884.



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