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## THE JOHN BROWN RAID

(By Fred. Landon)

(Continued from former issue)

Briefly he proposed to gather about him a small band of trusty followers, occupy some remote fastness in the Virginia Mountains, and from there make raids upon slavery areas, seizing the slaves and adding them to his band. He was convinced that within a short time he would make slaveholding so precarious and unprofitable that he would have the South on its knees. He expected aid both from the free Negroes in the Northern States and from the refugees in Canada who, at that time, numbered about 40,000. So confident was he of success that already there had matured in his mind a plan of provisional government for the forces he would command and for the territory he would occupy. The eastern friends to whom he communicated his plan were astounded and appear to have made effort to dissuade him from carrying it out, but Brown was determined to go ahead. Feeling that they must not desert him a fund of \$1000 was raised and the understanding was that Brown would act as soon as possible in order to lessen the chances of the authorities hearing of it. Accordingly Brown proceeded to Canada and to Chatham there came in the second week of May, at Brown's quiet invitation, a company of 46 men, of whom but twelve were white. For two days they deliberated over the plans, the full import of which probably few other than Brown himself really appreciated. The constitution for the provisional government was considered and adopted, officers were elected, and then the party scattered. Chatham had been chosen as the place of meeting because of the fact that it was one of the most important Negro centers in Canada; indeed, a majority of the 40,000 or more Negroes in Canada at the time were located within a radius of fifty miles. Among the refugees were many men of intelligence, education and daring, some of them already experienced in slave-raiding, and Brown was justified in expecting their active assistance. There were also secret organizations among the refugees which had as their object to assist fugitives and resist their masters.

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## Questions And Answers Column

(By the Associated Negro Press)

It seems to me that I have read somewhere that Helen of Troy was a brown skinned woman. Can you tell me if she has been described anywhere as such and if it is true?

—L. M. S., Los Angeles

As far as I know the ancients have left us no description of Helen. A modern writer, Letitia Barbault, has described her as brown in her work entitled "Two Royal Mistresses." However, she was undoubtedly brown skinned. She was born at Argos in Greece, a city founded by Africans and ruled by Negro dynasties. Various mural decorations recovered show the Argives to have been brown skinned.

I have read a great deal about King Tut's tomb, but have never read anything as to his color. What was it?

E. B. Marion, Ohio.

No description of King Tut was ever printed because the English government prohibited it. The two panels with Tut's portraits which were recovered show him to have been the color of soft coal.

Please tell me who Antar was? I have not been able to find out much about him.

—G. D., Chicago

Antar was the hero of the greatest epic of Arabia. In this great poem he is described as "Black and swarthy as an elephant." You may find an account of Antar in The Universal Anthology at your public library.

Where was the city of Cecrops, the Ethiopian builder?—E. A., Kansas C.

Among the ancients the city of Athens in Greece was known as the City of Cecrops. It's citadel was said to have been built by Cecrops, an Ethiopian.

Did any Negroes ever rule Rome?

—B. R., Denver, Col.

The early Romans were Hamites or Negroes, or as Reinisch has called them, "Mulattoes." Perhaps your question applies to more recent times and during the empire and, if so, I reply by saying that Rome had two Negro emperors, Septimus Severus and his son, Caracalla, the builder of the famous baths. The father was an African by birth and very dark.



C. ANDREW JOHNSON, Baritone—Gold Medallist and winner of the \$75 Scholarship at the Musical Competition C.N.E., 1924.

## PRINCE IS A SWELL TIPPER

New York City, Oct.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—If the Prince of Wales is to be taken as any sort of example, the English know something about the practice of tipping. When he got ready to leave the Burden estate on Long Island recently, he shook hands with two colored servants, Alonzo and Robert Hall and left \$100 in the hand of one and \$40 in the hand of the other. Robert drove the Prince on many of his trips from the Long Island estate. Alonzo just happened to be visiting around the place.

## Toronto Lady Dies

The death angel called on Sunday at 12.30 o'clock, and very suddenly indeed: for on Friday the late Mrs. Puller was about as usual until mid-day, when she became ill and was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where all that human aid could do was done for her but without avail. She was born in Toronto on Sept. 23rd, 1901. She was the fourth daughter of the late Mr. Steven Shanks and Mrs. Shanks. Besides her husband and two day old daughter she leaves her mother, one sister and five brothers, and a host of friends who will mourn for her sunny disposition and the smile that we shall see no more.

## AMERICANS TOLD TO KEEP RACIAL TRAITS

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, who is chairman of the East Africa Education Commission of the Phelps-Stokes Fund of America, in addressing the native students of the South African Native College, and at Lovedale, told them that the advantages they enjoyed in these great institutes "only increased the obligations they owed to the great masses of uneducated people in Africa."

Using the late Dr. Booker T. Washington's famous simile, Dr. Jones declared that, in some respects, the white and black were as one as the palm of the hand, but in other respects as different as the fingers. For developing Africa, declared Dr. Jones, co-operation was needed of the four chief factors—the missionaries, the economic group (settlers and traders), the Government, and the native people themselves.

Dr. Jones speaks in the highest terms with regards to the commercial classes he has seen in West Africa, and paid a high tribute to the Christian character of a number of the Government officials whom he had met. The natives were told by Dr. Jones that they should take pride in the fact that they were native Africans and should not be eager to sacrifice their racial identity. "Civilization," said Dr. Jones, "is the sum of the achievements of many peoples, and it is certain the African peoples had contributions to make, but history showed that no people had become great without the help of other peoples."

It is inevitable that South Africa is to be a great determinant in the history of the Continent, and in the affairs of the world, and the present anxiety regarding the relationships between the races was intelligible, because no satisfactory basis for adjustment had been formed. Entire separation or entire amalgamation is impossible, "But," continued Dr. Jones, "there are elements of difference and of identity which could be usefully followed up. Differences should be based on mutual respect. All that was good in native life and character should be encouraged."

The students of the Native College were congratulated upon the development of their educational institutions, pressing on them the claims of their less favored brethren in other places.

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## Editorial

### THE ETHIOPIAN CHURCH.

In the Dearborn Independent of October 4th, appears an article by Thos. C. Taylor, on "Black Africa Unified by Strange Forces" Referred to is the Ethiopian Church and the power it is drawing unto itself by uniting all of black Africa. The article reads in part: "Of the many movements of political and social importance which are claiming attention at the present time, one of the most interesting has been accorded somewhat less notice than its position seems to entitle it to. Throughout all the squabbles of Europe's vociferous national groups, and the commotion brought about by the development in Russia of the new and uncompromising imperialism which claims no less than the whole world for the Bolshevik brand of Kutler, a great force bearing upon the future of all Africa has progressed steadily.

"Looking at its record of the past twenty years, one finds in it a force characterized by vigor without aggression. It has not burdened the world with its propaganda. There is no evidence that it has struck at liberty of thought a single blow. It has not cleared a way for itself over the bodies of men slain. Its function has been, not to scatter and burst, but to gather and bind; and it is binding the Negro peoples of Africa to a purpose and a racial consciousness of much moment. It is the Ethiopian Church: Ethiopia for the Ethiopian."

"In its name there is the measure of its aims and the range of its outlook. It uses the title "Ethiopian" in its widest and historic sense. The church is not a growth of the so-called Ethiopia on the border of Abyssinia's ruler; and that is not its field. When imperial Egypt stood among the mighty of the earth, there lay far to the southward, beyond the great S bend of the sacred river a black, unknown and dreaded land—Ethiopia. The imperial emissaries roved its fringes only, taking thence ivory, precious metals and wild men. . . . "Ethiopia" signified all that vast continent of Africa bordering upon and south of the Equator. To the Ethiopian church "Ethiopia" has that meaning still."

Contributing to the success of the Ethiopian Church have been the earnest efforts and sacrifices of all or nearly all of the religious denomina-

tions of the present age. Pioneer missionaries went among the Africans and gave them the rudiments of an education. They established stations, built churches and began to teach and to live out the idea that all men are brethren. But following closely in their wake came the tradesmen and government officials with a different code of ethics. They began to practice caste and discrimination, not only in religious but in secular affairs. Native missionaries who were among the founders of this new faith, men whose lives and purposes were clean, were not considered good enough at death to be entered into the church burial plot. The African with his newly awakened conscience and with the new idea of God and the brotherhood of man sunk deeply into his being was now amazed and much disturbed. However, one thing was plainly evident to him: his new neighbor preached one thing and practiced another. The native was no longer wholly unlettered. He could read and reason and he could make deductions. Something was wrong either with the white man or with his religion.

And all the while, like a latent magnet, the Ethiopian Church lay and drew unto itself the disillusioned, the malcontents—all who had been taught to believe in the brotherhood of man. For it offered a haven where all men could worship God as equals. The Ethiopian Church has spread no propaganda. It has simply lay quiet and grown till to-day it represents the most potent source of strength, the most united body in South Africa. No political party can deny or overlook its strength or its possibilities. It must be reckoned with by those who attempt to shape the destiny of Africa for indeed it represents an overwhelming majority of Africa's population.

We may glean an idea of the unity it is bringing among the native tribes when we recall that even the Malabes and the Mashones, most bitter enemies for centuries, have recently united in war against the whites.

We black folk are proud of the accomplishments of the Ethiopian Church for it has not only shown the black people the power of unity, it has not only preserved self respect among the natives and given shape to that rising tide of energy, but it has also saved countless millions to Christianity, which, under the present order of things—class distinction, racial prejudice—standards set up by white men—would have been swept away by the forces of Mohammedanism or some other movement. For ere long these countless millions must be reckoned with by the powers that be of the world.

### VANCOUVER, B.C., NOTES

Mr. W. L. Smith of Vancouver, B.C. departed this life very quietly on Sept. 27th at 9.15 p.m. in St. Paul's Hospital in his 60th year. He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife, and daughter and mother as well as a host of friends. Mr. Smith has been for more than 20 years a faithful employee of the C.P.R. as a porter and has served well in his work. For years he has been in charge of the Porter's Rest. He will be greatly missed from his position.

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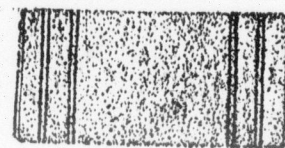
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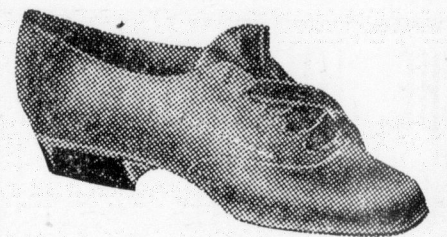
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A very stirring address was given  
 to the men's brotherhood on Sunday  
 morning by Mr. Myers, who used for  
 his subject this title, "Asserting Our  
 Possibilities." The address was full  
 of hope and inspiration, and enjoyed  
 by every brother present. The past-  
 or conducted the 11 o'clock service  
 Sub. "Witnessing for Christ." A  
 large and attentive audience listened  
 to Mr. E. P. Stewart of Toronto at  
 7 p.m., who spoke in the interests of  
 the coming Plebiscite on Oct. 23rd.  
 His address proved very interesting  
 and showed much thought in prepar-  
 ation.

The pastor and choir have been in-  
 vited to conduct the service in the  
 Hill Street Baptist Church next Sun-  
 day, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Louis Groat has been confined  
 to the Victoria Hospital for an indef-  
 inite time.

Rev. F. O. Stewart and Mr. C. H.  
 Brown are attending a business meet-  
 ing in Windsor in the interest of the  
 Church.

Church Aid Social, Oct. 16th,  
 Masque Social Oct. 31st. and Brother-  
 hood programme Oct. 23rd are B.M.  
 E. events for this month.

**Hill St. Baptist Notes**

The Ladies Aid will have a chicken  
 supper on Monday night. Mrs.  
 Slaughter convener. Supper 25cts.

There will be a special rally Sun-  
 day. Rev. F. O. Stewart will preach  
 at 3 p.m. Special music by B.M.E.  
 Choir.

There will be a Hallowe'en party  
 given at the home of Mrs. F. Budd.  
 Everyone is invited to dress in cost-  
 ume. The best representative will  
 receive a prize.

On last Monday evening Mrs. Mary  
 Moxley of Grey Street was agreeably  
 surprised by her husband, five daugh-  
 ters and one son. The occasion was  
 her birthday and early in the even-  
 ing as the lady of the house was  
 scolding Edith for mislaying the curl-  
 ing irons, twenty-five old friends  
 came streaming in. From that time  
 until the early hours of morning the  
 Moxley abode was the scene of much  
 merriment and great joy. Many beau-  
 tiful and useful presents were receiv-  
 ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Jones, Mrs. Jef-  
 fries, Mr. White and Mr. Wesley, of  
 Detroit were week end visitors of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Fred Harris of Trafalgar St.

Little Jimmie Moxley, son of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Arthur Moxley had the mis-  
 fortune to lose a finger of the left  
 hand and to severely injure a second  
 finger. He is doing nicely at Victoria  
 Hospital.

Mrs. Maggie Stewart has returned  
 after an extensive visit with her son  
 in Massachusetts and her brother in  
 New York City.

**HARROW NOTES**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be  
 held on Sunday, October 26th. God  
 willing.

Service at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. All  
 are invited.

**ST. CATHARINES NOTES**

Harvest Home Sunday Services  
 was well attended, short sermon and  
 song service, several taking part.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone of Niag-  
 ara-on-the-lake worshipped with us  
 Sunday.

Through the effort of several wor-  
 kers we have a splendid display of  
 fruit and vegetables for the Harvest  
 Home at the B.M.E. Church.

Miss Fannie Wesley of Niagara-on-  
 the-lake visited our church and par-  
 sonage on Sunday in company with  
 Mrs. C. Cumings, and attended the  
 Sunday School.

Mr. William Hogan has been con-  
 fined to his home through illness but  
 is back to work again.

**BRANTFORD NOTES**

Sunday 12 to 3 was Harvest Home  
 service, a festival which was a grand  
 success.

Miss Georgina Walker, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Geo. Wilson of Toronto were called  
 to the bedside of their mother, Mrs.  
 Chas. Walker, who is very ill.

Rev. Mrs. W. W. Adams left for  
 her home in Birmingham, Ala. to be  
 at the bedside of her mother who is  
 seriously ill. We trust she will be  
 able to return to us soon.

Mrs. Gordon Brown and baby of  
 Toronto are the guests of her mother  
 Mrs. George Selby.

Mrs. E. B. Jeffries expects to re-  
 main with her daughter, Mrs. J. Wil-  
 son for two weeks.

Messrs A. Duncan and J. DeCoursey  
 of Oakville were guests of Rev. and  
 Mrs. J. M. Payne on Sunday, October  
 5th.

Miss A. L. Ross of Windsor paid a  
 flying visit to Miss V. Payne Sunday  
 en route to Toronto where she will  
 resume her second year's studies at  
 McMaster University.

**MONTREAL NOTES**

Pastor Este, in addition to his ch.  
 duties is earnestly pursuing his stu-  
 dies at the Theological College here,  
 with the hope of completing the  
 course next year.

Miss Leona Blackburn of the Bell  
 Telephone Co., has returned from a  
 vacation in New York.

Mrs. Hight is entertaining the W.  
 C.T.U. at the parsonage on Tuesday  
 evening.

The Mite Missionary Society meets  
 Friday evening at the home of Mrs.  
 Mitchell, Corsol St.

Sister Payton (Evangelist), who  
 has been visiting her daughter Mrs.  
 J. Taylor has returned to Boston.

The Household of Ruth, Grand Un-  
 ited Order of Odd Fellows meets Mon-  
 day evening at Liberty Hall.

The Union Sunday School is pre-  
 paring for a Cantata to be held on  
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We are glad to know that Supt.  
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### WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Myres of Toronto spent Sunday eth guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

Mr. Arthur Marshall of Toronto, is visiting with his parents on Drew Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson of Hamilton and Mrs. Henderson spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. Sara Evans spent Sunday in Ingersoll.

Mr. Frank Gardner is visiting in the city.

Mr. Laverne Marshall was in London on Saturday to hear Paul White-man and his orchestra.

### HAMILTON NOTES

The services at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church were largely attended. Rev. Mr. Wm. J. Townsend occupied the pulpit at both services.

Mr. Cornish of St. Catharines, Ont. spent the week end in the city visiting relations.

Mr. J. C. Holland of Hunter St., left for Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Terrelonge motored to Buffalo last Sunday.

The Harvest Festival at St. Paul's Church was well attended and a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hammond, Mrs. J. C. Holland, Miss E. Holland and Mrs. Ed. Duncan motored to Oakville last Sunday.

Rev. Wm. J. Townsend of St. Paul's Church assisted Rev. Nelson of Aakville, Ont. in his Quarterly Meeting Services.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins, Editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow spent a few days in the city on business.

Mr. Sam Allan and Mr. Chas Brown have started a wood and coal yard.

We were glad to see our Ex-Pastor Dr. C. Emery Allen.

Rev. Nelson and Mr. Louis Bennett, of Oakville, Ont., motored to the city last Friday.

Mrs. Wesley Rhodes and Mr. Chas. Ellegood attended the W.C.T.U. convention at St. Catharines.

Mr. Ed. Taylor of Toronto attending to some very important business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Foster and Mrs. P. Younger returned to the city.

Master Raymond Lewis, Master Olliver Holland and Marval Bell were very successful in the school games.

Mrs. May Brown entertained the Young People's Society on Thursday afternoon. A prize was given to the boy and girl collecting most money on penny cards for missionary purposes. Thelma Hamilton received the girl's prize, a silk dress and Oliver Holland, the boy's prize, a pair of ebony brushes. The pastor, Rev. Wm. Townsend, was also present and named the society "The Allan Stars." Lunch was then served after which all departed for their homes and reported a good time.

### PUCE NOTES

The Puce Baptist Church has just concluded a most interesting meeting. Many friends from the surrounding district were present.

We are glad to report that Mr. D. Walls is improving and is able to be around again.

Mary Marion Harris, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harris was blessed at the Puce Baptist Church last Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walls last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Petford of Detroit, Mrs. Schreeves, and daughter of N. Buxton, Rev. and

Mrs. Pennick and Mrs. Robertson, of Dresden and Mrs. Reaf of Detroit.

Mrs. Jas. Wray and Mrs. Clarice Walls were called to Windsor last Monday on account of the death of their uncle, Mr. Edwin Howard. Mr. Howard was once a resident of Elmstead.

Mrs. Walter Scott and children are spending a week's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Grey of Harrow.

Mrs. Brown of Ann Arbor, Mich. and Mrs. Lyons of Windsor were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Molock of Elmstead.

Mrs. Henry Scott has returned from River Rouge, Mich., where she was called by the illness of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Greys, Mr. and Mrs. Pretford, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wallace last Sunday evening.

### OWEN SOUND NOTES

The Sunday morning service was an inspiration to all who attended, being an ideal day, there was a record attendance. Rev. Richardson spoke on "Judgment."

In the evening the Pastor spoke from Isa. 24: 9 "Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it." striking references were made to Nero, Herod, and Belshazzar. Rev. Richardson, the bitterness of Belshazzar's drink was when his Kingdom was divided.

A motor party from Collingwood consisting of Mrs. Sheffield and daughter, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Duval and Mr. N. Sheffield were the guests of Mrs. A. Taylor for the day.

Preparations are being made to make the Harvest Service interesting and inspirational. Don't miss it.

Monday 20th, a short musical programme will precede the sale of the fruits and vegetables.

The next Home Baking Sale of the Mothers' Club will be on Saturday, the 25th, at their store on Tenth St. East.

### OAKVILLE NOTES

Mr. Geo. S. Bennett of Toronto was in town last week to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bennett and while here called on Rev. and Mrs. Nelson.

We are glad to have Miss Ruth Hill, who has been away for the summer, home with us again.

The social given by the Stewardess Board on Wednesday evening was a grand success.

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson motored to Hamilton on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett. All reported a pleasant trip.

Persons having notes for The Dawn will kindly have them in my hands no later than Sunday. Jean Bennett.

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**TORONTO NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morton of Huntsville, Ala. are spending some time in the city the guests of Rev. Jackson.

Master Ray Millman is taking a course at the Technical School.

Mr. Allen of Winnipeg who has been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Ball is confined to the hospital through illness.

Mrs. Maude Reeves of Chicago who has been visiting her sister Mrs. C. Martin, has returned home.

Mr. Hannibal D. Clark left last week for Nashville, Tenn., where he is a final year student in dentistry.

The Harvest Home Services were held last Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with fruit flowers and grain. At the morning service Rev. Ball preached a very able sermon. In the afternoon it was rally day in the Sunday School. In the absence of the Supt., Mr. Chas. Sharp with Rev. Ball in the chair, Miss S. Stamford, the Asst. Supt. carried out a very fine programme. In the evening Rev. S. R. Drake came in quite unexpectedly and preached the sermon.

On Monday evening a social was held in the school room which brought the occasion to a very successful close.

**NEW GLASGOW, N.S. NOTES**

Recent visitors to New Glasgow were: Mrs. Alice Tynes and daughter, Boston; Miss Gladys Paris, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Halifax; Miss Hattie Roberts and Mrs. May Davis, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paris and Mr. Thomas Mills, who went to Boston during last year, have returned home. Mr. Paris met with a very serious accident, which nearly proved fatal, but has recovered.

Death has taken away the following within the last couple of months: Mr. Donald Jordan, Miss Jennie Paris, and Mrs. Andrew Clark.

Rally day last Sunday in the Second Baptist Church was a splendid success. A special program was rendered at the evening service, the children functioning throughout the whole service.

Mr. Chas. Williams, son of Deacon and Mrs. Williams, who has been in Boston for about three years has returned home but unfortunately is not well.

Miss Irene Reddick, who had a very successful year in Weymouth Falls, where she was engaged in teaching, has left and is now in Toronto.

Miss Annie Jewell and Miss Isabel Shepherd are on the teaching staff this year at Tracadie and Windsor Plains respectively.

The organization of the Women's Missionary aid Society took place in the Second Baptist Church last week with the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Mary Lawrence; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Jas. Borden; Sec. Mrs. (Rev) C. Perry; Treas. Mrs. D. Jordan.



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## John Brown Raid

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Help from these societies might also be looked for and John Brown is quoted as stating at the Chatham convention that he expected all the free Negroes in the Northern States to flock to his standard, that he expected the slaves in the South to do the same and he wanted as many of the Canadian refugees to accompany him as could do so. But this seems to be a misunderstanding of Brown's plans. Hinton, his biographer, is nearer the truth when he says that Brown never expected more aid from the Negroes than would give his plan its first impetus. It was not mere numbers that he wanted, but rather quality. A few men thoroughly loyal to his plan could do as much as a rabble of a thousand.

Had it been possible to strike the blow immediately after the Chatham meeting there might have been a different story to tell. Frank B. Sanborn, one of the New England friends, says he understood from Brown that he would strike about the middle of May, 1858. But a treacherous follower revealed the plans to Senator Henry Wilson, the eastern supporters were panic-stricken and the whole scheme had to be postponed. Brown was penniless and dependent upon his New England helpers and so had to submit. He went to Kansas that summer and it was more than a year before he could carry out his plan. With dramatic suddenness there came on Monday morning, October 17th, 1859, the startling news that a body of armed men, some of them Negroes, had seized the government arsenal at Harper's Ferry, taken possession of the town, cut telegraph wires, stopped trains, killed several people and was holding others as hostages. Wild reports spread through the south and east that a slave insurrection had broken out and that the country round about Harper's Ferry was menaced. Later in the day it became known that it was old Ossawatimie Brown, of Kansas fame, who was at the head of the outbreak. He was reported to be holding out, with a few of his followers, in an old fire-engine house which was surrounded by militia and United States troops under command of Col. Robert E. Lee. Finally came word that the outbreak had been suppressed, that Brown was wounded and a prisoner and that most of his followers were dead or captured. The south began to breathe easier.

(To be continued)

### STRATFORD NOTES

Miss Emma Brightwell is away on her vacation.

Mr. C. A. Johnson had charge of the services last Sunday. Not many were in attendance we are sorry to report.

Mrs. Louis Groat and son, Mrs. J. D. Hall and Mr. W. Lyness motored to London last Sunday to visit Mr. Louis Groat who is ill at Victoria Hospital, while in London they were the guests of Mrs. Eliza Groat.

Mr. Charles Wesley of Detroit spent three weeks with his parents of this city.

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The deacon in bewilderment rubbed his heavy eyes and blurted: "Lead yourself, I just dealt."