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PROPOSE UNION FOR THE THREE NEGRO CHURCHES

Open letter to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vernon and Dr. T. H. Henderson of the A.M.E. Church and Rev. S. R. Drake of the B.M.E. Church.

Rev. Sirs:—
The problems that have for years been facing the Colored Churches of Canada are growing daily, and it behooves someone to make suggestions that may be able to solve these problems. Since the consummation of Organic Church Union among the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists (white) the adoption of a similar union among our churches has been receiving its full share of consideration.

Our churches are facing more and more grave and serious problems in carrying on to any amount of success their mission and it's only union of these churches that will be able to solve their problems, and it is up to the representatives to start the ball rolling. The Colored people are either Baptists or Methodists, with few exceptions, but the rank and file are of these persuasions. Because the Baptists stand out for a certain scriptural principle in obedience to the command of God which has been accepted also by Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans, as authentic and which doctrine is being practiced by our Methodist friends, we dare not ask them to dispense with their right and unite with the Methodists except in communities where there are not sufficient people to carry on both Baptist and Methodist churches, and if the Baptists are in the minority, it would be more Christlike for them to unite with the Methodists and no doubt under such circumstances, a Union Church could be advantageously formed.

Now there are two branches of Methodism whose principles and governments are the same only different names; the A.M.E. and the B.M.E., one representing the American people, the other the British. We have learned that in England all the various branches of the Methodist Church are uniting to form one body. The same thing ought to be applied here among the B.M.E. and the A.M.E.

Discover New Race Of Dark People

New York, August 26th—Prof. B. N. Gorodkoff, a Russian explorer who has traversed Western Siberia, reports the discovery of a hitherto unknown Dark Race on the River Poora. The tribe calls itself Neshen, which means "Forest Men". Their language is entirely different from that of any of the other nationalities populating Western Siberia.

These people have dark hair and dark complexion. They have no intercourse with their neighbours and few of them engage in fishing and hunting beyond the borders of their own little country.

The Advantages to be Gained.

1. It would impress our people that we or they, are all aiming for the same place.
2. There would be more unity among the Christians.
3. The third reason is vitally essential. There are not sufficient people in the various communities, especially where there is a Baptist, a B.M.E. and an A.M.E. to give the necessary support to the pastors in such a community, as is required. The poorest paid man today is the Colored preacher. Because of these many Churches, and the impossibility along with the unwillingness and indifference of some against paying a pastor, he suffers and becomes as it were a public charge. Therefore, if there should be a coming together of these two branches of Methodism we could have larger and stronger churches and a better paid ministry. The strength of the ministry in our colored churches is decreasing, especially from an educational standpoint. I am an opponent to men entering the high office, a position that calls for leadership, without some educational qualification or standing. Large churches, or say United Churches, would demand men of ability as leaders.

How Then Could Union Be Achieved?

To bring about a union of the A.M.E. and B.M.E. it should be accepted as a necessity by the representatives, irrespective of party interest. To deal with the constitutional rights and privileges, it would be necessary that both branches be united under the American Episcopacy or the Canadian. The B.M.E. being an incorporated Church and is naturally Canadian, it would not be inappropriate for

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COLORED SINGER WELL RECEIVED IN NEW YORK

By N.A.A.C.P. Press Service.

Marian Anderson, colored contralto, enjoyed a triumph at her appearance with the Philharmonic Orchestra in the City College Stadium on Wednesday night, August 26, having been chosen for this honor from 300 competing singers. F. D. Perkins, critic of the New York Herald Tribune, asserts that the audience was estimated to be the third largest of the entire season of Stadium concerts. Mr. Perkins in his review of the event calls Miss Anderson's "a voice in a hundred thousand" and continues:

"A notable feature in Miss Anderson's singing was its entire naturalness; all that she had to do apparently, was to sing, without any need of apparent effort to fill the Stadium spaces. In high and low notes, there was a full, rich quality that carried far; the singer had no more trouble, it seemed, in singing at the Stadium than in singing at Aeolian Hall, but seemed more at her ease, in smoother voice, than in the Aeolian Hall auditorium.

"A storm of applause followed the Donizetti number, very meritoriously sung, and Miss Anderson sang Woodman Terry's 'The Answer' as an encore. But expressively, she seemed most at home in the three spirituals scheduled for her second appearance: Harry T. Burleigh's 'Deep River' and 'Heav'n' and J. Rosamond Johnson's 'Song of the Heart,' in a performance characterized by what might be called expressive simplicity."

The New York Times reviewer said Miss Anderson made an "excellent impression" and found her "endowed by nature with a voice of unusual compass, color, and dramatic capacity."

Bell Boy to Supervise Production of His Play

New York, August 26—Garland Anderson, the colored bell boy who came here from San Francisco last year to raise money for the production of a play of his own authorship will visit New York again and it is said that this time his play will be produced in a Broadway theatre. Anderson originally came east at the invitation of Al Jolson, and was accordingly the subject of considerable attention.

It is now announced that Anderson has obtained backing in California

LEAGUE BRANCH ESTABLISHED IN ST. CATHARINES

Last Sunday morning J. F. Jenkins, our Executive and Organizing Secretary, left for St. Catharines for the purpose of setting up a branch of the C.L.A.C.P. in that city. On Sunday evening he spoke at the B.M.E. Ch. explaining in a short, but stirring address the aims and objects of the League. Rev. H. F. Logan, pastor, had done much to pave the way for the coming of the organization and for that reason the Secretary had only to emphasize and explain a few cardinal points concerning the movement. The citizens of St. Catharines were eagerly awaiting the coming of the League. On Monday evening a meeting was held in the Church for the purpose of affecting the organization. Rev. Logan acted as chairman and after a most inspiring address on the subject of unity he introduced the speaker, Mr. Jenkins. In view of the fact that it was an extremely warm evening, Mr. Jenkins boiled his address down to essentials only; however his short address was received with very hearty applause. Nearly every person present expressed himself or herself, as to the necessity of the movement. Although the crowd was not as large as other places where the League was set up still what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. The young people were much in evidence. Every person in the church pledged himself as a member and supporter of the movement.

After a motion had been offered and carried to go into permanent organization, the following officers were elected: Miss Veora Smith, President; Mr. Chas. Dorsey, Vice-President; Mr. C. Cornish, Recording Secretary; Mr. C. Gray, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. M. Dorsey, Treasurer.

and that he is now enroute to New York by automobile. The announcement further says that he is stopping off in various cities and "holding receptions". His play will be staged here under the management of Lester W. Sagar with John Hayden as director. The play has a colored bell boy as the hero.

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Editorial

K.K.K. IN CANADA

From St. Catharines Standard.

Brantford and Woodstock have recently been treated to Ku Klux Klan meetings in which great interest was taken by the citizens. A meeting on the Market Square at Brantford was very largely attended. The Brantford Expositor reporting that "there was much in it which was commendable, but a most regrettable note was struck when the speaker attacked certain elements of the population which constitute a large part of the citizenship of Canada."

Just at this stage in Canadian history, this country can ill afford discordant and disuniting influences. Consider the British Empire what it is made up of. People of every race, and every creed, who enjoy the established traditions of British justice, freedom of conscience, liberty and equal rights. One has only to look across the border to see the mischievous effects of the Ku Klux Klan. Herrin, Ill., being an illustrious example. There is no place for the Ku Kluxers in Ontario, because justice has not fallen down, and British traditions still are honored.

In this broad Dominion, stretching from sea to sea, with its noble British traditions of liberty, justice, freedom of conscience, law and order, and equal rights for all law-abiding citizens, there is no place for racial and religious strife. It is the glory of the Union Jack that its principles are so broad and tolerant that every man, no matter what his race and religion, who seeks to be a good, law-abiding citizen, and to build up the country in accordance with British ideals, is welcomed and protected. Any infringement or desecration of this sacred principle, which has been the glory of Britain through the centuries ought to be avoided. In Canada, with its various races and religions, it is necessary that this broad principle of freedom shall be kept inviolate.

The K.K.K. in Canada.

Editor of The Standard:

Dear Sir,— Permit me to heartily congratulate you upon your patriotic and most timely editorial, under the above caption, in your issue of August 28.

It is simply suicidal to raise the race and creed cry in this country, composed, as you pointed out, of different races and creeds. It is also

most unjust to discriminate against people of certain races and creeds, the members of which pay taxes and fulfill other duties to the government.

If any people suffer grievances in this country it is, generally at least, their own fault, for they have the choosing of those who govern. Any way, to hand over the governing to men who are ashamed to be known and must carry on their work masked and under absolute secrecy is not likely to rid us of existing grievances, but, on the contrary, to create many new and much greater ones. Good men with good intentions do not fear the light.

We used to hear and read a great deal about "Foreign Potentates" and a "Kingdom within a kingdom." Where are those prophets of woe now, and what are they doing against this foreign invasion?

Thank you for use of space.

JACK CANUCK, Aug. 31st, 1925

ST. CATHARINES

Mr. John Dorsay attended the Grand Lodge at Chatham, Ont., beginning Aug. 16.

Mr. Griffin of Evanston, Ill. has been visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Dorsay.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Morris Lawson and family, of Binghamton, N.Y. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Talbot and family of Cleveland, Ohio, paid a visit to their aunt and uncle, Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan.

Rev. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. N. Talbot and family paid a flying visit to Toronto, Ont.

BRANTFORD

Rev. R. D. Wright held his first quarterly meeting Aug. 17th and had a very successful day both spiritually and financially. Rev. Townsend of Hamilton preached a very inspiring sermon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Okie Steward and children returned to their home in Windsor after spending their holidays with Mrs. Steward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas.

Mrs. Clara Delfish has returned home after spending her holidays visiting friends in Detroit, Windsor, Amherstburg, and she reports a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan, of Detroit, spent 10 days visiting in Hamilton and Brantford. While in the city they were the guests of Mrs. Duncan's sister, Mrs. James Wilson.

Mrs. Cambell, Detroit spent two weeks in the city the guest of Mrs. Jasper Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cromwell, Miss Hazel Wesley and Mr. W. Morton, all of Listowell, were motor visitors in the city, the guests of Mrs. C. Malotte Mr. George Malotte.

Mrs. May Brown, Hamilton and Master Charlie spent a few days in the city visiting Mrs. J. Smith.

Mrs. Geo. Wesley, her son, Mr. Geo. Wesley and Miss Hilda were motor visitors in the city over the week end visiting friends.

Mrs. Celia Malotte was called to Guelph to the bedside of her sister who is ill.

Miss Gladys Walker left this week to spend her holidays visiting in N.Y. Detroit and Windsor.

A number of our boys, Mr. C. Johnson, H. Johnson, S. Johnson, P. Delfish, W. McCurtis and R. McCurtis spend the week end at home visiting their families and parents.

Mrs. George Wilson, Toronto is visiting her mother, Mrs. Chas. Walker.

Mr. Sam Brown has returned home after spending his holidays in Georgetown and Burford.

Rev. and Mrs. Wright left this week for a two weeks holiday in Windsor.

Mrs. W. McCurtis and a motor party spent the day visiting friends in Preston.

OWEN SOUND

Schools are open again and running in order, so our Sabbath school will resume their work at 3.00 p.m., commencing Sunday 6th. The 10 o'clock sessions have been interesting all summer. Shall we continue throughout the year.

Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Bond and daughter, who have been visiting their brother, Mr. Geo. Molock have left for home, Baltimore, Md., but will visit in Toronto.

Mrs. Rev. McClure has had a very pleasant stay with us in this, her old home.

Mrs. Fannie Taylor and son Leonard reported an excellent time as they visited Chatham, Dresden, Buxton and other Western places.

Mrs. (Rev.) Richardson is visiting her relatives at Toronto.

The 3rd Annual Garden Party held at the home of Mrs. H. Harrison was well attended and good weather assured us of success.

Cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, Tuesday, Sept. 8. These meetings are held fortnightly and we trust will be a blessing to many.

"Whose Place Next?"

Let's do something is our slogan for this year's work. There is an increased attendance in Sabbath morning and evening services, also in the mid-week service.

The pastor, Rev. Richardson has been giving us some real food for thought. We pray he will continue to give forth the Word.

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the A.M.E. to join in with the B.M.E. In this case it would relieve the A.M.E. from its obligations here, as it helps the work in Canada perhaps 75 per cent more than it should owing to the conditions here by which the work cannot be self sustaining.

But on the other hand it would be to the advantage of the B.M.E. to join with the A.M.E. as a British-American Conference considering that the A.M.E. has colleges and universities for the training of her men, with a missionary Society from which money is sent and received in fostering the work in home and foreign fields. And I am of the opinion that should these two bodies be united even under the American Church Government, there would be a large spirit of sympathy meted out to us from the white people to these churches than what is now being given. However, in whatever way it goes, it is indispensable that some steps be taken to solve the problems and now is the time; and that the Bishop, the Presiding Elder of the A.M.E., and the Superintendent of the B.M.E. should take the matter in hand and the people will follow. Respectfully yours,

ADVOCATE OF UNION.

P.S. Would be glad to have an editorial from you on this matter.

A Literary Renaissance

Seven hundred Negro writers and artists competed for the Amy Spingarn prizes, awarded at a Harlem meeting under the auspices of the Crisis. It was not the only occasion in recent months when eminent white authors have joined in praising the fruits of the new Negro literary movement. Older writers, like Stanley Braithwaite in criticism, Du Bois in the essay, James Weldon Johnson in poetry, rose to distinction slowly and singly. But since 1920 there has come forward a group remarkable for its vigor, originality and racial flavor. In fiction it includes Jessie Fauset and Walter White, whose novels, "There Is Confusion" and "The Fire in the Flint," are able studies of race problems. In the short story it has produced Jean Toomer. It counts such poets as Claude McKay, the Jamaica-born author of "Harlem Shadows," and two of the Spingarn prize winners, Countee Cullen and Langston Hughes. These and others are gaining the Negro a recognized place in contemporary letters.

In this literary movement New York may feel a special pride. We have 175,000 colored residents packed into the Harlem district, or 100,000 more than in any Southern centre. Here, a people whose American history till a generation ago was exclusively rural, have been given the stimulation and cultural advantages of the metropolis. They have now a number of their own intellectual, social and financial leaders to guide them. The response to the new environment is already striking, and promises to affect the Negro all over the United States. Other arts—music with Burleigh, Roland Hayes and Nathaniel Dett; the stage with Paul Robeson—have welcomed Negroes, but perhaps naturally they find their fullest voice in literature.

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Last Sunday evening Rev. Perry preached to a very large and appreciative congregation in the B.M.E. Ch. Chatham. Rev. Perry is considered one of the leading preachers of the day. The Rev. made a most wonderful impression on the people of Chatham in his funeral sermons of the late Mrs. Anderson, who was buried last Thursday, also of Rev. Taylor who was also laid to rest last Friday.

The Home Coming of the B.M.E. Church takes place next Sunday and Monday. Everybody is looking forward to this event as the monster event of the season. Special services will be held on Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. Monday is to be a day of sports. This includes bicycle and foot races, tug of war, ball games, speech making, etc., etc. There is also to be a procession of decorated cars and the best decorated cars will receive prizes. No one should miss this, it being the closing of the summer sports and functions.

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This city has been favored with its usual large number of visitors among whom were the following: Dr. and Mrs. Bate of Philadelphia, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, who entertained these charming folks in their lovely home. Mr. and Mrs. S. Brooks and party, who motored from Brooklyn, N.Y. and were the guests of Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Montrose Crescent. They left the city for the Thousand Islands overflowing with joy and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Warren of Chicago, who have been the guests of their niece, Miss Craig; they left town on Monday after a very enjoyable holiday, having been lavishly entertained by Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, Mrs. W. A. Branch, Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Mucher and many others.

We welcome to our city Dr. and Mrs. McKinney, who intend making Toronto their home. We wish them every success and hope to see more of them.

We have not had an opportunity of worshipping with our good friend and fellow worker, the Rev. Stewart, but we hear excellent reports.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Branch are holidaying in Buffalo.

Mrs. J. L. McGruder returns home this week after a fine visit to Battle Creek and Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery have returned home after a very happy and profitable vacation in the Muskoka district.

The Whistler Social Club gave their Annual Picnic at Island Park on the 27th. We have attended a few fine affairs, and none of them equals this one. The refreshments and the games were all that the heart could wish for.

The honor of being the first colored church choir to be broadcasted from a Canadian studio has fallen to the choir of the First Baptist Church of this city, of which Rev. A. McEwen Williams is pastor. The choir will give a programme of Negro Folk songs, Southern Melodies, and Classic Anthems, by invitation of CKCL Reliable Batteries Studio in the Prince George Hotel, and will be under the direction of Prof. Robert P. Edwards, assisted by Mrs. Irene Dabney-Lucas, Pianist and Mr. J. Alexander Knight, Organist. The First Baptist quartet, Messrs Mustean, Downes, Edwards

and Williams, will be an attractive feature.

The Amherstburg Baptist Association, the oldest Baptist Assn. in the Dominion of Canada, and which has given a start to hundreds of leading Baptist preachers of both races, is in session at the First Baptist Church of this city. As its name signifies this church was founded 100 years ago by a few runaway slaves who were the forerunners of the Baptist denomination in Canada. Rev. H. F. Talbert, of Windsor is the Moderator, and Rev. A. McEwen Williams, formerly of Roger Williams University, of Nashville, Tenn. is the pastor of the First Baptist Church.

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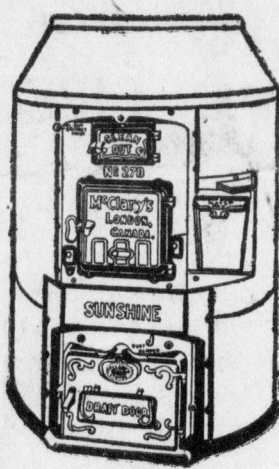
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LONDON

Last Tuesday evening the choir of the B.M.E. Church rendered a concert which consisted in the main of old time songs or folk lore. The affair was a grand success. Many requests have been received to repeat the concert.

Mrs. Alcine Phillips of Detroit is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Harris of Trafalgar St.

Miss Alice Drake has returned to the city after spending a pleasant vacation with friends in Guelph.

J. F. Jenkins, Secretary of the League has returned from St. Catharines where he set up a branch of the League amidst much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Millie Smith is much improved after being confined to Victoria Hospital for several days.

Miss Myrtle Hooper has returned from Windsor where she spent her vacation with relatives.

Mr. James Coursey of Glenwood Ave. is ill at this writing.

Miss Jennie Bowls, Mrs. De Shield, Mr. and Mrs. Beck and son, all of Windsor were recent visitors. They were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Woodcock and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown.

MONTREAL

On Sunday, August 30th, Rev. E. D. Bowles from the Baptist Church, New York City, assisted Rev. Este at Delisle Stree Church at the morning service.

Mr. R. J. Bees of New York, delivered an address at Bethel A.M.E. Ch. at 7.30 p.m.

Much sympathy is felt for Rev. and Mrs. J. Jones in the death of their infant son, who passed away on Wednesday, 26th inst. Funeral was held on Thursday from Tees Undertaking Parlors, Rev. Este officiating.

Dr. Collins and wife from Demerara, South America, spent ten days visiting friends in Montreal.

Mrs. Maurice DeShield of Windsor, Ont. formerly of this city, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Bowles, was on a motor trip here for a week.

Mrs. Bowles' charming voice in the rendering of a solo on Sunday the 23rd inst. greatly pleased Delisle St. audience.

Mrs. Vera Ashby entertained Mrs. De Shield and party to luncheon on Monday and Mrs. Laura Hall and her daughter entertained to dinner on Tuesday.

Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. Batson and their children, also Mrs. Welons, are visiting Mrs. B. Johnson at her summer residence at Laval, De Sur, Lac.

Mrs. I. Sealy entertained the W.C. T.U. at her residence on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Stevens and Miss Nellie Dixon are on a motor trip to Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

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