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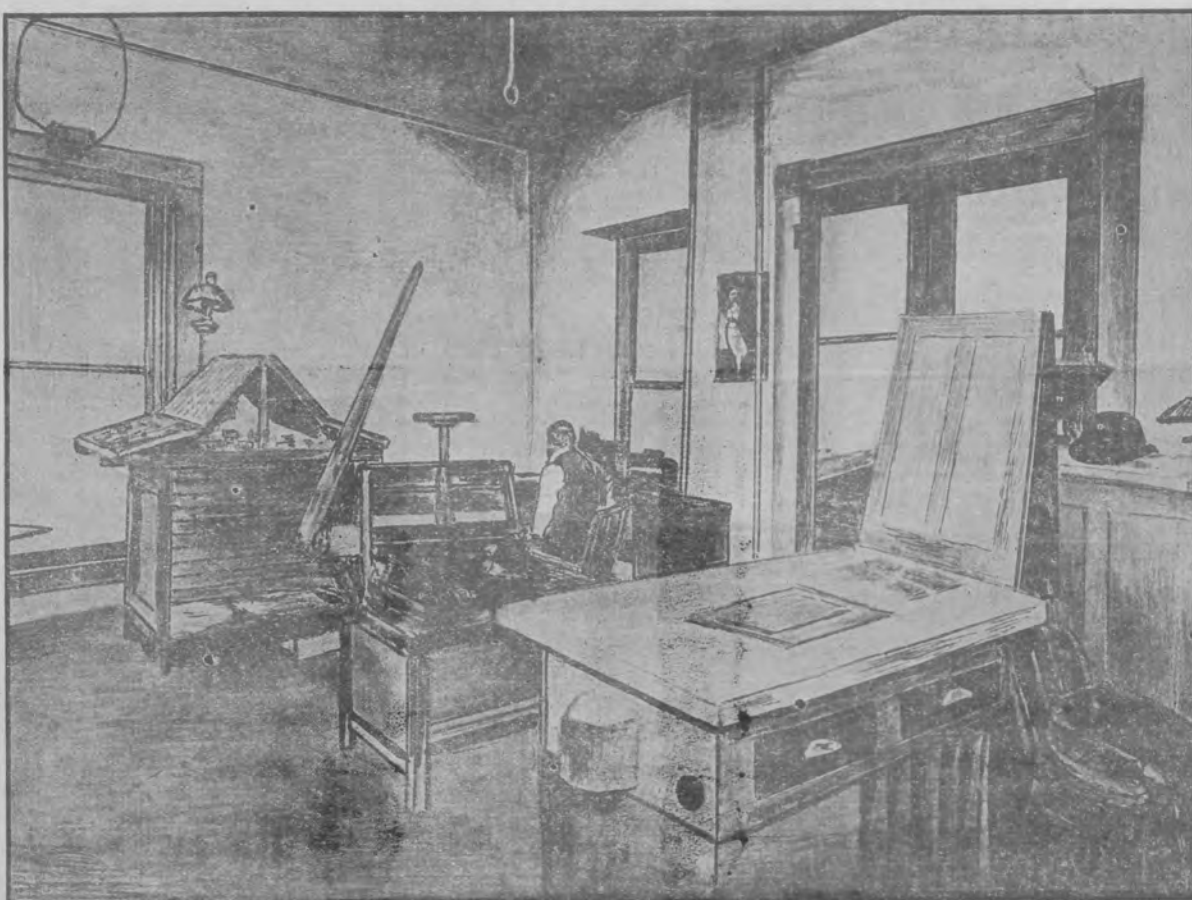


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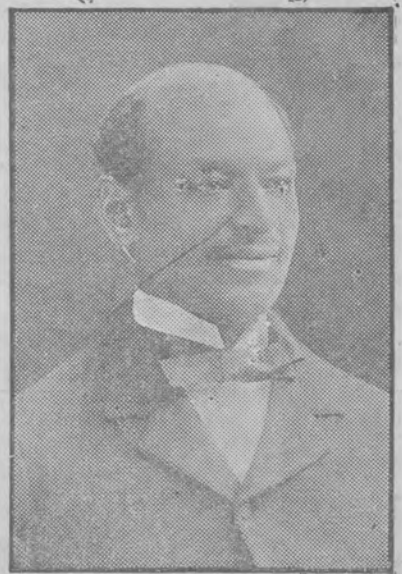


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Douglass Writes Again

(The following material was copied from the Frederick Douglass' Paper published at Rochester, N. Y., June 3, 1859.)

"Vital Godliness and Sound Morality"

Actions not only speak louder than words but very properly limit, define and interpret the meaning attached to words by those who use them. They not only make us acquainted with the precise sense in which such words are to be received, but have the additional advantage of assuring us of the sense in which they are not to be received. Words are often used to conceal thoughts. Actions are not so liable to this profane diversion. Words are signs; actions are the things signified, the translation of thoughts into facts, the mind pictures into living forms.

Hereby we may understand precisely what the evangelical churches of our country mean by the oft-repeated words employed at the head of this article. They stand as the great object which the American Tract Society, the embodiment of American evangelical piety was conceived and planned, purposed and organized to promote. Vital godliness and sound morality are the two leading elements making the sum of the gospel which the American Tract Society professes to proclaim to a world perishing in wickedness. It comes to us, therefore, to look into this gospel and find out if we can, not only what may be the meaning of which it is capable, but the meaning attached to it by those who profess to have this gospel committed to them.

The American Tract Society is no insignificant body — no trifling organization. Its power for good or for evil is tremendous. Holiness to the Lord is written upon its walls, and justice and purity are its habitation. Its preachers are counted by thousand, its income by hundreds of thousand, its friends by millions, and may be said to have a nation for its congregation, and a thousand presses for its preachers. The power of such a system of propagandism cannot well be overestimated.

Let us see, then, what its gospel is and whether it is such as all men ought to approve and receive. We were somewhat sweeping in our mode of dealing with this body last week. We shall aim to be more critical, exact and logical in what we have to say in our present article.

The slave system has existed here more than 200 years. The American Tract Society is only 35 years old, and of course, found slavery here when it came, and has lived with it side by side ever since. There has thus far been no quarrel between them. Their relations have been altogether peaceful, harmonious, kind and brotherly, and they have reciprocated each other kind offices to a remarkable degree.

The system of slavery has its own religion, as well as its own politics and manners. Stealing a man, degrading him from the dignity of manhood to a level with the brute, working him without wages, laying stripes on his back when he refuses to work on such conditions, hunting him down with dogs when he runs away from those who rob him, shooting him down when he refuses to be taken, separating him from his family, selling his children, putting them asunder whom God has joined together, abolishing marriage, keeping him in ignorance, forbidding his learning to read the Bible—these, and a thousand other things are not at all deemed inconsistent with "vital godliness and sound morality." A man in the Southern states could not well be expelled from any Southern Evangelical Church for either or all of the inhuman practices specified. They are all in harmony with "vital godliness and sound morality," as they are understood and received among our evangelical religionists of the South. Men there make their religion accord with their interests, or their supposed interests. Their God is a God after their own pattern. To their conception, He is a wealthy, slave-holding planter, and they, these little planters, consider themselves as the express images of their great parent slave-holder. The Bible, they tell us, sanctions slavery; that the God of the Bible ordained it; and that an ordination of God cannot be a sin. Such is the "vital godliness and sound morality" of the slave-holding Christians of our country in the year of grace 1858.

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That such a war does not take place, has not taken place and is not likely to take place is proof that the "vital godliness and sound morality" of the American Tract Society is "vital devilishness" and springs from the same source with slavery, and every other abomination with which it is on terms of peace and accord.

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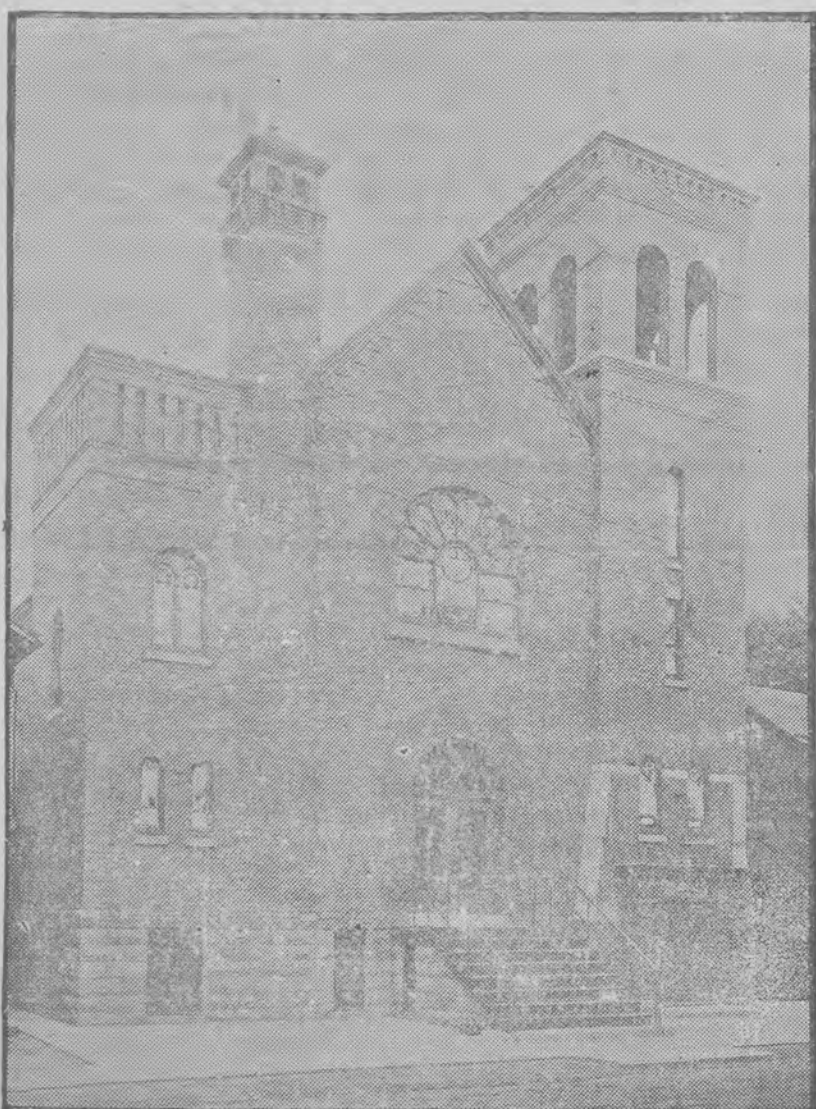
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Beside the Point, but—the prettiest phrase I've heard in a long time was one that Rev. Henderson of the A. M. E. Zion Church used to refer to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in his sermon on Mother's Day, May 14. He spoke of her as going about with "Sunlight on the mountain peaks of her heart." As the Reader's Digest would put it — "How else would you say it?"

Groveland Boasts Negro Fireman

The Negro is not only making progress in Rochester and Monroe County, but in Livingston County, as well. Recently Leon Violet, progressive business man of Groveland, was admitted as a charter member of the Groveland Fire Department. This department staged a bazaar on May 11, 12, 13, at which time many hundreds of people attended. It was well-patronized by people of both races and proved to be a financial success.

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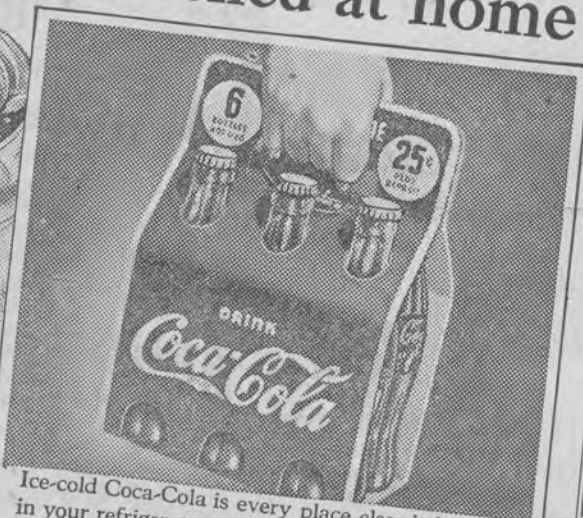


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Frederick Douglass and the North Star

Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Tuckahoe, Talbot County, eastern shore of Maryland, in February, 1817. His mother's name was Harriet. She was a slave owned by Colonel Edward Lloyd, a wealthy planter. Few slaves knew anything of their fathers, and Douglass was one of this kind.

Douglass was persistent, even as a young boy he wanted his freedom and persistence won the victory, for on September 3, 1838, he eluded his master and fled to Philadelphia, thence to New York, and from there to New Bedford, Mass., where he married his first wife, Anna Murray, and lived for two or three years supporting himself by day labor on the docks and in the work shops. While there he changed his name from Lloyd to Bailey, and later to Douglass. He was aided in his efforts for self-education by William Lloyd Garrison.

The starting point in Douglass' career as a national character was in the summer of 1841, when he attended an Anti-Slavery Convention in Nantucket. There he made a fiery Abolition speech, which set the North agog. Press, clubs, societies and churches took up the slogan, and everywhere Douglass was in demand as a platform speaker. Abolitionists offered him the agency of the Mass. Anti-Slavery Society. Acting in this capacity he toured the New England States and for years his eloquent voice rang out in appeal from a thousand platforms for the emancipation of the colored man. Thence he went to Europe in 1845 and lectured on slavery to enthusiastic audiences.

Douglass touched England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and vividly pictured the misery of the American Negro. Great men of letters, wealth and political prominence enlisted in his aid. Thousands of petitions were sent to the President of the United States supplementing the plea of the orator.

Up to this time Douglass was still a human chattel. He was the recognized lawful property of Colonel Lloyd. He might be captured and again reduced to bondage. Friends in New England feared the contingency and \$750 was soon subscribed to have him manumitted (freed) in due form of law. That was one year after he sailed abroad, yet he remained there another year before returning home.

Upon his return to this country in 1847, Douglass came to Rochester, and began the first Negro Newspaper in America, the publication of the "North Star," which was later changed to the "Frederick Douglass' Paper," a weekly Journal. Regarding this venture, Douglass, in an autobiography written by himself in 1855, says:

"Intimation of my purpose reached my friends in Boston, and I was prepared to find them heartily opposed to it. Some went further... I can easily pardon those who have denounced me as ambitious and presumptuous in view of my persistence in this enterprise. I was but nine years from slavery. In point of mental experience I was but nine years old. That one in such circumstances should aspire to establish a printing press among educated people might be considered, if not ambitious, quite silly. My American friends looked at me with astonishment! A word-sawyer offering himself to the public as an editor. A slave brought up in the very depths of ignorance assuming to instruct the highly civilized people of the North in the principles of liberty, justice and humanity! The thing looked absurd! Nevertheless I persevered."

History records the famous John Brown raid in 1859 at Harper's Ferry. Douglass was implicated in it by some. Governor Wise of Virginia believed it and he made a requisition upon the governor of Michigan for the arrest of Douglass. Such exchanges of courtesies between governors was common and a search was made for Douglass, who was thought to be in Detroit. But he was spirited away in the night and off into Canada, whence he escaped to England.

After the bubble of excitement had burst he returned to this country, coming to Rochester, N. Y. He resurrected the "North Star," and soon his vigorous pen lashed the slaveholders of the South. Shortly thereafter the Civil War broke out.

Then Douglass urged upon President Lincoln the employment of colored troops and the proclamation of emancipation. For (Cont. page 6)

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Douglass Kin Carry On Tradition of Service

It is said that "Frederick Douglass' gift of culture was so unique that his rise to intellect brought into focus and realization the fact that the Negro constituted a potential asset to the United States." The world now knows and evaluates the public life of Mr. Douglass but very little is known about his private life. The world knows of Cedar Hill, his last home—the National Shrine that is now the charge of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc.

His Public Life

For 44 years Douglass enjoyed the companionship of Anna Murray Douglass, his wife, who was his guiding star not only when he was a slave and fugitive but also a struggling orator, scholar and statesman.

It is also said that Frederick Douglass was head of his home, but Anna Murray Douglass was the neck upon which that head turned. It was her sayings that financed his flight from Baltimore to New York, for she was free and he was a slave. Two weeks later she joined him in marriage and to this union his six children were born.

She became an abolitionist and anti-slavery worker. Her home became a depot of the "Underground Railroad. Her hands were kept busy with the binding of shoes so that their children might have sustenance.

She moved with him from New York to New Bedford, Mass.; then to Lynn, Mass.; to Rochester, N. Y., and lastly to Cedar Hill, Washington, D. C., where her noble life reached its close. Anna Murray Douglass was the woman in the life of Frederick Douglass and her children still carry on.

Elsewhere in this paper will be seen a picture of one of the three remaining granddaughters of Mr. Douglass. They are the children of his eldest child, the late Rosetta Douglass Sprague.

Like their mother, these three girls have been engaged in teaching and while they naturally take delight in the honor and recognition given their illustrious grandfather, in their own right they feel that they are entitled to some recognition because of the part in the world's work they themselves have taken. They are Miss Hattie Sprague, Mrs. Rosabelle Jones and Mrs. Fredericka Perry.

A College Teacher

Miss Hattie Sprague taught for many years in the Florida Baptist Academy in Jacksonville, Fla., until ill health sent her home. After recovery her dauntless spirit sent her forth again to teach at Lincoln University, at Jefferson City, Mo. Her physical condition forced her to return home to her sister, Mrs. Perry. Her public life covering many years and her personal touch have been guiding stars to hundreds of boys and girls.

A Model Teacher

Mrs. Rosabelle Sprague Jones, prior to her marriage, was considered one of Washington, D. C.'s most progressive teachers in the public schools. She was chosen as one of the model school instructors in experimental classes of boys and won for herself the plaudits of those in authority.

Upon her marriage to Dr. T. A. Jones she moved to Kansas City, Mo., and entered into club life, serving as president of the Kansas City Association for two years and organizing the first young woman's department, the junior association's department and the club president's round table.

Mrs. Jones is a constructive thinker, a forceful public speaker and an ardent church worker. She is president of the Missionary Society of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Kansas City. She is also the mother of the late Thomas Perry Jones, youthful aviator, who lost his life in a dense fog December, 1931. Mr. Jones was only 20 years old, but he owned his own plane and was flying under the government department of aeronautics. Mrs. Jones is youngest of the three girls.

Teacher of Home Economics

Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Sprague Perry, who is named for and bears a striking resemblance to her grandfather, entered the educational field as a teacher of home economics and home-making.

She organized and taught these courses in Lincoln Institute, and later in the new Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Mo. She was the first Race teacher of home economics and clothing. This position she filled with credit until she married Dr. J. Edward Perry and although the law forbids the employment of married teachers, Mrs. Perry is retained by the board as a substitute teacher.

Pioneer and Social Worker—Dr. Perry is the founder of the Perry Sanitarium that has become the Wheatley Provident Hospital. Mrs. Perry conceived the idea of organizing an auxiliary of women to assist the hospital. It is one of the greatest assets of the hospital today. An annual fashion show netting large sums of money is the big objective of this auxiliary. Mrs. Minnie Crossthwaite is its president. Through this avenue more than \$20,000 has been raised for the hospital.

Mrs. Perry next organized the Beacon Club, a group of 10 women who bought the site for a nurses' home adjoining the hospital. For ten years Mrs. Perry served as president of the Kansas City Civic and Protective Association, an organization that cared for persecuted Negroes that were not guilty but were unable to protect themselves. Lawyers were retained for their protection and never have they lost a case. The NAACP has taken over this organization. Kansas City has been very kind to these sisters who have come among them to stay.

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On June 10th, the last day of the celebration at 12 o'clock noon, Mrs. F. D. Perry was the honored guest at a luncheon given by Miss Estelle Fitzgerald and committee at the Tower Restaurant at Sibley's Department Store. Guests present were: Miss Marion Patton, Mrs. Ernest Sprague, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Lewis Scott and H. W. Coles.

At last, with much anticipation on the part of the committee, the parade to the statue of the famed Negro abolitionist, Frederick Doug-

lass, saw the 75th Exposition of Negro Progress come to a close, before a crowd of more than 1500.

A 30-piece boys' band dressed in white, followed by the drum and bugle corps of Boy Scout Troop 148, headed the parade through downtown streets to pay homage to the late statesman. Uniformed delegations representing the Elks, the Army and Navy Union, East Side Community Club and nurses also took part in the parade.

The granddaughter of the anti-slave editor, Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Perry, placed a wreath on the Douglass monument at Se. Paul and Central Avenue. Mrs. Perry extended her greetings to the gathering which had participated so enthusiastically in the three-day celebration.

Mrs. Perry, who journeyed here from Kansas City, prayed "that the spirit of Douglass might continue to grow so that next year we might have a greater celebration." She further added, "He is not only my grandfather but the grandfather of every Negro throughout the universe."

The monument was erected 40 years ago today to honor the name of the Rochester newspaper editor who did so much toward bettering the status of the Negro. At that time Leon DuBois gave the invocation. DuBois rendered the same service yesterday.

The Rev. A. E. Kearney also addressed the gathering. He reminded them that they must not forget "that we have much to be thankful for." At the same time he urged that "we carry on in the same spirit as if Douglass were here to guide us."

The General of the Frederick Douglass celebration, Howard W. Coles, introduced the speakers, after which he read a telegram from Dr. Chas. Lewis, Director of the Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia, Penna. Quote: "Frederick Douglass Foundation congratulates you on celebration. Join us in September."

The general committee is indeed thankful for the fine spirit of co-operation exemplified by the mayors of the various cities in the State of New York, state officials, legislators, Governor, local dailies, mayor of the city, Department of Chief of Police, Supt. of Schools, park officials, American Federation of Labor, Hod Carriers' Union, Mrs. Mary T. L. Gannett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sprague, Leon DuBois, John Lee, Empire State and Continental Insurance Companies, Jean Walrath of the Democrat & Chronicle, Latimer Funeral Home, Keller Florist, Leon Violet and a host of friends, organizations and individuals who assisted in putting over the celebration, and further wish to extend another invitation to be with the general committee next year, when Mrs. Perry will return to us.

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strumental along with Mrs. Mary
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*Frederick Douglass
Paper Excerpts*

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Rights for All." Following is an edi-
torial written by Frederick Doug-
lass in regards to the manner in
which the American Tract Society
accepted American Slavery.

The June number of the Knicker-
bocker has come to hand, replete
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The article on the (continued page 6



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Father Frank L. Brown, Rector of the St. Simon's Episcopal Church. He holds the distinction of being the first Negro here to be elected Dean of the Episcopal Diocese.

Austin A. Steward, pioneer citizen, came to Rochester in 1817, became a successful business man, author, and later founder of the Wilberforce Colony in Canada for fugitive slaves. The late Hon. Henry Spencer was for many years clerk of the New York State Legislature, and a national figure in the fraternal world.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walls holds the unique distinction of being the only Negro school teacher here for the past seven years or more, serving with honor and distinction. The Rev. James E. Rose, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, prominent in religious and civic activities, and recently elected president of the Rochester Ministerial Association, embracing all of the Protestant faiths.

The eminent composer, Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, whose musical contributions to the world have been outstanding. Quite recently he composed the compositions for Rochester's recent centennial.



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Miss Mabel Johnson

Dr. S. R. Lindsey, prominent and successful dentist, a graduate of Howard and Lincoln Universities, well liked by the entire community. Mr. Millard E. Latimer, successful mortician, and a leader in the fraternal field. The late Miss Mabel Johnson, honor graduate of Genesee Normal and Syracuse University. Taught school in the Southland for several years; later was appointed Registrar of Livingston College.

Frederick Douglass and North Star—Cont.

two years the President hesitated, but in 1863 he gave permission to enlist such troops. Douglass set to work and enlisted many Negroes, especially the 54th and 55th Massachusetts regiments with them. Throughout the war he was a warm supporter of the martyr-president, Abraham Lincoln.

After the white-winged dove of peace had spread her wings over the land, Douglass discontinued his paper. He applied himself to the preparation and delivery of lectures before Lyceums. But he again picked up the pen in 1870 when he became editor of the "New National Era," in Washington, which was continued by his sons, Lewis & Frederick, Jr.

Now Douglass' star began to shine in politics. He was appointed assistant secretary to the commission to Santo Domingo. A year later he was appointed by President Grant, one of the territorial council of the District of Columbia. In 1872 he was elected the presidential elector at large from New York State. He was chosen to carry the electoral vote to Washington, something never before done in the history of the United States.

Four years later he was appointed United States Marshal for the District of Columbia by President Hayes which office he retained until 1881, after which he became recorder of deeds in the district. In 1836 he was removed by President Cleveland.

Yearning to again visit the friends he made in England, Douglass set sail. He remained a year abroad and was royally received by the poor and rich alike.

Douglass' published works are entitled: "Narrative of my Experience

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in Slavery," 1844; "My Bondage and my Freedom," 1855; "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," 1883.

During the nine years following, Douglass was much on the public platform. He became a strong advocate of equal suffrage for women. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were great friends of Douglass.

Frederick Douglass, the great ex-slave, died suddenly February 20th, 1895, at his home in Washington, D. C., at the age of 78. He left a wife Helen Douglass, and two sons and a daughter, children of his first wife, Anna. By name, they were Louis H. and Charles R. Douglass, Mrs. R. Douglass Spague. His son, Charles R. Douglass, posed for the \$10,000 bronze monument of Douglass which was unveiled in Rochester.

Douglass' Paper Excerpts — Continued

Adulteration of Bread is unavoidably postponed in the July number. Below we print its contents: Logan and the Home of the Iroquois. — Dead or Alive. — Something to Wear. — April. — The Romance of a Poor Young Man. — Prescott. — The Harvester — Wall Street to Cashmere. — The Old Apple Woman. — Literary Notices. — Editor's Table.

The Anglo-African Magazine is always a welcome visitor to our table. The June number commences with Mr. Delaney's story entitled "Blake or the Huts of America," and is followed by the "Afro-American Picture Gallery," by Ethiop. Also a chapter in the History of the African Slave Trade, and "Thoughts of Hayti."

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Douglass' Legacy to Rochester

Frederick Douglass as a journalist, left as his legacy to the Afro-American of Rochester the spirit incentive to carry on where he left off. Of all the great cities in America where thousands Afro-Americans live today, there is no city deserving of a newspaper than Rochester, because here the journalistic spark was kindled and leaped into flame by a great man, whose spirit lizes today in the hearts of the people.

Many years later an aggressive Rochesterian took up the work. That man was Mr. Geo. Burks. His paper was called "The Sentinel" and was edited by Rev. Byrd, Ph.D., then pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of this city. The paper was founded in 1910 and enjoyed an eventful career, discontinuing publication in 1912. Mr. Burks' untiring efforts, together with his faithful wife, Mrs. Burks, deserves the praise of all Rochesterians, for they represented Progress.

A number of years later, another Afro-American, Mr. R. Moore, took up the journalistic cudgel with the publication of the "Rochester Progress," which paper also eventually discontinued publication from lack

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Shortly afterwards, two enterprising young men, Mr. Alvis Fields and Joseph Scott, started publication of "The Rochester Weekly News" which continued for several years. After this there was a lull in the journalistic storm for about 10 years or more, when in 1933, a young visionist, James Holland, published one issue of his paper, "The Rochester Advertiser." And the following week, in October 1933 another young editor stepped into the role of newspaper publisher, and presented to Rochester the first issue of "The Voice," by name, Howard W. Coles. This paper, being the first published here in ten years and read with great interest.

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Negro Congress

There will be held on June 8th, 9th and 10th, a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of our American citizenship which was given by Abraham Lincoln and ratified by Congress, Anno Domino 1863. In recognition of the mercies of God and the help of patriotic men and women, we shall assemble to rejoice in our freedom and to lay plans whereby we may become more useful to our country.

Such is the spirit of the National Negro Congress and the Sponsor's Committee. It is not only fitting and proper that we mention something about the officers and organizations affiliated with the Congress.

H. W. Coles, chairman of the local chapter, editor and publisher of the Voice, member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Housing, member Race Relations Commission, Federation of Churches, International Race Relations Committee, NYA Advisory Committee, Rochester Youth Council; Vice-pres. Rochester Housing Council, affiliated with the CIO and AFL Unions, NAACP and the Adult Education committee.

Mr. G. W. Derham, vice president, is Grand Marshall of the F. of P. State of New York, Chancellor-commander of Rochester Lodge No. 15, K. of P. WGM, Past Grand Masters Councils of America, president Negro Civic League, chairman Board of Management West Side "Y"; chairman Trustee Board A. M. E. Zion church; owner and manager Derham's Garage; member of Empire Lodge G. U. of O. F.; Flower City Lodge 81, IBPOE of W; Eureka Lodge No. 36, F&AM, pres. Erysme Realty Corp.

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Mr. George Hancock, General Treasurer, is Executive Secretary the West Side "Y"; member of the following organizations: NAACP, Race Relations committee, Youth Council, and chairman of the Educational committee of the Congress.

The congress and affiliated organizations and the Negro citizenry of Rochester wish to pay tribute to the various sponsors, city officials and particularly the Department of Commerce for the splendid cooperation accorded the planning committee resulting in the use of Assembly Hall at Edgerton Park. The congress also wishes to thank the various churches, fraternal, Boy Scouts' and social organizations who have given much of their time and cooperation in making this event possible, also Mr. Leon Violet, business man, for the donation of his sound apparatus and scores of other organizations as well as the several mayors of cities throughout the State of New York.

Legacy to Rochester

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although since that time the interest has been strong at times and at other times quite weak. Mrs. Coles began working on the "Voice" two months after its beginning and with Mr. Coles have been able to continue on through sacrifices, criticism and meager support from their own race by great tenacity of spirit and indomitable will to carry on, sheer business strategy, and above all, the love of Almighty God for 5 years and three months.

The Voice management would like to make known that they have gained by the words of wisdom learned from these other newspaper people who have struggled here in the past to establish a newspaper for Afro-Americans and the other races of mankind who are interested in cooperation between the races, and wish to say also that those struggles have been an inspiration and help to us when the way looked quite black and impassable. Surely our Heavenly Father has blessed us in this endeavor and has made it possible for us to carry the light of truth aloft this long.

Our plea is the same as it has been from the beginning: "Give us just a little of your financial and moral support and we will build a newspaper here that will stand through the years as a worthy memorial to God and to the great Frederick Douglass and his "North Star," an institution where the sons and daughters of Rochester may be gainfully employed in the years to come.

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Welcome Address—Mayor Samuel B. Dicker.

Guest Speaker—Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Perry, of Kansas City, Missouri

Exhibits: 1:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m., Friday, June 9th, Edgerton Park Assembly Hall. Admission Free. Miss Mary E. Langford, Chairman of Exhibit Committee, 192 Clarissa Street.

Pageant of Negro Progress and Public Testimonial Meeting—8:30 p. m., Friday, June 9th—Edgerton Park Assembly Hall. Admission Free.

Speaker—Magistrate Myles A. Paige, New York City, N. Y.

Greetings from various representatives of cities and towns of New York State.

(In regard to Pageant and also Voting Contest for Queen of Negro Progress, see Mrs. Eloise Johnson, 65 Greenleaf Street.)

Youth Festival—1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., Saturday, June 10th — Edgerton Park Athletic Field.

Mr. Earl Sprague, Chairman, 24 Clarendon Street.

Parade to Frederick Douglass Monument — Beginning at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, June 10th. Assembling in front of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Favor St. Sergeant Austin Walker, Chairman.

Memorial Services at the Frederick Douglass Monument — Saint Paul Street, 7:30 p. m., Saturday, June 10th.

Speakers—Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Perry and out-of-town and state representatives.

Invocation by Mr. Leon DuBois.

Registration — The place of registration for out-of-town visitors is located at the West Side Y. M. C. A., 133 Adams St., which has been designated as the Exposition Headquarters. Mr. Geo. Hadcock, Treasurer of the Sponsor's Committee, can be found there. Tickets entitling the holder to a Frederick Douglass Memorial Pin can be exchanged for pins there, or at Edgerton Park.

Accommodations for guests in charge of Miss Estelle Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Reception and Housing Committee, 192 Clarissa Street.

Social Activities planned in connection with the Exposition include the Frederick Douglass Ball on opening night, June 9th, at Edgerton Park Assembly Hall, with Blanche Calloway and her fourteen-piece orchestra, from 9:30 until 2:00 a. m.

A Silver Tea, with Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Perry as guest, is being arranged for Sunday afternoon, June 11th, by the Unity Chapter of the Y. W. C. A., 192 Clarissa Street.

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