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Why such animosity?

Some issues ago we asked the question, what is the attitude of the British government toward her Negro Citizens? and again we are led to repeat the same question.

In all these neighbouring Latin Republics, whither coloured British subjects have been induced, whether under Contracts or by encouraging suggestions, to immigrate, do we find hostile movements put forward against their domiciling in such countries, just so soon as the hygienic condition has been made possible by them for the dwelling therein of the native white inhabitants of the Republic.

Cuba as had her turn, Honduras as had hers, Panama has had hers, Venezuela has had hers, Colombia also has put on the twitch and now some sons of Costa Rica are thinking likewise.

It will be remembered that some months ago we took the matter up of an idea promulgated by some Deputies, who were using certain debased Jamaicans for putting an article in «La Tribuna» that there were 2000 West Indians who were brought here by the U.F.Co. to labour on their Railroads, Swamps and Plantations and who were asking the government to send them home. On investigation we proved *This Ruse* to have been unfounded because it is over 30 years now that the U.F. Co. has not directly brought a single labourer into the country; those who were brought between the years 1880 and 1900, have either died, been sent home, or have permanently settled down, making a family and homestead in the country; while there may be a couple scores of good for nothings who will always be failures wherever they go who might be willing to hail a free ship to be a charge on Charity in any country they may be thrown into, there is really no such request from the coloured element in this country.

We were surprised to find an echo of the same thing recently in «the Gleaner» possibly originating from the same individual who was recently aided by relatives to go home or rather to go to Jamaica, because it is said he was naturalized here so as to carry out his contract with the persons by whom he was recompensed to bring such an idea into the thoughts of the lavgivers of the Republic.

The overwhelming majority of industrious coloured residents in Costa Rica are settled down, having their

own farms and houses as well as grown up children in the country who are all citizens of the Republic, hence it would not be such an easy task to get them out and separate them from their children. The government would have to buy out their belongings, as they could not confiscate these belongings except the owners were tried before the Courts and declared implicated in seditious movements, and as such, the British Consuls would have to satisfy themselves that this was the case. Why then should the Costa Rican government go to all this expense, at a time of such intense financial depressions, to satisfy the caprice of a few jealous citizens?

The American government has just set a great example of fairplay, in Panama, on a similar request by a section of people who envy the adaptability of the coloured people to labour in positions which some of those making the request cannot even fill: because how would it be justice to dismiss from service thousands of workers who have been serving them all their useful days, from a period when the white labour could not stand the exigencies of climatic influences, simply to satisfy the Panamanian idea of having them repatriated.

The U. F. Co. also gave a similar reply when this matter was referred to them; of course the Co. knows that the native labour is well adapted to a certain portion of the work on the farms and the coloured labour to another section, hence to repatriate these people would mean «avay from the injustice to them», that the native element would have to be trained to substitute those despatched, besides she knows she can count on the loyalty of the coloured element to their obligations, whereas a spasmodic sentimentality cannot be relied on for Banana farms.

We are pleased to feel that these decisions have been promulgated by a love of justice of this great American Concern and its government as a means of thwarting such vicious requests.

They are therefore both to be admired and respected a thousand fold more than formerly, for this fine expression of fairplay.

But to go back to our question: what is to be the attitude of the British government in all this depreciation of her wandering

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This annoyance is just as turbulent as it was a week ago. Each candidate trying to scandalize the other the most he can and to outdo the other by preaching his ideas of the doctrine of Patriotism, and each one trying to invite as many voters to support his candidature as possible.

In answer to the attacks made last week by Don Manuel Castro Quesada on him in Limon, Don Ricardo Jimenez Oreamuno visited Limon, and an immense meeting was called at the Arrasty's Theatre, where he refuted the attacks made on him and counter attacked by referring to the defamatory letters of Don Manuel not refuted, as well as the ammunition scandal alleged to be sold in the United States.

In Limon we note great activity by all the partidos among the coloured people, many of whom are being encouraged to Naturalize so as to be able to vote in favour of the candidate of their choice, but unfortunately, as is customary, the Negro never seem to look forward to a goal, he never seem to have an aim in life; he is only carried by whatever wind that blows; hence we have not heard any question being asked by this group as to what benefits will accrue to him if his candidate wins. Among the other group we hear all sorts of propositions, some are expecting to be Minister to Washington, others Governor of San José, Limón or Puntarenas; but what is the Negro expecting, are any of them soliciting a 1000 Hectarea Negro Colony in the Tortuguero Valley where one may be Jefe Politico, or Agente Pral. de Policia? Is any one soliciting the job of Agente Pral. de Policia de Limon, Estrada or Matina? Are any of them soliciting the lifting of the Ban on Mr. Marcus Garvey, the idol of the Negro people? this ban was unrightously placed on this indomitable defender of Negro rights and privileges during the last regime of Don Ricardo Jimenez; has anyone of these Negro voters asked Don Ricardo to have this ban lifted, so that this gentleman may enter the

country to visit his people?

There was really no reasonable cause for placing such a prevention on the free travelling of this honourable man, it was only a misunderstanding of the reasons for which he was convicted that gave rise to such a decree; Latest news of the tramitations of Justice State that Lord Kysant, the great head of the Royal Mail Shipping Co. has been condemned for the same mistake committed by Mr. Garvey, that is, for encouraging shareholders to bolster up the waning stock of the Black Star Line, surely that would not make a persona non grata of a man who had hitherto lived always the life of a gentleman; surely Don Ricardo would not place a ban on the entry into this country of Lord Kysant after he has served his one year's imprisonment.

Anyway to come back to our point, is it not right and just that among other privileges that should be demanded for the support of their votes, there should be the lifting of a mistakenly placed stigma on the freedom of a good man, a stigma not only on him but a stigma on the progress of every ambitious Negro, because why was this Stigma placed? simply because this man sought to arouse, and did inthuse, just as Gandhi is doing, Race consciousness into his people. Gandhi too has been to prison for the same reason, would he be debarred from coming here? and after all it looks so stupid to prevent a man from visiting his people in this country when that man is visiting freely, unmolested, and not only visiting but is honoured, in the great countries of the world, the countries from which the Americas took Civilization. See him an honoured member of the metropolitan Municipality of his country; See him visiting and addressing large crowds in the interests of his Race in Spain, France, Belgium, Germany and Britain; See him presenting petitions before the League of Nations for the better acknowledgment of the Rights of

equality of his Race and the restoration of a place in Africa from which his Race was taken. And yet in little Costa

Rica he is prevented from coming and preaching Race consciousness, race pride, race

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OUR POLITICS

God helps those who help themselves Cooperate! Cooperate!

Had the owner of the Searchlight gone out two years ago to the many who might have agreed that there was the necessity of an English Journal in our midst, with the request of public cooperation to subscribe for the purchase of a Press of our own, he might have been thought by some, a swindler with no other aim but self appropriation; but now that The Searchlight is an established, much appreciated Weekly, and having prospered by your patronage so far as the ownership of one individual can enhance it, the management now conjectures to raise upon the foundation already laid, an immortal superstructure as a mark of West Indian ability in Cooperative enterprise, and solicits the support of every West Indian man and woman by subscribing a Share of Five dollars; and thus become a partowner of this great enterprise which will be the planting of an important milestone in cooperative economic development.

It might be interesting to know that in the 23 months of the existence of this Journal it has paid into the pockets of printers slightly over Ten thousand colones, of which certainly they must have netted forty per cent or a little over four thousand colones; what might not be done by cooperation in owning our own printing establishment, to absorb the thousands of dollars which West Indian Organizations of all kinds, business and professional men spend for printing, diverting this revenue into the pockets of the Community, creating profits for ourselves, and affording employment to West Indian compositors and printers, and opening a great future for our boys and girls in literary attainments.

A meeting will be called in Limon at an early date, when the matter of the inscription of the «Searchlight Printery» will be considered and a Board of Directors with the full confidence of the shareholders named, and if wholehearted cooperation is afforded the scheme, there is no reason why by the 1st. Jan'y 1932, The Searchlight should not be established in its own printing plant, turning out a much more excellent paper, providing a great literary scope for our youths dignified work for our typesetters and creating a sure source of profit for its shareholders. Cooperate by quickly subscribing the one thousand shares of five dollars each to be thrown out amongst us.

Lodge Anniversary

THE TAMMUZ TEMPLE AND SEMMIRAMIS CHAPTER OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF ETHIOPIAN MASONS will hold their Anniversary Ceremony on SUNDAY 23RD. AUGUST. Leaving in procession with their friends from the Temple at 3p.m. for the Baptist Church, and after a short service by the Revd. William Forde, they will fall in and parade at the Gob-

ernacion and thence back to the Temple.

At 7p.m. sharp on MONDAY 24TH. they will be at home to their friends in their Hall when a varied intertainment of Songs and recitations will be rendered. Representatives from other benevolent Societies and friends are asked to be on time for both functions.

K. Kelly
Secretary

TO THE FRONT AGAIN

The Baptists will entertain you again on the Lawn of the Baptist Church Limon on Tuesday 1st. of September when a GARDEN PARTY will be staged with a variety of attractions and Amusements such as seldom ever seen. Musical Selections a special feature. Come and enjoy yourselves and help the cause that needs assistance.

Usual Prices

Rev. Wm FORDE, Pastor

El talento de saber gobernar se impone en el momento político actual

Indudablemente que esta vez el talento de saber gobernar ha sido el motivo principal para que todos los ciudadanos de conciencia tranquila y de visión clara, hayan lanzado por tercera vez a la consideración de los pueblos la candidatura de don Ricardo Jiménez Oreamuno. Y en verdad esta designación ha sido el resultado de tomar en cuenta las buenas ejecutorias con que cuenta el candidato del partido Republicano Nacional, para que haya sido nuevamente apoyado por la opinión nacional. Los caros intereses de la patria necesitan de que llegue a la presidencia de la República un ciudadano que represente el sentir general de las colectividades para ver si es posible con un cambio de rumbo que se le dé a la nave de la Nación, se consiga la renovación de la República.

Y tomando en consideración este principio, los pueblos corren pre-

surosos a robustecer la campaña política a favor de don Ricardo, para que cuando llegue el momento de ir a depositar su voto en los comicios electorales, obtener un triunfo ruidoso y de esta manera elevar al solio presidencial al hombre de más preparación en asuntos de administración pública. Los acontecimientos políticos que vienen desarrollándose ponen en evidencia que el triunfo del partido Republicano Nacional es de lo más seguro, pues las asambleas y manifestaciones de que es objeto el candidato por doquiera que llega, es una demostración positiva de que su candidatura saldrá victoriosa en las elecciones que se avecinan.

Es unánime en toda la República la buena acogida que le han dado a la candidatura del partido Republicano Nacional, pues los pueblos ven que ella encarna un porvenir más seguro, más halagador, lo único que ambiciona un pue-

blo culto y trabajador; una vez realizado esto, se habrá conseguido la reivindicación de ciertos motivos quizá por los caprichos del tiempo.

El pueblo limonense comprendiendo de que se hace necesario elevar a la presidencia a un hombre probo de talento y de conducta acrisolada, no ha meditado en dar su apoyo eficaz y positivo a la candidatura del ciudadano de más altos prestigios morales e intelectuales.

En consecuencia la noche del lunes 16 de los corrientes ha dado prueba el pueblo de Limón, de ver con legítimo agrado la proclamación para presidente de la República por tercera vez a don Ricardo, quien representa en estos momentos la voluntad de

la Nación, para que él vuelva a empuñar las riendas del poder.

La asamblea que se celebró en la noche del lunes en su honor en los amplios salones del Teatro Arrasty es una prueba elocuente de la gran simpatía que existe por don Ricardo Jiménez en los corazones de la sociedad de este puerto. Y así fué como vimos desfilar no menos de dos mil personas que lo acompañaban hacia la casa en que estaba hospedado. El entusiasmo fué delirante, los vítores y aplausos se sucedían a cada instante en demostración de cariño y alegría hacia don Ricardo Jiménez.

El Conde de Xolotlan

Limón, Costa Rica, Agosto de 1931.

Sporting news

Cricket

There seem no likelihood of an English team going to Jamaica in 1932 as was arranged. Sir Julien Cahn has cabled the Board of Control to say he will not be able to take a team out as promised.

The Board has now turned its attention to Lord Tennyson, but whether he will be able or not is not yet known.

The Jamaica cricketers now touring the United States, played their ninth match on the 2nd inst. at Dyckman Oval against an All Barbados eleven. The Barbadians batting first secured a total of 178 and the Jamaicans had scored 46 for the loss of two wickets when the game closed on a call of time. Headley who was at the wickets had 28 to his credit and was batting confidently the report states. E. Morrison's score had reached 10.

Crusader vs. Clovelly

On the 16th inst. the Crusader C. C. tried conclusion with the Clovelly C. C. of Moin on Limon Oval.

In the absence of Mr. H. Myers, Crusader was captained by Mr. Percy Irons, who having won the toss elected to bat. Crusader amassed a total of 111 runs for 8 wickets and declared.

The Crovelly C. C. captained by Mr. P. Harris reached a total of 41 runs for 9 wickets and eventually effected a draw.

Top scorers were W. LeRay 38 not out, P. Irons 21 and E. Johnson 18 for Crusaders, while Spence and Lee for Clo-

velly made 11 and 10 respectively. Irons and Riley rattled out the Clovelly in quick succession. B. Lewis for the latter was the only successful trundler.

Clovelly must be commended for their initial performance. They played a very sporting game, and certainly have demonstrated that there are some good recruits in their ranks who with assiduous practice will certainly be heard of doing big things on local cricket fields at no distant date. Among those who impressed most are Cameron, Spence, Lee and Webber.

Football

The «All Stars» of New York played their first game with our local boys — «The Orions» — on Sunday last, which is said to have been most interesting throughout its various stages and closed with a score of one goal each. There was a vast crowd present, the stands being packed to their utmost capacity. The special train from Limon was well patronized.

Tomorrow's game will be against the «Heredianos» and should draw a large attendance, as the team is supposed to be a stronger one than the «Orion». We understand another special will be leaving Limon during the early hours of the morning, tomorrow, to return at night.

Golf

A team of Golfers from the Golf Association of Cristobal is expected to pay a visit to Jamaica next month to play a series of games.

Garden Party Guacimo

All Roads will lead to the spacious grounds of the **GUACIMO BAPTIST CHURCH** on Monday 7th September, when you will see what a **Garden Party** means; meet your friends, and spend a happy time. The **HOT SIX** will know what selections will most enchant you. Come and help us to finish our Church at usual prices of entrance. Come up to Guacimo on Sunday evening. Spend Monday with us and return on Tuesday morning

ALEXANDER REID, Deacon

Alpha's formal opening

Our atmosphere is now being perfumed with inspiratory ideas, when youth thinks in intellectual enterprises. There was a time when the formal opening of clubs was graced with big dances, intermixed with the god, Bacchus, but today dancing is only a secondary affair, to keep away dull cares.

On August 12th, the Alpha held their formal opening, amidst a selected set. According to the sentiments expressed after the function, we feel that indeed our attempts merited such praises. Mr. K. O. C. Harriott, professor of the Adventist school, helped greatly to bring the dream of our Literary Director to a realization, when he officiated as Installing Master. The Rev. Mr. Pitt again was at the fore as chairman, and his little spicy talks made us feel that indeed he is a good old Daddy. The Rev. Mr. Siley confessed his sins, since he believed that the young men of Limon were unable to exhibit such a classical taste. His admonitions to us deserve our attention, and we hope that he shall always be with us to render valuable assistance. Miss Lydia Hines, of the Standard Club, exhorted us as to the stupidity of timidity, and the intrinsic value of sagacity. Miss Silvia Weekes told us of that height to which we ought to aim. Excelsior Miss Weston on Love, showed us a way to progress. Mr. Joseph on Morality, spoke for the 2nd. Limon.

The Reception and Installation ceremonies were ably performed by Prof. Harriott, and the pledges that were taken brought forth this exclamation from the lips of Mrs. Harriott. «Boys, if you should live up to the pledges you have made tonight, then I feel that the better class of people of Limon cannot ostracise you in the future, I know that there may be some who can hardly maintain such forceful words, but do not let them hamper the progress of your club».

Mr. Sutton spoke on athletics, and what he said in 10 minutes, valued two hours talk. Mr. Harriott also took us to Plato and Demosthenes, and all the great sages of the ancient world, when he spoke on education. Thus one can see the type of reception with which Alpha has opened her doors.

The Following is the Programme:

Opening Address, by Mr. Amos Hall. Investiture of power to Installing Officer. Reception of member of A. L. C. and installation of Officers. Violin and Piano. Duets, by Miss Silvia Weeks and Mrs. B. Mitchell. Press (Talk) by Mr. Shaw Davis, Education, (Talk) by Prof. Kieth Harriott. Musical Rendition, by the Red Hot Six. Address, Hon. men by, Mr. Williams. Aspiration, (Talk) by Dolores Joseph. Musical Rendition, by, The Red Hot Six. Athletics, by

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New And Old

Make new friends, but keep the old.
These are silver, those are gold.
New made friendship like new wine,
Age will mellow and refine:
Friendship that has stood the test,
Time and change—are surely best.
Brovv may vvrinkle, hair may gray,
Friendship never knovvs decay.
For midst old friends tried and true,
Once more vve, our youth renev, v,
But old friends, alas may die,
Hence nev friends must, their place supply,
So cherish friendship in our breast
For nev is good, but old is best.
Make nev friends, but keep the old.
These are silver, those are gold.

By the «CLAVEL»

Patriotism

(As affecting the Black Race)

BY DAVID M. LUKE

Dead are those Negroes though alive,
Who attempted never yet to drive
Those base propensities avay
That caused them never yet to say,
That Africa must be redeemed
Where all the «Blacks» vwill be esteemed.
Great though their vvealth, renovvned their fame,
Dishonourable is their name:

Living in ease to them seem best,
But they are vvith many ills oprest.
Because they are too indolent
To fix their minds on freedom bent.
For them the «Motherland» hath no charm
Nor care they ought vvho do her harm;
To them the thoughts of Nationhood,
Debilitate their hardihood,

And think they' is insanity.
To rise and fight for liberty.
The deaths of such no one should mourn
Nor vvith fresh flovvers their graves adorn.
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In Lighter Vein

My dear Cyrillo:

I have just finished hearing how much you regret the omission of an item or two in your report of the functions last Sunday and Monday (July 26 and 27) in connection with the St. Joseph's Catholic School of this town.

You should have told Tom, Dick, and Harry of the address to the children, in particular, by Mr. U. A. Brown, of Liverpool. Indeed no better contribution than that masterly half hour lecture could have been made to the splendid programme they had just rendered, and one feels quite sure that for its helpful advice and encouragement to children and parents alike it will ever be associated with the memories of that happy Sunday afternoon.

As for the Monday after, well, Tom, Dick and Harry will know that we had a real ding-dong, rollicking time. Events opened up with a cricket match between fifteen girls and fifteen of us boys—our teacher being the biggest of the boys—a cricket match, let me tell you, in which in spite of our playing with the left hand, those fifteen little skirts were not able to put up more than a run! Think of that. The 1 square tug, the bag races and quite a few others were very well done and very interesting, but never so entertaining were they as the tug-of-war game; for then, you see, after all that hard pulling, which must have left a corn or two in our hands, we had something to get—something like that "wonderful pudding," of which we read in one of those old time school books—to share among ourselves; and added to these two big cakes were other hand sized ones which looked

as though they were just anxious to get into our mouths—to be followed by icy-cold aerated waters; then cakes again—the cut of which seemed governed by all the known laws of geometry—not to mention cup-fuls of ice cream therewith—icecream that had to be bitten by very strong and very sharp teeth withal (which, fortunately, we juvenile people always carry about with us,) and during the noisy enjoyment of which the finest dance music by a victrola was discoursed. Then did it happen that all was going as merry as a marriage bell when I could hear my own heart repeatedly throbbing, "on with the dance; no sleep... when youth and pleasure meet!"

But thus far and no further.

Yours backhandedly,

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August 4.

Some Coffee Items

Our last and coming crops.

By information received from one of our principal coffee exporting houses, we learn that the quantity of coffee shipped from the Country during the period 1 st. August 1930 and 31 st. July 1931 amounted to.... 350,171 sacks with a weight of 22,745,414 kilos. Of these 240,208 sacks went forward by way of Limon and..... 109,893 from Puntarenas.

In connection with the coming crop, it is pleasing to note that the planters in and around Turrialba are so sanguine of reaping a heavy crop that they are calling for some 500 men for their field work. It is also the opinion of the experienced ones that this year's quality will be of a very high standard.

Brazil still dumps

Another lot of coffee consisting of 91,000 sacks is reported to have been dumped in the sea by the Brazilian Authorities on the 10 th inst, in spite of the appeals made by the local press that same be distributed among the Country's poor.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Plane lost

While on its flight to Paris on Friday 7th. inst. with 18 passengers, the largest land plane in the world, the AHNIBAL of the Imperial Airways was destroyed by two of its motors stopping suddenly. The pilots by retaining control, were however able to avert a serious catastrophe, and landed the passengers safely. The cost of the plane is said to have been £ 40,000.

In Belgian Congo

A disturbance is reported to have occurred in the province of Kwango, Belgian Congo, between the natives and Belgian troops, in which 30 of the former were killed and one of the latter.

Latin American Exhibition

Arrangements are being made, we understand, to hold an exposition of the products of the Latin American countries in Milan in September next year. Costa Rica has been invited to take part and it is expected she will do so.

Our Roadways

The heavy rains which have fallen recently have so damaged our highways that, it is stated, the Minister of Public Works is being petitioned from all over the Country to see to the necessary repairs. Owing however, to present financial conditions, he finds it impossible to give attention to all, but

Another Probable Buyer

We understand there is every likelihood of another company entering the Jamaica banana trade. A large Canadian concern is reported to have been carrying out investigations there for some time past and the reports sent them by their representatives have been so satisfactory that there is every indication of their deciding to start business in the near future. The fruit would be sent to the American and European markets in addition to their own.

has decided to proceed with those which are of most importance. Some of the roads are described as being almost impassable.

Our cash circulation

According to the information published by the National Accounting Department the general circulation of money in the Republic during the past month was..... \$ 505,737 less that during June, as under:— Banco Internacional Bills —\$ 14816,000; Caja de Conversión Bills —\$ 1275,071; Silver —\$ 1,374,700 and Copper —\$ 710,000. Total..... \$ 18,175,771 as against \$ 18,681,508 in June.

Earthquake in Greece

On the 3rd. inst. an earthquake took place in the region of the Etna volcano causing considerable damage estimated at half a million dollars. The volcano is in unusual activity, throwing out steam and ashes in great quantities. No loss of life has been reported yet.

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Limon, May 25th. 1931

Emancipation Celebration at Waldeck

On Sunday the 2nd just the Waldeck Liberty Hall was packed overcrowding on the occasion of the celebration of the 93rd anniversary of the emancipation of the West Indian Negroes. The meeting commenced precisely at 2.30 pm. Thos. J. Windt acted as chaplain, and after the opening formalities were duly observed, Mr. Harrison, the speaker, rose amidst a great applause and delivered the emancipation address. He divided the subject under three headings: The Negro before slavery. The Negro fighting slavery, and the Negro since emancipation. At the end of his address, he introduced Mr. D. P. Abbott who acted as the chairman for the special programme which was rendered by the school children. The programme, was an excellent one and the actors did full justice to the occasion, but special mention must be made of Misses Vivine Reid, Ena Wilson, Kella Doyley, Sibyl Moss, Joseph Porter, Joseph Shippy, Vincent Maharson, and Clara Morris who were the stars of the evening. The concert and dramatic entertainment held at the Waldeck Liberty Hall on Monday night just 3rd, in connection with emancipation celebration, was a distinct success, and everybody who attended, thoroughly enjoyed every of the programme. The dialogue «I wish» by Joseph Porter decided prof that his ing is that of a law. Mr. and Mrs. Shippy delighted the audience in their two duets with Miss Carr, in her al dramatic style with Mrs. M. Doyley made a wonderful contribution.

At this juncture the stars of Waldeck made their appearance. The constellation consisted of Misses V. Reid, E. Wilson, K. Doyley, S. Moss, B. Chambers, O. Porter, J. Porter, C. Irving, F. Alterio, F. Chambers, C. Morris, R. Shippy and O. Thomas. Their performances were made both in Spanish and English.

Mr. Howlitt, the teacher of Cimarrones, presided and an excellent chairman he was. When the programme terminated at 12 o'clock midnight; the large crowd retired from the hall feeling satisfied that the night was well spent.

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CURRENT ITEMS

Good sign

It is apparent that the depression is not so serious in the Argentine Republic from the fact that the Minister of Exchequer has announced that the country is ready to meet the Loan of \$ 40.000.000 made a year ago by Messrs Brown Bros. and which falls due on 1st October.

General strike brewing

The unemployment Crisis in Colombia seem to be pretty acute. At Santa Marta 800 dockworkers and banana labourers have recently been thrown out of work, due to the depression in the Banana business in Colombia. There is a general strike brewing to get a readjustment of the wage rate, at which the officials of the United Fruit Co., the government and the labour leaders are to consult.

Flood damages in China

Great flood damages are reported from China, where the overflowing of the Yangtse and other rivers have flooded the entire central China, causing several thousands drowned and hundreds of thousands rendered homeless and starving. In the Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang cities and the surrounding country the dykes were broken and these cities inundated. India has likewise suffered; in the district of Maliva, much life and property have been lost and great suffering among the inhabitants as all the crops have been lost, and many families rendered homeless.

The trade ship

Canada is also following up the example of Britain by sending an Exhibition ship, to show all her manufactures to the different countries of Central and South America and the West Indies, with their corresponding Salesmen and exhibitors. It is so arranged that the ships will not clash, the British Exhibitor will leave for these waters in November, while the Canadian maritime Show window will leave Canada early in 1932.

Irrigation answers Panama Disease

It has been demonstrated in the dry but fertile areas of the Parish of St. Elizabeth Jamaica, that Irrigation is the only thing to cope with and prevent the ravages of Panama Disease. By experiments carried out at Williamsfield in the Pedro Plains it is found that Bananas can be successfully grown there, if the government will but attend to the calls for an irrigation service.

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A church's new use

GLASGOW, July 4.-The congregation in a little church at Vice was kneeling in prayer when some one stirred restlessly. Other worshippers looked up and beheld a stream trickling down upon them. Outside it was not raining. For a moment they were puzzled. Then also from above suddenly came the faint but unmistakable scent of home brew. Zack Miller boldly volunteered to ascend into the attic to investigate and soon he returned with the news. He had found a 16 gallon container of home brew and two open buckets full of beer which local bootleggers had secreted in the church believing it the safest hiding place in town.

Prayed for intruder

The prayer meeting, now that the interruption had passed, was resumed. On the suggestion of one of the brethren, the whole congregation knelt and prayed for the salvation of the intruder who had used their house of worship so sacrilegiously. Then when services were over, Sheriff F. B. Stidham was summoned.

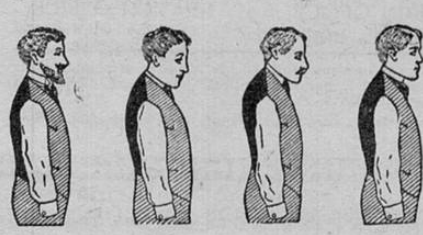
Accompanied by several of the congregation, the sheriff ascended into the attic to seize the offending brew. But, to the chagrin of all, it was nowhere to be found. Some one had crept aloft during the last half of the service and quietly stolen it.

From "The Gleaner".

Bacardi Rum

From Cuba comes the news that in consequence of the heavy Tax imposed by the Government, the great distillery of Bacardi Bros will be closed down, and the machinery taken to Mexico to carry on; the Cuban government is considering the advisability of modifying this tax as the withdrawal of this industrial centre would be the means of throwing fully 1500 workers out of employment.

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Public Warning

Be it known that my wife Francella Goulbourne has left my home and protection since the 11th inst. without my consent. This therefore advises the public that I am therefore no longer responsible for any debts which she may create.

(sgd.) Josiah Goulbourne

Liverpool, July 28 th 1931

Sir Thomas will try again

Sir Thomas Lipton's Challenger Shamrock VI is being designed and built, by the same builder who built his Shamrock IV and V, Charles J. Nicholson of Gosport. There will be slight changes in the construction, according to the new Rules framed since the last race, in that the boats will carry Cabin fittings instead of being mere shells. There will also be a slight change in the bow and mast of the boats, making them more seaworthy, thus giving the British Baron a better chance, and after all, it is only right to encourage his pluck of challenging to lift the cup for 32 years now.

The challenge will be sent to the New York Yacht Club this time by the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which Sir Thomas has at last succeeded in being elected a member, and not as formerly by the Royal Ulster Yacht Club. The old veteran sportsman in now 82 years old and expresses his determination of taking back the Cup to England before he dies. The challenge will be sent early in September to race in August 1932 instead of September as formerly.

While Gandhi travels

According to our late advices Mahatma Gandhi should be leaving India about this time for the London round-table conference. He will, it is stated, travel as a steerage passenger, and his only baggage will consist of a spinning wheel, a spare loincloth, a copy of Thoreau's essay on "Civil Disobedience" and two goats.

The goats, given him by an admirer, will supply the milk, his principal article of diet throughout the 3 weeks voyage and during his stay in London. They will be milked by Miss Madeleine Slade, Mr. Gandhi's English disciple, twice a day while he watches. Gandhi's sleeping place will be on the 3rd. class deck on a straw mattress. Half a dozen brass vessels filled with water from the holy River Ganges are being taken for his use, the water being sprinkled over everything he is likely to use, particularly his food, clothing and bedding. A Brahmin Chef is being taken to prepare his food in keeping with his orthodox teachings.

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The Tourist Trade Another knight charged

It is with pleasure we note that the great Ocean liner of the Cunard line has been engaged for five Cruises during the coming tourist season in March next; she will be calling at Kingston during her cruises; which will afford an opportunity to those who have always read of, but never seen, this mammoth Castle of the deep to have her in their midst during the Easter season.

The sick list

Two of the world's most famous men have recently been stricken ill, our great Wartime Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, underwent an operation, and the great Electrical Wizard, Mr. Thomas Alva Edison, collapsed at his home; both are however progressing slowly. Never since the anxious moments during the kings illness has the Nation been so concerned over the illness of any of her great men as in the illness of Lloyd George. The Bulletins issued by the Doctors as to his condition were most eagerly watched, and all are glad of his progress.

A New Departure

It is noted that Mr. Sydney Cargill, solicitor practising before the bar for nearly forty years now, has been appointed Custos Rotulorum for the parish of St. Andrew, Jamaica, in place of the Hon. W. A. S. Vickers, deceased.

This announcement has come as a surprise to some of us, who have always been taught to understand that this honour fell by right of Seniority among the Justices of the Peace in the Parish concerned; Mr. Cargill is well known to have lived among the Aristocrats of the Parish, but we did not know that he was even on the Roster of the Justices of the Peace, if he is not, it would appear that the other Justices have been slighted. When! Oh When! will the law of righteousness be meted out by our great leaders.

That strict code of morality, which we have all along been taught to regard as the cardinal characteristic of the titled gentry of the British aristocracy, appears to us to be seriously on the wane, at least in so far as those of them who have entered the business world or who on account of their earlier successful business careers obtained entry to that class.

Lord Kyslant, of world wide shipping fame is under a one year sentence of imprisonment for having issued certain information regarding the financial operations of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. which has been held, by the Courts, to have been intended to fraudulently deceive, the shareholders and prospective investors.

Another prominent titled person is, now also appearing before the British Courts to answer charges alleging fraudulent conversion. Sir Arthur Wheeler, 70 years old, in business as a Stock and share broker and formerly head of one of the largest Brokers firms in Britain, has been charged, along with his partner Mr. George Victor Smith with having fraudulently converted the sum of £ 23,000 entrusted to them by clients. It is alleged that Sir Arthur used the name of a retired cashier, his former employee, to keep and utilise for his own business, monies which should have been devoted to the purchase of stock, he personally paying the dividends on the stock as they fell due. Complaints being, however, made regarding the non receipt of the usual certificates brought about the discovery of the true state of affairs. Sir Wheeler's Company is stated to have had accounts at five of the largest banks with overdrafts amounting to around... £ 500,000. The accused filed a bankruptcy petition last March shewing... £ 809,000 liabilities and a deficiency of nearly... £ 600,000.

To our Patrons

To endeavour to improve this paper we are asking all those subscribers who are backward by three and four months payments, to send in their subscriptions at once a Representative will be along the lines from 29th. inst to the 3rd. Sept. for collections.

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Greek Spiders vs. Soviet Bedbugs

-A precious cargo of five bedbug killing spiders is reported to have left Athens Greece, recently by special courier for Soviet Russia. The order was filled, on request of the Soviet Embassy at Athens, at one of the refugee camps on the outskirts of the city, where the value of the spiders was

first demonstrated strikingly about six years ago. Each spider was placed in a glass with ten flies (no bedbugs could be found at the time) for food.

More spiders were desired but only five could be found at the Kaisariami camp.

The spiders, known under the dignified name of T. Flavidus Simon, is a remarkable creature. Soon after refugee camps were established here following the war, hordes of bugs appeared in the wooden barracks. They kept increasing and grew so obnoxious that many of the refugees moved their cots outdoors.

Suddenly in a few months the number of vermin diminished till practically all were gone. Some of the more observant refugees noticed that in their place appeared spiders which were seen to capture their prey, paralyse them in some way and then devour them.

Dr. N. T. Lorando, formerly associated with American Near East Relief as physician and now chief physician to the Evangelismos Hospital here, sent some of the spiders to the British Museum at London, where they were classified. When the success of the spiders became known, so many requests for samples were received from all over the world that not all the orders could be filled.

Once in Italy, during an epidemic of plague, Greece, according to ancient chronicles, was petitioned to provide a cure. From Epidaurus was sent a cargo of snakes, which ate the rats that bore the germs and thus ended the plague.

We think our local Hygiene department could easily find use for at least a couple of cargoes of this most precious "T. Flavidus Simon".

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A Reminiscence

Our much esteemed representative and correspondent at Cabueta sends us for publication that which he very appropriately terms a reminiscence. He states that it was just 46 years ago when on the anniversary of that day—1st of August—in the long ago which the descendants of the liberated Slaves have always regarded with thankful memories, a large number of the West Indians resident in Aspinall (as Colon was then known) decided on taking a day off from work to spend it, as were their custom in their Island homes, in friendly visits and joyous sport; they boarded the early outgoing train for various points.

All went well until the vicinity of Mount Hope was reached when an engine came into sight from the Fox River bend going at top speed. No alarm was evinced, how-

ever, as it was thought that the engine was hauling a burial train bound for "Monkey Hill", but when it neared the usual stopping place for such trains and no slackening of speed was observed, but rather that it was continuing its mad rush towards them, the driver stopped his train to await the fatal result. Then pandemonium broke loose among the erstwhile pleasure seekers, who threw themselves from the train amid the greatest confusion in an effort to escape an awful death, and ere they all had cleared to safety, the crash occurred, the coaches mounting one on the other to be shattered into splinters. Thus turning an anticipated happy August into mourning and sorrow.

Mr. Wynter closes by wishing the Searchlight and all members of our race a very happy time and prosperous future.

REVISTA

"Escuela de Agricultura"

Director: Luis Cruz B.

Empresa puramente particular.

La subscripción a esta Revista sólo vale cuatro colones, sea un dólar por año.

Pida su suscripción.

Escriba al DIRECTOR.

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coloured subjects? If the U. F. Co and the American government did not make such a fine gesture in the protection of her coloured subjects, it is interesting to know what course might she adopt surely her Consuls in all these Republics must, from time to time, have been acquainting Downing Street of the many prejudicial treatments being meted out to these people, what then shall be done? because it is evident that within another decade, the Negro who does not nationalize himself in all these countries will be thrown out, and in view of the fact that the populations of the several West Indian Islands are getting overcrowded, what with the breeding in coupled with the constant influx of the rejected ones from these places, what will Old Albion do? Can any of our readers suggest?

Mr. Sutton, Y. W. S. C. Address, by Miss Lydia Hines, University Club, (Emulation), by Mr. J. Mitchell, Motive Power, (Unity), by Mr. A. Hylton, Garvey Lit. Club, by Miss Westney, St. Marks Literary and Social, by Miss S. Weekes, Wesley League, by Miss A. Stirling, Address, (Surprise), by Rev Mr. Siley, Closing Remarks, by Chairman, Vote of thanks to all, by the President. The following are the installed officers. Mr. G. Frazer, President; Mr. D. W. Joseph, Ist Vice and Literary Director; Mr. C. Clarke, 2nd Vice and Asst; Lit. Director; Mr. I. Cowan Rec. Sec.; Mr. Egbert Dobson, Financial Sec.; Mr. D. Edwards, Treasurer and Sportmaster; Mr. Kenneth Morgan, Librarian; Prof. K. O. C. Harriott, Honorary President; Sr. Don Rogelio Gutierrez Patron.

N. B. Alpha is soliciting the answers from those gentlemen whom she has asked to become honorary members, as she is anxious to enlist their names in her roll. Membership is from 15 years to 35, to any young man of an ambitious strain of mind.

The Alpha Reporter

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Philomela's friendly talk

PART V

What is our purpose in life? Everything has a purpose; the river, the sea, the birds, and so should we. Then what is your purpose? Is it to be some overburdened mother of illgotten children, or

playthings of licentious men, or painted butterfly flies who lose their beauty, when a tough wind blows? Or is your purpose to live, glorifying the Almighty, by pursuing a clean moral, intellectual, physical, prosperous life? A life whose past is filled with wonderful accomplishments, whose present is ever to build a firm foundation, to enjoy in the future, noble thoughts of a remarkable past. Is it not to live and learn, to learn and teach? Teach those around you to follow the footsteps of your good examples. Is it not to live with a soul spotlessly white, free from every degrading thought, word or deed? Is it not to infuse nobler ideas into the minds of those around you, making them into souls as pure and noble as yours?

Travellers

Of the old timers of Limon, we have noticed once more among us Mr. Fred. Gordon of British Vice Consulate fame at Limon.

Mr. Gordon left these shores some time ago for Cuba but has returned among us recently. There are many friends of Mr. Gordon who will be glad to know he has returned.

Personal

We are sorry to announce that don Jose Rodriguez former owner of the Siglo XX Hotel of Limon is seriously ill in the San Juan Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Politi...

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uplift, Racial improvement, Racial clannishness and cooperation among his people; and yet it is well known that Costa Ricans do not on the whole appreciate the Negro, but for what his enslaved services may help him to acquire; he must not come beyond the Tunnel, he must not drive an Engine on the Railway, nor conduct a train beyond Peralta; what a farce; but your vote is wanted. In compromising your vote, let your leaders demand that these insulting stigmas be withdrawn from your progress, let them demand the withdrawal of the decree which has prevented Marcus Garvey from coming here to help to inspire loyalty to Africa, Self respect among Negroes and the enlightened progress of the Negro Race. This is what is being demanded by the Negroes of the United States at all elections, better opportunities in every Department of the civic government of the country, and why should Negroes here not do the same. Place your goal before you, Aim high for your mark and you will have it; but if you claim no objective you will achieve nothing and end in oblivion. This is your chance, use it, and demand what will bring credit to Your Race.

THE END

Old Albion sick in pocket

While England was moving every key to save the depressed economic situation of Germany Her own resources were found to be in a very precarious condition, due to the many million pounds in gold that France had been drawing from the Bank of England.

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Anyone giving information leading up to its recovery will be suitably rewarded by the owner.
N. CROOKS — Siquirres

GRATITUDE

The officers & members of the young Women's Standard Club by this medium beg to sincerely thank their many friends who helped to make the Elocution Contest of August 4th. the splendid success it was.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation of Mrs. Chesterfield Harriott's valuable services as chair-lady; she was indeed unique. To the very eminent judges. Messrs K. O. Chesterfield Harriott, H. H. Hylton, C. Harold Smith, J. D. Burrow and C. Hayling we feel deeply grateful for their genuine whole hearted and valuable assistance to the most important part of our programme.

We could not have gone along as well as we did without our guests of honour, the Revs. E. A. Pitt and Wm. Forde, who brought the ecclesiastical atmosphere to soothe the gathering. And Mrs. Blandina Hitchell along with Miss Kathleen Kellerman of Siquirres cannot be too highly praised for their musical ability and we assure them of our hearty gratitude. We are also indebted to the Dainty Mrs. Josefina Eccleston, who in words well chosen and fitting pre-

vented the prizes to the winners.

To the various clubs who took an interest in this contest by sending representatives, we say "thanks" Without their help we could not have been successful, especially the Alpha Literary Club, who hold no small part in the estimation of the Y. W. S. C.; and whose cooperation, as shown by Messrs Ivan Cowan and Kenneth Morgan shall not be forgotten.

Last but not least the audience, without whom no entertainment could be successful, our contest particularly lacking and our hopes crushed; we therefore say a thousand thanks for your hearty co-operation. We noticed ladies and gentlemen who as true lovers of Literature will not fail to answer the calls which will tend to the moral, social, intellectual uplift of the young.

Mrs. Hilda Davis who so kindly and willingly placed her home at our disposal for the carrying through of our programme and Mr. Whiteman, who so readily accepted the tiresome position he did to help us along, we thank most sincerely.

For our progress

The Editor.

Sir:

Several articles have appeared in these columns on the subject of the very unfavorable conditions existing here at present among the younger members of our coloured race. All the writers gave expression to the urgent need for remedying these conditions, if our future men and women were to be saved from not only ultimately ruining themselves but, retarding that general racial progress which is today the one essential to which all thoughtful members are striving, but only a few, a very few, submitted anything like a suggestion as to how, or along what lines, efforts towards betterment might be attempted. And even these few have failed to obtain, as far as I know, that support, without which it is impossible for an active start to be made.

It is true that quite recently certain «Clubs» have been inaugurated which are said to be aiming at the intellectual, social and moral progress of the race, but while I admit such organizations, conducted along proper lines, can and do effect much good, it must be remembered that they do not reach those of whom your correspondents had been writing, and consequently are limited in their scope of usefulness where the general body of our young women and youths are concerned.

It was, therefore, a great pleasure for me to have observed that, on your very commendable initiative, the Convention held recently in Limon, gave consideration to the matter and have adopted what I consider, the most practicable method of procedure, for if real, genuine progress is to be striven after, if a better social, and moral status is to be obtained and a higher intellectual stand-

ard be the ultimate result, it is our boys and girls on the streets to whom first and foremost consideration has to be given; it is only by affording them a means of acquiring personal pride, self respect and ambitious thoughts that those ends aimed at can be had, and a Reform School is certainly the most practicable and helpful solution. There the boy and the girl being removed from their earlier baneful surroundings, will have as no where else, an opportunity of making, as it were, a new start in life.

It is to be hoped that the committee in whose hands the matter has been placed will push the scheme forward after securing the suggested cooperation of the various Societies whose members are so intimately associated with the cause.

In addition, Mr. Editor, to the ideas, as published, may I suggest that when selecting a site for the school, a plot of land be secured of sufficient area to enable a course of practical agriculture to be undertaken. This would not alone help the student but in time afford a source of revenue to the Institution.

Such an institution would naturally give better results if situate on its own grounds away from the town, where the students would lose contact with all harmful influences and at the same time have the opportunity of acquiring some trade or other qualification by which they can in after years become useful members of their race as well of the community.

I shall be sending in my small quota towards the million ten cents needed and trust the list will not be long in reaching the desired goal.

Yours in appreciation.

BRIMONDO

August 20 the 1931.

A Religious ceremony

On Saturday, August 15. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there was witnessed in the Church of The Sacred Heart, Limon, a very inspiring and beautiful event. An angelic looking band of twenty youthful candidates made their First Holy Communion.

The children all appropriately robed in white, the proverbial symbol of purity, assembled in the school-room and marched in quiet dignified procession to the church just as the bells pealed forth their silvery chimes announcing the commencement of 6 o'clock Mass.

The church, beautifully adorned for the festival, looked charming, enhanced the more by the presence of the snowy-robed youths devoutly awaiting the reception of their Eucharistic King for the first time of their lives.

At the «Domine Non Sum Dignus», the approach of the august moment a solemn hush inundated the entire church, a long snowy line ascended the main aisle and fringed the altar-rail. The choir, as if inspired, sang the Communion Hymn «Jesus Thou Art Coming» with much feeling and pathos.

The ecstatic moment had arrived! The ambition of these catholic youths had been attained! The Dear Lord had come to be their guest for the first time.

After this ceremony, these First Communicants were taken to the Presbytery where they were the guests of His Lordship Bishop Blessing and the good parish priests to a light breakfast prepared specially and exclusively for them. The little folks were here showered with congratulations from parents, pastors, teachers and friends.

At 15 o'clock The Revd. A. Wolengarten, C. M. gave a very appropriate address to the children followed by the Renewal of the Baptismal Vow, and the consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the

B. V. M. After this simple, brief but solemn ceremony, they were again feted with light refreshments in the school-room.

And now for a word of praise to those who helped to lend lustre to this festival. The careful preparation of these candidates was assiduously perfected by the untiring, energetic and apostolic zeal of Miss. Esther Ainsworth and Mrs. M. Lewis seconded by Mr. Percival Irons, teachers respectively of the Girls and Boys School. To Miss. Iris Symes, seconded by the Misses Stephanie Grant, Cristina Francis and Hilda Luke was due the beautiful decoration that adorned Our Lady's altar. Oh! what a cluster of immaculate flowers that bedecked the altar! What lovely lilies and all made by those deft little hands of these unselfish young ladies who have much of their time to the decorations!

It is to be hoped that the CATHOLIC ATHE- NEUM, a new cultural centre, will enlist in its ranks many a young man and young lady who are willing to give of their best unselfishly, such as is exemplified by this little band of workers.

The following were the candidates:

Masters Clarence McRae, Louis McRae, Dudley Wignall, William McLean, Martin West, Albert Brown, Gilmore Grainger.

Misses Dorothy Chickory, Miriam Chickory, Gertrude Williams, Phyllis Reid, Melanie Hart, Iris Burch, Claris Nelson, Millicent Wignall, Aurea Reid, Meva Roberts, Thelma Gordon, Avis McLean and Victoria Grant.

The King of Sports

There will be a great day of racing at 24 miles on the 15th day of September, on the new Race Track, the best in the Province.

A fine day's sport is in store for all lovers of the sport of kings; all turfites are cordially invited, fine accommodation will be afforded visitors so as to enable you to spend a real day of enjoyment.

A fine Silver Cup in the Race for the half Bred horses, will be among the prizes to be competed for. Do not miss the occasion of this meeting.

Watch for Programmes soon to appear giving full details.

The Racing Club 25 Miles