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EASTER.

WE were about to write an editorial on Easter, the Queen of Christian Feasts, when our eyes fell upon the following excellent one on this subject published in last week's issue of the Detroit Independent, one of our highly esteemed contemporaries, which so well expresses our own message that we gladly commend it to our readers: "It is in the Springtime when life seems most worth living.

All nature is reviving, is being born again.

The singing of the birds, the blooming of the flowers, the awakening of the trees—on every hand there are signs of life that delight and inspire. It is at this joyous time that the Easter season comes. Easter day is in perfect harmony with this period.

It represents the spirit of hope, the promise of life. Without this promise of a greater, broader life, the joy of living would be destroyed.

Everywhere the significance of the anniversary of the assurance of a life to come is understood, there is rejoicing.

In gratitude for the promise we express our praise in inspired song, in pageantry, and in offerings of Nature's choicest gifts, the flowers which in themselves typify a new birth—a resurrection.

Nature proclaims the reasonableness of the Christian's belief in the flowering of new life. But, fortunately, the Christian does not depend upon Nature to assure him. When Jesus of Nazareth, crucified to appease an angry mob, broke the bonds of death and became "the first fruits of them that slept," He flooded the gates of eternity with a light that forever dissolved the mystery of Death.

Easter, the anniversary of the supreme victory of Time, with its message of hope for every soul, illuminates the pathway into the future, enabling men to look across the grave, and know that they are going on. Today, we know that this is only the beginning. Without the hope and the courage this day inspires, life would not be worth the living."

MOORFIELD STOREY, FRIEND OF OUR RACE.

MOORFIELD STOREY, loyal and true friend of humanity and uncompromising champion of justice for the Negro race, has just celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth. From all sections of the land sincere greetings and congratulations were poured upon him and especially from branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of which he is the honored and beloved national president and to which he has contributed most generously not only his services but his money. In acknowledging his gratitude for the felicitations sent him Judge Storey recites the progress he has noted in the fight for justice during his life time and urges our people to stand fast and persevere in the battle for

right and justice. He promises that so long as his life lasts he will continue to work for the cause for which the Association stands.

It is hoped that his earnest plea that members of our race will realize the imperative need of joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or the N. A. A. C. P. as it is more familiarly known, and strengthen its influence in the crisis which confronts our people in this country, will be heeded. These are his closing words which should be given the widest publicity and move us all to greater devotion to the cause of racial justice:

"We have only to stand fast, only to persevere in asserting our rights and we cannot be beaten. Take no backward step. Urge our fellow-citizens to join our organization, to fight with us and not stand as mere lookers on. That is a position of which every colored man should be ashamed. His help is needed and the larger our force the sooner will come our sure success."

Thank God for true, tried and loyal white friends of our race like Moorfield Storey, and let us take courage and press forward doing our full duty and show our worthiness of such friends and champions.

THE EASTER LILIES

(By Selma Gordon)
Upon the Mount of Calvary
The cross of Christ now stands,
Taking us back to memory
Of his pierced feet and hands.

The cross whereon the Saviour died
Stands here in open view,
Let Easter Lilies be your guide
To the place long they knew.

Upon the Mount of Calvary
The Easter lilies bloom,
With solemn joy they seem to say:
"Go view the empty tomb."

The empty tomb where once was sealed
The body of our Lord,
Proves Heaven's joy to us revealed,
Oh, hear the mighty Word!

"What seekest thou?" the lilies say
"For lo! He is not here
Go out upon the great highway,
And tell it far and near."

With dread mind the watchers fled
And spread the news with speed,
"That Christ is risen who once was dead,
And lives fore'er now indeed."

Upon the Mount of Calvary
The Easter lilies sing:
"Oh, grave where is thy victory
Oh, death where is thy sting?"

ARCHBISHOP HARTY CONFIRMS CLASS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Sunday afternoon Archbishop J. J. Harty confirmed a class of forty-seven at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Benedict the Moor, Twenty-fifth and Grant street, the Rev. Francis B. Cas-

silly, S. J., pastor. The class was composed of twenty-one boys, thirteen girls and thirteen adults. The Rev. John F. McCormick, president of Creighton university; the Rev. James W. Stenson, pastor of St. Philomena's, and other Omaha priests assisted in the services. The mission was organized three years ago with eleven communicants and has increased to seventy-two. A parochial school and community house are features of the work.

MARRIES AT THE HOME OF HER DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Effie Simon and Mr. Jess Ross United in wedlock at the home of Mrs. R. E. Brown.

Mrs. Effie Simon, who came from Dallas, Texas, more than 6 years ago to make her home here, and Mr. Jess Ross, were quietly married at the home of the bride's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, 2614 Parker Street, Wednesday evening.

The wedding was a quiet and simple affair. No elaborate preparations were made for it. Only near relatives and close friends were present. A reception awaited the couple at their new home, 2637 Parker Street, whence they went immediately after the ceremony. Friends may find the newly-weds at this address.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fredrick Divers, of Bethel A. M. E. Church.

CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during our sadness in the death of dear Amelia McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Sappho, parents.
Mrs. Justine McKinney Cropp.
Joseph L. McKinney.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeon Ray, parents.
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ray.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harris.

We wish to thank the many friends for their appreciated assistance, sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of a loving husband and kind father.

Mrs. Bessie Patterson and children.

This is to express my appreciation to the lodges and to my many friends for their kindness to me, and especially for the beautiful flowers that helped so much to cheer me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Mildred Campbell Bland.

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WHEN?

Begins Monday, April 20th

Who Is Going to Preach?
The Rev. George W. Day, Pastor

O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

The revival spirit is in the air. All the members of Mt. Moriah are at it. This is as it should be. The Church must reach the lost for Christ. The second coming of Christ will be the one theme of the meetings.

The following themes will be discussed from this plorious and much neglected book:

1. The seven churches of Asia.
2. The seven trumpets.
3. The seven seals.
4. The end of time.
5. The two witnesses.
6. Satan, the great red dragon.
7. The beast.
8. The seven bowls of wrath.
9. The fall of Babylon.
10. The marriage of the lamb.
11. The pale horse.
12. The seven new things.

The meeting will close on May the 3rd. Come one, come all, and help to save a soul for Christ.



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A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."