

A GREAT UNDERTAKING.

The African Civilization Movement.

DR. A. B. WALKER'S SCHEME TO BRING THE WHOLE CONTINENT OF AFRICA

And the Whole African Race Within the Pale of Christian Civilization.

Dr. A. B. Walker of St. John, the president and promoter of The African Civilization Movement, is in Fredericton in the interest of his scheme.

From here, Dr. Walker will go to Toronto, where he will begin a tour of Canada and the United States, in order to fully explain his scheme to the public. He will address public meetings in all the principal cities of these countries. And immediately after finishing his American tour, he intends to visit England and the chief centres of Africa.

The whole burden or weight of the scheme rests entirely upon Dr. Walker's shoulders; he is its promoter, financier, and advocate; he alone discusses its feasibility, lays its plans, assumes its responsibilities and expenses, and unravels its perplexities; in a word, Dr. Walker is the whole scheme—its soul and energy and intelligence.

Dr. Walker is a lawyer, and a man of refinement and learning. He has the distinction of being the first negro admitted to the bar in Canada, and the third in the British Empire.

The scheme is certainly clever, and seems both practical and possible; indeed, if Dr. Walker can carry his idea into effect as he proposes it, that is, can get the best types of intelligent, educated, industrious English-speaking negroes to follow him and support him, Africa will surely be made a great country, and the negro race a most useful and prosperous people.

"My mission," Dr. Walker observed, to a Herald reporter, "is as much to the Anglo-Saxons or the English-speaking white people as it is to the negroes or my own people. Without interesting the Anglo-Saxons in the scheme, and securing their aid, and counsel, and encouragement, it will prove an absolute failure; but if the Anglo-Saxons receive it with favor and give it a helping hand, all along the line, as they have done so far, it is bound to be an absolute success as well as one of the greatest achievements of the twentieth century. As I have said, again and again, in interviews, in speeches, and in published articles, the Anglo-Saxon is the highest and the noblest development of mankind that the world has ever seen—the kindest, the bravest, the most advanced, and the most just of the whole genus homo—and any great project which makes for Christian civilization, must necessarily have the Anglo-Saxon's active, generous, hearty co-operation, or it will end at the very beginning. No branch of the human family has done so much for freedom, humanity, and the spread of knowledge and the enlightenment, as the Anglo-Saxon; and unless the Anglo-Saxon people take hold of the negro race, and lift it up, and teach it, and civilize it, and rescue it from ignorance, barbarism, and heathenism, the negro race, as a race, will be doomed to a degrading wretchedness and degradation. And, therefore, I appeal as strongly to the Anglo-Saxons to stand by me in working out my scheme as I do to the negroes for whose special benefit the scheme is launched."

Dr. Walker's scheme is fully discussed in a message, in book form, which he has issued to the public; but the following is his summary of it in a printed syllabus:

"The chief object of this movement is to bring the whole continent of Africa and the whole African race within the pale of Christian civilization, according to the Anglo-

Saxon plan; and we propose to do this by founding in some part of British Africa, not already largely occupied by white people, a colony of intelligent, educated, industrious class of English-speaking negroes drawn from English-speaking countries.

"As to the character of this colony it is our fixed intention to make it British in the strictest sense of the term. To have everything about it and in it British. To adopt British laws and institutions. To have the system of education British. To follow British ideals of life. And to pattern after British models of society. And we expect to have it administered as a Crown colony, until it becomes, through population and advancement, important enough to be vested with responsible and representative government.

"At the outset, we will establish an up-to-date industrial college, on a basis similar to Prof. Booker T. Washington's industrial college in the South, in which will be taught all the useful trades, occupations, and handicrafts, and in which will be studied all the mineral, agricultural, and sylvan resources of Africa and also, the fundamental principles of commerce and business. And we will build, equip, and officer a university, to give instruction in literature, science, art, philosophy, and the learned professions. And our common schools will be copies of the best common schools in Anglo-Saxon countries.

"Only a special class of people will be induced or allowed to go there—i. e., only men and women who can fully comprehend all the difficulties and perplexities attending such an enterprise, and who will resolve to battle with these difficulties and perplexities until they surmount them. We are determined to shut the door hard and fast against all who are ignorant, thriftless and feeble. Our policy towards the natives will be patient, kind, and just.

"We wish to say here, that we do not undertake this scheme for the express purpose of solving the negro problem in the United States; nevertheless, we strongly maintain that by carrying our scheme into effect, it will eventually solve the negro problem all over the whole earth, simply because it will open the way to the negro to lay the foundation of negro nationhood and empire. And, on this account we appeal to the people of the United States, regardless of race or color, to assist us in working out our idea as a great world problem, or a problem of civilization and humanity.

"With respect to the territory, there need be no doubt, as there is plenty of splendid, fertile, resourceful land in British Africa, unshattered and unsettled, to meet all our highest wishes, without interfering in the least with the whites or the natives. And just as soon as a sufficient number of the right kind of men and women assure us of their sympathy and co-operation and support, we will make the necessary arrangements with the Imperial government for a suitable grant in a suitable locality and immediately go there, and organize, and begin work—growing cotton, flax, tobacco, coffee, sugar, grapes, and so forth, and opening mines, and cutting lumber, and putting up factories, and training the natives."

Dr. Walker will call on the leading people of Fredericton to aid him in carrying on the preliminary work of his great scheme.

pressed that view, and Dr. Roche, who spoke later, concurred in it. The grievance of the Roblin government against the Dominion government is not that they have refused to extend the boundaries, but that they have left the matter over for future consideration.

ONTARIO HAS NO CLAIM.

"As to the reasonableness of this the public may have noticed that the Whitney government of Ontario, which is of the same political complexion as the Roblin government, has formally requested the Dominion government to permit them to take part in the discussion as to the future disposition of Keewatin. For myself, I am unable to see that Ontario has any valid claim to any portion of this territory, but doubtless Mr. Whitney and his colleagues are entitled to hold a different opinion.

There are thus two parties to the dispute, Ontario and Manitoba, and until they are both heard it is unreasonable to make a grievance of the delay. I do not think that the Manitoba members who are here on the ground will have any difficulty in securing the extension of the boundaries of the province to the Bay, but the course the Roblin government is apparently determined to pursue is not calculated to strengthen their hands."

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WOODSTOCK NOTES.

Editor Appleby of the Despatch, Suffering from Throat Trouble—Military and Other Items.

Woodstock, April 3.—The warm weather of the past week took off all the snow, and runners have at last been suspended for wheels, an agreeable change. The roads back from the river are bad, as the snow is deep yet there, and the people have been put to great inconvenience on account of the irregularity of mails. Mr. Charles Appleby, the young, genial editor of The Despatch, left last week for Montreal to consult a physician about a throat trouble with which he is afflicted. It is the hope

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tion, the secretary treasurer, any member of the executive committee or the undersigned would be pleased to receive any suggestions in the way of improvement from those residing above Carleton Street.

They will receive careful attention, as it is the desire of our association to deal fairly with all parties in all parts of the city in this matter.

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MR. GREENWAY'S INDIGNATION.

A Political Trick Says the Ex-Premier of Manitoba.

ROBLIN'S EFFORT TO SECURE DISSOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Ottawa, April 3.—The move said to be contemplated by the Manitoba government does not cause any surprise to the Liberal members from that province in the House of Commons. Said Mr. Greenway yesterday to The Globe: "I am not in the least surprised by the news from Winnipeg. I have for some time suspected the Roblin government of this design. Doubtless they think it will be a very desirable time to hold the elections, in view of the very great advantage they had on the lists prepared last year, and which would be revised in the ordinary course in May. I cannot imagine what plausible pretence they have to ask for an election now, only six months after the last election. Since that time no new issues of a nature requiring an appeal to the electors have arisen between the two parties in the province. There is, in my opinion, no justification whatever for dissolution at this time, and I regard it as the plain and obvious duty of the representative of the Crown to prevent this palpable political trick.

A SHEER PRETEXT.

"As for the contention that the boundary matter calls for an appeal to the people, it is a mere pretext, as every one must see. It would be impossible to have a legislature more unanimous on this point than the present one, which the government is anxious to put out of existence. So far as the two parties are concerned, there is only one opinion on this subject in Manitoba. When the Winnipeg delegation recently waited upon the government to discuss the question, I was present together with every other Manitoba member, irrespective of party. At that time I said a few words in support of the request of the delegation, and I am prepared to do that again, as occasion may require. At that time, so far as an extension of the boundary westward was concerned, the view was expressed by all the Manitoba representatives who spoke that any extension in that direction was out of the question in view of the hostile sentiments of the people of Eastern Assiniboia. I ex-

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