The Frederick Douglass Celebration and 75th Exposition of Progress should mean a great deal to the Negro people of New York State, and especially to those living in Rochester, as well as the members of other races, because through the untiring efforts of Douglass the Negro people have enjoyed in the United States, seventy-five years of freedom and progress.

A word of appreciation is extended for the fine cooperation of the Rochester Historical Society for the use of authentic pictures in this The Voice Jubilee Number.

Mayor Samuel Dicker

Above: Frederick Douglass

Below: Office of North Star

Hon. John W. Thompson

Speaker

Mrs. Fredericka Douglass Perry

Speaker

Magistrate Myles A. Paige
"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. There are not many men of such a precise sort as to which words are to be received, but have the additional advantage of making it plain in which they are to be received. Words are often used to conceal thoughts. Actions are not so liable to this profane division. Words are sign; 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 up the sum of the gospel which the American Tract Society professes in problem to a world perishing in wickedness. It covenants, 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 habitations. Its power covenanted by thousands, its income by hundreds of thousands, its friends by millions, and may be said to have a nation for its congregation, and a thousand press 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. Stamping a man, degrading him from the dignity of mankind to a level below the brutes, working him without wages, by tying strings on his body when he refused to work on such conditions, beating him down with dogs when he ran away from those who robbed him of his liberty, and when he would not take the few cent pieces given him for his labor, and when he refuses to be taken, separating him from his family, selling his children, putting them on a sufferer whom God has joined together, wounding him in ignorance, forbidding him to learn to read the Bible—these, and a thousand other things are not at all dreamed of in harmony with "vital godliness and sound morality," as in the American Tract Society, insinuated, gagged and silenced, stands out in striking colors—that side by side with this evangelical religion, side by side with this "vital godliness and morality," the system of slavery and the slave trade. It has made the will of the slave-holders, slave-traders and evangelical woman-floggers the law of the American Tract Society, insulted, gagged and silenced, stands out in striking colors—this "vital godliness and morality," the system of slavery has lived, and does now live, as far as the American Tract Society is concerned, in a peace as unuttered as the waters along the bottom of the ocean. Everybody knows that if the American Tract Society was not positively opposed to slavery it would let down forty sheets upon that bell-black crime, as upon others, and that a war of extermination would be waged between them.

That such a war does not take place, it 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 it, and every other abomination with which it is on terms of peace and accord.

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The Girls’ Friendly Society held its annual diocesan conference on Saturday, May 13th at Geneva, N. Y. St. Simon’s branch was represented by the President, Mrs. Wm. Holmes, the chairman, Miss Junetta Simpson, and also by the Misses Ellen Christian, Inez Greenlea and Alice Kelso. The principal speaker was Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester who spoke to the delegates on India.

Beside the Point, but—the prettiest phrase I’ve heard in a long time was one that Rev. Henderson of the A. M. E. Zi n 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?”

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Frederick Douglass and the North Star

Frederick Douglass was 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 parents, and Douglass was one of this kind.

Douglass was persistent, even as a young boy he wanted his freedom and persistency was the victory. On September 5, 1829, he eluded his master and fled to Philadelphia, thence to New Bedford, Mass., and from there to New York, and from there to New Bedford, Mass., where he married his first wife, Anna Murray, and from there to new beds, 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’s career as a national character was in the summer of 1831, when he attended an Anti-Slavery Convention in Northampton. There he made a fiery Abolition speech, which got up the bugle, and everything was to demand as a platform speaker. Shouting, in this capacity he formed the New England Anti-Slavery Society. Acting in this capacity he was the first to employ 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 visited England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales and vividly pictured the misery of the American Negro, great areas of letters, wealth and political prominence molested in old age. Thousands of petitions went to the President of the United States supplementing the plan of the center.

Up to this time Douglass was still a humble chafetel. He was the recognized leader. Property of Colonel Lloyd. He might be captured and again reduced to bondage. Friends in New England formed the Committee and $750 was soon subscribed to have him manumitted (freed) in due form of office. 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," a weekly journal. Regarding this venture, Douglass, in an autobiography written by himself in 1855, says: "Initiation of my purpose reached my friends in Boston, and I was prepared to find them heartily opposed to it. Some, however, ... I can easily predict those who have denounced me as ambitious and premature. In view of my experience in this enterprise I was but nine years old. ... The one in this situation 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 wood-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 said in 1859 at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia, that Douglass was imprisoned in it by a governor from Virginia. Governor Wise of Virginia believed in it and he made a requisition upon the government 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, N. Y. 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 reorganized the "North Star," and worked for the Civil War Troops. Before outbreaks. After outbreaks, his vigorous pen dashed the slaveholders of the South. Shortly thereafter the Civil War broke out.

From Douglass urged upon President Lincoln the employment of colored troops and the proclamation of emancipation. For (Cont. page 9)
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 reasserted the fact that the Negro constitutes 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 rock upon which that head turned. It was her savings 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. He 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 these reunited daughters 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 home 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 Sprague Jones and Mrs. Fredericka Perry.

A College Teacher
Miss Hattie Sprague taught for many years in the Florida Baptist Hospital Academy in Jacksonville, Fla., until her health sent her home. After recovery her devoted 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 the most promising 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 praise 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 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 daring flight over the Pacific in 1927. Mrs. Jones is the 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 aid the hospital. It is one of the greatest assets of the hospital today. An annual fashion show netting large sums of money for the big objects is the auxiliary. Mrs. Minnie Hairwine 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 persons neglected who were not guilty but were unable to protect themselves. Lawyers were retained for their protection and never have they lost a case. The N.A.A.C.P. has taken over this organization. Kansas City has been very kind to these sisters who have come among them to stay.

Congressman Joseph J. O'Brien
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Mrs. Fredericka Perry Stirs Rochester

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Frederick Douglass Paper Excerpts
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Slogan on Editorial Page—"All Rights for All.” Following is an editorial written by Frederick Douglass in regards to the manner in which the American Tract Society accepted American Slavery.

The June number of the Knickerbocker has come to hand, replete as usually is the case, with choice reading matter. The number before us contains an elegant stele-engraving of Prescott, the historian.
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Austine A. Steward, pioneer editor, 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 Synder 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 R. Rose, pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, prominent in religious and civic activities, and recently elected president of the Rochester Ministerial Association, embodying all of the Protestant faiths.

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

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 Adventurer." 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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R. W. Cole, Chairman

**Negro Congress**

There will be held on June 8th, 9th and 10th, a celebration of the 76th Anniversary of our American citizenship which was given by Abraham Lincoln and ratified by Congress, Anno Domino 1862. In recognition of the mercies of God and the help of patriotic men and women, we shall assemble in rejoicing in our freedom and in 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.

Mr. F. W. Cole, chairman of the local chapter, editor and publisher of the Voice, member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Housing, member Race Relations Committee, Federation of Churches, International Race Relations Committee, N.Y.A. Advisory Committee, Rochester Youth Council, Western Star, chairman of 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 wish to thank the various churches, fraternal, Boy Scout and social organizations who have given much of their time and cooperation in making this possible.

Mr. Mark Coles have been able to continue on through perseverance, criticism and meager support from their people who have struggled here in our own race by great tenacity of spirit and indomitable will to carry on.

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 following such as to say that those struggles have been an inspiration to us.

In behalf of the Voice, Mr. Leon DuBois, Mr. Leon Viera, business man, for the donation of his own apparatus and services of other organizations as well as the several mayors of cities throughout the State of New York.

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