I am dedicating this column to my sister, Lydia, who passed away two years ago this month, to be exact, on the 24th of May, 1898. Sister was my right hand in the work I am doing. In 1905, we founded the Interracial Helping Hand Center, Inc. the center is named after our mother. Virginia Wilson, who came to Rochester in the year 1903. I returned to Rochester in 1903 and began doing work in the community. I did not name my work until after mother passed. She had been a missionary in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for years. At that time Missions were doing work in the community for the black people who were newcomers to Rochester. Sister and I would accompany out of the church and would aid in the jails, hospitals and poor homes to give assistance to those mother saw in need of some kind of assistance. This is the way sister and I got out base for helping others. Sister was a precious jewel, so many people loved her for her kindness and love for others.

While walking down Main Street one day I met a young man who was carrying a red and white cane. This type cane signifies that the person is blind or sightless. I stopped him and inquired of him how long he had been Rochester. He said about two years. I found him to be a very intelligent young man who is looking for some sort of work. He came to Rochester with plans to manifest his skills which stands in offices buildings, but was not given one because of various conditions. He has a number of skills. He is a drummer and a singer and a disc jockey. If you have any knowledge of any openings in this field please get in touch with him at 1229-2313. His name is William Middleton. You will appreciate you if he finds a job.

Mildred Johnson
Speaks

Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University, who made him the first black person at a predominantly white institution in this nation. After two years of study he moved to San Francisco, where he founded the Howard Thurman Educational Center, which provides scholarships for students, supports intercultural and educational activities, and disseminates his recorded and published works.

Howard Thurman died at his home on April 10, 1982. Thurman found expression as a preacher, teacher, poet, theologian, and counselor. The recipient of more than a score of honorary degrees, he was the author of twenty-one books, including his autobiography, "In the Heart, His Meditations, adresses, and sermons are recorded on eight hundred tapes. These are found in Howard Thurman Listening Room established in the United States and in seventeen other countries.

With gratitude that this School is identified with the life and ministry of Howard Thurman and with profound thanksgiving for his enduring influence, Howard Thurman Black Church Studies Resources Room is established in the Center.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

While I was at the meeting of Tuesday night, at Jessie Gray, in Washington last fall, I shared the suite at the Howard Inn with Queen Mother Moore of New York City. The Harlen Backstreet YWCA was given a gala tribute to Queen Mother Moore, in honor of her 84th birthday, and sixty-seven years of struggle on behalf of the liberation of Africans throughout the world on Saturday, July 17, at 2 P.M. at Mt. Adis Ababa, Parkkall, New York. All proceeds will go to help rebuild the Queen Mother Moore Research Institute, which was destroyed by fire in 1976.

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