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(Continued from Page 1) ablished, clinics conducted, public sion's work is very simple. There is nurses employed; lynchings have first of all a South-wide commission been prevented, and in a few cases members of lynching mobs have been red outstanding men and women. prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary; legal aid has been extended to scores of helpless Negroes who mittee similarly constituted. Finally were being intimidated, persecuted, in hundreds of communities, there are or exploited; sewers, street paving, water, lights, library facilities, rest rooms and other civic advantages have been secured for Negro communare maintained between them and ities; parks, playgrounds, and pools the Commission through the latter's have been provided; Negro welfare field staff. agencies have been included in community chests; day nurseries and social centers conducted; colored pro bation officers secured—these are among a multitude of actual results achieved. In Atlanta, as one example, the interracial committee brought about an agreement by which \$1,250, 000 out of a single bond issue was expended for new Negro schools.

It has been found also that as a byproduct of these co-operative efforts pi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Ark for immediate ends, the Commission's second objective—the improvement of of the task would readily justify a interracial attitudes—is always greatly advanced as well. If enough people could thus be enlisted in interracial conference and co-operation, it would not be necessry to deal directly with attitudes. These committees however, comprise in the aggregate only thousands of people, whereas there are millions who remain the victims of misunderstanding and prejudice. In the effort to reach the latter the Commission carries on a wide ly varied educational program thro' every available channel.

A press service is maintained which reaches regularly 2,000 newspapers and magazines, with an aggregate circulation of more than twenty millions. The aim of this service is to interpret each race to the other in the best light consistent with the truth, and thus to foster mutual understanding, appreciation and good will. Courses in race relations are conducted in a hundred colleges and sume to dictate to any state or comthousands of students are reached munity what it ought to do with relaannually with the interracial message through speakers representing the Commission. A study of the Negro's part in American history is being introduced on a voluntary basis into hundreds of high schools, white and honestly the right solutions. It encolored, and thousands of students in deavours to supply skilled assistance this way are being given the basis for in setting up the necessary machinery more intelligent and appreciative interracial attitudes.

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munities, and of working especially to improve the conditions of colored women and children.

Organization.

The organization of the Commiswith a membership of nearly a hundwhite and colored. In each of the Southern States there is a state comlocal committees made up in the same way, Each of these groups is entirely autonomous, but close relations At the present time, (1929), the

headquarters staff consists of the director general, educational director. director of women's work and four clerical assistants. The field staff consists of seven state or regional directors, two of whom are colored. The states for which the Commission is primarily responsible are Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississil. ansas and Missouri. The magnitude staff very much larger, were funds available for financing the work on an adequate scale. The officers of the Commission are: Chairman, Dr. W. C. Jackson, of Greensboro, N. C.; Honorary Chairman, Dr. M. Ashby Jones, of St. Louis; Vice Chairmen, Dr. R. R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute and R. H. King of Atlanta; Director, Dr. Will W. Alexander.

Earnest effort has been made to keep the work of the Commission on the basis of a "movement," and away from that of an organization. For that reason none of the groups have ever formulated a creed or confession of faith, or set any final standards or goals. The philosophy of the movement is not that of "seeking to solve the race problem," but simply that of taking the next practicable step in the direction of interracial justice and good will.

Neither does the Commission astion to its local problems. It does insist, however, that the leaders of each community ought to have intelligence enough to find their own problems and conscience enough to seek and, if desired, in finding out the facts and effecting any remedial program Close contacts are maintained with which the community may agree up

resentatives on the Commission, thro' It should not be understood from the church press, through conferences the above that the race problem has with denominational leaders, and by been solved. There are still vast arthe presentation of the interracial ob- eas of prejudice that have scarcely ligation to conventions, conferences, been touched, vast realms of injustice synods and the like. The work has that so far have proved impregnable. received the formal endorsement of It is true that the confidence and supmany of the big denominations, and port of the South's intelligent leaderis being given a recognized place in ship have been secured in a surpristheir official machinery. Of special ing degree: but the mass mind is still significance in this field has been the largely untouched except by indirecenlistment of the organized church tion. A beginning has been made, women throughout the South, to the however, and a hopeful one. Not a extent that all of them include the little has been accomplished; vast periodic study of this subject in their possibilities lie just ahead, inviting programs, while hundreds of groups the continuance of patient, persistent have gone further and appointed in- effort. A method has been demonstrative terracial committees charged with the strated whch works; a road has been responsibility of finding out the facts found which, if patiently followed,

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