

President Coolidge Highly Regards the Valuable Work of Advancement Assn.

Indianapolis, June 22.—President Coolidge has sent a warm letter of greeting to the 18th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which opened here tonight, and in his letter the president expresses his "high regard for the most valuable work" being done by the Association. President Coolidge, in his letter states that "your organization, including, as it does able and sincere men and women—white as well as colored—has been most effective in its efforts to secure for your race the rights and privileges that are the common heritage of us all."

In the letter transmitting President Coolidge's message of greeting, his secretary, Everett Sanders, states his gratification that the race relations conference is being held in his native state of Indiana and the hope that increased good-will will be the result of its proceedings.

President Coolidge's letter, which is addressed to James W. Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., is in full as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, June 8, 1927.

"My Dear Mr. Johnson: It is always a pleasure to express my high regard for the most valuable work being done by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. And, I thank you for the opportunity of sending a message to be read at its 18th annual conference.

"When we recall the history of the colored man in this country, the long period of his bondage, during which he established a record for industry and fidelity—when we consider his lack of educational and other opportunities for many years, we cannot but marvel at his advancement. It has been steady in the face of many discouragements. We find the colored man today not only an important factor in our industrial and agricultural development, but successful in business and showing skill in the professions and in the arts. That his achievements and standing in our communities will continue to increase is certain. To that end he should receive every assistance that may be given.

"I would like to repeat and emphasize here what I said in my last annual message to Congress:

"The social well-being of our country requires our constant effort for the amelioration of race prejudice and the extension to all elements of equal opportunity and equal protection under the laws which are guaranteed by the constitution. The Federal Government especially is charged with this obligation in behalf of the colored people of the nation. Not only their remarkable progress, their devotion and their loyalty, but our duty to ourselves under our claim that we are an enlightened people requires us to use all our power to protect them from the crime of lynching. Although violence of this kind has very much decreased, while any of it remains we cannot justify neglecting to make

every effort to eradicate it by law.

"The education of the colored race under government encouragement is proceeding successfully and ought to have continuing support. An increasing need exists for properly educated and trained medical skill to be devoted to the service of this race."

"Your organization, including as it does able and sincere men and women—white as well as colored—has been most effective in its efforts to secure for your race rights and privileges that are the common heritage of us all.

"My best wishes for the future,

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "Calvin Coolidge.

"Mr. James Weldon Johnson, Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

In his letter transmitting the President's greeting, Mr. Sanders writes:

"As an Indian I should like to say that I am glad personally that this conference is to be held in my native state; and I am sure that the people of Indiana will welcome so auspicious an event. We shall look with interest to the addresses to be delivered by the distinguished guests of your conference; and we shall expect that great and mutual goodwill between the groups of our citizens will result from the interchange of views broadcast from your meetings."

ST. CATHARINES

The lawn social given Friday evening at the residence of Mr. Alex. Nicholson, Vine street, was a fair success.

Sunday, June 12, was Children's Day. At the evening service, "The Open Gates" was given, and several choruses were well rendered by the children, who had been under the able directorship of Mrs. H. F. Logan. Miss Verita Smith assisted at the piano.

The last quarterly meeting service was observed in the B.M.E. Church Sunday, June 19, Rev. Logan delivered a very inspiring sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Gowanda, N.Y., motored through our city Monday, returning from Toronto to their home.

Mrs. L. Johnson of Niagara Falls, Ont., attended the lawn social Friday evening; also Miss Mary Grant, Messrs. Jas. Grant and L. Thomas of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bell, Welland avenue, are the proud parents of a son.

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The Home and Foreign Missionary Society will begin its session on Friday, June 27, 1927, at 2 p.m.

Sunday School Convention and Y.P.S. will convene Saturday, 28th, at 2 p.m. and continue on Monday, 9.30. This is our JUBILEE CONFERENCE.

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