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AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH

A Brief Story of the Interracial Movement in the South.

By Robert B. Eleazer

The work of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation has been widely advertised as "an adventure in good will." It is that, undoubtedly, but it is something more. It is also an adventure in faith—a gamble on the essential soundness of human nature.

At the close of the World War, when the country was seething with interracial suspicion, distrust and hostility, when race riots were flaming in widely separated communities, and threatening to merge into a general conflagration, the Commission's mediatory work was inaugurated in the hope of tiding over the crisis. Its promoters believed that if the white and Negro people understood each other they would not fight, and that if given the facts about any particular situation, the best of each group might safely be trusted to try to do right about it. They believed that Negroes were both capable and worthy of having a say-so in dealing with the problems affecting them. They believed that white people in turn could be appealed to successfully on the basis of good will, justice and fair dealing. The Commission undertook, therefore, the stupendous task of establishing across the South, thousands of points of interracial contact through which mutual understanding might be created and the facts discovered and acted upon.

Faith Justified.

The plan worked. Brought together for frank conference, the leaders of the two groups promptly came to terms, cast off their mutual distrust, and began to re-establish the relations of the races on the basis of friendly helpfulness. The threatened calamity was averted and the crisis was passed with far less friction than might have been anticipated. In this result human nature, white and colored, fully justified the Commission's faith.

Setting out then upon a constructive effort to remove the causes of conflict, the movement has attained results which have attracted the attention of thoughtful people throughout America and abroad. Many cit-



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ies of the North and Middle West have adopted the plan and even in far South Africa it is being put into effect.

Objects and Method

But just what does the Interracial Commission stand for, and how does it function? Briefly, its purpose has been expressed in the phrase: "Not amalgamation of the races, but their amicable adjustment in mutual helpfulness." In more specific terms its purpose may be defined as twofold:

1. The correction of interracial injustices and the betterment of conditions affecting Negroes.

2. The improvement of those interracial attitudes out of which unfavorable conditions grow.

The first end is sought through the activities of state and local interracial groups who look carefully into conditions that need attention, agree upon remedial programs and endeavour to carry them out. The technique is simple. The best spirits of the two races are brought together to face their mutual problems and obligations. The Negro members are encouraged to lay bare any injustices which they feel they are suffering, or any needs of which they are keenly sensible. The facts having been ascertained, the committee confers frankly concerning them, agrees upon what needs to be done, and goes out co-operatively to accomplish it.

Notable Results

The results have been notable. Assistance has been rendered in hundreds of educational enterprises for Negroes, involving millions of dollars; health campaigns have been promoted in every State, hospitals est-

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High School Debater Wins Unusual Honor

Seattle, Wash., Oct.—For the first time the Broadway Debating Association here elected a Negro, Marvin F. Gaston, to the office of its presidency. Young Gaston is a senior at Broadway High School, who with his partner, Paul A. Olson (white) won the city debate championship, winning four debates, three of which were won by unanimous decisions, last year. Gaston also won a very close second in the State-wide oratorical contest.

Young Gaston, who is just 18 years of age, is also the president of the Allen Christian Endeavour League of the First A.M.E. Church of this city. He has recently been given the leading role in the Congo Episode of the Gigantic Spectacle, "The Golden Bowl," to be staged at the civic auditorium soon.

At MacDonald Lunch

New York, Oct. 17—One of the guests at the luncheon to Premier Ramsay MacDonald held today at the Hotel Astor, was Miss Katherine Gardner, one of the secretaries of the Commission on the Church and Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches. The luncheon was given by the English Speaking Union, of which Miss Gardner is a member, in co-operation with several other organizations. In the course of his address at the luncheon the Premier urged these groups to work for peace be-

Made Editor Of College Daily

Columbus, Ohio, Oct.—Signal honor has come to a young college student here in the appointment of Thomas H. Young to the editorial staff of the Ohio State Lantern, student daily at Ohio State University, as Managing Editor.

Considerable significance has been attached to the announcement, because the color bar in the editorial office of student newspapers in the northern and western universities has been hurdled only once before as far as it is known.

Young is a popular and active student. He came to Ohio State after taking his freshman work at New York University, where he distinguished himself in freshman debating. He is a member of the varsity tennis squad and won his numerals being runner-up to the freshman championship in that sport as an athlete. A senior in journalism at twenty, Young is president of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, a member of that fraternity's noted basketball team, and a talented amateur actor and debater.

Young is the son of Editor and Mrs. P. B. Young of the Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide. His brother, Bernard, who held a similar post on the Lantern here, graduated in June and is now a member of the Journal and Guide staff.

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Editorial

THE CAUSE OF

UNPLEASANT MEMORIES

In two or more units of the Boy Scouts of the city there are a few colored members. They report, that on the whole, they are given the same treatment and consideration as any other members of their respective units. And yet they have one grievance which they voice in and out of season. It seems that a part of each meeting is given over for games or for singing in concert. The colored boys' grievance is this at this particular time, whether it be games played or singing, there is always the "nigger" introduced. It is either the game of "Nigger in the woodpile," or "Nigger in the corner," or if a song "Coon, coon, coon, I wish my color would change," or some other such songs which hold the "nigger" up to ridicule or which makes him appear to possess the intelligence of an ass. This is bad enough. But to add further humiliation the white boys, (most of them but not all we are proud to relate) look with a sinister grin on their faces at the colored boys.

Our own boy is a member of the Scouts. Relating to us one of these incidents he ended by asking: "Daddy, why do they do such things—is it to forever give the white boys the impression that there is a difference between the races and to have white children always believe that they are better than we are?" "I hope not," said I. Just a few days after this conversation he was just home from the Technical School where some one had given a long lecture. At the conclusion the lecturer said, "Now after such a strenuous half hour we shall relax by singing. What shall we sing—a nigger song?" Our boy in relating the occurrence to us asked again: "Don't you think they are all combined in an attempt to ridicule us in the presence of the white children?" "No, I think not and I trust not" was my answer, and if I lied I lied for the glory of the Anglo Saxons. I had still another reason. It is better to sow the seeds of love and forbearance and long suffering than the seeds of hatred. Only evil can be reaped from a crop of hatred. I had rather lie, if I must, and save my sons' souls from the poison of hatred than be truthful and cause him to hate any one or any race.

It is not the songs or the games which neither he nor any of us object to. If there are songs or games which bring out striking negro humour or negro characteristics we would be glad to approve of them. But why call them "nigger" or "coon" plays

or songs. Would the Englishman appreciate the songs being called "sparrow" songs, or the Italians "Dago" songs? Would not any race or nation object to an epithet which carries with it an insult or which is a brand of inferiority?

In the Southern part of the United States there is a fixed custom among the Scouts (whites) that colored boys are not accepted. Therefore, if they care to sing their coon songs and play games which reflect upon the Negro's intelligence, no one is deceived or hurt by the act but themselves. If here in Canada, where colored boys are allowed to join, if the Scouts must indulge in such games and songs in which the word "nigger" is freely used, if the colored race must be made the laughing stock of every vulgar joke, we would advise scout masters to refuse to admit colored boys into their order.

And to our schools, from whence everything grand and noble and educating emanates, we wish to vouchsafe this information: Judge Warner of the Juvenile Court will hold responsible the parents of any children who knowingly allow their children to call colored children "niggers."

We are asking nothing more for our children and for our race than what is due other children and other Canadians. With the Canadian colored folk the peculiar fact is their country comes first in their consideration and their race next. And it is meet therefore, that their country see to it that they are given the same treatment and respect that is due to other loyal Canadians.

"THE ENCHANTED ISLAND" A MAGNIFICENT PICTURE

"The Enchanted Island" is the feature attraction shown here for the first time to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Patricia Theatre. As stated in the announcement, it is one of the most unusual pictures of the year with a story that holds one breathless from the very beginning to the terrifically dramatic finish.

The story tells of a man and his young daughter, who returning from Australia on a boat also carrying the animals of a circus, are wrecked and find themselves on an island with many of the trained circus animals who were able to swim to shore. For many years the young girl finds the island of enchantment a thing of joy and beauty until the advent of three men who are ship-wrecked, among them being a young and handsome American. The father, fearing for his daughter on account of the brutish mate who is one of the castaways, disguises her as a boy. This is kept up until by accident the hero discovers her sex. A battle for the possession of the girl and the destruction of the island by the eruption of a volcano are some of the dramatic highlights in the picture.

The cast of five including Charlotte Stevens, Henry B. Walthal, Pierre Gendron, Pat Hartigan and Floyd Shackelford give one of the best performances seen on the screen in some time. The story is by John Thomas Neville. The photography is a treat to the eye and helped materially in making this entertainment of merit. "The Enchanted Island" will be the feature picture attraction at the Patricia Theatre to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Alice Fountaine is home again from the hospital and doing nicely.

Mrs. Hattie Berry is on the sick list. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery as she is missed very greatly.

Mr. Scott of Owen Sound is sick in the Victoria Hospital. He is improving nicely.

Mrs. Eliza Groat is visiting her son and daughter in Stratford during the week end.

The Harvest Home and Supper of the B.M.E. Church was a success. It was given by the Stewardess Board, Mrs. B. Fountain, president. The programme was arranged by Misses Fountain and Drake. Numbers of duets, solos, recitations, instrumentals, and quartettes were well chosen and appreciated by all who were present.

The Church Aid will hold their Thanksgiving Pie Supper on November 11th. A small programme will follow. Please accept this invitation to attend. There will be chicken pie, pumpkin pies, mince pies, in fact pies of all descriptions. The proceeds are to be applied on the pastor's salary and mortgage.

Miss Violet Smith is sick in the hospital.

Mrs. C. Charles is quite feeble at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have returned home from Buffalo. Mr. Cook's health is very poor.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown as workers in our community, but wish them success in their new home in Toronto.

A letter was received from Mr. Wm. Taylor, who is visiting his sister in Ann Arbor, Mich. He wishes to be remembered to all friends and he also says he is having a splendid time.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Wright and Miss R. Wilson attended the funeral of Mr. C. H. Brown.

ISLANDS OF ROMANCE

What a vista of delightful recollections the very name West Indies opens up. From early youth we have read of them, on the pages of Treasure Island, on the pages of history. Here Britain made her first great bid for Empire. Here Drake and Hawkins and the Buccaneer Morgan humbled the pride of haughty Spain.

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OAKVILLE NOTES.

On Monday evening October 7th, the choir of the A.M.E. Church gave a splendid concert at Carlisle United Church on the occasion of their anniversary tea. About 600 were present. Mr. Arthur Holder who accompanied the choir rendered a few selections which were very graciously received. Miss Helen Ball gave an instrumental and received an encore.

Harvest Home services were conducted last Sunday with the pastor, Rev. Perry preaching at the morning and evening services and the Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn of Knox Presbyterian Church in the afternoon.

On Monday evening a chicken supper was served followed by an entertainment. Mrs. Perkins (white) and Mrs. Perry were the soloists.

Mrs. Allen, of Windsor, and her brother, accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Pennick of Dresden, were visitors in Oakville a fortnight ago. Mrs. Allen was soliciting in the interests of the Detroit Independent.

Mr. Richard Ball of Detroit father of Miss Helen Ball is an Oakville visitor.

COLLINGWOOD NOTES

We were indeed very glad to have Rev. Gow, our pastor, with us again. He held services in the morning and in the evening was greeted by a good congregation.

At 4 o'clock he addressed the men's league who were unanimous in praise of his splendid address and his sincere Christian character.

The fowl supper in the B. M. E. Church on Thursday evening, October 17th was a financial success. The supper was to be served at 6 o'clock and at that hour the tables which extended the full length of the church on either side, were filled and some waiting. By 7 o'clock the church was crowded so that the waiters were handicapped. However a number moved out to their waiting cars and left space for the waiters to serve the people.

It was about 9 o'clock before all were served when the tables were cleared out and room made for the people to sit while the entertainment was given which was enjoyed by all present. The proceeds of the supper were \$136.90.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rolling of Barrie attended the fowl supper on Thursday evening. Mrs. Rolling gave a solo in her usual pleasing manner and was obliged to give an encore.

The committee are very grateful to all who assisted in any way to help make the fowl supper the success it was. We are trusting in future to have more help and more space.

Rev. Balwell of the Mennonite Mission occupied the pulpit on Sunday evening.

Wednesday evening there will be prayer and praise service and services meet Sunday as usual. Sunday School at 2.30 o'clock.

TORONTO NOTES.

On Sunday, October 13th, Rev. T. H. Jackson was in Stratford to assist Bro. G. E. Crawford in his Harvest Home Services and in the absence of the Pastor of the B.M.E. Church the pulpit was occupied by Bro. C. A. Johnson.

Oct. 20th was the Annual Harvest Home Services in the B.M.E. Church, Chestnut St. Bro. G. E. Crawford preached at both services. On Monday evening a supper was given under the directions of Miss S. Stanfield, which was quite a success.

Mr. R. Winn has gone to Buffalo for the winter.

Mr. C. Sharp was on the sick list but is much better.

Miss L. Winn is doing nicely since her operation in General Hospital and will soon be with us again.

The Stewardess Board of the B.M.E. Church are preparing for the annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 11th. Dinner will be served from 1 to 2.30 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets 50c.

A grand Union Bazaar will be held at B.M.E. Church Chestnut St., for the week of November 18th to the 22nd.

10TH CAVALRY GAVE PERSHING NICK NAME

The nickname "Black Jack" was given to John J. Pershing by the cadets while he was tactical instructor at West Point in 1897. Since 1892 Pershing had been an officer in the 10th United States Cavalry, the famous colored regiment which later distinguished itself in the Spanish-American War by coming to the support of Colonel Roosevelt and the Rough Riders. It was only natural that "Jack" Pershing should acquire a soldier's nickname as the result of his long service with the Negro regiment.

This nickname was not new in the American Army. General John A. Logan, of Civil War fame, was known as "Black Jack", but it was because of his swarthy complexion and black hair and mustache.

—The Pathfinder.

SINGER DEPARTS FOR EUROPE FOR STUDIES.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct.—Chas Dunbar Higgins left for Utica, New York, where he will go to New York City, then to Europe.

Higgins will study voice culture in the old country where he spent a part of last year with the famous Westminster Choir. Higgins is known throughout Ohio as a tenor of great ability with a wonderful voice range. After he has had sufficient training he will probably make his debut as a concert singer sometime next fall.

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NEGRO EXHIBIT ATTRACTS CROWDS AT ATLANTA FAIR.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct.—That the Negroes of Georgia are making decided progress educationally and economically was evident to the thousands who visited the colored exhibit at the Southeastern Fair in this city last week. Covering 2,000 square feet of floor space in the Agricultural Building, it offered a striking evidence of ambition in the face of discouragement; achievement against odds, and effort to use to the best advantage every opportunity for progress. Co-operating in putting on the exhibit were the Negro home and farm demonstration agents, the "Smith-Hughes agricultural teachers, the 'Jeanes' supervising teachers, and the various schools.

The Negro farm demonstration agents, of whom there are fourteen now employed for work in nineteen counties, were responsible for a remarkable display of farm products of every character, including 8,000 ears of excellent corn and hundreds of pieces of bacon scientifically cured and perfectly preserved. Through agricultural institutes, farm and livestock demonstrations, club work, etc. these agents, who are employed jointly by the counties, the state, and the government, are teaching the Negro farmers to be more intelligent, efficient and prosperous. They reached directly last year no less than 7,638 persons and doubtless many times that number indirectly.

The Negro home demonstration agents, of whom there are twenty-one at work in the state, are well-trained women who are teaching thousands of colored women and girls the arts of making their homes more attractive, efficient and wholesome. In the 4-H Clubs alone these agents have enlisted more than 5,000 girls in a four-year course in cooking, canning, sewing, nursing and other home-making arts. Hundreds of cans of fruits and vegetables, perfectly packed and preserved, and thousands of pieces of artistic needlework testified to the effectiveness of this part of the extension program. In a sentence it may be said that the purpose of the farm demonstration agent is to teach Negro farmers how "to make a living" on the farm, while that of the home demonstration agent is to teach Negro farm women and girls how "to make a life."

WEST INDIES NEGROES OUTNUMBER WHITE INHABITANTS OF ISLAND; 7,000,000 IS THE ESTIMATED POPULATION.

Kingston, Jamaica—The population of the West Indies has recently been estimated at slightly more than 10,000,000 of which probably 7,000,000 are Negroes. Whites predominate in Cuba and Porto Rico, but in all other islands the whites are outnumbered by colored persons.

Some curious facts came to light concerning the origin of the natives of the Caribbeans. The native Negro citizens of Bermuda, for example, are partly descended from the American Indian, 800 of whom were banished to the island during the early Indian wars in New England. In some of the islands are thousands of Hindus imported as coolie labor.

Among the millions of original Caribs populating the West Indies only

COLOR BAR REMOVAL WON FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

New York, October—The Twin City Herald, published in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, reports a complete victory against the color bar in Minnesota University, won for a colored student, Miss Francis McHie, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The case arose when Miss McHie's application for entry to the nurse training course in the university was refused because of her color, the university claiming it only sought to spare Miss McHie because of the embarrassment she would meet as a colored student.

When the matter came to the attention of the local N.A.A.C.P., Senator S. A. Stockwell, a member of the branch executive committee interested George B. Leonard, one of the ablest lawyers in the state. Mr. Leonard called a conference of N.A.A.C.P. officers, where it was decided to fight the exclusion. Application for her admission was prepared together with briefs for submission to the court, should suit become necessary. The result was that the university conceded the legal right of all citizens of the state to enjoy its privileges. Miss McHie entered the course on October 3rd, and is now on her way to become a trained nurse.

Commenting upon the victory the Twin City Herald says:

"The very great importance of this fight for educational parity will be understood by every thinking member of our group. It is a further and convincing test of the power and ability of the Minneapolis branch of the N.A.A.C.P. to fully meet its obligations. That the organization can call to its aid such capable and fair minded men as George B. Leonard, is a tribute to that stalwart friend of the group, Senator S. A. Stockwell. Nor should it be forgotten that many of the foremost members of our own group stand ready as in this instance to devote time, ability and money to securing for their people all their rights under the constitution. Any man or woman who joins the ranks of the local N.A.A.C.P. will find himself or herself in splendid company."

MISSISSIPPI JUDGE ACTS FAIR IN IMPORTANT CASE

Jackson, Miss., Oct.—Suggesting that Jack Byrd was not given a fair trial in Simpson County on a charge of murdering Bilbo Cox, a white man the supreme court to-day ordered him discharged from a sentence of a life imprisonment.

"Upon careful study of this record and of every detail of it, we cannot escape the conclusion that if this had been a case where a white man had killed a white man or a Negro had killed a Negro, there would never have been a conviction," read the opinion written by Judge Virgil A. Griffith. Cox a young white man of Simpson county was killed Christmas Eve of 1928.

a few remain, the Spaniards having destroyed them. During the period of slavery in the United States thousands of Africans were brought to the islands to take the place of the aborigines.

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New York City, October—The question "Can the Race Problem be Solved," is to be discussed and answered on Sunday evening, October 20th in the Forum of the Community Church, at 34 Park Avenue, New York City.

The speakers will represent four races, as follows: Japanese: Vijaya Tunga; Chinese, Paul Chih Mong; Caucasian, John Haynes Holmes; Negro, William Pickens.

The Community Church Forum is one of the most noted liberal discussion groups in the country. The Church welcomes all races to its meetings and fellowships.

DR. E. E. JUST INVITED TO GERMAN INSTITUTE

Washington, D.C., Oct.—Prof. E. E. Just, noted biologist, has received an invitation from Dr. M. Hartmann of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology, at Berlin to be a guest worker in his institution. This is a signal honor since the Institute is one of the greatest research laboratories in the world in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. Numbered among its members are Nobel prize winners.

EQUAL CHANCE FOR NEGROES OF SOUTH PROMISED IN UNION.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct.—A fair and equal chance for the Negro as well as the white in the South was advocated at a meeting of 350 organizers of the National Textile Workers' Union representing 150 cotton mills in five states. The American Federation of Labor was condemned as a "bosses" organization and the communists programme advocated as fair to all.

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LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cromwell were vis-
itors over the week end in Toronto.

Be sure to attend the Get Acquaint-
ed Club's Supper-Dance at St. George
Hall, Nov. 29th, at 8 o'clock.

The Local Branch of the Canadian
League for the Advancement of Col-
ored People held their 4th Anniver-
sary service in the Beth Emanuel
Church, Grey Street, on Sunday, Oct.
20th. A pleasant programme for the
evening service was carried out. The
President, Mrs. M. Drake, gave an ad-
dress on the Progress of the League,
telling some of the things the League
is doing to help care for our people
in different ways. An invitation was
extended for membership. Mrs. Drake
also expressed her happiness at hold-
ing the position of president of such
an organization, doing work for the
advancement of our people. A quin-
tet entitled "Lord I've done what you
told me to do," a Negro spiritual,
was sung. The lesson for the evening
was given by our pastor, Rev. E. A.
Richardson. He gave encouragement
and advice to all who heard him. The
choir sang a beautiful number. Then
came a few remarks by the organizing
Secretary James Jenkins on the Aims
and objects of the League. He en-
couraged boys and girls to further
educate themselves, making it pos-
sible for them to fill positions when
offered which call for an education.
Mr. Jenkins also stated that anyone
wishing to receive help along this line
might do so by filling in a question-
aire from the organization.

On Monday evening at the home of
Mrs. F. Budd, 110 Clarence Street, the
League served its anniversary supper.
The table was decorated in the col-
ors of the League. The supper was
served from 7.30 o'clock until 10.30.
The committee received many com-
pliments on the daintiness of the sup-
per and the order it was served in.
Mr. John Lucas, Paul Lewis, Charles
Poindexter, James Jenkins and Roy
Anderson as waiters. Mrs. Budd and
Mrs. Drake acted as hosts for the
evening.

The Get Acquainted Club tendered
a farewell surprise party to Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Brown, on Wednesday eve-
ning, October 9th, 1929, at the home
of Mrs. Mary Coursey, 745 Little Grey
St. About twenty members gathered
to say good bye to these two popular
members who are leaving to make
their home in Toronto. Short speech-
es were made by each member, in all
of which were expressed the personal
regret of each and emphasizing the
loss to the community.

The president, Mr. C. E. Poindex-
ter, in a few well chosen words then
presented Mr. and Mrs. Brown with
a set of silver candle-sticks. On be-
half of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Brown
feelingly replied and voiced their re-
gret and sorrow in having to leave
so many good friends and severing
their connection with the Club.

The remainder of the evening was
spent in games and singing after
which a dainty luncheon was served.
Everyone wished Mr. and Mrs. Brown
good luck and best wishes for suc-
cess in their future home. Little
Miss Verna was presented with a
handkerchief by her Sunday School
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OBITUARY

Christopher Henry, eldest in the family of eight children of the late John B. and Martha Brown, born in Raleigh Township, Kent County, on September 14th, 1874, where he was raised and attended the local schools.

He was married to Miss E. Jennie Britain in 1899, and settled in Dover Township, later moving to Dresden where they remained for some time. In 1912 Mr. Brown and his wife came to this city where he lived a respected neighbour in whatever district he located.

The deceased, after embracing the Christian religion many years ago became a member of the British Methodist Episcopal Church at Raleigh. His



membership was transferred to London from Dresden and few rendered more efficient and willing service than he.

Brother Brown was a general conference officer for considerable time holding the treasurership of the Superannuation Fund. The late Mr. Brown has held a prominent place in the local church (Beth-Emanuel), also having served as Superintendent of the Sabbath School; a member of the Board of Trustees; Minister's Steward, which is the highest office a layman may attain in our church. He was a member of the Executive Board and an officer in the local branch of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, and President of Beth-Emanuel Brotherhood.

The deceased departed this life on Thursday in Victoria Hospital, where he had spent several weeks off and on in the past year.

He leaves to mourn, a beloved wife, and six sisters, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Hathcott, Mrs. Lark and Mrs. Trovis, of Flint; Mrs. Vincent of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Lucas, of Windsor. Also two brothers, Samuel, of North Buxton and Cornelius, of Detroit.

**WIER AMONG 91 REJECTED
BY U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY**

Washington, D.C., Oct.—A report issued by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery at the Navy Department revealed that 91 candidates were rejected from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis this year because of defects. Among the candidates who failed to pass the examination was Charles E. Wier, appointed by Representative Oscar DePriest of Chicago. Wier was among 28 youths who were rejected because of defective vision.

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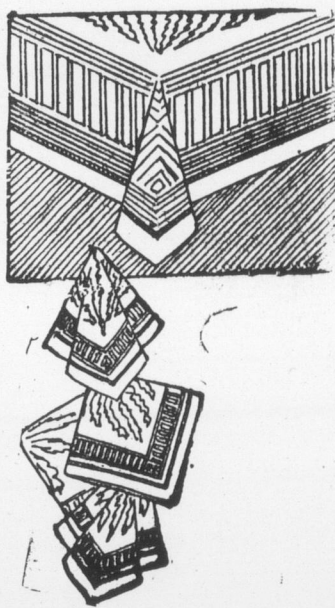
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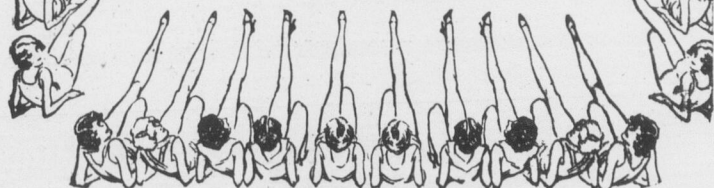


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ablished, clinics conducted, public nurses employed; lynchings have been prevented, and in a few cases members of lynching mobs have been prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary; legal aid has been extended to scores of helpless Negroes who were being intimidated, persecuted, or exploited; sewers, street paving, water, lights, library facilities, rest rooms and other civic advantages have been secured for Negro communities; parks, playgrounds, and pools have been provided; Negro welfare agencies have been included in community chests; day nurseries and social centers conducted; colored probation 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 by-product of these co-operative efforts for immediate ends, the Commission's second objective—the improvement of 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 necessary 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 widely varied educational program through 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 thousands of students are reached annually 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 colored, and thousands of students in this way are being given the basis for more intelligent and appreciative interracial attitudes.

Close contacts are maintained with the great church groups through representatives on the Commission, through the church press, through conferences with denominational leaders, and by the presentation of the interracial obligation to conventions, conferences, synods and the like. The work has received the formal endorsement of many of the big denominations, and is being given a recognized place in their official machinery. Of special significance in this field has been the enlistment of the organized church women throughout the South, to the extent that all of them include the periodic study of this subject in their programs, while hundreds of groups have gone further and appointed interracial committees charged with the responsibility of finding out the facts of Negro life in their respective com-

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

Organization.

The organization of the Commission's work is very simple. There is first of all a South-wide commission with a membership of nearly a hundred outstanding men and women, white and colored. In each of the Southern States there is a state committee similarly constituted. Finally in hundreds of communities, there are local committees made up in the same way. Each of these groups is entirely autonomous, but close relations are maintained between them and the Commission through the latter's field staff.

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, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. The magnitude of the task would readily justify a 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 assume to dictate to any state or community what it ought to do with relation 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 honestly the right solutions. It endeavours to supply skilled assistance in setting up the necessary machinery and, if desired, in finding out the facts and effecting any remedial program which the community may agree upon.

It should not be understood from the above that the race problem has been solved. There are still vast areas of prejudice that have scarcely been touched, vast realms of injustice that so far have proved impregnable. It is true that the confidence and support of the South's intelligent leadership have been secured in a surprising degree; but the mass mind is still largely untouched except by indirection. A beginning has been made, however, and a hopeful one. Not a little has been accomplished; vast possibilities lie just ahead, inviting the continuance of patient, persistent effort. A method has been demonstrated which works; a road has been found which, if patiently followed, promises to lead us out.

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