

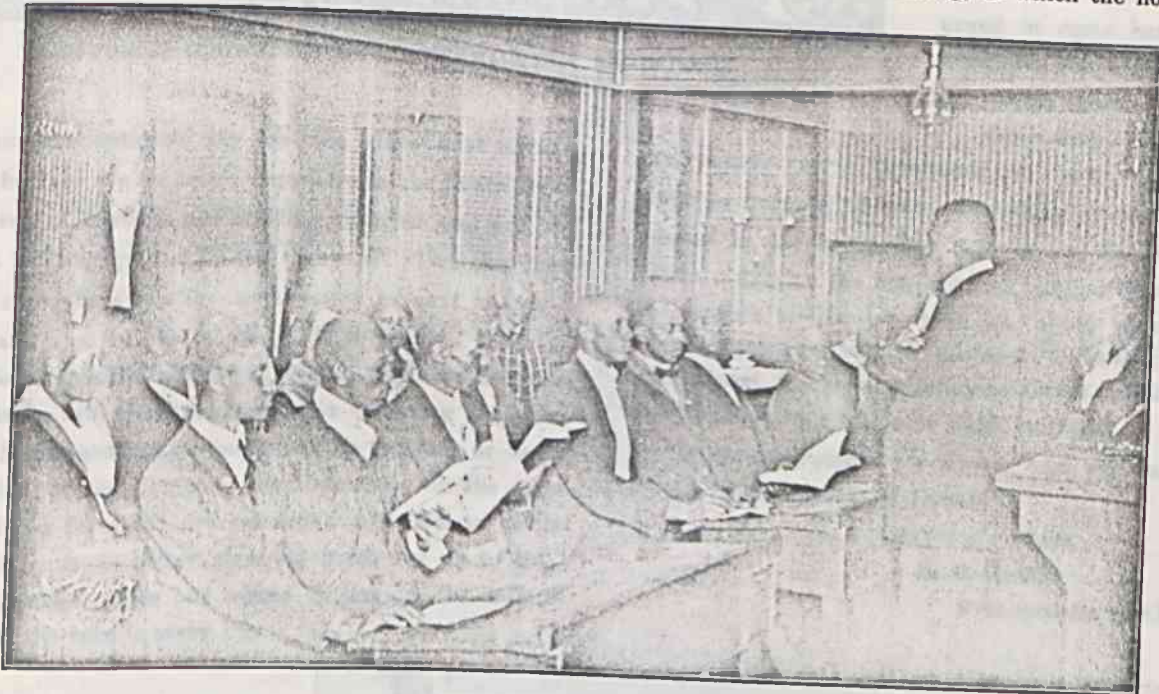
What Will the Southern Negro Do with His Advantages?  
How Will We Answer This All-Important Question?

**T**HE writer had the very great pleasure of entertaining in his home Sunday just gone, a very promising young minister of Livingstone College, who in his surprise to learn of the many advantages offered the race at BADIN was led to inquire very diligently into the living conditions of the race here, and of the advantages offered for its highest development. After informing him as best I could, as nearly accurate as I have been able to gather from the status of BADIN's past history, the young man, seeming in deep amazement, asked, "What shall we do with these most excellent advantages?" Feeling the keenest of gratitude and appreciation of the advantages offered us

that it is the policy of the Company to place the best material leadership at the head of each particular branch of its works. Therefore, the educational advantages are unsurpassed.

The superintendent of education is anxious to make the laborer, whether he is white or black, more profitable to his employer, by having the advantage of literary training. Therefore, the school here for the race is seemingly a great idea. There are six teachers, using three fairly equipped buildings, for fostering negro education.

Recently sewing and domestic science have been put in the course, for the purpose of preparing girls growing into womanhood for home-making, in which the hope of the race



NIGHT SCHOOL CLASS

as a race by those able to give aid, as was expressed by the young college minister who knows how to appreciate good gifts, as do all intelligent people of the race, I am led to take this chance to inform others of his class, with the hope of having them feel as he does, that BADIN is one of the most promising opportunities for negro advancement on all lines necessary to his civilization in the South.

You desire to know what we have to be proud and boasting of. It is but fair and truth to say that we have any and all things that any other race has. One of the best regulated concerns for honest wage-earners in the South. I mention this feature first of all because the masses of our race are honest toilers, and are seeking information of this kind. The second question of importance to the thoughtful race man is: "What educational and religious advantages are offered us there?" We proudly answer that nowhere in the South can be found a Company using terms, ways, and means to educate the race equal to those of the Tallassee Power Company. We pay no tax for educational purposes, and yet we have a school second to none of its kind open to the race in the South. This is due to the fact

largely lies. While the girls are learning to cook and make homes, the boys and young men are being taught agriculture, truck farming, carpentry, or general manual training. At present, this is done on a rather small scale, by reason of the fact that war emergencies have rendered it impossible to have prepared sufficient room for its successful execution. But for the scarcity of labor, and the embargo on steel, we would have been in the new school building, with all advantages of room and equipment. However, the Superintendent of Schools here informs us that the equipment for the new building has been secured, and we know for ourselves that the site is graded, a part of the cement foundation down, and the bricks on the ground for the erection of what is to be one of the best and best-equipped buildings for negro education in the South. There has also been provided a night school for the adults of the race, giving the same training offered boys and girls in day school, including the course of domestic science and sewing. The night school has been divided into three classes, and these are working like heroes to get the best of these advantages so kindly given.