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## SMITH BULLS FAVORED TO WIN ANNUAL GAME

### JAMES WELDON JOHNSON SPEAKS TO LARGE AUDIENCE

On March 22, the Lyceum Course presented Dr. James W. Johnson, National Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., in a lecture. The Biddle Memorial Auditorium was crowded with students and visitors.

Taking as his subject, "The Negro Literary Movement and Its Significance," Dr. Johnson first defined the race problem as "the series of Shifting Interracial relations," and followed this with a historic analogy of the Negro. He said further that: "As the situations shift and we meet them, we have to tune in in every case. The race problem is not what the Negro really is but what America thinks he is." The other races usually base their conclusions on a few erroneous assertions such as: "All Negroes are dirty," "All Negroes will steal." Many other false impressions were mentioned by Dr. Johnson and the reasons for them deplored. He mentioned the fact that of the many races that go to make up America the Negro has contributed a very great amount of that labor and has influenced the nation in several ways. Notable among the influences of the Negro are: his Original Folk Music, dancing, artistic creations and Folk Tales.

"Prejudice," he said, "was like a fruit with a very bitter outer rind; as layer after layer is taken off the fruit grows more tender and sweet."

There is now in America a Literary Renaissance and the Negro is playing his part in this great change. On the stage he is equalling other races, and in all fields of endeavor he is attaining unprecedented success.

Dr. Johnson concluded his lecture with two poems, "The Creation," and "Go Down Death." The first poem was a sermon in verse and tells the old time preachers' conception of the creation.

One can hardly imagine such dramatic words as these coming from the ministers of old:

Like a mammy bending over her baby,  
Kneeled down in the dust  
Toiling over a lump of clay  
Till he shaped it in his image;  
Then into it he blew the breath of life.  
And man became a living soul.  
Amen! Amen!

This is Dr. Johnson's second time to visit us and we hope he will come again soon.

### FIRST FOUR BOOKS OF BIBLE BEST STORY OF CHRIST, SAYS JUDGE W. F. HARDING.

On Sunday evening, March 24th, Judge W. F. Harding addressed the faculty and students of Johnson C. Smith University. His subject was, "Why Christ came at this particular time." He said, the trouble with the rising generation is that they read the writings of Christ by popular writers and not the Bible. The life of Christ is pictured best in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In concluding the speaker said, "He who serves his fellowman honestly serves God."

Judge Harding came to us through Mr. A. C. Shelton, representative of the city (white) Y. M. C. A. This was Judge Harding's third address to the University."



### HAZEL HARRISON APPEARS AT SMITH

On March 26th, Hazel Harrison, eminent pianist and pupil of Busoni, who has played extensively in Europe, especially in Germany, made a brilliant third appearance at Johnson C. Smith University before a very large and distinguished audience. During the program the audience manifested more than ordinary interest and rewarded Miss Harrison with frequent ovations. All of these the pianist merited as her playing revealed the fact that she is a pianist of rare talent. She possesses a brilliant technique, a good tone, and a fine poetic insight which certainly adds to the pleasure of her playing. This popular artist, gifted with genuine musical instinct and the temperament and warmth peculiar to one of her talent, interpreted each number with an abundance of rich and varied coloring. Her interpretation of the twenty-four preludes by Chopin was a noble and deeply expressive one; indeed it was a truly moving one. Her rhythm had elasticity and she had excellent dynamic control. Miss Harrison, who is always received with enthusiasm, seemed on this occasion particularly to reach the hearts of her hearers and held them from beginning to end. She has, too, a winning personality. There were numerous recalls from her large and delighted audience and the artist responded graciously to the demands by repeating the Color Impressions by Laszlo. These color Impressions are being played by her for the first time in America by any pianist.

### LOCAL CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY GIVES COL. YOUNG MEMORIAL PROGRAM.

The Charles Young Memorial Service was held under the auspices of Rho Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on Sunday, March 18, 1928, in the University auditorium. H. L. Foster ably presented the History of Colonel Charles Young's life as a soldier. In his speech he brought out many fine points that illustrated the great hardships of the soldier and his ability to overcome obstacles. T. A. Steele brought a message that involved the ideals of Colonel Young. He appealed to the Negro youth to meet all obstacles of prejudice with a determination to conquer. He said that the

### GRAND BASILEUS AND GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEALS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY VISIT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Mr. J. S. McClain and Mr. W. H. Mazyck, making a tour through the South, visiting all chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, stopped at Johnson C. Smith University, under the auspices of Rho Chapter, and made short talks at our morning vespers.

Mr. J. S. McClain emphasized the following facts in his talk: we, as college men, are to be America's citizens of tomorrow; it is up to us to wreck or change the world. Prepare yourself now; take advantage of all of your opportunities; the world is waiting for you; but the world wants men of service, men who are willing to work—as the older men pass off the scene the places are to be filled by the youth of today. Prepare yourself now.

Mr. W. H. Mazyck in his speech, stated: "Keep your ideals high; they are of spiritual value. Ideals can't be seen." Think not so much on race problems, but always keep your ideals high and do not become sullen with the prejudices of the world.

These two men were welcomed to Johnson C. Smith University, and we hope they will come back again, as the University is always proud to have such men visit it.

continued fight for opportunity must go on if the Negro is to rise to success that is measured in the truest values.

Colonel Young's four cardinal principles were vividly described by A. R. Dawson. The words scholarship, uplift, manhood and perseverance were analyzed and, no doubt, were left in the minds of the audience as to Col. Young's success in carrying them out. The entire program was as follows:

Music, Omega Anthem.

(Diton.)

Invocation, T. R. Griswold.

The Occasion, L. Steele.

Col. Young as a Soldier, H. L. Foster.

Solo, W. L. Byrd.

Col. Young's Four Cardinal Principles, A. R. Dawson.

Instrumental Duet, Whitehead and Dunsbury.

Colonel Young as an Ideal, T. A. Steele.

Hymn.

Benediction.

L. Steele, master of ceremonies, and Basileus, Rho Chapter.

### SPORT TALK

By "The Old Vet."

All hearts are turned toward the Big Easter game. Everybody is getting interested in "Big Bun" Hayes. We've even been asked whether he sleeps well at night, and if he is eating regularly. We are glad to say that the mighty "Bun" is up to snuff and just gnawing away the old glove in anticipation of his coming battle with "Red" Yokeley of Livingstone. Battle it surely shall be if last year's game can be considered a precedent. Last year "Bun" left the field at the close of the ninth with a slight edge on Yokeley although he had lost the game. Records at our command show that Yokeley walked 0 men, while Hayes gave 2. Yokeley allowed five hits to Hayes' 3. Hayes made 9 Livingstonians fan the air to Yokeley's 10. But the sad part of it was that L. C. made 2 unearned runs to Smith's one earned run. That means simply that so far as hitting was concerned they could still be playing last year's game with no runs scored.

We've been asked for a partial resume of the game last year so here it goes: L. C. made her first score in the 4th inning after two men were out. Jones got safe at first on an error by Ellis in center, went to second on a passed ball. Duncan drove L. C.'s first hit of the day into right field, scoring Jones. Caldwell flied out to Horne, ending the inning. Scores 1; hits 1.

The second score came in the eighth also after two men were out. Evans had been thrown out by Tucker at first. Yokeley fanned. Berry got one of the only two free passes Hayes allowed. Byrd got safe on an error by Thompson in right field, advancing Berry to third. Smith tore a sharp single to right scoring Berry. Jones flied out to Tucker ending the inning. Scores 1; hits 1.

Smith made her only score in the Seventh. McDowell, first man up, was hit by one of Yokeley's in shoots. Thompson laid down a neat sacrifice, advancing Mac safely at second. Hardy was safe at first on an error by Byrd at short. Mac going to third on the play. Horne hit sharply to Berry at second who recovered only in time to tag Hardy out while Mac scored, Horne being safe at first on a fielder's choice. Tucker was thrown out at first by Yokeley ending the inning. Scores 1; hits 0. And thus that mighty game ended with Livingstone 2, Smith 1, and as we said in the outset; all hearts are turned toward the big game this year. Coach Scales is depending on his famous wrecking crew to sustain the mighty Hayes in the batting department. So far this season the wrecking crew has lived up to its name, every member of whom is batting over 500 pct. Tucker, however, is leading the field with an average of .800 having made 4 safe bingles out of a possible official 5. Hayes matches him with an average of .800 but hasn't participated in all the pre-Easter games. McKeithan and Horne are next in line with .666 each. The slogan is "watch batting averages fatten on Mr. Yokeley's slants," and we shall be right there in the old press box to catch every bit of it for future transference to the annals of base ball history.