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## YWCA Presents

### Mr. Ernest Armstrong

Sunday, February 18, 1945, we were very fortunate in having the opportunity of listening to an inspiring speech made by Mr. Ernest E. V. A. Armstrong of Washington, D. C., who is a traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and student of Howard University.

During the course of his speech, he gave the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. which was as follows: (1) To lead students to God; (2) To develop the membership and service in Christian churches; (3) To improve human societies; and (4) To influence one so as to extend the kingdom of God. First, we must have a purpose; second, recognize the purpose; third, be willing to give up all possessions for the right ideal.

"If we seriously consider these facts, success is sure to be ours," says Mr. Armstrong.

## Agriculture Department Butchers Second Time

On the S. T. C. farm, on February 14, Mr. M. B. Albright, Professor of Agriculture, supervised the butchering of the last ten hogs for this year. Of course, there were a few of the hogs which weighed around 450 pounds each, but the average weight of the ten was about 200 pounds. The Agriculture Department at State Teachers College is doing splendid work in helping the war effort because the production of food for one's self on the home front is one of the best ways of fighting on the home front.

## As A Senior Sees Future Teachers of America

Too often we think of the teaching profession as one of the sure means of making a living, especially is it true, among Negroes because many of the promising positions are not opened to us. But if the teaching profession is the profession which you are engaging in simply for economic status, you are depriving America of young people, who in years to come, might be famous leaders such as George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington. You are killing the minds of innocent boys and girls who are trying earnestly to adjust themselves to the changing society with its many complexities.

Teaching is a profession which carries with it great and many responsibilities. The teacher is to so instruct or guide his pupils that they may be led into the fields in which they are best suited. It is the responsibility of the teacher to see to it that her instructions should be so individualized that the ability of each child may be developed in keeping with his talents. The teacher should be aware of the fact that each child should have an opportunity regardless of residence, parentage, social or economic status. It is the duty of the teacher to talk with the parents in order to find out the causes of the individual differences.

These days are the most critical and changing days in world history. We can see the war going beyond the winning and losing of battles, therefore, we as future teachers must be prepared for the tasks lying before us. From the schools must come practical and intimate knowledge in helping youths adjust themselves to this changing society. The moral and intellectual qualities of our people rest in the hands of the educators. Education must make for America strong citizens for democracy in order that the democratic ideas may be spread to other countries where such ideas are said to be untrue.

Today, we find some of our qualified teachers leaving the teaching profession seeking positions of greater income. Many of these qualified teachers will never return to the profession, even though, attempts are being made to keep them in the field of teaching. And there are attempts being made to encourage those who are qualified to come into the profession. As future teachers we will be expected to be adequately prepared to

meet personal problems in a world of confusion. We will be expected to be better acquainted with international relations and to develop among youth a concept of internationalism which will be workable. We are to be equipped in numerous ways to assist in educating a generation of literate and free citizens. We have the opportunity of influencing not only leaders but also the parents. This may be done through the children we teach and through the friendly relationships with all the people we are to deal with. Therefore, there is no better time to prepare for the tasks that lie before us as future teachers of America than at the present moment.

By CAROLYN A. BILLUPS, '45

## Speaker Electrifies Students In Address at S. T. C.

Dr. Henry Crane, Pastor, Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan in his unique way of presentation, shed new light on the teaching profession in an address to the prospective teachers and to the faculty at a special chapel hour on February 1.

The speaker was accompanied to the institution by his wife, Mrs. Henry Crane and by Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Pastor, First Methodist Church of this city. Dr. Crane was introduced by Dr. Brantley.

Dr. Crane's theme was "The Teacher, the Greatest Contributor to Civilization." In a masterful way he showed to his audience something of the superlative value of the teaching profession. He pointed out that the excellent teacher is characterized by his force of personality—the dynamic quality of his being. He emphasized the fact that "What you teach is what you are."

We could clearly see that the excellent teacher is the creator of excellent personalities. He further stated that the real teacher has faith in one's self and God, faith in humanity, faith in each child and that teacher does not have to worry about results. He advised us to approach each child in proportion to what the child might become.

Dr. Crane stated in conclusion that the excellent teacher has a finesse—an atmosphere of refinement about him which cannot be taught but caught, that makes his class contagious with good will. "Finesse must be developed on one's own account," he stated. He concluded by saying that we should have a recommitment to ourselves to God, and to humanity.