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Before an appreciative assembly of faculty and students, Mr. A. B. Jackson, of the United States Department of Commerce, delivered an appealing lecture. Himself a fair representative of what can be done if one only strives to succeed, he impressed upon us the fact that the time has come when the Negro must realize that he has grown up. However, it is regretful that we are not up to the standard of the leading races of the world in mercantile maneuvers. Yet, it is with hope and some degree of satisfaction that we view the steady upward trend along this line.

The need of more business for Negroes was felt when Booker T. Washington helped to organize the National Negro Business League in Boston, in 1900. This organization has aided tremendously in the fostering of leading Negro business projects. Yet, more wholesale and retail businesses must be established in order to use those men who are being trained now. Big business will come only as a result of the merger of the total group or a majority of the total Negro business men and their capital. On the other hand, the success of banks, commerce, etc., is determined largely by the success of smaller business concerns. Realizing this, the heads of the United States Department of Commerce co-operate with the small business concerns by maintaining a library complete with information on any phase of business development, and also by publishing free literature on various problems that may confront the small business enterprise. In spite of these conveniences for obtaining needed information, statistics show that of 17,000 inquiries received by the Department of Commerce in 1928 only 200 were from Negroes, 19 were from Colleges, and none were from Negro Colleges.

The individual independent merchant need not fear the chain stores. He can get closer to the public and supply needs that chain stores would find unprofitable to handle. On entering business, the Negro youth should carefully select one for which he has the natural inclination, competent training, and sufficient capital, remembering that business built up on usable products, and that business only, is sound.

N. A. A. C. P. LEADER VISITS JOHNSON C. SMITH

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People could not have chosen a more efficient and eloquent speaker, nor a more dynamic personality than Mr. Robert W. Bagnall, its Director of Branches. He has held this position since 1921, Mr. Bagnall, a member of the American Negro Academy and also the Civic Club of New York City, is a native of Virginia. He has pastored churches in Virginia, Maryland, Ohio and Michigan, and has contributed to The Survey, The Nation, The World Tomorrow, Opportunity, The Crisis, The Southern Workman, and The Messenger Magazine.

In his brilliant lecture Mr. Bagnall devoted much time to the discussing of revolution of thought in regard to the Negro in America. The race has advanced from a thing incapable, to a necessary factor in the political, social and economical worlds. In the schools of higher education and industrial education the Negro is making rapid strides, and becoming more self-supporting, and independent. History has shown that the modern way to maintain rights is to develop power—intellectual and organizational power.

It has been said that we will have a true democracy when and only when conditions are abrogated regarding the social inequality of the Negro, and efficiency, rather than race, becomes the keystone to a place of pre-eminence among the political, social, and economical leaders of America.

Because of some misunderstanding as to date, the white men delegates to the Interracial Conference held at Greensboro, N. Carolina, failed to be present. However, the Negro men and white women were present. On one occasion, during the conference, one of the women asked why the young men would not accompany them about

NATIONAL SECRETARY Y. M. C. A. ADDRESSES SMITH UNIVERSITY

On Friday morning, April 19, Johnson C. Smith University was favored with the presence of Mr. Frank T. Wilson, National Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who delivered a very inspiring address in Chapel.

Mr. Wilson has returned from India as a representative of the Y. M. C. A. of America at the World Student Christian Federation. This federation meets biennially at various places throughout the world. It is a courageously strong organization which seeks to create harmonious relations between the Christian Intelligentsia of the world. At the last session held in India, Max Yergen was present, representing the Student Movement of South Africa. Also, there were representatives from China, Czecho Slovakia, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, and other leading countries of the world.

In the discourse it was pointed out that each Y. M. C. A. should set about to create a little personal group in which the interest and enthusiasm is so great that others will be influenced to join it. This is Mr. Wilson's idea of improving the ever important "status quo". If the Y. M. C. A. develops intense interest and faithful comradeship among a small percentage of the students, then the whole student-body will become conscious of it, and the influence will radiate. His message was to go forth courageously and sacrificially bearing the cross.

NOTED WOMAN EDUCATOR LECTURES

On Friday morning, March 29, during the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Association which convened in Charlotte, the faculty, visitors and students of Johnson C. Smith University had the unique pleasure of hearing one of the leading women educators of the race.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida, held the interest of the audience as she masterfully related the thrilling story of her life. She clearly stated that she did not come at this time to represent the little school of 1904 in a little rented cabin, with one teacher, \$1.50 in capital and an enrollment of five little girls, but rather that she was representing the Bethune-Cookman College, with a faculty of twenty-five teachers, fourteen modern, splendidly equipped buildings, and with an enrollment of over two hundred twenty-five students. This school has sent out more than two thousand graduates who are capably holding their own in the world of affairs.

The last challenge of Mrs. Bethune to the students was to prepare themselves well, because it is no longer possible for one to bluff his way in the world. Today calls for well trained and well prepared young women and men.

the city. Mr. Bagnall answered her in this manner: "If you see a mad dog rushing down the street, you will invariably step aside to safety until the dog has passed. If a man of my race is seen in public with a white woman in this city, why, all of the white men who are stewed up in hatred and ignorance will pounce upon him much the same as a pack of mad dogs. Thus, it behooves him to step aside, though his companionship may be desired, until such conditions as now prevail have been effaced by a better existence."

Mr. Bagnall's final challenge to the audience was this: "We are Rip Van Winkle's, and fast asleep, if we go out from school saying that we dare not be men; it will hurt us economically in America. Science knows no traditional viewpoints. Young men, go out with true manly courage and use cooperatively the facts you gather in college, with a greater vision to the uplift of the race. Then will we be justified in spending our time and efforts in getting a higher education."

RETIRED DEAN SPEAKS

Retired Dean Geo. Wm. Cook, of the School of Commerce and Finance, Howard University, left a thought with the representatives of Johnson C. Smith University in his message on April 1. Mr. Cook, for a number of years Professor of Commercial Law and International Law at Howard, is a loyal supporter of his Alma Mater. He has been connected with the institution for more than half a century.

He comes from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and remembers vividly the days of the Reconstruction. He has viewed the wonderful strides made by education since 1864 and states that America is growing tremendously. Just as we are unable to see the growth of a tree from day to day, but after a period of years we can contrast its present size with its size when we first saw it, so it is with education. We cannot hope to see many immediate marked changes, nevertheless, education is slowly and surely evolving to a higher plane.

SMITH CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL DEBATING SEASON

Smith's Varsity Debating team has closed its second season as a member of the Pentagonal Debating League. The team lost its first debate to Atlanta University's negative team, won from Morehouse's negative team and debated Fisk's affirmative team with no decision.

Smith University Varsity Debating team bowed to the superior experience and technique of Atlanta University's Debating team, when Atlanta University's team contending the negative side of the question, "Resolved: That the United States Should Recognize the Present Soviet Government of Russia," met in joint debate in Biddle Memorial Hall, April 5, 1929, at 8:30 o'clock. Atlanta University's team was composed of Myron Bumstead Towns, '30, and Frank L. Stanley '29, and Smith was ably defended by Edw. W. Jones '31, and A. J. Clement, Jr., '30.

Although the youngest member of the Pentagonal League, Johnson C. Smith won a unanimous decision and made a successful come back over the veteran Morehouse College team at Charlotte, April 12. Edw. W. Jones, E. C. Grigg and A. J. Clement, Jr., convincingly presented the arguments for Smith while Jas. L. Lewis, Robert B. Stewart, and Henry L. Jerkins battled against odds for Morehouse.

At Fisk, Smith successfully defeated the arguments of the Fisk team, and by popular vote was declared winner. Smith was represented by Geo. F. Newell and S. H. Travis, Fisk by Jeremiah Moore and Edw. T. Pierce. Due to the fact that the Fisk authorities could not secure competent judges, the debate was without a decision.

THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF CANADIAN STUDENTS.

New York, N. Y. (By New Student Service)—In December, 1926, the National Confederation of Canadian University Students was formed one year after a similar organization appeared in the United States. Judging from the official report that has just been published, the organization already has to its credit some important accomplishments. It has organized several national debate tours, perfected a "clearing house" for the assembling of information on student problems and promoted student travel abroad. In addition it has formed an Exchange System whereby Canadian students may without extra expense, spend one year of study in a university in another part of Canada and it has promoted a co-operative book-purchasing scheme which is said to effect a saving of ten thousand dollars annually to Canadian students.

A STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR MOONEY AND BILLINGS

Madison, Wisc. (By New Student Service) The University of Wisconsin Liberal Club has issued a call to all students interested in freeing the two labor leaders Mooney and Billings, who were convicted on perjured testimony of placing the bomb which killed ten and injured forty persons in San

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OXLEY TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN OLD NORTH STATE

Fine Cooperation and Improving Attitudes Reported As Result of Progressive Policies

Atlanta, Ga., April —.—Negroes in twenty-six North Carolina counties have united their efforts to improve social and educational conditions and are paying in whole or in part the salaries of twenty-one social workers, according to Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, Director of the Division of Negro Work of the North Carolina Board of Charities and Public Welfare, who delivered a series of three lectures on rural community work at the Atlanta School of Social Work. During the last two years colored people have raised for this purpose more than \$25,000 to supplement funds appropriated by the counties. This has developed a new attitude on the part of white people and has resulted in fine interracial cooperation.

"Representatives of both races meet together to discuss the problems of the colored people and to plan for their solution," said Mr. Oxley. "It marks a new departure for colored people to send a delegation of leaders to the county superintendent of public welfare to ask what the colored people can do to assist him—a marked change from the days when Negroes went to the court house only when summoned as prisoners or witnesses. In one county they raised \$1,600 and sent a delegation to present it to the county board, with the request that it be used for the good of the county. The impression made in all of these counties is that the Negroes are no longer content to remain neglected and outside the benefits of the community, but that they are willing to shoulder their share of responsibility for community development. In consequence, the relationships between the races have been markedly improved."

Mr. Oxley made it clear that the colored group cannot know what it can get till it makes its needs known to the proper authorities. Among many such gains in North Carolina, he said, have been the organization of Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and American Legion posts, adjusted compensation policies, free transportation to aid veterans, mother's aid pensions and the like. The state conducts numerous clinics and colored children are admitted to all of them, while the provisions for colored children at the county homes are the same as those for the whites.

SMITH PLAYERS

Since April 10th the Smith Players have been traveling about North Carolina presenting the two plays on its list this year: "Sugar Cane," and "In Abraham's Bosom."

Beginning the season with a very pleasant presentation to the students of Bricks Junior College, the Smith Players have shown in Nashville, Gastonia, Charlotte and Winston-Salem. At Nashville, the next engagement following that of Bricks, a large audience of both races, witnessed the presentation and from the laudatory remarks made by both, it is to be assumed that the evening was enjoyed by all present.

The Charlotte performance was witnessed by a very appreciative audience.

Winston-Salem gave The Players their biggest audience which filled into the spacious Lincoln Theater on the evening of May 14th to witness for the last time this season these plays by the Smith Players. An added feature in the Winston-Salem presentation was the Vaudeville done by Messrs. Dudley, Mebane and Fitch.

Miss Muriel McCrorey, the lovable daughter of President H. L. McCrorey, was with her parents during the Easter season. The entire campus was delighted to have her here among us.