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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

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SECOND SECTION

THE MEEDS OF CHURCH MUSIC TODAY

At the present time, one of the greatest problems confronting the leaders in the average courch is the music As a part of the wor. Manley, Lucy Ruffins, Westry Warship service, it is second in importance only to the minister's sersider (1) the amount of time consumed from the standpoint of Mary Lane and Oneilia Davis. efficiency and adequacy. This should not be true when we con-sidere (1) the amount of time consumed by the music in the regularity with a picnic. The children lar church services, and the related services which will average and attending parents were served about one third of the entire period. (2) The number of people who punch and the cream with their are directly connected with church music programs in the various | unches At the commencement prodenominations, is estimated at 200,000. (3) The financial cost of an Sunday night, the children's music programs. Professor Augustine Smith, dean of fine arts in art work was displayed and Bible religion in Boston University and an authority on church music, book-marks were passed to the audstated some years ago before a body of religious education work. Mr. J. T. Bailey is superintendent ers that "The churches in America are spending \$30,000,000 per lence, year for religious music and ninety per cent of it is being wasted of the Sunday School, F. M. Mar because of a lack of ideals in building and rendering the music programs." It has been estimated that the Southern Baptists are pending \$1,000,000 annually for their church music programs. Gen crally, the ideals and standards of the music programs of the churches are not on a level with the ideal and standards promoted and maintained for the preaching, teaching, and training.

The musical appreciation of the church leadership, musicians included, and the congregations, is too low. This fact presents church music leaders a duty which is paramount in my opinion, and that duty is ours to so train our people, both enoir members and congregation, to better appreciate good music, good order and a more sacred service for the Lord, Appropriate, practical, and effective music programs are too seldom found. Many programs are lacking in character, and fail to promote a spirit of reverence,

Too tew of the standard hymns are known and used. The music leadership in many churches is inefficient and incapable of building an adequate music program. Therefore more consistent training on the part of persons placed at the head of musical organizations in the church is needed. In many churches there is an absence of wholehearted intelligent congregational singing. The average choir is composed of a few singers with voices that do not blend, and unbalanced voice parts. Many of the directors and accompanists do too little of studying and practicing. There is a lack of proper physical equipment, such as choir platform, choir room, instru ments, hymnals, song books and other necessary literature. What are the reasons for these conditions? In some cases the indifference and neglect of the pastor and other officers and leaders in the church who are lacking in a knowledge of the essentials in building an adequate church music program. Too little time and attention are given to the planning of the music program,

The remedies for these conditions: An adequate musical program suited to the whole congregation. Wholesome music is just as necessary for the people as wholesome lectures or wholesome sermons.

A musical program should be provided that will be best suited to the spiritual needs of the congregation and rendered in a conmendable way. There should be high ideals and standards for the music programs. For when we raise the standards of music in our own church we raise the standards of the whole church. Wholesome music should be kept before the people, good instruction should be given at rehearsals and special classes from time to time should be arranged in order to give more time to the music development of the singers and the musicians should always study and practice

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Rocky Mount He was first married

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'ew York, and now professor in heology, and A. J. Muste, Presbyminister and National Secf the Fellowship of Recon-

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resort of national policy." It is intripated that a conference James Richard Bonny, 53, of East movement will be held in the very to promote the non-registration Grande Avenue, died at the At- near future,

He had been in declining health 3 H. U. Profs Honored

or a long time but continued to WASHINGTON (ANP) ork at the Atlantic Coast Line of the Howard University profes sors who recently received out standing honors were Dr. Merze He was confined for just three Tate, Dr. John W. Lawlah and Dr. F. B. Johnson.

Dr. Ttate, professor of history and author of several books, received terature from Michigan Western follege of education at commencecent exercises this week.

Dr. Lawlah, clinical professor of radiology, was awarded the degree of fellowship by the American Colge of Radiology at its annual convention in Chicago on June 20. And Dr. Johnson, assistant pro fessor of pathology, received a fellowship award by the Atomic Ener y commission. With the \$3,750 fel wship Dr. Johnson will study a

the University of Chicago for one your beginning in September. He will conduct special research on the netabolism of essential amino utilizing radioactive and stae isotepes under the supervision Dr. Paul R. Cannon.

Dr. Tate, who made the highes scholastic record ever attained by a student at Michigan Western, was awarded the honorary degree in recognition of her scholastic atcinments, scholarly publications and degrees and honors receive. ince graduating from college. A native of Blanchard, Mich., Dr Tate received her B. A. degree from

Michigan Western College of education, her M. A. from Columbia University, the B. Litt. degree from Oxford and the Ph. D. from Radcliffe College. She has also studied t the Geneva school of Internaonal studies and Berlin University. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Gamma Mu honor

She has been in the teaching profession since 1927, having taught at Barber-Scotia Junior College, Bennett College, Morgan State College Howard University.

She is the author of "The Disarmament Illusion" and "The United States and Armaments" both published under the auspices of the bureau of international research of Harvard University and Radcliffe Dr. Lawlah was advanced to the degree of fellowship because of outstanding contributions and service in radiology. He is the third Negro physician to be elected to full fellowship in the 25-year history of the American College of



HONOR GRAD - Miss Modis-School June 4, 1948.

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