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COLORED BOY BREAKS GRADUATION RECORD

ONLY TEN YEARS OLD.

New Haven, Conn., June 28.—A colored boy broke the graduation record in the public schools of New Haven, Conn., last week, when Pritchett A. Klugh, the 10-year-old son of Rev. Dr. D. S. Klugh, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church, graduated from the Scranton public school as the youngest member to ever leave the public school of this city. In the class with young Klugh were 150 members, all of them being 14 years of age and more, and the appearance of this young boy of color receiving his diploma at the age of 10 was easily the feature of the commencement exercises. The record that this boy has made has created a wide stir in educational circles of New Haven, and is furnishing a topic for conversation among the intellectuals that has sent the stock of the Negro race up in New Haven 100 per cent. Investigation has found that the record of young Klugh in school was very brilliant, and his work was warmly praised by his teachers and the principal of the school. Young Klugh has been prominently mentioned for a candidate for the New Haven high school which prepares for Yale university, and when he enters high school this fall he will be the youngest candidate to ever enter the New Haven high school, which makes the feat of this boy a record that the whole race might well be proud of. If he keeps up his present record, he will be ready for Yale university at the age of 14, an age when most boys are leaving the grammar school. In an interview with Rev. Dr. Klugh, the father of young Klugh, he stated that his boy was perfectly normal in his play and study. "He is very fond of study," stated Dr. Klugh, "and that accounts for his success in his studies." Dr. Klugh said that his boy was extremely fond of reading and was also of a mechanical turn of mind. The record of young Klugh will be welcomed throughout the country with much delight, and his career will be watched with keen interest. Rev. Dr. Klugh is one of the most successful pastors in New Haven, and his church is one of the largest of the city.

GOVERNOR WILLIS AGAINST THE PICTURES—INDO REES SU- PREME COURT STAND.

Columbus, O., June 28.—Governor Frank B. Willis, of this state, who proved his strong friendship for the race by having revoked the state censors' permit given for the photoplay, "The Nigger," to show in Ohio, and who declared that "The Birth of the Nation" should not be granted a permit to show in Ohio, has again won the plaudits of the colored people by his splendid endorsement of the federal supreme court's decision in the Oklahoma case. Thus far he is the

Think on These Things

FOUR THINGS COME NOT BACK TO MAN OR WOMAN:
THE SPED ARROW; THE SPOKEN WORD; THE PAST LIFE;
AND THE NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY."



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only state executive who has expressed himself respecting this decision. When the decision was rendered he very promptly gave public utterance to the following:
"The decision of the United States supreme court against the "grandfather" clause in the laws of Oklahoma, and in the Maryland case, is one of the most important and far reaching in years. It is a vindication of the principle that in this country a citizen's worth is to be measured by his own merit, and not by the qualifications of his grandfather. The principle of the "grandfather" clause was un-American, unfair and altogether out of harmony with the spirit of our institutions. The law should encourage every citizen with-

out regard to race or color to improve his own condition, not dampen and kill his energy and ambition by applying a rule of recognition as arbitrary and indefensible as ever stained the pages of the history of hereditary feudalism in the dark ages. The fifteenth amendment meant what it said when it proclaimed that the right to vote should not be denied on account of race, or color or previous condition of servitude. This amendment does not prohibit a fair educational qualification applicable to all races alike, but it does prohibit unfair discrimination between races. The decision of the supreme court will be hailed with satisfaction by every person who believes in a fair chance for all."

YOUNG EMMETT SCOTT WINS SCHOOL PRIZES

Boston, Mass., June 30.—In the Boston Evening Transcript of Tuesday, June 22, report is made of the graduation of 113 students of the Phillips Exeter Academy, located at Exeter, N. H., and also of the prize awards for the year.

Emmett J. Scott, Jr., of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., is reported in the prize awards for the year as having won a first Nathaniel Gordon prize of \$20 for proficiency in knowledge of the Bible; is also listed as an honor man of the second group, being one of the only five students of his class who is listed for such honors, having maintained a yearly average of Grade B; and also receives honorable mention, having received Grade A in certain studies during the whole of the year.

In the scholarship awards published by the academy in the Transcript some weeks ago, young Scott was listed as having won a Phillips' scholarship award of \$100 and a Kingman scholarship award of \$80.

He is the only colored student this year attending Phillips Exeter Academy; he last year received his diploma from Tuskegee Institute, having finished the academic course of study and that of the machine shop division. He is being prepared for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

BUSINESS LEAGUE TO MEET IN BOSTON

The approaching meeting of the National Negro Business League on August 18, 19 and 20 will be its fifteenth annual session, and quite appropriately it will be held in Boston, Mass., where the league was organized in 1900.

The Boston Local Negro Business League, assisted by the local league of Cambridge, has about perfected arrangements for the meeting.

Reports to be submitted at the meeting of the national league will show approximately 45,000 Negro business enterprises, 51 Negro banks, 695 Negro drug stores, 1,000 undertaking establishments, 240 wholesale businesses and 25,000 retail businesses. Farm property is valued at \$492,892,218.

Affiliated organizations which will meet in connection with the league are the National Negro Press Association, National Negro Bankers' Association, the National Negro Funeral Directors' Association, the National Negro Bar Association and the National Association of Negro Insurance Men. Each of these organizations will present a well-prepared program.

New York business men will be largely represented, plans under way indicating that the city will probably send the largest delegation it has ever had to the Boston meeting.