

MISSION  
BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Annual Report Shows Increased Interest in Missionary Work.

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**N**EW YORK.—What the race is doing for itself in the way of missions was shown in part by the report made by Dr. J. W. Rankin to the Board of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal church, April 30, at the headquarters of the missionary department, 62 Bible House. It was, perhaps, the best report ever made to the board, and the report to the General Conference, May, 1920, St. Louis, will perhaps be the greatest report ever made in the history of the church.

The board was presided over by Bishop J. Albert Johnson and associated with him were Bishops John Hurst, Evans Tyree, Charles S. Smith and W. W. Beckett. The members of the board present were Revs. R. J. Williams, Philadelphia; E. H. Hunter, Portsmouth, Va.; R. R. Downs, Springfield, O.; J. P. Q. Wallace, Richmond, Ind.; N. C. Buren, St. Joseph, Mo.; W. O. P. Sherman, Fitzgerald, Ga.; D. H. Johnson, Abbeville, S. C.; C. E. Brooks, Hammond, La.; H. N. Newson, Selma, Ala.; C. W. Abbington, Dallas, Tex.; S. A. Harris, Cocoa, Fla.; C. R. Tucker, Tulsa, Okla.; C. E. Allen, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mary F. Handy, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. S. G. Simmons, Charleston, S. C.

Among the visitors introduced were: Revs. R. C. Ransom, editor of A. M. E. Church Review; John R. Hawkins, financial secretary, A. M. E. church; A. L. Gaines, leader of the delegation from Baltimore conference; Mrs. W. D. Chappelle, Columbia, S. C.; Charles Stewart, Chicago, and a number of local ministers.

Bishop John Hurst conducted the opening and was followed by the annual report of Dr. J. W. Rankin. He spoke of what was being done by the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Southern Baptist convention, the Presbyterian Church for Missions, and wanted that his church should be liberal in their contribution to the cause. His report showed increased interest. Amount brought forward from previous year, \$3,566.30; collected from all sources, \$58,954.40; total, \$62,520.70; expended for missions, \$59,504.13; balance, \$3,016.57.

In the afternoon committees reported and the work was reviewed by the board and several addresses were delivered.

UNIVERSITY COMMISSION  
APPEALS TO COLLEGE MEN

Would Have Them Use Their Influence In Moulding Better Sentiment In South Which Will Alleviate Racial Friction.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Nashville, Tenn., May 15.—The University Commission of Southern Race Questions, which held its ninth annual meeting here, adopted a statement which will be sent to the college men of the South to aid in solving post war conditions. This organization is made up of whites.

After praising the service rendered by our soldiers in the war and the loyalty of others who did their best to finance it, with the added fact that no Negro was ever suspected of espionage or sympathy towards the Huns, the resolution appeals to college men as follows:

"Let us seek to cultivate a more tolerant spirit, a more generous sympathy and a wider degree of co-operation between the best elements of both races; to emphasize the best rather than the worst features of inter-racial relations; to secure greater publicity for those whose views are based on reasons rather than on prejudice."

"Because college men are rightly expected to be moulders of public opinion, the commission earnestly appeals to them to contribute of their talents and energy in bringing this program to its consummation."

## Strategic Advantage.

A major, attired in his raincoat, was crossing the parade ground one rainy morning when a young medical officer, hastening toward shelter, came past and saluted without slowing down.

"Wait there a minute, Lieutenant," called the major. "Never salute when at the double time. Strictly against regulations."

With that the major launched out upon a long lecture on the significance and value of the salute, while the lieutenant, now standing stiffly at attention, was drenched to the skin.

A few days later the major was afflicted with toothache and sought the services of a dental surgeon. As he reclined in the chair, he thought he detected a peculiar expression of satisfaction on the young dentist's face.

"Look here," he said suddenly. "Haven't I seen you before?"

"Yes, sir," was the answer, "you were speaking to me the other morning about saluting—"

"Great Scott" yelled the major, leaping from the chair and starting for the door. "I've had some close calls in my time, but never anything to compare with this one."—Judge.

## THE NEGRO ARTILLERY BRIGADE

Address by General John H. Sherburne, Commander of the 16th Artillery of the 92d Division, at Mass Meeting, Monday, May 5, 8 p. m., Carnegie Hall, Opening National Conference on Lynching.

**A**T this meeting whose purpose is to secure for the Negro fair play and equal protection of the law, it is my privilege as well as my duty to testify to the high achievement of the Negro in a line of military activity in which he had never before been tried.

The fighting qualities of the Colored soldier are too well known to need comment, but until the German war their service had been in the infantry and cavalry arms and they had never served as artillery either in the American army or in any other army. When I was assigned to the 167th field artillery brigade the artillery authorities of the expeditionary force were frank in saying that they considered the experiment an impossibility and I joined the brigade with a sad heart and a full certainty that the jaws of the trap had at last closed upon me. Even the ever kind French friends shook their heads in doubt.

But after the first day with the brigade my barometer began to go up. The first impression was the marvelous spirit of the men, their neatness of appearance, their military courtesy and their discipline was most striking, and they were so earnest in their desire to learn and excel.

The brigade never failed to do creditably any task it was called upon to do, and many appreciative and flattering things were said about it by the military authorities who observed its work.

Perhaps the best testimony,

however, is the fact that when the intelligence officer of the German division opposite came into our lines at the close of hostilities, he refused to believe that the artillery supporting the Colored infantry was not French artillery.

But perhaps beyond and above the performance of the merely technical duties was the splendid quality of the morale of the brigade. The courage of the men under fire was without criticism. The men looked for leadership, but they did not show fear and were always ready to do what they were called upon for. In some instances gun crews and telephone linesmen showed a very notable courage and determination under fire.

At all times and under all conditions the men showed a fine cheerfulness and willingness. Their conduct was almost flawless, and they left each billet with the good will and affection of the French civilians.

I cannot pay too high a tribute to the splendid spirit of both officers and men of the brigade. The officers gave themselves to their task in the fullest measure, and the credit of the brigade's achievement is in a large part due to their work and especially to Colonel O'Neill of the 349th, Prosser of the 350th, Carpenter of the 351st and Andrus of the ammunition train, but their inspiration was the spirit of the men who have shown throughout an eagerness to learn, a determination to excel and a fidelity to the rules and ideals of military service unequalled in my experience and measuring up to the highest ideal of American patriotism.

LA GRANGE, TEXAS  
H. L. Vincent, Agent

Prof. M. M. Rodgers, Dallas, visited our city last week for two or three days on business and seeing old friends. He visited a session of the La Grange District Association, which was held at the town of Schulenburg last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Julia Sutton, wife of Mr. Peter Sutton, and who are former citizens of Fayette county, but now of Boley, Okla., have spent some weeks with her sick sister, Mrs. John Sanders. They returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Lola Sutton is back from a trip to Smithville.

Rev. G. L. Mills of Bellville was in the city last week.

Mrs. James Williams has installed a barber chair in Mr. Will Fields' cafe.

Mr. Elvy Hunter has screened his back gallery nicely.

Sick—H. L. Vincent, Mrs. Julia King, Mrs. I. V. Sutton.

Rev. J. H. Napier held his regular pastoral services at St. James' M. E. church last Sunday. District Superintendent S. E. Jones will preach at night.

Pastors from the other churches were holding services out of town.

Don't fail to hear DuBois on the American Negro in the war.—Adv.

**Saved to Some Effect.**  
In Greenville, N. H., a man who believes in saving coppers and nickels paid his taxes with \$119.55 in buffalo nickels, \$11.80 in old-style nickels, \$6 in Lincoln cents and Indian-head cents. Buying a buggy, nearly new, at auction, he paid for it in coppers, and he also paid \$27 in cents for a purchase made away from home.

\$10,000 FUND TO  
FIGHT LYNCHING

New York, May 8.—A \$10,000 fund has been raised to fight lynching in the United States, it was announced yesterday at the headquarters of the national conference on lynching, 70 Fifth avenue.

Of this \$5,000 was contributed by Madame C. J. Walker of New York City and \$1,000 by Scott Bond, a wealthy Negro farmer of Arkansas.

The remainder of the amount was subscribed and pledged in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$100.

The national conference on lynching is proceeding with the appointment of committee, to represent every section of the country, which will draw up an address to the American nation on the subject of lynching.

Moorfield Storey of Boston, ex-president of the American Bar association, will announce in a few days the names of a committee of prominent lawyers who will frame a proposed federal anti-lynching law.

Charges by Ohio republicans which are under investigation by the republican national committee, to the effect that republican Negroes were being led away from republicanism met prompt denial yesterday so far as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is concerned.

Mary White Ovington, chairman of the Association, said she had found that a group of Colored women in Columbus, O., had changed the name of their club from the Republican club to the Independent club in consequence of the defeat of the civil rights bill in Ohio.

John R. Shillady, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, issued the following statement:

"There is absolutely no foundation for the charge that the National As-

sociation for the Advancement of Colored People is endeavoring to proselytize Negro republicans. The Association consists of both races of all political opinions and they are united only in fighting for justice for the Negro.

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