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## FIFTY YEARS OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Commencement Exercises at Race's Foremost Institution for Higher Education—Degrees Conferred Upon 112 Graduates—Inspiring Addresses by Secretary Lane and Bishop Harding—Dr. Durkee's Phenomenal Progress.

By R. W. Thompson.

Special to The Monitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—Under ideal skies and amid stately elms on the broad campus, the fiftieth annual commencement of Howard university was held Wednesday afternoon with the largest attendance known in many years. President J. Stanley Durkee, making his first appearance on an occasion of this kind, was greeted with prolonged applause when he arose to begin the impressive ceremonies. The procession, including the graduating classes, the faculty and the alumni of the university, was a glint of bright colors in the sunlight as it wended its way across the greenward from Carnegie library to the old fresco auditorium near Clark hall. The scene was picturesque and imposing.

Secretary Lane and Bishop Harding Give Wise Counsel.

The orator of the day was the Hon. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, the branch of the government having control of the university. In his able address, Secretary Lane emphasized the utility of force and unflinching acts in the solution of great social and economic questions and counseled his hearers to appeal to the power of time and right systems of education to bring permanent peace among peoples and nations. The present unrest throughout the land he attributed to the too prevalent desire of groups of individuals to get something without work. No enduring success nor any real happiness can be built upon a foundation of idleness or any get-rich-quick nostrum. The secretary laid stress upon the value of good citizenship, of the necessity for practical training to meet the responsibilities of life, and gave as a pertinent example of the failure of false standards in the striving for power, the downfall of the autocratic German Empire.

The Right Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington, was introduced by Dr. Durkee, and spoke along the lines laid down by Secretary Lane. He declared service to humanity to be the royal road to progress and happiness. He paid a glowing tribute to the valor, skill and loyalty displayed by the Colored soldiers who aided in the recent war for liberty and democracy, and insisted that the Stars and Stripes should wave for all Americans alike, from ocean to ocean. He was proud of the record made by the millions of Negroes since emancipation, and lauded Howard university as one of the uplifting agencies that would continue to leaven the lump of intellectual and moral darkness that make for the hardships and inequalities with which the social and economic leaders have to deal.

Both Secretary Lane and Bishop Harding were liberally applauded.

Music was furnished by a section of the regimental band of the 368th infantry, and patriotic airs were played at intervals throughout the program, including "The Star Spangled Banner," which brought the immense throng to its feet in spontaneous enthusiasm. Rev. Walter H. Brooks delivered the invocation and the Rev. A. C. Garner pronounced the benediction.

President Durkee Confers Degrees.

President Durkee, by authority vested in him by the university conferred degrees upon one hundred and twelve graduates, constituting the "Class of 1919." In the college of arts and sciences thirty-four candidates received the degree of bachelor of arts and seventeen the degree of bachelor of science. A touching incident in connection with this part of the program was the award of the degree of B. S. to John Ephriam Williams, who passed away just a few days prior to his graduation, but had fully won his honors. The entire class stood uncovered as President Durkee solemnly conferred the post-mortem distinction upon their departed fellow-student. Four young men were given special mention and honor because of their military service, and financial consideration will be given them by the university that they may later gain the degree they desire. The class was presented for honors by Dean Kelly Miller. In the other de-

partments the following awards of degrees were made: In the Teachers' college, "A. B. in Education," seven; "B. S. in Education," nine. In the school of theology, "Bachelor of Divinity," three. In the school of medicine, "M. D.," twenty-one; dental college, "D. D. S.," one. (The course in dentistry was lengthened from three to four years.) In the pharmaceutical college, degree of "Phar. D.," five. In the school of law, degree of bachelor of laws, fourteen. In graduate work, the degree of master of arts in the field of education was conferred upon Helen Brooks Irvin. The candidates from the Teachers' college were presented by Acting Dean Thomas W. Turner; from the school of theology by Dean D. Butler Pratt; from the medical college by Dean E. A. Ballock; from the school of law by Acting Dean William H. Richards.

Presentation of Prizes.

In addition to the presentation of diplomas, President Durkee awarded the following prizes: Alpha Kappa sorority prize, highest scholarship, Miss Jennie Mustapha; senior fellowship in physics at Clark university, Worcester, Mass., valued at \$300, Kelly Miller, jr.; cyclopedic dictionary from a Chicago publishing house, highest general average, George Arthur Parker; public speaking, Edward M. Johnson; internship, Mercy hospital, Philadelphia, Miss Sarah Ella Marie Kinner; internship, Freedmen's hospital (in order of standing in competitive examination), Jonathan Richard Contee Cook, Archie Royal Fleming, Herbert Owen Matthews, Harold Counsellor Stratton, Lawrence Waters Jackson, Ralph Johnson Young, Stansbury Murray Carter, Eugene Heriot Dibble Jr., Henry Jas. Austin, John Benjamin Walker and Chas. Henry Boyd; the E. D. Williston prize for highest mark in obstetrics, Jonathan Richard Contee Cook. A prize from the French class was presented in French by Prof. Loehard.

Changes in Faculty and Official Staff.

During the week beginning May 28, the several departments held class functions, including a reunion luncheon and field day athletics by the alumni and an "At Home" to the class of '19 by President and Mrs. Durkee. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. Durkee in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on Sunday. The board of trustees Tuesday announced the election of the following members of the faculty and official staff.

Secretary-treasurer, Emmett J. Scott; dean of school of liberal arts, Carter G. Woodson; registrar and professor of education, Dwight O. W. Holmes; acting dean of women and instructor in physical education for women, Miss Helen Tuck; dean of men and professor of economics, Edward L. Parks; dean of school of commerce and finance and professor of commercial and international law, George W. Cook; dean of junior college and professor of sociology, Kelly Miller.

Ground will be broken in a few days for the new building on the east side of the campus, to be the home of the school of theology, forming the nucleus of a new center in this vicinity, and many other substantial improvements are in contemplation. "The Greater Howard University," planned by the ever-progressive President Durkee, is moving rapidly toward a realization.

The glory of a good man is the testimony of a good conscience.—Thomas a-Kempis.

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## SOUTH STILL REACTIONARY

Assumes "I Told You So" Attitude on Negro Migration.

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

Columbia, S. C., June 18.—The following editorial is clearly indicative of the condition of feeling in many sections of the South, with reference to the return of our people who in the last two years migrated north:

Missionaries From Chicago (From the Columbia, S. C. State, White Daily.)

A thousand Negro laborers, who have had six months or a year of education in the politics of Chicago, who have been trained in the ideas and methods of Chicago's Second ward—are they wanted as missionaries of labor among the Negroes of South Carolina?

If Chicago would be rid of this "surplus Negro labor" Chicago's motive is identical with that that actuated East St. Louis, Springfield and Coatesville, Penn.

Having used this labor, having changed the opinions and manner of the Negroes, having inoculated them with enmity towards everything to which Southern Negroes are accustomed, no longer needing them and finding them inconvenient and disturbing competitors with white labor, they would dump them on the South.

Why should the South take Negroes out of Chicago to compete with white labor of the South?

There may be in the South employers who would accept and use any kind of labor—who would welcome a renewal of immigration from the "gold coast"—but that brand of selfishness spells ruin to the Southern land.

Chicago and other northern communities ought to give preference to their Negro labor, or cease complaining about Southern treatment of the Negroes.

## SOLDIERS INTERESTED IN ASSOCIATION

N. A. A. C. P. Branch Organized in Philippine Islands by Members of Famous Ninth Cavalry.

New York, June 18.—Mary White Ovington, director of the membership drive for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports that Colored troopers in the Philippine islands have formed a branch, and their secretary, Matthew Payne, of troop E, 9th cavalry, has written a letter from Pampanga in which he says:

"While we are more or less isolated from the rest of the world, we are vitally interested in anything that affects our race. We are now starting in on the membership drive and hope ere long to report with our full quota and perhaps a few over. The men of the regiment are becoming very much interested in the work of the association. We are giving a little literary program every week and the attendance is excellent."

## REPLACE WHITE GIRLS IN LARGE DETROIT FACTORY

Detroit, Mich., June 18.—The factory girls of Detroit have won another signal victory when on Monday morning the Janson Manufacturing company put on an entire force of our girls to replace white girls who are too irregular in attendance to keep the orders filled. The girls will work on automobile parts. The work is very easy to learn and skilled operators will make high wages.

## AROUSING AMERICA AGAINST ATROCITIES

Five Victims Have Been Burned at the Stake With Unbelievable Brutality Within the Past Five Months, and More Than Twenty Have Been Lynched—A Record of Barbarism Which America Must Repudiate.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Steps towards a congressional investigation of lynching with a view to the federal government taking action to stamp out mob murder were announced June 4 by John R. Shillady, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Shillady announced that facts and figures and all available testimony and information concerning mob murder in the United States were being assembled and would be laid before congress.

"Five men have already been burned at the stake in the United States since the first of the year," said Mr. Shillady, "and more than twenty persons have been lynched in that time. It is a record of barbarism which ought to make us blush before the world."

"Local and state authorities throughout the country have shown themselves utterly unable to check the growing evil. Citizens in all parts of the country are urged to send immediately all information, press clippings and editorials concerning mob murders to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth avenue. The information so obtained and assembled will be placed before congress."

## COMMITTEE GIVEN AUDIENCE BY BAKER

A Delegation Representing League for Democracy Interviews Secretary of War on Disparaging Remarks Concerning Colored Officers and Troops Made by Colonel Greer.

(Special to The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton.)

Washington, D. C., June 18.—A committee representing the League for Democracy, an organization of Colored soldiers and sailors who took part in the great world war, was granted a hearing by the secretary of war last Tuesday in connection with charges made against Lt. Col. Allen J. Greer, chief of staff of the 92d division of Colored troops. In a letter to Senator McKellar, written while he was serving in France, Col. Greer is alleged to have asserted that Negro troops were cowards and were dangerous only to themselves and women. Matters touching the increase of the number of Colored troops in the new standing army and their supervision by Colored officers were also discussed.

Secretary Baker received the committee with great cordiality and announced that he would take the matter under advisement. It is expected that this decision will take the form of a public announcement. A Mitchell Palmer, the attorney general of the United States, was present also at the conference.

The committee consists of Lt. McCain, field secretary of the League for Democracy; Lt. James H. N. Waring Jr., Captain Timothy Dent, Captain A. C. Newman, Lt. Walter Aien, Lt. T. M. Gregory, Lt. Frank Coleman, Captain West Hamilton, J. Finley Wilson, editor of the Washington Eagle, and Mr. George H. Murray.

## AWARD CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

(By Associated Negro Press.) Topeka, Kas., June 18.—A rather novel method of recognition has been adopted by the Industrial Institute here, in deciding to award "Certificates of Merit" to Colored men of the state who are making marked success of their work in life. The certificates this year were given at the commencement exercises. Those receiving same are: W. W. Buckner, Topeka, for work in the mechanical arts; John W. Rogers, Ottawa, and H. W. Bell, Oskaloosa, both unusually successful farmers.

## ARKANSAS COLONY ORGANIZED

(By Associated Negro Press.) Allport, Ark., June 18.—The Allport Colony and Industrial Association has been organized here and has taken over 37,000 acres of land, most of it well timbered. The land is in Lonoke, Jefferson and Arkansas counties, and will be one of the largest race colonies in the United States. More than 100 families are already preparing to move onto the land. Two big mills are cutting lumber, the most of which is shipped to Detroit.

## VIRGINIANS OPEN ANOTHER BANK

Enterprising and Successful Business Men Launch Tidewater Bank and Trust Company With Paid Up Capital of \$100,000—First Day's Deposits \$150,000.

(Special to The Monitor by Charles Stewart.)

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—With a paid up capital stock of \$100,000 and \$150,000 on deposit the first day, the doors of the Tidewater Bank and Trust company were thrown open for business Monday morning, June 2. There were present people from all parts of the states of Virginia, North Carolina, District of Columbia and Maryland to witness the opening of another great race enterprise which is destined to wield great influence for the good of the whole race.

The bank opened in its own home, 738 Church street. The land was purchased by the promoters, and the building erected, hence it is a modern bank structure. The "Trust department" is a new feature in banking for the race, and its development will be watched with much interest. Among the prominent people who were present, Mrs. Maggie W. Walker, of Richmond, who is the only woman banker in the race. She thought that all enterprises for the development of the race should meet with encouragement and support, and the success of one meant success to all others, and failure would hurt all the Negroes. "In this country," she said, "we are one, and we must go up together or go down together. I want that we shall reach back and get the fellow who is struggling to get up and carry him with us."

In his talk President P. B. Young said that the race had passed its babyhood, and was regarded by all as full grown, therefore should do what others were doing. He said with united efforts much could be accomplished. His talk was strictly a common sense business message to the people. He is editor of the Journal and Guide. The following are the bank officials: P. B. Young, president; G. H. Francis, M. D., Levi C. Brown, M. R. Jackson, vice presidents; J. S. Jones, secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer, J. S. Jones is an experienced business man, and has for some time been cashier of the Mutual Savings bank, of Portsmouth, which position he leaves to help the new enterprise. Edward Baker from the Mechanic bank, Richmond, is cashier; Julian S. Hughson, bookkeeper; Miss Ethel Reddick, clerk in the savings department; G. W. C. Brown, assistant secretary.

## "GRAND ARMY OF AMERICANS"

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Spokane, Wash., June 18.—The Grand Army of Americans, a new organization of Colored veterans of the world war, is growing rapidly and already numbers its members in the thousands, according to Rev. S. C. Wilson, a minister of this city, who is greatly interested.

"The new organization is for the benefit of Negro soldiers and sailors and of all members of the Negro race," said Mr. Wilson. "It is of Negroes and for Negroes, and is unbought and unbuyable."

## PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO SPEAK AT PITTSBURG

Paris, June 18.—Queen Marie of Roumania and C. D. B. King, president of Liberia, as well as many other distinguished representatives of countries participating in the peace conference, have consented to address the third world's Christian citizenship conference at Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 9 to 16. Dr. Policarpo Bonilla, formerly president of Honduras, also will attend.

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## NATIONAL HISTORICAL ART LEAGUE MEETS

To Erect \$100,000 Art Institute at Howard University—Mrs. Given to Develop International Hall of Fame for Negro People.

(Special to The Monitor by R. W. Thompson.)

Washington, D. C. June 18.—Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, of Louisville, Ky., one of the race's most public-spirited women, has formulated a remarkable program for the National Historical Art League, of which she is president and manager. She has just been granted a choice site on the campus of Howard University, upon which is to be erected a \$100,000 National Historical Art Gallery and Free School of Art for Colored Americans. Plans for the magnificent structure are now being prepared by a leading architect and Mrs. Givens is about to launch here a nation-wide "drive" for the necessary funds to make the building a reality. Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, the progressive president of Howard University, is enthusiastic in praise of the new movement and has accepted a place on the board of directors of the Art League.

The building is to contain a superb collection of the work the Negro race is doing in art, science, literature, music, commerce and industry, in religion, and its services on the battlefield in defense of the flag. Heroic figures from every state will be memorialized by statuary, paintings and records of achievement, and there will be rare relics indicative of the progress of the Negro in the United States, Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea. Every phase of racial endeavor will be represented and stimulated by this display. This building will be the first in the world to permanently show the real development of the Negro people, and it should serve as an inspiration for all time.

Already, through Mrs. Givens' energetic presentation of its historical and cultural value, there has been installed in the beautiful Western Colored Library at Louisville, Ky., a temporary exhibit of Negro art, and the city officials have been so profoundly impressed with this initial effort that the Colored exhibit has been furnished with a special attendant, paid out of the funds for the support of the city library, and they stand pledged to aid in expanding the plan to nation-wide proportions.

The standing of the Art League is happily attested by the distinguished character of its officers. Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, herself an artist of the front rank, is president; Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard university, is chairman of the board of directors; Prof. W. T. S. Jackson of Dunbar High school, is treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Dickinson of the federal service, is secretary; Prof. L. B. Moore of Howard university, is corresponding secretary, and Dr. C. H. Parrish, president of the State university, Louisville, Ky., is assistant treasurer. At Louisville one of the major displays is the wonderful collection of art treasures gathered by Dr. Parrish some years ago while journeying through the Holy Land and Egypt.

Mrs. Given is now in Washington, devoting her entire time to the work and she will make due announcement of the date of the monster mass meeting at which the "drive" for the \$100,000 will be inaugurated. She is much gratified over the warm welcome that has been accorded her wherever she has spoken for the great cause for which her life stands—the highest artistic development of the Negro race.

## WOMAN LOST THREE SOLDIER HUSBANDS

Each Left Her a \$10,000 Policy and She Will Get \$172.50 a Month for 20 Years.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—The war risk bureau has given out the information that one Colored woman who married three soldiers who died and left her a \$10,000 insurance policy each. The woman was a Mrs. Jones when her first husband was drafted into the army where he soon died from meningitis. She then married a soldier by the name of Smith who was killed in action. Her third husband, Jackson, died since the armistice, from influenza. As each had taken out the maximum policy, Mrs. Jones-Smith, Jackson will draw \$57.50 a month from each or \$172.50 a month for the next 20 years. Her address was not given out.

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