15,000 ATTEND COMMENCEMENT AT WILBERFORCE

By "SECK" SIMMS

The sixty-third annual commencement at Wilberforce University was held Thursday.

Aside from the 2500 people that were in the auditorium, the stage seated about 200 persons, comprising the university choir, the bishops, general officers of the church, heads of the university departments, the president, two officers from Fort Hayes R. O. T. C. unit, etc.

There were fully 2800 people in the auditorium from all sections of the United States. In scrutinizing the automobiles on the campus, which numbered some 2500 from ten States.

Something like 15,000 people were on the campus, according to the capacity of the automobiles (and they were full), not saying anything about the people that came by train and traction.

Over 200 graduated from all departments and honorary degrees were conferred on the following: Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, LL. D.; the Rev. E. A. Clarke, Cleveland, Ohio, LL. D.; Mr. Wm. Franklin Hoxter, Philadelphia, Pa., Master of Music; Dr. L. W. Adams, president of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., A. M.; Prof. John W. Hoffman, New Orleans, La., A. B.; the Rev. Frederick D. McDonald, D. D.; the Rev. L. C. Ridley, D. D.; the Rev. Wm. B. Bailhes, D. D.; the Rev. A. W. Ward, D. D.; the Rev. Samuel H. B. Gumms, D. D.; the Rev. James A. Charleston, D. D.; the Rev. I. Wm. McKinley Dawkins, D. D.; the Rev. Isaac S. Stone, D. D.; the Rev. Samuel Tate Boyd, D. D.; the Rev. George T. Stinson, D. D.

Commissions as second lieutenants were conferred by Colonel John F. Madden, of the R. O. T. C. Division, Fifth Corps Area, Fort Hayes, Columbus, O., on the following: Frank Beane, Otha C. Bullard, Joseph Gordon and Charles L. Williams.

Bishop J. A. Gregg delivered the invocation. Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones delivered the commencement address.

Walker Heir Born

CHICAGO, ILL. (A.N.P.)—A son, Gordon H., Jr., was born to Dr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Jackson, Friday morning. Mrs. Jackson is the former May Robinson Walker, daughter of Mme. A. 'Lelia Walker, heir to the fortune of the late Madame C. J. Walker. Miss Robinson became the bride of Dr. Jackson two years ago in what was termed a "million dollar" wedding in New York.

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what those men did upheld now, we want the Constitutional Amendments which they passed enforced, we want the rights which they gave us recognized, and no man who will yield any jot of those rights will receive our support. Let us make this clear and even the fraction of our votes which we can cast will be found a mighty weapon.

Courts

"Our next weapon is the courts of the country. Our experience has abundantly satisfied us that the courts are our surest allies, and we have won many substantial victories. Our rule must be that wherever any right is infringed our organization must be ready to take the case into court and there seek appropriate redress.

Public Opinion

"Finally there is the never-failing appeal to public opinion, and now especially at this anniversary time when men's minds will be recalled to the great principles of American freedom. When the words of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln, and the great band whose spokesmen were Sumner, Phillips, Garrison and their fellow associates, are quoted on every side, it is time to ask our fellow citizens what those words mean, and if they are proud to repeat them, whether it is only as a familiar jingle or as words of vital meaning by which they wish to live. The great commandment, the golden rule which is the very essence of Christianity, does not bid us love our *white* neighbors as ourselves. Christ does not ask that little *white* children come unto him 'for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Lynching

"We flatter ourselves that we are the most enlightened people on earth and are free with our criticism of European nations. Yet we are the only people where human beings are burned alive at the stake, where men, women and children look on with approval and where the murderers go unwhipped of justice and walk the streets, while the smell of burning flesh still pollutes the air, with heads erect exulting in their barbarism. Go through this country and open your eyes. If you are civilized and Christians you cannot help being horrified at the treatment which is visited on our Negro fellows, and at the indifference with which it is regarded.

Get Together

"The good people of this country must get together and uproot those abuses or the day will come when the whole country will suffer the bitter consequences. Abuses like those which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is formed to combat cannot long be tolerated without bringing the punishment which may 'have leaden feet but surely has iron hands.' My friends, let us close up our ranks and press on."

Black Jews Sued As Fake

New York—Ernest Grossman, 44, who because of his black skin, long beard and Hebrew nose calls himself a black Jew, has been sued by Mrs. Jesie Armstrong to recover $5,652 paid him and his associates to cure her son, Aoy, who is deaf and dumb.

Artist Illustrates New Book

NEW YORK.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, is informed that two drawings by Aaron Douglass, young colored painter and draftsman now on the staff of the Crisis, are to be used as illustrations for Carl Van Vechten's forthcoming novel, the scene which is laid in Harlem.

Want Johnson in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif., (PCNB)—The Community Chest officials of Los Angeles who are planning a Negro Industrial Survey have been asked by Mrs. Katherine Barr, head of the local branch of the Urban League, to bring Chas. S. Johnson, editor of the "Opportunity" magazine to Los Angeles to supervise the taking of the survey.

Firm Opens $75,000 Home

NEW ORLEANS, (ANP)— Formal opening of the $75,000 home of the Louisiana Industrial Life Insurance Company at Drydes and Eutorpe Streets occurred Saturday.

Haytian President Welcomed With Pomp To Capital

Picture 1. President Louis Borno of Haiti arrives in New York on the Pan-American liner Ancon and is hissed by more than one hundred former residents of that republic who display uncomplimentary placards.

Picture 2. After waiting fifteen minutes on the city hall in New York, he and his entourage including more than a dozen aides and officials, are received by Mayor Walker.

Picture 3. At Washington he is greeted with by Department of State officials and escorted by the marines and marine band to the Mayflower Hotel and Haytian Legation. Several hundred colored persons bid his welcome.

Picture 4. Following his official call on President Coolidge who immediately returns his call, he is the dinner guest at the White House the first since the famous Booker Washington affair.

Picture 5. After visiting a number of public buildings in the nation's capital he is given a public reception by the Hatian Minister in the Pan American building. He bids an Afro reporter hearty welcome.

New York Attorney Says Dr. Lyon Is Right

Clark L. Smith, Former Baltimorean Against Motion of Negro National Anthem

NEW YORK.—Clark L. Smith, former Baltimore attorney, sent the following letter to James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., this week:

My dear Mr. Johnson:

"I have just read, a part alike of pleasure and duty, the article in this week's issue of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN by Dr. Ernes tLyon, in relation to your National Negro Anthem. I have known you since I was a lad, though geographic and spiritual lines, surely not racial lines, have divided us in the last twenty-five years.

I know Ernest Lyon well. I know his heart and soul, and I know that in this situation he is as near right as I know what it is to be right. I know that the human race is one, and that in the amelioration of its misfortunes, we should not draw any lines. Mr. Lyon is surely right from the conception of right as laid down by the distinguished English philosopher, Crabb, who says: "Whatever is pleasing in the sight of God is right; whatever is displeasing in the sight of God is wrong."

I agree in toto with all he says in his article, hereinbefore referred to, and I am happy to know that to my former fellow townsman belongs the honor of the issue herein raised.

It is true that I have not always been able to agree with the views of those responsible for the programs and policies of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Despite this, I have annually contributed to this cause; and I expect to contribute always to the cause that it represents, even though I do not always agree. I surely don't agree to muffling the mouth of Nevelle Thomas, et omne genus. These are the John Browns of the day. It is a pity, from my point of view, when any body of men anywhere must needs shut these mouths.

I am a silent man; I say nothing, but I have my views on these issues. I have so long and seriously thought about them, that at this age of my life, I am well nigh unchangeable; but I am awfully happy to join in the voices of Dr. Lyon, one of the few too little known Black Princes, approving what he says on the National Negro Anthem.

Very truly yours.
CLARK L. SMITH.

OPEN NEW HOSPITAL IN WEST VIRGINIA

State Institution for Insane and Boys Home dedicated at Lakin

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va.—Elaborate ceremonies celebrating the formal opening of the State Colored Hospital for the Insane, Dr. C. C. Barnett, Superintendent, and the Industrial Home for Colored Boys, Captain S. S. Gordon, Superintendent, were held at the boys' institution Sunday.

Both of these institutions are located at Lakin, about seven miles north of this place on a farm of about 700 acres owned by the State of West Virginia.

The principal address was made by T. G. Nutter, Charleston, former member of the House of Delegates who, while serving in the legislature, introduced the bills which became laws establishing the two institutions.

He said that these institutions are the direct result of the Negroes of the State agreeing upon a definite program and uniting to put it over, but without the Negro members of the legislature it would have been impossible to put over such a comprehensive program in such a short time.

"For ten years West Virginia has led all states of the Union in appropriating funds for the erection and support of institutions under Negro management," Mr. Nutter said. He reviewed the appropriations made for the Insane Asylum, Boys' Industrial School, Girls Industrial Home, Deaf and Blind School, Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Orphans' Home and the Old Folks' Home which, during the past six years, aggregated $3,920,643.05. The speaker closed by urging the heads of the institutions and Negroes generally to conduct the institutions and themselves in such a way as to convince the most skeptical that the State has made a wise investment.

The only other speaker was T. Edward Hill, Charleston, director of the Bureau of Negro Welfare and Statistics, who in 1919 called the conference of Negroes which worked out and adopted the program the result of which is these great institutions.

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ned to put over his selection at the board meeting when Bishop Gregg was chosen. He failed to appear for a personal inspection by the members of the nominating committee, which practically eliminated him from consideration at that time.

The Rev. Jesse Moorland looms as a strong contender. He was placed in nomination at the previous board meeting against Bishop Gregg. He is said to be strongly supported by certain members of the board.

Alumni Candidates

Professors Kelly Miller and Dwight O. W. Holmes are the candidates of the General Alumni Association of Howard University. Dean Miller is their first choice. Prof. Charles H. Wesley is also strongly urged for the vacancy, but he is opposed by the administration and certain members of the faculty.

It is probable that a special meeting of the board of trustees will be called by Dr. Charles R. Brown, its chairman, to hear the report of the nominating committee and elect a successor to Dr. Durkee.

Consulted Bishops

The decision of Bishop Gregg to decline the presidency of Howard University is thought to have been reached after an informal conference of the bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the commencement exercises of Wilberforce University where they meet each year. The summer meeting of the bishops council is being held in Detroit, Mich., June 24.

Without Power

The bishops are said to frown upon the idea of a bishop giving up his episcopal duties to assume the presidency of an university. They also took the position, it is reported, that they are without power to grant a bishop a leave of absence from his church work in order that he might engage in some secular occupation.

Bishop Gregg was elected by the A. M. E. General Conference in Louisville, Ky., in 1924, and some of the bishops are of the opinion that the General Conference is the only body that can grant him a leave of absence.

Cliffords Seek Divorce

WASHINGTON.—Reports that former Lieutenant Jay Williams Clifford is seeking a divorce from his wife, Rhetta Wilson-Clifford, a domestic science teacher in the public schools, alleging faithlessness, has not been confirmed here.

New York newspapers declare Mr. Clifford, who is now a revenue agent, has filed a suit and has named a Harlem professional man as co-respondent.

In a counter suit it is alleged Mrs. Clifford will name well-known women of this city with whom her husband has been friendly.

Bishop Gregg Tells Why He Declined Howard Post

Prelate, Six Footer, Promised African Natives He Would Come Back To Them

(Exclusive Interveiw)

KANSAS CITY.—(ANP)—Bishop John A. Gregg has declined the offer to become president of Howard University.

Reasons given included the fact that he had promised native South Africans to return to them this year: The great difference in salaries was also cited.

Six Footer

Bishop Gregg is a man of charming personality and fine physique. He is a good six-footer, weighing well over two hundred, and with high brown and well groomed beard, impresses anyone as being an unusual man. He has a merry twinkle in his eye, when talking with friends; and a penetrating, honest keenness, when talking business. He is thoughtful, sympathetic, progressive, and aggressive—he is a man of fine principles, and lofty sentiments, racial patriotic, and human.

The Bishop went fully into the subject of the offer by the Committee from Howard, headed by Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Col. Roosevelt was persuasive and insistent. Bishop Gregg felt that he should not accept. Here are some of the reasons:

"When I left Africa," said Bishop Gregg, "those dear people somehow felt that I might not return. We have lost four bishops by death, and it was thought I might take over one of the districts. I promised them that I would not do this, and that I would be back to them. I feel that I should keep my word.

Didn't Dream

"Of course, at that time, I had no dream of the offer from Howard University. It is a position that any person might seriouly consider. But I have been a bishop only two years, and have felt that it might seem like ingratitude if I should leave the important work of the church, especially at this time.

"As bishop, I get a salary of $3,600; as President of Howard, I would get $10,000 a year. There are those who think I changed positions for the difference in salary. I would not like to give that impression."

Then, Bishop Gregg illustrated this point of his feeling about duty and his word by telling an experience of his some years ago.

College Head

"Bishop Hurst had invited me to become President of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida, which at that time paid $1,200 a year. I accepted. Just after accepting, Bishop Parks telegraphed me from California extending me the offer of the first church in Los Angeles, at a salary of $1,800 a year. Frankly, at that time, the $600 difference in salary had a definite appeal. But I had given my word to Bishop Hurst. The officer of my church in St. Joseph said 'Take the California place, and wire Bishop Hurst.' I said: 'Let me think and pray over it.

Sunday Sermon

"Then, on Sunday, something strange happened. After the sermon I asked the choir to select a nymn, and sing it for the recovering of members. Their song gave me my care not for riches, neither silver or gold.'

"Immediately after the service, Iwent down to the telegraph office, and telegraphed Bishop Parks that I regretted his offer had come too late. I went to Edward Waters, and it was the turning point of my life."

Mrs. Gregg

Mrs. Gregg is a genuine companion of Bishop Gregg, and not only accompanies him to Africa on his episcopal tours, but has gone with him on many of his roughest journeys, taking the same fare and hardship of others. The Bishop has written of some of his experiences, and they read like a tale from the Arabian Nights. He has a fine and easy style of expression, eloquent in its correct simplicity. The Greggs have a foster daughter, who is one of the teachers in Western University, Quindaro, Kansas City, Mo., and his mother lives in Quindaro.

Clean Sports

Bishop Gregg is a lover of clean sports. He was so interested in the outcome of the Wilberforce-West Virginia Institute football game last year that he asked the results be cabled to him in South Africa, if Wilberforce won. They did not. But the Bishop was looking for the cable expectantly on that day, as a former President of Wilberforce University, and a reporter of a daily South African paper was interviewing him on another matter. A telegraph boy came to the door. The Bishop thought it was his cable from America. He remarked of his disappointment to the reporter, whereupon the enterprising South African reporter made a big feature story of the bishop's fine interest in clean sports!

Reads Papers

During his entire stay in Africa the past two years, Bishop Gregg kept closely informed through the news papers, black and white, of conditions here, and always found time to write detailed, interesting letters to his close friends, as well as writing for several publications, and erecting one of the finest church buildings of that far-away country.

Hawkins Is Speaker

WASHINGTON.—Mason A. Hawkins, principal of the Douglass High School, Baltimore, was the commencement speaker at Shaw Junior High School, Tuesday afternoon. Dr. J. H. Johnson, member of the Board of Education, presided.

Randall Junior High School held its exercises in the morning with Mrs. Coralie F. Cook presiding, and Miss Nannie Burroughs delivering the address.

On Public Welfare Board

Mrs. Scott

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Emmett J. Scott, who has just been appointed member of the Board of Public Welfare here. She is the only colored member. Scurlock Photo

97 Finish Armstrong

WASHINGTON.—Dr. L. V. Johnson, professor of English at Howard University, was the speaker at the 26th annual commencement of Armstrong high school, Tuesday night. Ninety-seven received diplomas. Assistant superintendent H. H. Long presided.

Winners of scholarships to Howard University were Rufus P. Turner, Ernest T. Salter, and Alma L. Walker.

This Club Is Wealthy

NEW ORLEANS, La.—(ANP)—Tenth anniversary of the San Jacinto club shows real estate holding of $55,000, $10,000 in equipment and a cash balance in the treasury of $16,851.81 a total of approximately $83,000, since organization.

The club house is located on Dumaine street, less than a mile from the business section of the city.

Doctor Clubs Doctor

Louisville, Ky.—Believing that his friend, Dr. Clarence Beeks was familiar with his wife, Dr. William H. Jackson, prominent physician, lured Dr. Beeks to his home and beat him insensible with the butt end of a revolver.

Mrs. Jackson had the physician placed in an asylum and filed suit against him for $15,000 cash alimony.

Second Segregation Case To Go To Supreme Court

N. A. A. C. P. Legal Committee Agrees Not To Drop Issues Involved

NEW YORK.—The National Legal Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has held a meeting to discuss further steps in the segregation fight, following the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the Curtis Segregation Case in Washington, D. C.

The meeting was held in the offices of Louis Marshall, 120 Broadway, and besides Mr. Marshall there were in attendance Arthur B. Spingarn, chairman of the committee; James A. Cobb, of Washington; Herbert K. Stockton and James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.

Because of the fact that the Supreme Court did not pass upon the merits of the case but declared itself to be without jurisdiction, the committee decided to take up another case as soon as it may be possible that will force a conclusive opinion upon the fundamental questions involved.

MAYOR ADDRESSES CUMBERLAND GRADS

By R. W. COOPER

CUMBERLAND, Md.—Mayor Thomas W. Koon made the address at the commencement exercises at Frederick Street High School, where five students graduated, Friday.

Graduates were, George Page, Nellie Franklin, Alexander Robinson, Arthur Jackson and Horatio Ruffner. The diplomas were presented by Edwin Gibson, principal of the school. Dr. Koon spoke at length upon education and its advancement of the colored race.

The complete program follows: Invocation, the Rev. S. R. Drummond; "Pilgrim's Chorus"; essay, "Perseverance," Georg ePage; "Hail, Bright Abode"; introduction of Mayor, Edwin Gibson; address, Mayor Thomas W. Koon; awarding prizes of sixth declamation, the Rev. N. Minor; presentation of diplomas, Edwin Gibson; "O, Italia, Italia, Beloved"; benediction, the Rev. S. R. Drummond.

The declamation prizes went to Forest Page, first; Marie Hicks, second; Caszita Minor, honorable mention.

Alexander Robinson was valedictorian, although George Page, who was second in standing of his class, was the speaker. There were many certificates awarded the students for excellent attendance.

FIFTY GRADUATE AT BORDENTOWN

BORDENTOWN, N. J. — Fifty boys and girls received certificates or diplomas today in token of the fact that they had completed some one of the courses at the Bordentown Manual Training School. Colonel D. Stewart Craven, member of the State Board of Education, presided. Professor Charles Wesley, of Howard University, was the principal speaker of the afternoon.

Company B, commanded by cadet captain, Wickham Hunter, won the Trott Drill Cup in the morning drill competition. The drill was inspected by Major Norman and Captain Pontain, of the Philadelphia Cadet Corps.

Diplomas were awarded the following students: John Aldrich, Atlantic City; Carl Ashby, Asbury Park; Paul Banks, Elizabeth; Blanche Boyer, Atlantic City; Wendell Dickerson, Jersey City; Nathaniel Duck, Asbury Park; Lillian French, Newark; Maudie German, Jersey City; Lewis Gibson, Salem; Rebecca Green, Trenton; Ruth Hampton, Cape May; Robert Hill, Newark; Gerard Hilton, Bloomfield; Wickham Hunter, Trenton; Walter Reed, Atlantic City; Reginald Roach, Asbury Park.

Alonzo Robinson, Merchantville; Lewis Smith, Englewood; Robert Stafford, Mount Holly; Maida Stewart, Newark; Henry Thomas, Auburn; Rebecca Valentine, East Orange; Robert Wesley, Moorestown; Ralph Williams, Salem; Arthur Wilson, McKee City.

Academic Certificates or Trade Certificates were issued to the following: Russell Banks, Jersey City; Kenneth Bland, Jersey City; Ruth Budd, Atlantic City; Raymond Cathey, Rutherford; Horace Edwards, Long Branch; Jennie Fisher, Camden; Camilles Gaskin, Keyport; Edith Griffin, Cape May; Roger Steele, Montclair; Grace Jackson, Asbury Park; Harold Johnson, Plainfield; Hampden Moore, Englewood; Charles Penn, Atlantic City.

Daniel Richards, Atlantic City; John Williams, Bordentown; Willie Lee Bails, Morristown; Alma Bridgeford, Trenton; Alice Dillon, Mount Holly; Sarah Torrance, Millburn; Alberta Tyler, Plainfield; Erma Palmer, Orange; Elwood Hopkins, Camden; Arthur Bland, Atlantic City; Willima Hamlin, Hackensack.

Education Board Gives $25,000

CINCINNATI, O.—Dr. F. Garland Penn, the secretary of the Endowments and Field Activities for Negro Schools and Colleges of the Board of Education, M. E. Church, announces that the General Education Board has authorized an appropriation of $25,000 to Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

This amount is to be expended on a program for college extension amounting to $100,000. An administration and academic building will be begun, also a new dining hall.

This will enable the institution to accommodate five hundred students in the College and High School.

Nine Die In Explosion

WILLISTON, Fla.—(ANP)—Will Grant is dead and eight of his comrades are seriously injured as a result of an explosion of dynamite in the shack in which they were playing cards.

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ness, President Borno impresses one as the average intellectual you meet in any American group, white or colored. He is a mulatto, as are the rest of his entourage, and talks seriously with guarded diplomacy.

There is little doubt that he has left the impression, that whatever the criticisms of his opposers at home, he takes his job seriously and believes his policies are best for the present development of Haiti.

Haitian Minister

Although President and Mrs. Borno, the Haitian officials and their attendants stopped at the Mayflower Hotel, their headquarters while in Washington were at the Haitian legation, 1730 Connecticut avenue.

It was here a representative of the AFRO-AMERICAN was given an interview. H. Price, now Haitian Minister, whose efficiency as a diplomat, is said to be responsible for the growth in prestige of the Haitian government and reception accorded its president, has been long in the diplomatic service.

Twenty years ago he first came to this country and returned five years ago as secretary to the Legation. He was recently made minister.

"Having been asked to view the American situation both from the standpoint of an outsider as well as at different stages of development," he told this paper, "he can see a distinct growth of the Negro group."

He regards the firm hold the group is taking in industry and ability as producers of fundamental wealth, as the secrets of their great achievements. He was also impressed with the artistic influence the race is wielding in American life, pointing out that the outstanding American dances have racial origin as well as music foundations.

Likes American Dress

When asked to give her impressions of American dress and customs, Mrs. Borno replied: "I am favorably impressed by the lovely grace, the redeeming manner, supple vigor, and the air of good health of the American women.

"Their dresses, with harmonious allied colors, rich and elegant linens, testify to their careful selection of feminine attire. These wonderful qualities make me feel that my American sister is a closer relative to the Parisian than one would dream until a visit to this country."

Charleston To Haiti

While other female members of President Borno's party said the Charleston dance had not reached Haiti, it would probably do so on their return.

Except for her speech, Mrs. Borno would easily merge into the average social group. She is not tall as her distinguished mate; in fact the men of the party all seemed taller; perhaps because of their military dress, than the women.

Justifies Policy

In justifying the policy of the administration of Haiti, Minister Price said: "Under the present regime Haiti is making unusual progress. Good roads, better educational facilities, stabilization of government and balancing of her budget," were some of the improvements pointed out.

He gave the impression that the administration was working towards the fundamental development of a government that could take care of itself. Education, he said, is changing the masses and industrial foundations are being laid for a glorious future for Haiti.

Contact With U. S.

What is the contact of the Haitian Government with America expected to develop that is beneficial to that country, President Borno was asked.

"The signed agreement," he replied, "between Haiti and the United States in 1915 foresaw the concourse of the American Government in effecting a better organization of the economic condition of Haiti. Already this is being realized in creation of better roads, construction of canals and irrigation projects, better schools, hospitals and public buildings; the establishment of hygiene and hospital services in the cities and dispensaries in the rural sections.

Police

He also pointed out the creation of a constructive body of police, which adds security and the organization of a technical agricultural service, which are bringing to Haiti the methods used in this country.

Consuls

Besides a minister to the United States, the Haitian government maintains Consul Generals at New York and St. Thomas, V. I.; Consuls at Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans, Boston, and San Juan, P. I.; Honorary Consuls at San Francisco and Chicago; Vice Consuls at New York, Galveston and Port Arthur, Texas, and an Honorary Vice Consul at Chester, Pa. The United States has a Minister at Port au Prince and Cape Haitien; Vice Consuls at Port au Prince and Cape Haitien, and Consular agents at Gonaives, Jeremie, Port au Paix and St. Marc.

Rosenwald Offers 'Y' $25,000

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(ANP)—An offer of $25,000 for a Negro Y. M. C. A. for this city has been made by Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago philanthropist.

The citizens of Jacksonville, both white and colored, must raise $125,000 and start the building.

CARTERET, N. J. SLAYER IS CONVICTED

Defended By Attorney Wm. J. Brandon And New Jersey N. A. A. C. P.

CATERET, N. J.—George Ducrest, who killed John Carroll, white prizefighter during a street fight, the consequence being the burning of a Negro church and the driving out of town of 100 colored people, has been convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to from 18 to 32 years in prison.

A masterly defense of Ducrest by Attorney William J. Brandon of Newark, who volunteered his services, saved him from execution in the electric chair.

The New Jersey Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People agreed to pay the cost of the trial and the National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. contributed $50 to the defense.

Rev. Louis H. Berry, who represented the N. A. A. C. P. at the trial reports that prejudice of white eyewitnesses and absence of defense witnesses prevented substantiation of Ducrest's plea of self-defense, but that all present at the trial agreed a notable victory had been won in saving him from capital punishment or life imprisonment.

Masons

FREDERICK, MD.—The District Grand Lodge of Masons of Western Maryland convened in Frederick, Sunday, July 20th, in the Pythian Castle Hall.

The annual sermon was preached at Asbury M. E. Church at 11 a. m., by the Rev. J. E. Dodon, pastor. A most excellent and soul stirring message was delivered. The Grand Officers of Baltimore were present. Among them were: Grand Master W. W. Allen; Past Grand Master, J. P. Evans; Deputy G. M., William Cooper, of Cumberland; Grand Secretary, D. D. Dunpin. More than ten lodges of the district were represented. The Fredericktonian Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star entertained the visitors royally at dinner. Delegates from Cumberland, Rockville, Mt. Airy, Brunswick, Hagerstown and nearby communities were present.

Mrs. Gladys V. Allen, wife of Grand Master, was a visitor.

More than $80 was left by the Masons for Asbury Church.

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

"Fifty-two years in the public schools convinced me," declared Mr. Biddle, "that corporal punishment is still needed in the school. If pupils understood that it might be used there would be little or no occasion to resort to it, but it would always act as a deterrent.

"My experience has also convinced me that an annual or bi-annual reexamination for the rating and promotion of teachers is the best means to keep them up in the subjects they teach.

He added that he would rather teach a class any day than supervise a school.

WOULD STILL TEACH

Asked what he was going to do now that he was retired by the School Board, Mr. Biddle declared that he didn't know, but that he would go into teaching as an ordinary elementary school teacher at a small salary if the Board would permit him.

"I haven't done anything but teach all my life," he said. "I don't know anything else and I'm going to feel lost without my regular duties."

Most of the school principals, including George B. Murphy, Howard Gross, William H. McAbee, William Anderson, George Owens, Harry T. Pratt, Mrs. Mary Rodman were once members of his faculty.

TAUGHT WHOLE FAMILY

There is one family in the city, every member of which has been at one time a pupil under Mr. Biddle. Twenty years ago Pearl Davenport and Kate Mahoney came to him as grammar school pupils. Later they married and little Kate and Pearl, Jr., were recently pupils under Mr. Biddle at Argyle avenue.

Chicago Sore On Borno

CHICAGO (By A.N.P.)—This city is sore on President Borno, of Haiti, who attended the Eucharistic Congress here this week.

A number of citizens were called upon to rally for a great banquet in his honor under the leadership of a weekly newspaper. Later it was learned that he could not attend and the publication had to withdraw its invitations. It was thought here that the Haitian president could have made some effort to meet a large number of colored Americans.

Tried To Pass $26 Bill

LAFAYETTE, La. — (ANP) — Charged with attempting to pass a twenty-six dollar bill, Adalise Rossier, sixteen, was detained by the federal authorities, and released on a five-hundred dollar bond.

Named Chief Of Sesqui

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Dr. W. L. Sledge, of Michigan, has been appointed under his supervision. Headquarters at the sesqui-centennial by President Coolidge.

All patents and medals will come under ihs supervision. Headquarters are in the Patent Building at the Exposition grounds.

Urban League Secretary Quits

St. Louis, Mo.—Resignation of Gordon H. Simpson, executive secretary of the local Urban League for the past four years has been asked for and received on the ground that he lacked sufficient training.

Medals For Sheriffs

ATLANTA Ga.—For the recognition of sheriffs who exercises noatble diligence in the protection of prisoners threatened by mobs, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters here, has prepared handsome bronze medals which will be awarded by a committee composed of governors of several states and leading citizens.

Union Graduates 63

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(ANP)—At the twenty-seventh commencement of the Virginia Union University, the degree of D. D. was conferred on the Rev. T. D. Atkins, pastor of the new Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, this city. There were sixty-three graduates.

The degree of LL. D. was conferred on the Hon. Robert L. Vann, of the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and the degree of Ped. D. was conferred on Ferdinand Dee Bluford, president of the A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

PASTORAL RECEPTION

A grand reception of welcome, was given to the Rev. and Mrs. V. N. S. Hughes, the pastor, and his wife, of Nash Memorial M. E. Church, 16th and Levis streets, northeast, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Among the honored guests were, Prof. and Mrs. Kelly Miller, the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. S. Thomas, the Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Denson, the Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Tilden, the Rev. Franklin, the Rev. W. Barton, Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, Miss Irene Miller, Miss Gwyndolin Hughes.