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A PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

--Peace by St. Francis of Assisi

CONTACTS WITH AND REFLECTIONS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Deans and Registrars in executive session at Bennett College decided to "Evaluate the Educational Programs in Negro Colleges" at their 1944 meeting at Winston-Salem State Teachers College (North Carolina) March 29-31. Especial attention will be given to making use of the data presented in the National Survey of the Higher Education of Negroes, published by the U. S. Office of Education, in five volumes. Basis for granting credit for military service will also be considered.

The Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes used as its theme "The Present and Post-War Responsibilities of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools," at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, December 9 and 10. Principal addresses were delivered by Dean George Works of the University of Chicago; Supt. D. S. Lancaster (Virginia); Dr. W. C. Ryan, University of North Carolina and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary, National Student Council Y. M. C. A. President L. S. Cozart, secretary of the Association, reviewed the Association's work for ten years.

The Association voted to request the Southern Association to include one of its members on each committee which inspects Negro colleges for accreditation. It further requested that Negro colleges be reinspected every three years. The 1944 sessions will be held at the State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, December 7 and 8. Mr. R. T. Tatum, principal of Chariton-Pollard High School, Beaumont, Texas, was chosen president to succeed Dean J. H. Johnston of Virginia State College.

Tennessee representatives were as follows: Secondary -- Principal W. J. Davenport, Howard High School, Chattanooga; College -- President William Ines, Knoxville College; Dean A. A. Taylor, Fisk University; Dean George W. Gore, Jr. and Dr. Thomas E. Poag, Tennessee State College.

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A. and I. State College representatives visited Atlanta University, Clark College, A. and T. College, Winston-Salem State Teachers College, North Carolina State College for Negroes and Duke University.

Thumbnail observations: Bennett College is a model for instructing young women in culture; Clark College is a good example of adequate adaptation of buildings to classroom purposes; North Carolina College has excellent facilities for legal education; A. and T. is truly land grant college with a military unit; Duke University represents the superlative in Southern Education.

These problems seem to be foremost among institutions of higher education for Negroes: (1) How can a significant number of Negro institutions secure governmental contracts to train military personnel? (2) What can Negro Colleges do to prepare Negroes successfully to secure, fill and retain positions in American life not previously held by them before the present emergency? (3) How can Negro Colleges prepare their students to enjoy mental and physical health? (4) What impetus is needed to encourage Negro Colleges to continue to make improvements after they have received Class A accreditation by the regional agency? (5) How far can Negro Colleges successfully expand in graduate and professional offerings in order to comply with the Gaines Decision? (6) What are the socio-educational obligations of Negro Colleges to their service areas? (7) What implications do recent surveys and studies about Negroes have for the future program of Negro Colleges?

DATES TO BE REMEMBERED.

Offices closed -- December 23-27, inclusive

Teachers on duty for registration -- In their offices, Wednesday, December 22, 8 a. m. until noon; In Chapel, Tuesday, January 4, from 8 a. m. to 12; 1-4 p. n.

Grades for the Fall Quarter must be in the Registrar's Office before 4 p. m.

Wednesday, December 22. December checks will be available to teachers prior to the Christmas holidays only if their grades have been received by the Registrar's Office.

Registration for Winter Quarter -- December 22 and January 4, Tuesday

Classes begin -- January 5, Wednesday

Late Registration Fee -- Beginning January 6, Thursday

No classes changed after January 12, Wednesday

Winter Quarter limits -- December 22 through March 18, 1944

MERRY CHRISTMAS -- HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Dean's Office wishes for the members of the A. and I. family a Yuletide season filled with health, happiness and wholesome recreation so that they may be ready to enter into a New Year which will be filled with problems to challenge our resources to the utmost.

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