

Harmon Gifts Presented to Olivet Pastor and Artist

(Photo on Picture Page)

With words of praise from representative citizens of both races in the audience and from many throughout the country who wired congratulations characterizing him as a great leader and one of the foremost churchmen in the nation, Dr. L. K. Williams, the eminent pastor of Olivet Baptist church and president of the national Baptist convention, was presented the Harmon award at his church before a large congregation Sunday night.

This distinguished prize, carrying with it a gold medal and \$400, was awarded to Dr. Williams for his unexcelled record in the religious world. Archibald J. Motley, noted artist, was presented a similar prize for his representative work in the field of art, the only two Chicagoans to receive such an honor for 1929.

Mr. Motley was presented his award jointly with Dr. Williams. The presentations, the fitting climax to the interracial exchange of pulpits between pastors of both races throughout Chicago Sunday, were made by Rev. Mee, secretary of the church federation and member of the Race relations commission.

"This has been a significant day in Chicago. Forty churches had an interchange of pulpits. This service is a splendid climax to the day's program. It is with great humility and pleasure that I hand you this award and I wish you many more active years," Rev. Mee said as he made the presentation.

Dean Mathews Delayed

Dr. Shaller Mathews, dean of the school of divinity of the University of Chicago and chairman of the Race relations commission, slated to make the presentation to Dr. Williams, was delayed and did not arrive until just after Dr. Mee had acted for him.

Dr. Mathews, in a brief address, congratulated both Dr. Williams and Mr. Motley on the honor bestowed upon them. He declared that it was a great thing to make history, to lay a foundation upon which others can build. As to the amicable understanding much desired between the two races, Dr. Mathews said that the only way for the races to get together is to work together. And to this end, he believed, the spirit of Jesus Christ was moving in the hearts of all men. Dr. Mathews sponsored Dr. Williams for the Harmon award. He praised Olivet's pastor for his ability as a leader, his high integrity, his courageous stand for good government and his leadership in all civic affairs in the community.

Responding with a brief address in his acceptance of the award, Dr. Williams thanked the race relations commission for the honor, but declared that it was not due him alone. He could not have achieved this distinction without the aid of his church and his valuable assistants, including Rev. J. H. Branham, chief assistant pastor of Olivet.

Honor Not His Alone

"I feel that this honor should be shared with the church; it is more of a mutual than a personal honor," Dr. Williams declared. "I want to give this money I have received to some struggling minister in school. I dedicate it to the cause that brought it about. I want members and friends of this church to write me letters suggesting how I may best invest this money to aid some worthy one," the pastor said.

Other presentations were made to Dr. Williams by Miss Ida May Griffin, who presented a basket of flowers on behalf of the church; Rev. Petty, a check on behalf of the State Baptist association; Dr. S. W. Smith, on behalf of Municipal Judge Daniel P. Trade, who presented the judge's personal gift, a book, "Vanishing Towers and Chimes of Flanders"; Mrs. Julia Washington, on behalf of the Sunday school; Rev. D. Z. Jackson, president of the Ministers' alliance, on behalf of the organization; Mrs. Jackson, head of the Woman's department of the New Era association, on behalf of that body; Stephen Griffin, chairman of the deacon and trustee boards, on behalf of his colleagues, and Mrs. Blanchard of Chicago Heights, Ill., in behalf of the Institutional Baptist church of that city.

Other Award Winners

Judge William H. Harrison, master of ceremonies, presented for brief addresses Alderman Robert R. Jackson, Hon. George T. Kersey, Dr. Julian Lewis, Dr. Harold Prince and Mrs. Lulu E. Lawson, the last two members of the race relations commission.

Presentation of Harmon awards

were made Sunday to 10 other distinguished winners in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Indianapolis, Ind., Lawrenceville and Petersburg, Va., and Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

The exercises in Philadelphia were held at Tindley temple, Broad and Fitzwater Sts., where the bronze award in business was presented to Frederick Messiah, construction engineer. In Indianapolis the exercises were held in one of the leading white churches—the First Baptist church—where the bronze medal in music was presented to J. Harold Brown by Gov. Harry G. Leslie.

At Washington the ceremonies were held at the 19th St. Baptist church, where Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, chairman of the interracial committee and dean of the Washington cathedral, presided. The gold award was presented to Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard university, and S. W. Rutherford, general secretary of the National Benefit Life Insurance company, and the bronze award in fine arts was presented by Dr. Alain Locke to Mrs. May Howard Jackson.

In Lawrenceville, Va., the gold award in religious service was presented to Archdeacon James Solomon Russell; at Petersburg, Va., the bronze award in education to President John M. Gandy of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute. Prof. Monroe N. Work of Tuskegee Institute was presented the gold award in education. In New at Mother A. M. E. Zion church the following were presented awards and prizes by Mayor James J. Walker: Claude McKay, a gold award in literature; Nella Larsen Innes, bronze award in literature, and Channing H. Tobias, bronze award in religious service, and Malvin Gray Johnson, who received a \$250 art prize at the recent second annual National Exhibition of Fine Arts.



TWO CHICAGOANS GET AWARDS Left to right: Dr. Shailer Matthews, dean of the school of theology, University of Chicago, who presented Harmon awards to Dr. L. K. Williams and Archibald Motley, artist, at Olivet Baptist church, Sunday night. —Defender Photo.

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