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NEW YORK—The long-awaited answer to the question "Who'll be the next President of Fisk university?" may be given shortly, it was learned here this week.

The nominating committee, appointed by the Fisk trustees at the last meeting held here in Manhattan, is, according to reliable sources, prepared to submit to the board the names of five top-ranking Negro educators for final consideration and choice.

The five educators whose academic background is under examination are:

Dr. Charles Wesley, president of Wilberforce university.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, head of

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DR. CHARLES WESLEY



DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON |



DR. RAYFORD LOGAN



DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER



DR. ALAIN LOCKE

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the Department of Sociology,
Fisk university.

Dr. Rayford Logan, head of the
Department of History, How-
ard university.

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, head of
the Department of Sociology,
Howard university.

Dr. Alain Locke, head of the
Department of Philosophy,
Howard university.

Three of these scholars hold Doc-
tor of Philosophy degrees from
Harvard university. They are, Wes-
ley, in history; Logan in history
and Locke in philosophy. Locke
also has the distinction of being
the first Negro Rhodes scholar to
England's famed Oxford university
and is regarded as one of the
most brilliant minds in the teach-
ing profession.

Two of the men are products of
the University of Chicago. Dr.
Frazier, noted for his book on the
Negro family, received his degree
in sociology and is considered with-
out a peer in his academic field.

Dr. Johnson, popular sociologist
and renowned for his studies in
race relations, was a student of
the late Prof. Robert Park, who,
as head of the department of
sociology at the University of Chi-
cago, devoted his attention toward
sharpening the minds of those who
came under his tutelage. Dr. John-
son was also recently honored by
the University of Chicago as being
one of its most distinguished
alumni.

Should one of the five educators
under consideration be named
president of Fisk, it will mark the
first time in history that a member
of the Negro race has headed the
famous Nashville institution.