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Educational World Looks On Interestedly As Atlanta University Casts About For New President



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Qualifications of likely candidates  
will be found on page 16

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Trustee Board Has Wide  
Selection From Which  
To Choose New Head

EDITOR'S NOTE—The writer of this  
article has taught in the leading Race  
universities and is thoroughly familiar  
with the issues and men discussed in the  
following article.  
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By METZ T. P. LOCHARD  
The progress of Race education  
has been considerably retarded by  
a conspicuous absence of education-  
al statesmen among us. Some prog-  
ress has been made, to be sure. But  
it is a progress not at all commen-  
surate with the physical and finan-  
cial growths of our academic insti-  
tutions. Federal and state govern-  
ments in recent years have been  
comparatively generous in the mat-  
ter of appropriations. At last our  
colleges no longer have to beg with  
a tin cup on the back porch of some  
northern financiers whose paternal-  
istic enthusiasm had to be aroused  
by the singing of spirituals by col-  
lege quartets.  
Having passed the stage of mendi-  
cancy we should by now be well on  
the way to an academic growth con-  
sonant with our means. A growth  
that should be measured qualita-  
tively. Unfortunately, our educa-  
tional leaders, lacking in prevision  
and insight, are confused as to the  
nature of guidance that should be  
sponsored by them.  
It appears that our institutions  
for higher learning have developed  
beyond the conception and in spite  
of the ignorance of our so-called  
educators. It is doubtful, out of the

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# ATLANTA U. BOARD REMINDED OF MERITS OF RACE SCHOLARS

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great army of college presidents that any of them could make an adequate defense of the educational policy of their institutions.

In 1930, 75 presidents of white colleges and 25 of Race colleges were asked to define what they thought to be the best educational policy that should be followed in the training of our students. Promptly, all the whites gave their answers. Of the 25 Race presidents, after a considerable delay, only two replied by saying that as soon as time would permit, they would give consideration to the matter. That was seven years ago. Since then one of these men has died, carrying with him into the grave whatever notion he had of Race education. The other, though still alive, has not found time yet to define his policy.

With the presidency of Atlanta University coming to the fore by virtue of the death of John Hope, many of those interested in the issue are wondering if the trustees of this institution plan to perpetuate Hope's conception of a modern Race university by selecting to the presidency a YMCA secretary or a hard shell Baptist preacher. Out of respect for the dead, I shall not go into the matter of Mr. Hope's administration. I must say, however, by contrast, he was a successful administrator. And, that, I think, is the fairest judgment that any honest critic could pass on him.

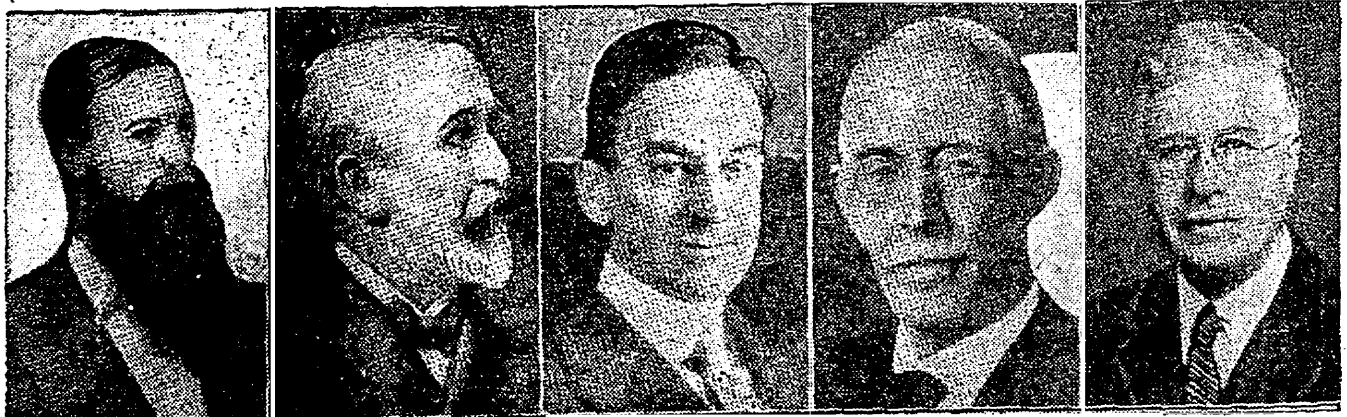
In the days when our major colleges were stricken with poverty the selection of a president was by necessity restricted to candidates whose ability to raise money and preach was their sole qualification. The question of academic preparation and administrative experience was out of the equation. The justification for such a procedure, then, not to be uncharitable, rested on the appalling scarcity of properly equipped men.

Today, thank God, with the emergence of admirably trained and competent scholars and guaranteed, sustained financial provisions there is no reason under the sun why the tradition of succession should not be broken. With such men as A. A. Taylor of Fisk university; Alain Locke, Dwight Holmes, Charles Wesley, E. P. Davis, Charles Thompson, Abram Harris of Howard; Ambrose Caliver, Carter G. Woodson of Washington, D. C.; W. E. B.

DuBois and Rayford Logan of Atlanta university the race is studded with educational statesmen who would administer creditably the affairs of any academic institution.

Atlanta university needs a man of broad sympathies and deep convictions. It would be unwise for the board of trustees of this institution to overlook the ripe scholarship attainments of these men. We trust and pray that Atlanta will not be converted into a theological incubator.

## Former Atlanta University Heads: Who'll Be Next?



EDMUND A. WARE

H. BUMSTEAD

EDWARD T. WARE

MYRON W. ADAMS

JOHN HOPE