

Racial Amity Confab Ends in Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 12.—Robert W. Bagnall of New York, director of branches of the N. A. A. C. P., speaking before the conference for interracial amity, arranged by the national teaching committee of the Bahais of the United States and Canada, said of his own race, "We had contributed much to the civilization of the world, but were not given credit for our achievements."

"Monuments erected by the Indians," Mr. Bagnall said, "show a direct contact between the red and black races long before the discovery of America. A pilot of one of Columbus' ships was of African descent. And a slave boy in Georgia invented the cotton gin for which Eli Whitney got credit."

Miss Juliet Thompson of New York, presiding as chairman, read extracts from the writings of Baha U'llah, founder of the Bahai cause. Mayor F. W. Hartford extended welcome on behalf of the city, telling in part of the fine traditional racial relationships of his city.

Dr. Albert D. Heist of Geneva, N. Y., spoke on "Scientific and Spiritual Proofs of Human Oneness," and Rev. William Safford Jones of the Unitarian church on interracial amity. Music was furnished by Dorothy Richardson, Ina Braithwaite, Eleanor Trent Wallace and Dorothy Wood, all of Boston.