

MORAL PROBLEM DISCUSSION ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

Chester, Pa., March 9.—Under the auspices of the Cheyney Community league a public meeting was held in the Calvary Baptist church at W. Second and Baker Sts. on Sunday afternoon. The discussion of "The Moral Problem" was led by Principal Leslie Pinckney Hill of the Cheyney Training School for Teachers.

In commenting on the work of the league, Principal Hill said: "The Cheyney Community league represents the extension service of the Cheyney Training School of Teachers. It is a movement for a progressive citizenship in which students of the Cheyney school join with the people of the community in working out together common racial and interracial problems. The league is meeting the need of systematic training in citizenship, recreation, education, and helping citizens lead a better community life."

Among the speakers, prominent and influential persons who were present and occupied seats on the platform were the following: Mayor Samuel E. Turner, Chester; District Attorney William B. McClenahan, Principal George W. Pedlow of Chester high school, Principal William K. Valentine of Booker T. Washington junior high school, Miss Leah Bloom, director Dunbar Choral society of Chester high school; Principal A. H. Showalter of Dewey-Horace Mann school, Principal Carrie M. S. Pipes of McCay and Watts schools, President Ruth L. Bennett of the Bennett home, Rev. Thomas M. Thomas, pastor of Presbyterian church; Misses Clara B. Gladwin and Anna V. McKniff of juvenile court; Secretary E. W. Sheffield of Y. M. C. A., Miss Helen M. Heiberger, secretary Y. W. C. A.; Principal Margaret C. Stetser of Smedley junior high school and James A. F. Glenny, managing editor of the Chester Times. The musical numbers were furnished by the 12 Cheney singers and the Dunbar Choral society.

"There is a much finer and higher standard of ethics today throughout the civilized world. Slavery has been outlawed and it is unlawful to deal in liquor. The whole ethics of business has moved forward and upward, and the same applies to Race and interracial relations. While it is true there is an appalling amount of lawlessness, it is also true there is moral advancement," was the assertion of Rev. A. Z. Myers.

Dr. J. H. Penniman, provost, University of Pennsylvania, held that people were no better nor worse than they have been in the past, while Dr. George H. Weiss, superintendent Chester public schools, believed that "mankind is improving, especially in sensitiveness to fair and wrong doing, and that the multiplied contacts of all sorts with our fellow-men make us more conscious of their weal or woe, and deepen our feeling of a common responsibility for what is well or ill anywhere. Perhaps the clearest evidence of a better world is seen in the nearly complete abolition of human slavery and in the treatment of women and children."

Dr. James E. Gregg, principal Hampton Institute, Virginia, said: "A part of the significance of the World war is the unprecedented horror and shame which it aroused. One may hope that this reaction will result in a definite undertaking, sooner or later including all the nations, to prevent all war in the future."