

ALAIN LOCKE PREDICTS NEW ADVANCEMENT

Separate Standards Must Be Moved

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24.—Dr. Alain Locke, philosopher, writer and professor at Howard university, now doing research work at Fisk university, addressed the interracial day meeting at Roberts Park M. E. church last Sunday on "Recent Gains in Race Relations." He was introduced by Dr. Howard E. Jensen of Butler university. Dr. Locke declared that one of the mistakes of the past has been the consideration of the Race as a race problem. The Race has been considered a lump problem. Real progress depends on considering members of the group as the intelligent, the unintelligent, the educated, the uneducated, the moral and the immoral. He predicted a possible development that will include the Race without separate standards.

"Differences of Experiences"

The educator stated that the outward handicap of the Race is not the outstanding obstacle of progress. "It is that too little is expected of it." The general opinion that our Race cannot contribute anything to humanity is a great handicap. This attitude is a matter of mere difference, a bias of mind. The condition involved has been improved since the World war, Dr. Locke asserted.

Ideals would amount to little or nothing, the author predicted, unless a basis may be found for co-operation between the two races. "The Race has new contributions to make and must be given a chance," he said. He viewed the contributions as taking form in spiritual and cultural phases of life. He viewed the real difference between the races as a difference of experiences.

Mayor Slack presented the Harmon award to John Hardwick, a bronze medal and \$100, for his achievements in fine arts. J. Harold Brown played his musical composition which received honorable mention in the Harmon award competition. Dwight S. Rittter, chairman of the interracial committee of the Church federation of Indianapolis, presided.