

# NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

## Fisk

Nashville, Tenn., June 21.—The 55th annual commencement exercises of Fisk university were held in Fisk memorial chapel June 5. Seventy-two young men and women had degrees conferred upon them by President Thomas Elsa Jones. All are now bachelors of arts and Miss Olivia Lexine Howe of Chattanooga is Fisk's first bachelor of music.

The commencement address was delivered by Paul U. Kellogg of New York city, editor of the Survey and Survey Graphic. It was his magazine that published the famous "Harlem" number that later became the base for Dr. Alain Locke's book, "The New Negro." His subject was "Shuttles of Understanding."

Two hundred students are registered for the last summer session of Fisk university. This session will be taught largely by present members of the faculty. Professor E. A. Lanier, head of the department of English at Atlanta university, will be associated with Professor Sterling A. Brown in the English department; Miss Alice C. Simmons, graduate of Fisk and former member of the faculty, who has been studying at Oberlin with Miss Grace Price of Nashville, graduate of Fisk, will teach music. Mrs. L. A. Hampton, assistant principal of schools in Franklin, Tenn., will be acting dean of women. Mrs. H. H. Sutton of Nashville will have charge of the dining room. Intensive courses will be offered in English, physics, education, German and French.

## Southern University

Baton Rouge, La., June 21.—Southern university closed its commencement exercises Wednesday, which were climaxed with the bringing together of more than 4,000 persons and the awarding of degrees and diplomas to the largest class in the history of the institution. Bishop R. E. Jones was the baccalaureate pulpit orator. Classes were addressed by State Superintendent T. H. Harris. President I. S. Clark presented the diplomas.

## Claffin

Orangeburg, S. C., June 21.—June 5 completed the celebration of the 60th commencement of Claffin college. Fifty-eight students received diplomas. Rev. R. F. Harrington, superintendent of the Florence district of the South Carolina conference, preached the annual sermon to the seniors at Trinity M. E. church. Bishop F. T. Keeney, resident bishop of the Atlanta area, preached the baccalaureate sermon. The commencement speaker was Dr. E. J. Skillington, pastor of the First M. E. church of Altoona, Pa., who delivered a masterly address. His subject was "Seeing Both Sides" or "Present Day Paradoxes."

Holly Springs, Miss., June 21.—The graduating classes of Rust college were addressed by Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, the first and only living Race bishop of the Episcopal church with jurisdiction in America.

Montgomery, Ala., June 21.—The 31st commencement of the State normal school was held June 2-5. Bishop N. C. Cleaves and Dr. John M. Gandy addressed the classes.

Dover, Del., June 21.—The State college held its 37th annual commencement. Rev. D. W. Henry and Francis M. Wood, supervisor of schools of Baltimore, Md., were speakers.

Nashville, Tenn., June 21.—Tennessee A. and I. State college closed its 17th academic year June 4 with 48 candidates for the B. S. degree and permanent professional high school certificates, 31 candidates for the permanent professional elementary certificates and 54 candidates for graduation from the high school department. The commencement oration was delivered by Dr. Sidney Hall of George Peabody Teachers college. Rev. Roger T. Nooe preached the baccalaureate sermon. College degrees were conferred by Commissioner P. L. Harned on behalf of the state board of education.

## Howard University

Washington, D. C., June 21.—President Mordecai W. Johnson, delivering the baccalaureate address at Howard university, warned graduates against sophistication and the belief that the Race is better off economically than it actually is. Two thousand people were assembled in the gymnasium and on the circular balcony, with many others unable to gain entrance to the building. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Samuel Judson Porter, pastor of the First Baptist church of Washington. Degrees were conferred June 7.

## Virginia State

Ft. Lick, Va., June 21.—A large audience filled the new gymnasium of the Virginia State college. The occasion was the commencement day program. The main address was delivered by President Robert S. Wilkinson, A. M., Ph. D., L.L. D., of the State A. and M. college of Orangeburg, S. C.

## Livingstone

Salisbury, N. C., June 21.—Livingstone college brought to a close its

47th anniversary exercises with the commencement occasion on the 5th of June. This year the bachelor of arts degree was conferred on 13 young men and women, one of the smallest classes in the recent history of the school. The salutatory address was delivered by D. H. Bradley of Bedford, Pa., and the valedictory address was delivered by C. C. Coleman of Key West, Fla. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of the Madison Ave. M. E. church of New York city.

## Fort Valley High and Industrial

Fort Valley, Ga., June 21.—The venerable Gerard F. Patterson, archdeacon of P. E. church, diocese of Ohio, delivered the main address at the 25th anniversary commencement exercises of the Fort Valley High and Industrial school. H. A. Hunt, principal. Miss Lucile Hall, honor high school student, spoke on the "Call of the Rural Community," and Miss Alice Cheney, ranking Normal student, delivered the valedictory. The anniversary report, read by Dr. Ford, showed that \$21,000 of the \$25,000 anniversary fund had already been subscribed. J. L. R. Bywaters read a selected number of telegrams from prominent men and women from all over the country. Several presentations were made to the Hunts through Mr. Usher, a \$100 gift from friends in the North, a beautiful loving cup from former students, engraved by Clarence Wadley of Chicago, was presented by Guy Bailey, former student; a beautiful candelabra, signifying the united light of two lives of service was presented by the Alumni association through E. C. Russell.

## Shaw

Raleigh, N. C., June 21.—Forty-nine young men and women received their bachelors degrees Tuesday during the 54th annual commencement at Shaw university. Dr. W. Quay Rosselle, pastor of the First Baptist church of Malden, Mass., attended by Governor Alvin T. Full of Massachusetts, delivered the commencement address.

The exercises opened with an invocation by Dean A. W. Pegues of the department of theology. Next, the two highest ranking students, Emma Corrine Brown, first, and Annie Ruth Ransom, second, delivered orations.

After presenting the graduates with their degrees, President J. L. Peacock conferred an honorary M. A. on Robert P. Hamlin in recognition of his Y. M. C. A. work in behalf of youth of the Race, and the honorary degree of doctor of humanities on James Max Yergin for his welfare work in foreign countries. This last degree was conferred in absentia.