

tions affiliated with us which will eventually be transformed into branches as they show activity and efficiency.

It is difficult in small space to show how far reaching and efficient the work of these branches has been. A brief resume of their work follows:

1. The *Albuquerque, N. Mex.*, Branch (Mr. T. C. Woodland, President; Mr. A. L. Mitchell, Secretary) has a membership of 51 and has been engaged in quieting race troubles at Gallup, N. Mex., in keeping out the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," and in eliminating race distinctions in the city directory.

2. The *Alton, Ill.*, Branch (Dr. George L. Samuels, President; Mrs. Anna Gillis, Secretary), with forty members, has held a series of meetings and protested against "The Birth of a Nation" film.

3. The *Baltimore, Md.*, Branch with 540 members (Mr. W. Ashbie Hawkins, President; Miss Ethel Lewis, Secretary) has held five public meetings and a concert. It has joined in protests against hostile legislation in Congress and has taken up the matter of discrimination at Johns Hopkins University and in the social service bureau.

The Baltimore Branch has been especially active in bringing the matter of segregation to the courts. One case was won last year, a second case was started but had to be dropped on account of technicalities, and a third case has been argued before the Court of Appeals and awaits decision.

4. The *Boston, Mass.*, Branch (Mr. Joseph P. Loud, President; Mr. Butler R. Wilson, Secretary) has since November 9, 1914, added 324 new members, making a total of 764 of whom 615 have paid their membership dues. 150 parlor meetings have been held and two mass meetings.

The mass meeting at Tremont Temple, March 7, was a protest against segregation of colored people in the federal departments at Washington. Among the speakers were Congressman Madden and Dr. J. E. Spingarn.

On May 2 a meeting of protest against the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," was held at Tremont Temple. Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers and other distinguished speakers took part. The campaign of which this meeting was a part resulted in an amended censor bill for the City of Boston, but the newly appointed censors refused to prohibit the film.

At the succeeding city election three city counsellors who opposed the film were re-elected by large majorities. The Mayor of Quincy who favored it was defeated. State Senator Doyle who was unusually offensive was also badly beaten at the primaries.

Lawrence, Springfield, West Springfield, Everett and Chelsea refused permits to the film while the State Chief of District Police refused a license for any Sunday exhibition in the State. The whole campaign united the colored people and brought to our assistance thousands of friends.

On June 14 a reception in honor of Miss Elizabeth C. Putnam was held with addresses by Mr. Garrison, Mr. Edwin D. Mead, Dr. Ernest Gruening, Dr. Horace Bumstead and others.

The Secretary compiled and published a pamphlet entitled "Fighting a Vicious Film" which has been widely circulated.

With this also has been sent out a pamphlet containing addresses by

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard and others, and a pamphlet by Richard P. Hallowell generously contributed by Mrs. May Hallowell Loud.

These pamphlets were sent to the various branches of the N. A. A. C. P., to two hundred and sixty-seven high schools in Massachusetts and to city officials and various state officers. Altogether 4,500 copies were distributed.

The Boston Branch has also helped to fight "The Birth of a Nation" in Providence and New Bedford.

The net income of the Boston Branch for four years has been as follows:

Remitted to New York.		Expended in Boston.	
1912	\$412	1912	\$81
1913	780	1913	365
1914	525	1914	596
1915	842	1915	1,871

From November 11, 1914, to December 6, 1915, a total of \$3,013.12, including balances from the previous year, has been available. Of this \$842 has been sent to the central office, \$997 used in the general work of the Boston Branch, and \$545.94 in special educational work. Office expenses, rent, etc., have taken \$175, leaving \$298.18 on hand.

5. The *Buffalo, N. Y.*, Branch with 100 members (Mr. John E. Brent, President; Miss Amelia G. Anderson, Secretary) has held six public meetings.

6. The *Cairo, Ill.*, Branch (Mr. A. A. Martin, President; Miss Evelyn L. Lyons, Secretary) has 20 members.

7. The *Carbondale, Ill.*, Branch (Rev. A. W. White, President; Mr. Frank B. Jackson, Secretary) has 31 members.

8. The *Chicago, Ill.*, Branch with 275 members (Judge E. O. Brown, President; Mr. T. W. Allinson, Secretary) has taken cognizance of grievances in connection with Post Office employees and residential segregation at Oak Park.

9. The *Cincinnati, O.*, Branch (Mr. William Stevenson, President; Mrs. Andrew W. Lee, Secretary) has 140 members.

10. The *Cleveland, O.*, Branch with 300 members (Rev. H. C. Bailey, President; Mr. S. P. Keeble, Secretary) has co-operated in protests against two picture films, secured the dismissal of a teacher in the public schools for insulting language to colored pupils, compelled a restaurant keeper to remove discriminatory signs, and held four large mass meetings and five parlor meetings. \$165 was raised during the year.

11. The *Columbus, O.*, Branch with 300 members (Hon. George D. Jones, President; Mrs. Minnie B. Mosby, Secretary) has secured the dismissal of certain policemen for acts of oppression against colored people and has been especially successful in keeping the film, "The Birth of a Nation," out of the State of Ohio. Several mass meetings have been held.

12. The *Dayton, O.*, Branch with 75 members (Mr. James C. Farrow, President; Mrs. D. Richardson, Secretary) has held eleven meetings and has been trying to stop attempts at segregation in public schools. \$96 has been raised during the year.

13. The *Decatur, Ill.*, Branch (Mr. Houston Singleton, President; Miss Marie A. Gray, Secretary) has 50 members.