

14. The *Des Moines, Ia.*, Branch (Mr. S. Joe Brown, President; Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, Secretary) has 222 members. It has held three mass meetings, presented a play and given thirty-three CRISIS subscriptions to prominent white men and women. Good publicity work has been done through the newspapers. An anti-intermarriage bill was defeated in the Legislature and an insulting film modified. An effort is being made to stop discrimination in local theatres. The Governor of the State and many high officials are members of this branch.

15. The *Detroit, Mich.*, Branch (Mr. William Osby, President; Miss Hattie Dixon, Secretary) has 90 members. This branch made a determined and successful fight against an anti-intermarriage bill. Five hundred copies of the *Detroit Journal* which contained an able article were distributed and a public debate held. A Lincoln-Douglass celebration was held and five thousand copies of Judge Brown's speech distributed. A determined fight against discrimination in theatres and moving picture shows has been prosecuted. "The Birth of a Nation" film was modified and minors excluded.

16. The *District of Columbia* Branch (Hon. Archibald H. Grimké, President; W. B. Hartgrove, Secretary) occupies a unique position and is really a *national vigilance committee* to watch legislation in Congress and lead the fight for Negro manhood rights at the capital of the nation. The branch raised last year \$1,746 of which \$825 was sent to the National Office directly and \$525 also in memberships.

This branch has made a special effort to get a large and representative membership. A systematic canvas of the whole city through churches and clubs, lodges and other social units has been made until the membership has been brought up to a total of 1,164.

Two public meetings have been held during the year, one to celebrate the birth of Wendell Phillips, and a number of branch and committee meetings. Among the specific things accomplished have been:

The forcing of a department store to cease discrimination in the public dining room.

The bringing of a white criminal to justice who seemed about to escape. The hastening of the slow completion of the new colored high school and the broadening of its plans.

A forestalling of various movements towards segregation in the civil service.

Efforts which led to the enforcement of the eligibility rules of the civil service.

Work against residential segregation.

17. The *East St. Louis, Ill.*, Branch (Dr. W. H. A. Barrett, President; Miss Mary V. Campbell, Secretary) has 18 members.

18. The *El Paso, Tex.*, Branch (Mr. Jasper B. Williams, President; Mr. F. D. Clopton, Secretary) has 45 members and has been protesting against discrimination in certain stores and in street cars.

19. The *Evansville, Ind.*, Branch (Rev. W. D. Shannon, President; Mrs. Logan H. Stewart, Secretary) has been opposing vicious film plays. Its membership is 25.

20. The *Harrisburg, Pa.*, Branch (Dr. C. L. Carter, President; Dr. Stephen J. Lewis, Secretary) has 103 members. It has held regular quarterly meetings and one mass meeting with Miss Caroline M. Dexter

as speaker. On November 17 a memorial to the late Booker T. Washington was held. A case of theatre discrimination has been carried by the Branch through the local courts, then to the State Superior Court, and finally to the Supreme Court. The case was won in the local court but lost in the two upper courts. Another case of discrimination in a high school is now in court. The "Birth of a Nation" picture film has been opposed quietly.

21. The *Indianapolis, Ind.*, Branch (Mr. R. L. Brokenburr, President; Mrs. S. B. Henderson, Secretary) has 200 members.

22. The *Jacksonville, Ill.*, Branch (Rev. E. L. Scruggs, President; Mrs. Laura Allen, Secretary) has 33 members.

23. The *Kansas City, Kan.*, Branch (Prof. John A. Hodge, President; Mr. George K. Williams, Secretary) has 75 members.

24. The *Kansas City, Mo.*, Branch with 110 members (Dr. Howard M. Smith, President; Mr. H. O. Cook, Secretary) has raised \$259. It has been fighting an agitation to interfere with Negro home owners in the Linwood District. It succeeded in having some objectionable features cut from the "Birth of a Nation" film.

25. The *Los Angeles, Cal.*, Branch (Dr. Charles Edward Locke, President; Mr. E. Burton Ceruti, Secretary) has 52 members.

26. The *Louisville, Ky.*, Branch (Dr. A. C. McIntyre, President; Mrs. W. Nolan King, Secretary) has been seeking to punish the members of a lynching mob and especially pushing the segregation case which has now reached the Supreme Court of the United States. Their Committee of One Hundred has raised \$596 for this latter case. The Branch has aided in the organization of a "Boosters' Club" to encourage colored people to patronize colored business enterprises.

27. The *Minneapolis, Minn.*, Branch (Dr. S. N. Deinard, President; Mr. Gale P. Hilyer, Secretary) has 70 members.

28. The *Muskogee, Okla.*, Branch (Mr. J. R. Stewart, President; Mr. W. E. Brown, Secretary) has 50 members.

29. The *Newark, N. J.*, Branch (Mr. R. W. Stewart, President; Mr. V. B. Powell, Secretary) has had two mass meetings and has been opposing the "Birth of a Nation" film. They were partially successful but were overcome by court injunction. The branch has 100 members.

30. The *New Orleans, La.*, Branch (Mr. H. C. Casa Calvo, President; Mr. Louis G. King, Secretary) was organized in July, 1915, and has 20 members. They are planning their first mass meeting.

31. The *Northern California* Branch (Mr. Walter A. Butler, President; Mrs. H. E. De Hart, Secretary) has entertained a number of the visitors from the East during the Exposition. They have 150 members.

32. The *Branch of the Oranges, N. J.* (Rev. R. G. Waters, President; Mrs. Lottie M. Cooper, Secretary) has held several mass meetings and protested against film plays. It has 135 members.

33. The *Peoria, Ill.*, Branch (Mr. C. H. Ruff, President; Mrs. B. H. West, Secretary) has 25 members.

34. The *Philadelphia, Pa.*, Branch (Mr. Ellwood Heacock, President; Mr. Isadore Martin, Secretary) has 100 members and has held several public meetings. It tried hard to get an equal rights bill through the Pennsylvania Legislature but the bill was defeated. The branch united with other organizations in trying to prevent "The Birth of a