

This amount includes maintenance and permanent improvements.

☐ Twenty-five students graduated from the four-year-course at Kortrecht High School, Memphis, Tenn.

☐ A benefit for Manassas Industrial School has been held in New York at Æolian Hall. Mlle. Guomar Novaes, Brazilian pianist, gave a recital.

☐ A colored public school to cost \$170,000 with the site is to be erected in Baltimore.

☐ The report of the John F. Slater Fund for the year ending September 30, 1917, shows appropriations of \$30,150 for county training schools, \$12,000 to Hampton and Tuskegee, \$9,150 to private secondary schools, and \$17,500 to colleges. The income from the year 1916, including a balance from previous years, was \$127,523.

☐ The annual public trial given by the Law Department of Howard University, devoted its proceeds to the Manassas Industrial School.

☐ Mather Industrial School, Beaufort, S. C., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, March 23.

☐ Fifty thousand dollars has been appropriated for a new colored public school in Augusta, Ga.

☐ The Colored Central High School of Shreveport, La., has raised \$1,016 for an auditorium. Newton Smith, a colored farmer of Caddo Parish, contributed \$500.

☐ The fourth annual oratorical contest of the A. & I. State Normal School, Nashville, Tenn., has been held.

☐ Two thousand dollars each was willed to Tuskegee Institute and the Calhoun School by the late Mrs. E. C. Farnham of New York City.

☐ Nearly three hundred colored communities in Alabama have complied with conditions laid down by Julius Rosenwald and raised enough funds to receive his aid in building school houses.

☐ The District of Columbia has purchased fourteen hundred copies of Miss L. E. Wilkes' "Story of Frederick Douglass," to be used as a literature primer for pupils of the seventh grade.

☐ A campaign for raising \$65,000 for four Negro schools is being made in Texas.

THE CHURCH.

A RELIGIOUS census of men of the 366th Infantry, Camp Dodge, Iowa, taken January 30, 1918, showed 1841 Bap-

tists, 816 Methodists, 279 other church members, and 519 without church affiliation.

☐ Second Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., has been destroyed by fire. The property, valued at \$75,000, was insured for \$20,000.

☐ Mother Zion A. M. E. Church in New York City has celebrated its 122d annual reunion.

☐ During the year 1917 the Catholic church raised \$135,013 for its Negro and Indian missions. To this the United States Government added for Indians \$142,629. The mission work among Negroes covers 112 churches with 123 priests and 150 schools; 7,454 persons were baptized during the year and 17,183 children taught. The Catholic church claims 105,053 communicants in the thirty cities where its mission work is being carried on.

PERSONAL.

JOHAN R. McNEIL, a colored man, has been appointed Inspector of Hydrants in New York City at a salary of \$1,500.

☐ James A. Hunster, who has been an employee of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company for forty-seven years, has been pensioned.

☐ G. A. Sheehy, colored, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been appointed inspector of Leather for the Government.

☐ The town of Andy, Texas, has been granted a new post-office and by special legislation the name has been changed to Cuney, in honor of the late Norris Wright Cuney, a widely known colored Republican politician.

☐ Ersol William Martin, a colored member of the Naval Reserve Corps of South Philadelphia, was killed on the *Von Steuben*, formerly the raider, *Kronprinz Wilhelm*. He was eighteen years old and a volunteer.

☐ Dr. Daniel S. Balekehu, of the Yoo tribe in Central Africa, who came to America in 1905 and is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, has been appointed Chief of Resident Physicians at Mudgett's Hospital, North Philadelphia.

☐ Mannie Taylor, of Florence, S. C., "somewhere in France," has been promoted to a corporalship.

☐ Charles H. Williams, of Hampton Institute, has been selected to make a study of recreational activities for colored soldiers in the sixteen cantonments. He will work under the Phelps-Stokes Foundation

and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

☐ Ann Meneese, of Nashville, Tenn., is dead at the age of 119. Half of her life was spent in slavery. Two sons, thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren survive her.

☐ Rosa Nixon, head of the Art Department at the Normal School in Montgomery, Ala., has accepted a place in the Colored High School in Baltimore, Md.

☐ Francis Kane, a member of the Twenty-fourth Infantry in France, has been given the red, white and blue salvage medal for catching a spy. He has three colonial medals for bravery and distinguished conduct. Several times he has been wounded in battle.

☐ James Thompson, colored, of Louisville, Ky., has been given a verdict of \$6,000 against the New York Central Railroad Company for permanent injuries.

☐ Roscoe McKenney, a freshman at Bates College on a scholarship from Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C., has been chosen one of twelve from a class of 120 to compete in a public speaking contest.

☐ William A. Huskerson, a graduate of the Engineering School of Howard University, has been appointed Municipal Engineer and Inspector of Public Works of the District of Colon, R. de Panama. He has accepted a contract from the government to construct a twenty-mile road from New Providence to Colon.

☐ Attorney Robert L. Vann, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed Assistant City Solicitor.

☐ Oswald Garrison Villard addressed a mass meeting of colored people of New Orleans.

☐ DeWitt Purdue, a well-to-do colored West Indian, has left his library to the Colored High School at Huntington, W. Va.

☐ Charles Eaton Burch, of Bermuda, who was educated at Wilberforce, has received his Master of Arts degree in the Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University. His thesis was "A Survey of the Life and Poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar."

☐ Dr. W. E. B. DuBois has been lecturing to audiences aggregating over four thousand persons in Harrisburgh, Pa.; Dayton and

Youngstown, Ohio; Detroit, Mich., and Syracuse, N. Y.

☐ Matty Thomas, the star of "Chu Chin Chow," died recently in New York City. Her funeral was attended by members of her company.

☐ A colored soldier, A. G. Coles, of Halifax County, Va., died recently at Camp Lee and left his little son his insurance of \$10,000. The soldier's parents are prosperous farmers owning two hundred acres.

☐ Chaplain Clifford L. Miller has been assigned to the Tenth Negro Service Battalion at Camp Lee, Va.

☐ Sergeant R. W. Overton has been sent to the Officers' Training Camp for Aviators at Camp Funston, Kans.

☐ The Rev. Mr. G. W. Arnold, District Superintendent of the Atlanta District in the M. E. Church, is dead.

☐ Celia Parker Wooley, head of Frederick Douglass Center and a prominent social worker in Chicago, is dead.

☐ Captain J. E. Dunjill has replaced Captain W. R. Spencer as head of former Company L, Sixth Massachusetts Infantry.

☐ F. Q. Morton, Assistant District Attorney of New York County, is in charge of the drawing of indictments for the Grand Jury and has made an exceptional record. He was recently given a dinner in New York City, where white and colored people representing the Bench and Bar, united to do him honor. Judge J. F. Mulqueen, of the General Sessions; the Hon. William S. Bennett, ex-member of Congress, and William H. Lewis, ex-Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, were among the prominent persons participating.

☐ Sergeant J. R. A. Crossland, Jr., was buried with military honors at St. Joseph, Mo.

☐ John H. Brown, a colored private of the regular army, has been made Second Lieutenant at the training camp, Camp Sherman, Ohio.

☐ Governor Manning, of South Carolina, addressed a Negro race conference in Columbia.

☐ Hugh Bess has been appointed baggage master of the Union Station at Charleston, W. Va. Forty daily passenger trains use the station.

☐ Miss Florida Thomas graduated with honors from the Lucy Flower Technical High