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"Bursting Bonds" (new edition)—Mr. Pickens.

"The Negro Faces America" (new edition)—Mr. Seligmann.

In addition, a number of articles have been contributed by members of the staff to various newspapers and magazines.

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#### XII. FINANCES

### MR. PHILIP G. PEABODY'S OFFER

In January the following letter was received from Mr. Philip G. Peabody:

"I take pleasure in enclosing five hundred dollars as a gift to the funds of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

"If gifts to a total of nine thousand dollars be actually made to the Association before March 10, 1924, I will add thereto a gift of one thousand dollars."

The National Office began at once an intensive campaign to raise money to meet Mr. Peabody's offer. and on the last day of the sixty-day drive it had received the sum of \$10,102.14. Several large contributions came from white members of the Association and white friends interested in the work, among them Mrs. J. E. Spingarn, Mr. Edward Lasker, and Mr. Louis Marshall, all of New York, who gave \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively. The bulk of the money, however, came from colored people, both through the Association's branches and from individuals and organizations. The successful completion of the drive gave the best possible evidence that colored people are rallying to the organization which is fighting their battles on a national scale, and that those who have are willing to carry on the fight for those who have not.

# THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE N. A. A. C. P.

In May, the group of women in New York City formerly known as The Committee of One Hundred formed themselves into a permanent organization known as the Women's Auxiliary to the N. A. A. C. P. The officers elected were: Mrs. Bessie Oliver Miller, president; Mrs. G. B. Needles, first vice-president; Mrs. Rose McClendon, second vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth H. Davis,

recording secretary; Miss R. G. Randolph, executive secretary; Mrs. Grayce F. Nail, treasurer. The chairmen of standing committees were: Mrs. Ida Hilton, Entertainment; Dr. Gertrude E. Curtis, Legal Redress; Mrs. Helen Press, Membership; Miss Crystal Byrd, Education; Mrs. Grace Nail Johnson, Press and Publicity.

These women have given two benefits during the year, netting considerable sums which were turned over to the National Office. The first benefit given under the auspices of the Auxiliary was the "Runnin' Wild Benefit," the gross receipts of which were \$2,049.35, and the net receipts, \$1,517.35. A second affair given at Happy Rhone's Orchestra Club netted for the work of the Association, \$434.00.

The Association is deeply indebted to Messrs. Miller & Lyle and Sissle & Blake and members of their companies, also to a number of other artists who aided in making these affairs the successes they were.

### Women's Defense Fund

At the annual Conference of the N. A. A. C. P. held in Kansas City in 1923, a number of women met and pledged themselves to raise for the legal work of the Association what should be known as The Women's Defense Fund. These women have been quietly but steadily working ever since and to date have contributed \$1,127.88 toward the Association's work. Mrs. Myrtle F. Cook of Kansas City, Mo., is chairman of this group.

#### LADIES' SERVICE GROUP

The Ladies' Service Group of Washington, D. C., turned into the National Office during the year \$533.10. The officers of this active organization are: Mrs. E. Beatrice Francis, president and treasurer; Mrs. Alice Fry, vice-president; Mrs. Emma G. Murray, secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## GENTLEMEN:

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