XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

The Amy E. Spingarn Prizes in Literature and Art

During the year Mrs. Amy E. Spingarn offered, through The Crisis, cash prizes aggregating six hundred dollars for literary and artistic contributions, leaving the circumstances and conditions under which the prizes are to be awarded entirely to the decision of the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P., after consultation with the editor of The Crisis. These prizes are offered to persons of Negro descent in order to encourage their aptitude for art and expression.

The Madam C. J. Walker Scholarships and Medal

The Madam C. J. Walker Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, has offered prizes to be awarded annually to two branches and to one outstanding individual officer or member of a Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., which individual shall not be an employee of the National Office. The object in offering these awards is to stimulate greater interest in organization for the advancement of colored people in the United States and in other countries, and to commend branches of the N. A. A. C. P., through their duly elected presidents and through an officer or member, for superior achievement during the year of contest. The prizes are in the form of two scholarships, one of one hundred dollars and the other of seventy-five dollars, and a gold medal. In 1924 the one-hundred-dollar scholarship was awarded to New York City; the seventy-five-dollar scholarship was awarded to New Orleans; and the gold medal was won by Mrs. Carrie L. Shepperson of Little Rock, Arkansas.

RESIGNATIONS

In April, Mrs. Addie W. Hunton resigned. For more than three years Mrs. Hunton was one of the Association's field secretaries and as such was one of its most valued officers. The Board of Directors and her colleagues regretted exceedingly that Mrs. Hunton, one of the best equipped and most distinguished women in the country, found it necessary to give up her position with the organization.

In October, Dr. George E. Cannon resigned as a member of the National Board of Directors and Mr. James A. Cobb of Washington, D. C., was elected to fill out Dr. Cannon's unexpired term.

Mr. Cobb has for some years been an active member of the Association and in his office of chairman of the Legal Committee of the District of Columbia Branch has fought a number of important cases before the courts. Mr. Cobb was appointed and served as Special Assistant to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia during the administration of President Taft.

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XIV. THE DEPARTMENT OF BRANCHES

FINANCES

The record of the branches for 1924 is one of which the Association can be proud. Of the 372 branches of the Association 138 have completely met their apportionment. Ninety-nine of them paid more than their apportionment. This is in contrast with the showing of other years, 41 branches meeting their apportionment in 1923; 37 in 1922 and 52 in 1921.

During the year the Department of Branches has steadfastly stressed the necessity of the branches furnishing the major part of the National Budget, with gratifying response from the branches. \$42,376.24 has been paid in on branch apportionment in contrast with \$26,362.12 in 1923. The sum contributed by the branches is the largest in any year.

HONOR ROLL BRANCHES

Honor Roll Branches, those that completed their apportionment are as follows:

Arizona—Bisbee, *Flagstaff, Phoenix; Arkansas—*Fort Smith, *Little Rock, *Pine Bluff; California—Fresno, Modesto, Needles, *San Diego, San Francisco, *San Jose, *Santa Monica, *Stockton, *Tehama County; Colorado—Canon City, *Colorado Springs, *Denver, *Pueblo, Trinidad; Connecticut—*Hartford, *New Britain, Plainville, *New Haven; Delaware—Wilmington; Florida—*Blountstown, *Jacksonville, Key West; Georgia—*Rome; Illinois—*Danville, *Glencoe, *Lake County, Peoria; Indiana—*Brazil, *Gary, *Fort Wayne, *French Lick, *Indianapolis, *Rushvile, *South Bend, *Terre Haute; Iowa—*Des Moines, *Waterloo; Kansas—*Arkansas City, *Atchinson, Garden City, Lawrence,