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preliminary campaign be conducted for sufficient funds to underwrite the raising of the Million Dollar Fund; and (3) that wherever possible the campaign be conducted through existing branches.

The National Board of Directors at its meeting in September appointed as the Preliminary Committee on the Liberty Fund: Messrs. J. E. Spingarn, Arthur B. Spingarn, W. E. B. Du Bois, John E. Nail, Isadore Martin, F. B. Ransom; Mrs. Lillian A. Alexander, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker; the Chairman and the Secretary ex-officio.

At the close of the year the Committee of the Board is still considering the feasibility of the Liberty Fund Campaign.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF BRANCHES

The Department of Branches is composed of two Executives, the Director and the Field Secretary, and three clerks. Their work is the organization, administration and stimulation of the branches of the Association and the raising of a large part of the budget of the National Office.

In their field work the two Executives of the Department of Branches are assisted by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary and occasionally by volunteers who form the Speakers' Bureau.

During 1926 the field work of the Association covered 76,983 miles of which 71,082 were travelled by National Officers and 5,901 miles by volunteer workers. This distance covered 34 states and 127 cities.

This does not include the foreign work that is being done by the Field Secretary, who is in Europe on a two months' leave of absence where he has given many lectures on the race question.

The total number of miles travelled by the Executives and volunteer workers does not include the field work of Dr. Du Bois, which is published elsewhere in the Annual Report.

The following is the tabulated record of the field work of the officers of the Association:

Executives	Meetings	Mileage	Time on Fi
William Pickens	223	22,777	143 days
Robert W. Bagnall	134	17,392	103 "
Walter White	57	16,307	42 - "
James Weldon Johnson	20	8,084	27 "
Mary White Ovington		3,976	10 "
Herbert Seligmann		2,546	9 "
	452	71,082	334 days

There is to be added to the above 26 meetings addressed by members of the Speakers' Bureau.

The 34 states visited are:

Alabama	Louisiana	Ohio
Arkansas	Maryland	Oklahoma
California	Massachusetts	Oregon
Connecticut	Michigan	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Minnesota	Tennessee
District of Columbia*	Missouri	Texas
Georgia	Montana	South Dakota
Illinois	Mississippi	Virginia
Indiana	New Jersey	Washington
Iowa	New Mexico	West Virginia
Kansas	New York	Wisconsin
Kentucky	North Carolina	

It will be noted that of the thirty-four states visited twenty-two were in the North and West and twelve in the South. In the South the same type of message was delivered by the Executives as elsewhere.

In addition to branch meetings the above comprise addresses and lectures to conferences, forums, high schools, colleges and many audiences in the interest of turning public opinion in the right direction.

In addition to the field work the Department of Branches sent out 20,964 form and individual letters to branches, groups and interested persons, re: (a) raising the apportionment; (b) handling branch problems; (c) raising funds through entertainments; (d) organization matters; (e) conducting drives; (f) adopting more efficient methods;