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The work of the Atlanta Conference, like the other work of Atlanta University, depends mainly upon voluntary contributions.

Introduction.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY is an institution for the higher education of Negro youth. It seeks, by maintaining a high standard of scholarship and deportment, to sift out and train thoroughly talented members of this race to be leaders of thought and missionaries of culture among the masses.

Furthermore, Atlanta University recognizes that it is its duty as a seat of learning to throw as much light as possible upon the intricate social problems affecting these masses, for the enlightenment of its graduates and of the general public. It has, therefore, for the last five years, sought to unite its own graduates, the graduates of similar institutions, and educated Negroes in general, throughout the South, in an effort to study carefully and thoroughly certain definite aspects of the Negro problems.

Graduates of Fisk University, Berea College, Lincoln University, Spelman Seminary, Clark University, Wilberforce University, Howard University, the Maharry Medical College, Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes, and several other institutions have kindly joined in this movement and added their efforts to those of the graduates of Atlanta, and have, in the last five years, helped to conduct five investigations: One in 1896 into the "Mortality of Negroes in Cities"; another in 1897 into the "General Social and Physical Condition" of 5,000 Negroes living in selected parts of certain southern cities; a third in 1898 on "Some Efforts of American Negroes For Their Own Social Betterment"; a fourth in 1899 into the number of Negroes in business and their success. Finally in 1900 inquiry has been made into the number, distribution, occupations, and success of College-bred Negroes.

The results of this last investigation are presented in this pamphlet. Next year some other phases of the economic situation of the Negro will be studied. It is hoped that these studies will have the active aid and co-operation of all those who are interested in this method of making easier the solution of the Negro problems.

The practical value of this work is illustrated in the recent meeting of the National Negro Business League at Boston, the formation of which was greatly facilitated by the data furnished its organizers through the Atlanta Conference.

Beside these regular investigations by the Atlanta Negro Conference, the University pursues its sociological work in several other directions. *First*, it offers to its students and all others interested in these lines of work the following courses of study:

1. The Theory of Economics, one term.
2. The Economic History of the American Negro, one term.
3. Statistics and Sociology, one term.
4. Present Social Condition of the Negro, one term.
5. Elementary Civics, One term.
6. Civil Government in the United States, one term.
7. Political Science, one term.

Theses and library work are required in connection with the more advanced courses.

Secondly, members of the Department of Sociology of this institution have, from time to time, published the following studies and essays on various phases of the Negro problem:

Suppression of the Slave Trade, 335 pp., Longman's, 1896.

The Philadelphia Negro, 520 pp., Ginn & Co., 1899.

The Negroes of Farmville, Va., 88 pp., Bulletin U. S. Department of Labor, Jan., 1898.

Condition of the Negro in Various Cities, 112 pp., Bulletin U. S. Department of Labor, May, 1897.

The Negro in the Black Belt, 17 pp., Bulletin U. S. Department of Labor, May, 1899.

The Study of the Negro Problems, 21 pp., Publications of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, No. 219.

Strivings of the Negro People, *Atlantic Monthly*, August, 1896.

A Negro Schoolmaster in the New South, *Atlantic Monthly*, January, 1899.

The Negro and Crime, *Independent*, May 18, 1899.

The Conservation of Races, 16 pp., Publications of the American Negro Academy, No. 2.

The American Negro at Paris, *Review of Reviews*, Nov., 1900.

Thirdly, the regular University publications are as follows:

Annual Catalogue, 1870-1900.

Bulletin of Atlanta University, 4 pp., monthly; 25 cents per year.

No. 1. Mortality of Negroes, 61 pp., 1896. (out of print).

No. 2. Social and Physical Condition of Negroes, 86 pp., 1897; 25 cents.

No. 3. Some Efforts of American Negroes for Social Betterment, 66 pp., 1898; 25 cents.

No. 4. The Negro in Business, 77 pp., 1899; 25 cents.

No. 5. The College-Brad Negro, 1900; 25 cents.

List of Negro Newspapers; 2 cents.

Programme of Social Betterment; 2 cents.

Select Bibliography of the American Negro, for general readers; 10 cents.

Atlanta University Leaflets, 12 numbers; free.

Fourthly: Bureau of Information:

The Corresponding Secretary of the Atlanta Conference undertakes, upon request, to furnish correspondents with information upon any phases of the Negro problem, so far as he is able; or he points out such sources as exist from which accurate data may be obtained. No charge is made for this work except for actual expenses incurred. During the past year the United States Government, professors in several northern and southern institutions, students of sociology, philanthropic societies and workers, and many private persons have taken advantage of this bureau.

The following is a partial list of recipients of such information within the last three years:

The United States Commission to the Paris Exposition.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, of U. S. Bureau of Labor.

Mr. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute.

Professor F. W. Taussig, Harvard University.

Professor Walter F. Willcox, of U. S. Census Bureau.

Professor Katharine Coman, of Wellesley College.

Edward Atkinson, of Boston.

Walter R. Lambeth, Missionary Secretary, M. E. Church, South.

Miss Jane Porter Scott, of the Social Settlements Association.

Dr. David J. Fuller, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. Daniel Merriman, of Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Edward L. Pell, Editor *Bible Reader*, Richmond, Va.

Hon. E. D. Bassett, Haytian Legation, New York; and others.

Graduate and other students in Harvard University, Mass.

" " " " " Columbia University, N. Y.

" " " " " The Catholic University, D. C.

" " " " " Wellesley College, Mass.

" " " " " Wooster University, Ohio.

" " " " " University of Texas, Texas.

" " " " " University of Chicago, Ill.

Professors and teachers in Hampton Institute, Va.

" " " " " Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

" " " " " Mercer University, Georgia.

" " " " " Trinity Park High School, N. C.

" " " " " Colorado State University.

" " " " " Stetson University, Fla.

City Physicians in eight different cities.

The *Insurance Press* of London.

The Penn Mutual Insurance Company.

Boston Children's Aid Society.

Social Settlement, Topeka, Kansas.

Northern Inter-Collegiate Oratorical League.

The Afro-American Council.

The American Negro Academy.

The National Negro Business League.

The American Missionary Association.

Hampton Negro Conference.