

ASSISTANCE FOR NEGROES

Board of Education Endorses Denominational School at Augusta, Ga.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS TALKS

**"NOT OPPOSING THE INTER-
CHURCH COLLEGE, BUT PRE-
FER WORK WITHIN OUR
CHURCH," SAYS THE BISHOP.**

Nashville, Tenn.—"No, we are not opposing the Interchurch college, we are simply taking the position that all the work which is done by our church for the colored teachers and preachers should be done through the agencies of the church and not through any independent or alien instrumentality."

This is the statement made by Bishop E. E. Hoss in answer to a question as to whether or not the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is opposing the American Interchurch college in its relation to social and religious training among the colored people.

A called meeting of the executive board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which Bishop Hoss is a member, was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Dr. Percy Maddin, also a member, and resolutions were adopted indorsing Paine college in Augusta, Ga., and the administration of the present officials was strongly commended.

A communication from the board of missions was read in reference to the enlargement of the facilities for training colored preachers in Paine college and such additional facilities are thoroughly approved by the executive committee.

Similar action was taken by a special committee appointed for the purpose of determining the policy of the church in regard to the training of negro teachers and preachers. This special committee met yesterday also, the meeting being held at the publishing house and Paine college was indorsed unanimously.

The committee consisted of Bishop H. McCoy, Dr. J. D. Hammond, Senior John H. Sherard, Dr. John M. Gore and Mrs. MacDonald. Sitting with the committee by special invitation yesterday were Dr. E. B. Chappell of the Sunday school board and Mr. Conewall Anderson, secretary of the board of education.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was an account given by Senator Sherard of a visit to Mound Bayou, Miss., where the entire population is colored. The visit of Senator Sherard was greatly appreciated and a paper expressing this appreciation embodied the statement that there was an urgent need of sermons from the white ministers of the southern Methodist church.

It was the sense of the committee expressed in a resolution offered by Doctor Moore, that the Methodist Episcopal church, South, should operate through the Colored Methodist Episcopal church directly in all its efforts toward social and religious training of the negro, and in all other lines of work, but that the advantages offered by the church should also be open to the people of other colored churches, and especially to the Colored Methodist churches. This resolution was adopted.

The committee also will recommend that the trustees of Paine college in Augusta, Ga., be respectfully asked to give consideration to the advisability of enlarging the department for the training of preachers at Paine college and of establishing a correspondence school for colored preachers in the church.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"In view of the need of enlarging the work of Paine college in several directions, it is recommended that we request the board of education to consider the matter of authorizing the president of Paine college to set about raising immediately an endowment for the college. Assured of raising funds for current expenses. It was also recommended that the board of missions give its hearty indorsement and pledge its support to such a movement.

"Resolved, That the secretaries of the home department take steps looking to the holding of Sunday school institutes among the colored people, and that as a means to this end, the services of Doctor Chappell and his assistants be secured in the enlistment of the general Sunday school board and of the conference Sunday school boards in this work."

The question of employing young women, and others, in training Sunday school teachers in the cities was discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that specially equipped and well-trained persons be employed by the home department of the board of missions to teach and train groups of colored Methodist Sunday school teachers in our cities; and,

"Resolved, That this committee call attention to those pastors and city mission boards that employ deaconesses and other trained workers to the opportunity which they have in them to help in the development of the religious and moral life of the negroes, and to arrange for such use of them

as shall lead to the accomplishment of this end."

The following resolution was also adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that our home secretaries should use all legitimate means to arouse public sentiment among the white people in the communities where there is a large colored population in favor of proper housing and sanitation among the negroes, and that efforts should be made to enlist employers of negroes in towns, cities and country in reasonable plans for the social betterment of the negroes in their employ. The committee hereby expresses its sympathy with sane and well matured negroes who are making efforts to bring about through their leagues the educational, industrial and moral improvement of their people."

After discussing the question of training colored workers the following resolution was adopted:

"We believe that Paine college should be the educational center through which the Methodist Episcopal church, South, should at present undertake to prepare colored men and women for religious service. We respectfully recommend that the board of education and the board of missions and the trustees of Paine college consider the advisability at their next meeting of establishing a training school as a department of Paine college for the training and equipment of young women deaconesses, settlement workers, Sunday school teachers and for other religious work."