

America Leads In Education, But Lags In Giving Opportunity And Protection To Its Black Citizens

LAKE JUNALUSKA, Sept. 26.—America has led the world in a practical demonstration that the Negro is educable; but has lagged behind England in giving to the Negro justice in courts of law and in developing his economic future, according to Dr. W. W. Alexander, director of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation, of Atlanta, speaking to the school of missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here.

To a southerner of Virginia, Dr. James H. Dillard, according to Dr. Alexander, must go the credit for introducing into British possessions in Africa an educational system based on the work done in America. Dr. Dillard, as head of the Jeanes Slater board, a philanthropic foundation, devoted to the promotion of Negro education in the South, was a member of the commission sent to Africa to develop an educational system for primitive peoples and laid out a system based on what has been done in the South.

While America has showed statesmanship in the field of Negro education, Dr. Alexander declared her standing was not so good in other fields, and cited as examples lynchings, failure of juries to convict white men of crimes against Negro women, and attempted passage

of laws in some states prohibiting Negro barber shops from serving white customers, making it illegal for Negroes to work on construction jobs except in Negro communities and otherwise defining what jobs Negroes may work at.

The speaker deplored the use of the race question to inflame public opinion. Both political parties did it, he said, and sometimes even in ecclesiastical controversies the Negro is made an issue when he does not belong in the question at all.

North Carolina was praised by Dr. Alexander for the progress it has made in Negro education. During the past year North Carolina spent twice as much on Negro education as on both white and Negro education 25 years ago.