

NEGRO MUST USE WHAT HE HAS, SAYS PUBLISHER

Dr. Henry A. Boyd, of Nashville, Urges Better Business Methods

The negro must use the things he has if he would advance as a race and keep the pace of progress along with the white man, said Henry Allen Boyd, of Nashville, secretary of the National Negro Press Association; also secretary of the Baptist Young People's Congress, to a large audience of colored people composing a mass meeting at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church last night. Boyd took as his subject "Use What You Have." and dealt on the necessity of the development of the assets of the colored race. The mass meeting was held in honor of the eve of the sixteenth anniversary of the Bristol Negro Business League.

Aside from the address of Dr. Boyd, which was interesting and instructive throughout, a splendid program of music was rendered. The choir of the church gave selections, a glee club rendered a song of harmony, and piano duets were given. Robert Clay, president of the Bristol Negro Business League, made a short address in which he explained the work of the business league and urged the negroes of Bristol to work together for the betterment of the race here.

The address of Dr. Boyd was entirely free from racial prejudice. He spoke to negroes, and if he drew comparisons with the white race, he illustrated them in a way to show how the negro may emulate the white man who is successful. He said one of the greatest troubles with the negro is that he expects everything to be "born full grown." and that if an enterprise is started by a colored man the rest begin to throw cold water on the scheme and predict failure. He said the negro must learn to reason from cause to effect. The speaker declared this is the secret of the white man's success in the business world



and in progress of all kinds.

Dr. Boyd told of the Negro Methodist and Baptist publishing houses in Nashville. He said these institutions have been built up entirely by negroes and reflect credit to the negroes of the city and State.

He then spoke of the colored educational institutions of the State, describing them as being second to none in the country, and gave high praise for Vanderbilt University and other educational institutions for the white man.

Mr. Boyd closed his address by telling most part with the problem of the establishment of the negro in business. He said the colored man must begin to regard business as honorable, no matter how large or how small it may be. He said that the trouble with many colored people is that they do not know how to develop the resources they have. The speaker said he is highly in favor of the back to the farm movement. He declared that if he were a member of a State Legislature he would vote for the passage of a bill to compel every colored boy to spend the first fifteen years of his life on the farm.

Dr. Boyd closed his address by telling his hearers to go back to the home as a beginning in the practice of "using what you have." He said the negro must develop not only on business lines, but also on educational and religious lines.

Despite the fact that a steady down-pour of rain was falling during the first part of the night, the mass meeting was well attended, and much enthusiasm was shown.