

New Negro Returning To Church

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 28.—"The church is and has been the center of the religious, social and political life of Negroes. It is the only thing he can call his own. It has grown out of himself. In the present spiritual awakening, more and more, the new Negro is turning back to his church."

These views were expressed by Rev. Harry V. Richardson, senior divinity student at Harvard University, before the forum of St. James A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon. His subject was "The So-Called New Negro and Religion."

"The new Negro is a product of this century, and has enjoyed higher opportunities for education and advancement than his forebears," Mr. Richardson said. "He is now showing some of the fruits of these advantages."

The speaker predicted that the demands of economic necessity would compel a return of the new Negro, who has turned from his church because of the conflicts of the older and newer types of religious expression. More and better men will turn to the ministry with their energy, intelligence and vision, he said.