

Urban League Begins Drive With Mammoth Meeting; \$350,000 Is Needed

New York, May 27.—On Wednesday evening, May 19th, a distinguished audience of white and colored people filled Town Hall to capacity to hear the "New Negro Tell His Story." The occasion was the opening of the drive to secure an Urban League's Sustaining Fund of \$350,000 to assure the running expenses of the New York, Brooklyn and National Urban Leagues for three years. Undoubtedly, it was one of the most brilliant inter-racial gatherings ever witnessed in Greater New York. With L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of the National Urban League, presiding, there were addresses by Charles S. Johnson, Editor of "Opportunity Magazine"; John E. Nail, Harlem Real Estate Operator and Mrs. Elise McDougald, Assistant Principal of Public School No. 89. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, gave a brief review of the astonishing growth and effectiveness of the League's work. The Reverend Henry Hugh Proctor, recently elected Moderator of the New York Association of Congregational Churches discussed the function of the Negro church in relation to social service among Negroes. Coming down from Harvard University, especially for this meeting, Countee Cullen read from "Color" and otherwise delighted the audience. The Harmonic Quartette, through the courtesy of J. Rosamond Johnson, Mrs. Charlotte Wallace Murray and C. Carroll Clark, accompanied by Miss Beatrice Lewis, sang Negro spirituals. Lloyd Garrison, great grandson of William Lloyd Garrison and treasurer of the National Urban League, spoke of the fiscal problems confronting the Urban League and pleaded for racial justice.

The climax of the evening came, however, when a letter from Casper Holstein, the donor of the \$1,000 awards in "Opportunity's" recent Literary Prize Contest, was read, in which there was a check for \$500, making a total of \$1,000. Mr. Holstein, a colored man, has given so far to the Urban League's three years' sustaining fund.