

Original Matter of the Niagara Movement

Atlanta University.

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The Annual Conferences.

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Tenth Annual Conference, 1904.

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- 1896. MORTALITY.
- 1897. HOMES.
- 1898. SOCIAL BETTERMENT.
- 1899. BUSINESS.
- 1900. COLLEGE-BRED NEGROES.
- 1901. COMMON SCHOOLS.
- 1902. THE ARTISAN.
- 1903. THE CHURCH.

SUBJECT: NEGRO CRIME IN GEORGIA.
MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1904.

W. E. Burghardt DuBois,
Corresponding Secretary.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25, 1905.

Dear Mr. Work:-

The time seems more than ripe for organized, determined and aggressive action on the part of men who believed in Negro freedom and growth. Movements are on foot threatening individual freedom and our self-respect. I write you to propose a conference during the coming summer for the following purposes:

1. To oppose firmly the present methods of strangling honest criticism, manipulating public opinion and centralizing political power by means of the improper and corrupt use of money and influence.
2. To organize thoroughly the intelligent and honest Negroes throughout the United States for the purpose of insisting on manhood rights, industrial opportunity and spiritual freedom.
3. To establish and support proper organs of news and public opinion.

If you are in accord with the above objects will you kindly write me at your earliest opportunity:

1. Whether you could meet in conference this summer.
2. What date and place you would suggest for the conference.
3. What reliable men thoroughly in accord with the above objects you would invite.

Awaiting your reply, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DuBois