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W. E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS

May 15, 1931.

Mr. James R. Angell,
President of Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.

My dear Sir:

In view of the increasing enrollment of Negroes in American colleges, I am seeking to secure from a few Presidents of the larger colleges a brief word as to the presence of the Negro in their institution. Would you be willing to send me a short statement concerning "The Negro and Yale University"? It could cover such points as you think ought to be emphasized but if possible, I should like a word concerning the experience of the past, the present situation, and the outlook for the future. I should appreciate anything that you could say.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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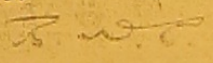
May 21, 1931.

W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, Esq.,
The Crisis, 69 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Your letter of May 15th has arrived and I write to say that, for reasons which are not entirely clear to me -- possibly affecting economic matters primarily -- we have had in recent years relatively few negroes among our students. As far as I am aware, there has been no discrimination shown in dealing with members of the colored race, and I do not recall ever hearing any complaint with reference to the matter. I think colored boys, when they come here, are accepted on their merits and so dealt with just as are other students. At the moment, I rather think Edward Morrow, of Huron, South Dakota, is the only colored lad in the undergraduate student body. This young man might be able to give you more direct impressions of how the situation looks to a member of his race.

Yours very truly,



Copy for Professor Corwin

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May 20, 1933

President James R. Angell
Woodbridge Hall

Dear Mr. Angell:

This will acknowledge yours of May eighteenth, enclosing the May fifteenth letter of W. E. Burghardt Du Bois requesting a statement concerning the negro and Yale University.

As far as I know, there has never been any negro question here, nor has the necessity been felt for adopting a policy for determining our acceptance of negroes or our treatment of them. No discrimination has been shown in dealing with the colored race, either in this office or that of the three deans. I cannot, of course, speak for the Book in discussing the attitude of the undergraduate.

There is at the present time, if my information is correct, but one negro enrolled in the Undergraduate Schools,- Edward Morrow, '31, of Huron, South Dakota. Morrow is quite an unusual boy in many respects. He has told me that he wrote a large part of the Life of Paul Robson, published a year or so ago, and that he will act as Robson's secretary at his graduation. Mr. Du Bois could, I am sure, get reliable inside information directly from Morrow.

We are returning Du Bois' letter with this.

Sincerely yours,

R. N. C.