

ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

George H. Bennett

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I have known George H. Bennett over a period of six years - since the time he first came to my attention when he was a student at Virginia State College. Between 1937 and 1940 I kept in touch with him through correspondence and personal conferences and interviews. I have watched his growth and development with interest, and have followed his work at the University of Michigan, with the Community Guidance Service in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and his graduate study at the New York University.

I have always considered Mr. Bennett as potential Urban League staff material and it was for this reason that in September 1941 he was selected from among a number of candidates to serve a six months' period of internship in the Department of Industrial Relations of the National Urban League. He worked as an assistant in the department, and handled correspondence, interviews, prepared reports, attended meetings, and assisted me in some of the guidance work which I have been doing. I therefore have had opportunity to observe Mr. Bennett closely and to evaluate his work and abilities.

Mr. Bennett is a very sincere and earnest young man. He is keenly interested in the vocational and educational problems of Negro youth. He has a good mind. He is frank and honest in expressing his opinions - I am sorry to say sometimes to the point of causing embarrassment to himself. My one criticism of Mr. Bennett is that he does not always have enough faith in his own ability, and therefore hesitates to undertake responsibility.

He was thorough and careful in doing work assigned to

him. He works well when supervised, but tends to procrastinate when left on his own. He needs much more experience before he can undertake administrative responsibility. However, he writes well, and I think one of his strong fields is that of research. His undergraduate education in a Negro school in the South, and his graduate work in two of the leading universities in the North, qualify him, in my estimation, to undertake a project of the kind he has outlined.

He has selected a project on which a great deal of study is needed. His plan of work seems to me to be sound, and I feel that the results of his study will be of benefit not only to the colleges studied, but to students and to organizations like the Urban League which is interested in the placement problems of Negro young people.

Mr. Bennett has the personality which will enable him to get a great deal from the persons whom he would have to interview. I have discussed his plan with him, and he is deeply interested in it. This interest will lead him to put a great deal of zest and effort into it. I think he would justify the award.