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[Carroll News Service] ISLES OF SHOALS, N.H., July 12.-Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, president of Cheyney Teachers' College, Pa., and the Rev. Richard F. Seebode. (white) were the chief lecturers at a convention held here last week by the Unitarian Young People's Religious Union. At the close of their courses of talks, they were both given prolonged demonstrations.

In his last talk to the group, Dr. Hill spoke on "Human Relations," He said in part that he regarded this topic one of the most important subjects since every question has to do with people and the relations they sustain to each other. The great concern of life is how people can live most helpfully and understandingly together.

## Speaks of Textbooks

Dr. Hill spoke of the textbooks and criticized them for not portraying the peoples of the different nations in a true light. Referring to his own boyhood, he said, he found that his geography held belittling ideas of his race, giving rise to impressions of inferiority. Young people are told that they must be somebody because their forebears were. At Cheyney college, they seek out and make known to the

students the dignity of their ancestry so that they have this motivation for their lives.

Continuing, he said that one of the greatest sagas and romances is that of the economic contribution of the Negro to American life. "They felled the forest, plowed the fields, nursed the babies and stood as saviors and defenders of ... the whole Southland in time of crisis. There is nothing in history to compare with it. The master left wife. daughters, babies and all his property in the hands of a man, whom he sought to keep in slavery. There is no case on record where he returned and found his trust betrayed. But none of this is in your histories."