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DR. SCOTT AND HIS INTIMATE FRIEND PRESIDENT THEODORE  
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DR. EMMETT J. SCOTT

FLASH here presents to its many appreciative readers a word picture of the educational, civic and racial activities of one of America's foremost citizens, irrespective of race, creed, or color: No less a personage than the Honorable Emmett J. Scott, recently retired as Secretary of Howard University by the Board Of Trustees by the narrow achievements in the educational world where he labored for more than forty years (at the famous Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Alabama, for 22 years as associate and confidant of Booker T. Washington, and for 19 years as an administrative official of Howard University, Washington, D. C.), aside from a many-sided career in other fields of achievement.

In 1909 President Taft appointed Dr. Scott as a member of The American Commission to Liberia, and under the regime of the war-time president Woodrow Wilson Dr. Scott was delegated to serve as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, advising on matters concerning the welfare of the 400,000 colored men called to the colors,



and the interest of colored civilians generally.

Dr. Scott has the unique distinction of being a warm supporter of and enjoyed the intimate friendship of former President Theodore Roosevelt. Also numbered among his intimate were important figures such as Andrew Carnegie, Harvey Firestone, Julius Rosenwald, and numerous other famous persons.

Dr. Scott is a graduate of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, receiving his A.M. in 1901 and his LL.D in 1918, Wilberforce also conferred upon him the honorary degree LL.D in 1918.

In the year 1912 he was Secretary of the International Conference on the Negro, and served as Secretary of the National Negro Business League almost from the day of its organization until May, 1922 when he resigned, after having been unanimously re-elected at the Atlanta session held in August of the year before.

It was on July 1, 1919, that he was selected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of Howard University, and was the first colored man to serve the University as Treasurer, and the second one to serve as Secretary of the institution, the late Gorge William Cook having been first.

In the literary field, Dr. Scott has earned quite a few laurels, having authored "Tuskegee and Its People," "The American Negro in the World War," "Negro Migration During the World War," and co-authored "Booker T. Washington, The Builder of a Civilization."

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia appointed him a member of the Board of Indeterminate Sentence and Parole of the District of Columbia in 1932, and after serving his first term of three years he was re-appointed for an additional seven years, expiring in 1942.

His wise counsel is highly regarded by the U.S. State Department where he has quite often been consulted where the interests of Liberia have been concerned. In 1918 he was one of the persons of influence who helped secure for that republic a loan of \$5,000,000. He was also influential in the appointment of Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, as a member of the International Commission which settled various questions affecting Liberia during the Hoover administration. Also he was consulted quite often by the Ethiopian Commission that came to the United States before that African Kingdom felt the heel of the boot of the Italian invader.

The Republican National Executive Committee found his services invaluable during their campaigns of the years, 1924, 1928, 1932 and 1936. He was the first colored man to ever be elected a Vice President of Young Men's Christian Associations of America, and the merger of the George Peabody, John F. Slater and the Jeanes funds in 1937 found the affable Dr. Emmett J. Scott elected Secretary of the organization, which was called the Southern Education Foundation, Inc., with funds amounting to more than \$3,000,000 allotted to its care for the purpose of fostering its educational program.

Thus FLASH has given to its readers the salient factors in the life of Dr. Emmett J. Scott, one of America's most outstanding Negroes, an efficient educational administrator, author, diplomat, and one of the most

highly respected and trusted members of the colored race.

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