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*"Sic itur ad astra."*

**Baccalaureate Service**

AND

INAUGURATION OF DOCTOR ANNA JULIA COOPER

AS PRESIDENT OF

**The Frelinghuysen University**

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



SUNDAY, JUNE THE FIFTEENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY

Eleven O'clock A. M.

AT METROPOLITAN A. M. E. CHURCH

M Street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, Northwest

The Reverend William H. Thomas, A. M., D. D., Pastor

NOTE: Please keep this program until the nineteenth, it contains the  
Commencement Exercises.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF FRELINGHUYSEN UNIVERSITY

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The Frelinghuysen University, unlike Minerva, did not "spring fullfledged from the head of Jupiter," but is an institution of development and growth. It was organized April 27, 1906, at a meeting held at the residence of the late Dr. Jesse Lawson, 2011 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C. When the school was organized it was named the Interdenominational Bible College; and Dr. Jesse Lawson was elected as its President.

In the organization of the College the following named persons participated: Hon. Mifflin W. Gibbs (at that time) United States Consul to Madagascar; Rev. Samuel G. Miller, a white Presbyterian minister; Hon. Judson W. Lyon, (at that time) Registrar of the United States Treasury; Rev. Daniel E. Wiseman, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer; Dr. Kelly Miller (at that time) Dean of the College of Art and Science, Howard University; and Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Pastor of the 19th Street Baptist Church

In 1917 the name was changed from Interdenominational Bible College to the name of the Frelinghuysen University, in honor and commemoration of the life and character of the lamented Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen, former U. S. Senator of New Jersey, and Secretary of State under President Chester A. Arthur. It was under the leadership of Senator Frelinghuysen that the Civil Rights of Colored Americans were written into the Statutes of the United States

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Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) are needed for the purchase of buildings for the University, and for salaries for teachers. One hundred thousand dollars (100,000) are needed for immediate use of the University. Every person who loves education is kindly asked to give a contribution to Frelinghuysen University. Checks should be made payable to Frelinghuysen University.

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Ph. D. (University of Paris)  
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1906

1941

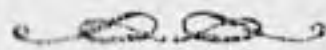
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LOYAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
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Thursday, April 10

At 8:15 P. M.



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Anna J. Cooper, President *emeritus*

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# Programme

## Part I

INVOCATION ----- Rev. J. T. Brooks, B.Th., Class '22

HYMN - How firm a foundation - *Old Portuguese*  
Led by Edward M. Syphax

HISTORY OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN GROUP OF SCHOOLS—  
Anna J. Cooper, retiring President

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRELINGHUYSEN LOYAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
—Fletcher Mae Howell, President National Alumni

HYMN—Blest be the tie that binds

## Part II

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS OF HONOR

Rev. Walter H. Brooks ----- 19th St. Baptist Church  
Rev. Daniel E. Wiseman ----- Church of Our Redeemer, Lutheran  
Rev. H. B. Taylor ----- 15th Street Presbyterian Church  
Dr. D. Wellington Curran, ----- Chaplain Episcopal Hospital

ADDRESS ----- Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
President, Bethune-Cookman College

NEGRO SPIRITUAL ----- We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder  
Led by Mrs. Mae Jones Richardson

GREETINGS TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ----- President - Elect,  
Rev. Adolphus A. Birch

ANTHEM: Lift Every Voice and Sing ----- Led by Men's Chorus

BENEDICTION ----- Rev. J. S. Miller, B.Th., Class '24

Don't Miss It.

### THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE

A deeply religious and social drama by Chas. Rann Kennedy at St. George's Parish Hall, 2nd and U Streets, N. W., May 30, 1941, under the direction of Dr. Anna J. Cooper, assisted by Mrs. Lula Love Lawson, Mrs. Laverne Boyer Birch and The REVEREND ADOLPHUS A. BIRCH.

A great play, A spiritual and artistic masterpiece. Mr. Kennedy's uncommon gift as a dramatist has enabled him to write plays of great poetical beauty, truth and humor; classic in nobility of motive and in form, they yet have a very real bearing on the every-day life of today.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

He is "required" in college courses, textbooks expound him. He is read and reaches audiences in many languages increasingly.—Harpers and U. of Chicago Press.

Autograph Inscription:

"For the library of Frelinghuysen University, *With the Best Wishes of the Author*, September 23, 1930.

*'Everything comes true, if you wish hard enough.'*

Signed: *Charles Rann Kennedy* to Anna J. Cooper.