

THE COLOR LINE.

A Promising Lad With a Dark Skin Refused Admission to Dickinson College.

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CARLISLE, Pa., Oct. 20.—Considerable excitement was recently occasioned at Dickinson College over the attempt of a colored boy, Robert G. Young, to enter the preparatory school of the college, with a view at the end of a year of joining the college classes. His father, Robert C. Young, was born a slave on the estate of William Smith, in Virginia. He came North after the war. He is now janitor at the college, and has been successively trustee, deacon, licensed preacher and ordained elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. His son graduated with honor last June from the High School here in a mixed class of white and colored students, and is regarded by the Principal, Professor Eckles, as a most promising lad. Last August his father made application to Professor Bower, Principal of the college preparatory school, but was answered evasively and referred to Dr. McCauley, President of the college. He was told by him that he had no authority to act, but would bring the matter before the local Executive Committee. They also disclaimed any jurisdiction in the matter. Since then he has repeatedly interviewed Professor Bower and various members of the faculty with no better result. The truth is, the Preparatory Principal has power to act, but is afraid, as the college draws largely from the South. When the father threatened to send the boy he was told he would be sent home if he did. Feeling runs high among the students, and many threats have been uttered against the janitor and the lad.