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Alpha Kappa Alpha Holds Convention at Howard



THE Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held its First Annual Convention at the seat of the Alpha Chapter at Howard University, December 28 to 31, 1915. The convention was conducted in a creditable manner and much good was accomplished. Mrs. Lily H. Hammond, the famous author of "In Black and White," was presented to an appreciative audience on the evening of December 28th, by the members of the sorority and her unbiased opinions and her freedom of speech on the race question not only made a remarkable impression upon her audience but won for her a home at Howard University. On this occasion greetings were extended by Professor George W. Cook in behalf of the University and in a scholarly manner he gave brief review of the origin of sororities. Greetings were also extended on behalf of the different fraternities and the College Women's Club, the last named was represented by Miss Georgia Simpson, a teacher in the M Street High School.

The closing event of the convention was a reception tendered the visiting sisters, and the members of the faculty and fraternities of Howard University. This reception was given in Spaulding Hall on the evening of December 30th.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest intercollegiate sorority among Negro students. It was founded here at Howard

University in 1908, by a group of high-minded, ambitious young women who, as college women, felt that earnestness and seriousness of purpose, only, would achieve success. Ever since the organization of the sorority its members have endeavored to bring to Howard University as speakers such men and women of note as would be a source of inspiration to the students of Howard University.

Howard Wins Rhetorical Contest

Howard University was winner in a new field a few weeks since when Miss A. P. Turner, '16, of the Teachers College, won the Prize Rhetorical Contest held between the young women of Morgan College and the young women of Howard University. This contest was the first of its kind ever held at the University, and it had the support and approval of a large number of students and members of the faculty.

The program rendered was as follows: The Lord's Prayer-Chant, Misses Margaret Rhodes and Amy Goodwin; Greetings, Miss Lottie Gatewood; "Hagar," Miss Rosa Coleman; "The Legend Beautiful," Miss Lulu M. Briggs; Piano Solo, Miss Reuella E. Hughes; "The Pilot's Story," Miss Alice Turner; "King Robert of Sicily," Miss Jeanette E. Johnson; "Sandolphin," Miss Alice Yoncy; "Horatius at the Bridge," Miss Esther E. Sewell; Vocal Solo, Miss Margaret Rhodes; Piano Solo, Miss Gregoria Frazier; Awarding the Prize, Mrs. William Pickens.

The judges for the contest were Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, A. B., LL. D., Miss Helen M. Barker, A. M., Miss Kirk Holmes, A. B.

Howard Night



ON Tuesday evening, December 21, 1915, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, "Howard Night" was revived. We say revived because for some reason these exercises were not held at any time during the last school year. The faculty and students of Howard University were the guests of the Bethel Historical and Literary Association.

Dean Miller, the speaker of the evening, was presented by our president, Dr. Newman. The subject of Dean Miller's address was: "Howard University Facing the Future." The speaker said that the Emancipation Proclamation placed four million ignorant people upon America but that the magic wand of education transformed them. He stated further that there was a wave of philanthropy which swept white people from the North toward the South to help in the work of education and that Howard University is one of the results of that wave. "Howard University was founded to make leaders," said Dean Miller, "and the more ignorant and blind the led the more efficient must the leader be. The duty of the leaders is to transpose the masses from the negative to the positive side of life."

Dean Miller maintained that Howard University must keep its Academy because educational facilities are poor in the South, and the Academy helps to give many students from the South a good preparation for College. Speaking of the future of Howard University, he said: "Sixty per cent of

the Negroes in the United States earn their living in agriculture, hence the need of an agricultural college at Howard University, an agricultural college where the scientific principles of farming are taught as at Cornell and other colleges." He further stated that Howard University must become the center of all information on race matters in this country.

Dean Miller said that Howard University serves the country most because it serves the most needy element.

After Dean Miller's speech there was music by the Glee Club and songs and yells from the classes of the several departments of the University. The excellent speech by Dean Miller and the songs and yells did a great deal towards reviving the old time Howard Spirit.

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The Educational Value of Athletics



THE description of Greek life and the statues of Greek athletes exhibited in Art Museums have created a great interest in physical life of that remarkable people. A book entitled "Greek Athletic Sports and Festivals" has been written (1910) by E. Norman Gardiner, an English writer and student of Greek life, and in this most complete history of Greek Athletics the following statements appear in the introductory chapter:

"The story of Greek Athletics has a peculiar interest in the present day in view of the development of athletics which has taken place in the last fifty years, and of the revival of the Olympic games. There are striking resemblances between the history of modern athletics and of Greek. The movement began in the sports of public schools and universities, spread rapidly through all English speaking lands, and is now extending to the Continent. Athletics is as popular among us as they were in Greece, and for us, as for the Greeks, they have been a great instrument of good." But what has athletics done for the rapid growing student body at Howard University? And what are the ultimate results to which it may attain? The answer to

these questions may be given concisely and triumphantly.

Athletics is one of the most important activities of the student life, not only at Howard University but at any university. Space prohibits anything more than a brief mention of its educational value. We believe that sane and wholesome athletic competition should be made possible for every able-bodied man and boy, woman and girl, because of its value to the individual. The very fact that athletic events such as the different kinds of running, jumping, and throwing are reproductions of the forms of motion which man has for ages practised in his everyday life, either to get



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It is just as natural for a girl or boy to engage in athletics as it is for a kitten to play. In fact, athletics should be considered just as significant and as important in the development of manhood as play is in the development of cat life.

In addition to developing strength, muscular coordination, physical courage, etc., athletics *under proper direction* have great possibilities in developing those higher qualities of self-control, unselfishness, the spirit of cooperation, fair play and the spirit of sympathy and friendliness. These activities also widen one's interests and increase the desire for the ability to enjoy profitable pleasure. Some may not appreciate Coach Marshall as an ideal dreamer when he places so high

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a value on the activities conducted on the athletic field. It is said that the world's work is done by young men and young women. We interpret this not necessarily as referring to young people in years, but rather to people *young in spirit*. The man or woman, who retains a youthful spirit, retains with it all of youth's recuperative power, inspiration, vision and outlook on life in general. We believe that there is nothing which will so conserve and perpetuate this youthful spirit as participation in some physical activity as handball, tennis, golf, swimming, running, jumping, soccer, baseball and football, etc. Play will only keep the fires of youth burning. With more wholesome play on the part of the people, there would be less of that condition, known as "Americanitis."

In order to attain this result, two things at least must be done. First: The inauguration of a more definite and aggressive educational movement for the purpose of bringing about a proper conception of the function of athletics. This must be done by those who hold positions of leadership, not only in the field of physical education, but in the general field of education, in any field that concerns the development of the student life.

Second: The devising of methods to interest in wholesome competition every man and woman who desires to take part in athletics. This includes, of course, the individuals of expert ability, as well as those of no ability.

I have tried to present briefly the main facts regarding the possibilities of the educational values of athletics and what to do.

To bring about a successful order of things will challenge our best efforts. What is very much needed is the joining of forces, here in the University, on a federation basis, of organizations conducting other activities as well as athletic activities, such as the sororities, fraternities, literary societies, young men's and young women's christian associations, for the purpose of working out together the problems of athletics. No single organization nor group of similar organizations is sufficient for the task. Neither can any single organization or group in this University live unto itself.

The progressive spirit, however, is broad in Dear Old Howard and will not down. May everyone who occupies a position of responsibility and leadership, in any field of literary or physical education, catch a vision of his opportunity and then throw himself into the fight for the development, progress and perfection of our athletic life. And may the highest culmination of his efforts be for the greatest development of the educational value of athletics. —*M. Pearle Adams, College of Arts and Sciences, '16, President of the Young Women's Athletic Association of Howard University.*

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THE JOURNAL is starting with the New Year to make itself even more representative than ever of the spirit and life of Howard University. The editors and managers are determined that the University paper shall come up to the expectations of the students and alumni of Howard, and that THE JOURNAL shall be a mirror of life at the University. Next week we are going to publish the first installment of "Manyana," a detective story with a complicated plot. It will help you to forget the solemnity of "The Revival of Learning," (examination week), to read this story.

Two important events have taken place since our last issue to which we are very sorry that we

the Morgan-Howard contest and the interclass debate. The Morgan-Howard contest, held under the direction of the English Chautauqua, was unlike any contest held before at Howard. The English Chautauqua has for its motto "Purity of English" and a half hour's stay on our campus will determine to anyone the necessity for such an organization at Howard and the wide field in which such an organization can do effective labor.

The interclass debate always comes in for its share of our favorable criticism. This is one of the innovations that have met with a decided success at Howard. It is fitting that classes after having worked off their surplus energy at the beginning of the year with the class rush and the football games should settle down to a contest which requires brain rather than brawn to win. The freshmen class was winner in this contest. The freshmen debaters handled their arguments well and showed considerable skill in one particular phase of their work that it would be well for other men of Howard to imitate—team-work. Just as this was the secret of the Freshman's success, it is the secret of success in many other activities in which the students of Howard are engaged. Team-work against individual starrng—this is what our students might well think of in some of their future contests.

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News in Brief

The freshmen class won the interclass debate between the freshman and sophomore classes.

The Annual Christmas Tree exercises of the Teachers College were held in Spaulding Hall, Wednesday, December 22.

The first annual convention of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was held at Howard University December 28 to 31.

Mr. Howard Hale Long, who is pursuing postgraduate work at Clark University, was in the city for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. S. Nelson of the sophomore class won the silver cup awarded to the best individual debater in the interclass debate.

Miss Alice P. Turner of the senior class, Teachers College, won the first prize in the Morgan-Howard Prize Rhetorical Contest.

Mrs. Lily H. Hammond, author of "In Black and White," delivered an address before the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Tuesday, December 28th.

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"Howard University Facing the Future" was the subject of Dean Miller's address before the Bethel Literary and Historical Society "Howard Night."

Mr. W. H. Foster, Teachers College, '15, represented the Howard University chapter at the convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society held in New York City.

Messrs. George Hall and Gordon Dingle, Law '18, represented the Alpha chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the Second Annual Convention held at Lincoln University.

Messrs. Herman Moore and W. A. Pollard of the Howard Law School were delegates from the Beta chapter to the Eighth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Kirksey and McAden are the bachelors of Clark Hall.

Was it socialism, alone, that made Foster go to New York Christmas?

One of the problems Brice must solve is who shall wear his Howard "H" for this season, since it can be worn conveniently by only one girl.

When it came to a "show-down" Stone won over Hill; the "show-down" came Christmas when the parcel post man entered.

Proffit has been found, he was lost in a "snow" storm Christmas.

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Conservatory of Music

On December 20, 1915, at four o'clock in the Rankin Memorial Chapel, The Conservatory of Music held its opening recital. The following students contributed creditable numbers:

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2. MacDowell, *Sweet Lavender*, Miss Lindsay.
3. Bach, *Solfeggietto*, Mr. Hopkins.
4. Sinding, *March Grotesque*, Miss Rhodes.
5. (a) Spindler, *Gazelle*, (b) Rav-
ing, *Etude*, Miss Kennerly.
6. Schutt, *Cantiquil d' Amour*,
Mr. Wooding.
7. Moszkowski, *Caprice Espag-
nol*, Miss Johnson.
8. Debussy, *Moonlight*, Mr.
Worde.

Notes

The marriage of Mr. E. J. Marshall, instructor in Chemistry and coach for the football team, to Miss Hattie Edmunds of Washington, D. C., marks the fourth successful attempt of cupid to invade our faculty this school-year. Mr. Charles H. Wesley, instructor in the Teaching of History and French, was married to Miss Louise Johnson of Baltimore, Md.; Miss Grace Hewett, the Librarian, married Mr. Harry Watkins; and Professor Numa P. Adams was married to Miss Osceola M. McCarthy, College of Arts and Sciences, '13.

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long

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Now thou art called to purge the
wrong

From this full pregnant womb of
sin.

II

Thy soul is fraught with music
sweet,

Such sober harmony and love,
Which struggles out and up to meet

Thatsymphony which rules above.
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Freshmen Win Interclass Debate; Sophomore Wins Cup

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The debaters were as follows: Freshmen—Messrs. E. P. Jones, Wm. I. Barnes, C. C. Johnson; Sophomores—M. J. Proffit, T. B. D. Dyett, W. S. Nelson. The freshmen defended the affirmative side, while the sophomores defended the negative.

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The Monticello basketball team defeated Howard at Pittsburg, on last Wednesday by the score of 30 to 18. While the Pittsburg boys showed to better advantage in shooting baskets, Howard surpassed them in the passing tactics of the game as well as in all around team work.

This was Howard's first game of the season and the showing of the White and Blue against such a formidable aggregation as the Monticello team is to be commended. Our team gives evidence of developing into one of the fastest quintets among colored institutions.

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As some of the fastest track athletes will be seen in action, many records will no doubt be equaled or broken.

Important meeting of the Athletic Association on Monday, January the 10th. As this is the beginning of a new year it would be well for the Association to begin finding out the defects of our present athletic system.

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Intercollegiate Socialist Society Holds Convention Howard Sends Delegates

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society held its Seventh Annual Convention in New York City, December 28, 29 and 30. This convention was from many points of view the most successful in the history of the society: the sessions were more largely attended than any held before; there were many new chapters added since last meeting. The opening session was held in the studio of Miss Stokes; the next was at Rand School, (Socialist Training School); two other sessions were held at Columbia University. The largest session, however, was at the Annual Dinner at the Palm Garden. There is no doubt

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that by holding sessions at different places the attendance was greatly increased.

Among other interesting things brought out in the convention was the large number of Theological Schools which are taking an active interest in the work, and an increasing number of delegates from these. For example, Berkeley Divinity School's entire student body are members of the Society, and the School sent four delegates to the convention. A delegate was in attendance from the Boston Theological Seminary, and Bishop Paul Jones, who succeeded the late Bishop Spaulding, from Utah.

The Society has 70 active chapters with a membership of 13,000 students and alumni, an addition of 16 new chapters since the last convention, which was held one year ago. Vassar College has the largest membership for the year.

A detailed account of the convention will be given to the Howard chapter by the delegate sent from this chapter.

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The program for the evening consisted of selections by the Glee Club, an address of greeting by Dean Moore, whose pleasant manner and comforting words were gratefully received, and a play entitled "The Troubles at Satterlees," given by seven young ladies of the Teachers College Culture Club. Each young lady interpreted her part in a remarkably pleasing manner, thus exhibiting surprising dramatic ability. A paper by Mr. McAden on "Student Initiative," in which he brought out many points beneficial to a student, was much appreciated.

After the rendition of the program and the distribution of tokens from the tree, Miss Baer, the president of the Teachers College Culture Club, presented in behalf of the Students of the Teachers College, to Dean Moore an Engagement Calendar and to Mrs. Moore a China cracker and cheese platter as a reminder of the esteem in which the Dean and his wife are held by the students of the department.

After the presentation, the committee served all present to light refreshments. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and congenial conversation; and at a late hour each one returned to his home after wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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