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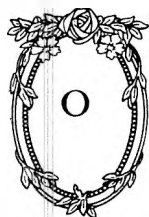
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The Sixth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha



ON December twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity assembled in its Sixth Annual Convention at the seat of Beta Chapter, Howard University. The members of Beta Chapter turned over their chapter house to the visiting delegates; and the meetings of the convention were held in the amphitheatre of Thirkield Science Hall. Unquestionably, the convention was the best held in the history of the fraternity.

Before the convention, several memorable addresses were delivered. Dean Lewis B. Moore, honorary member, welcomed the convention on behalf of the University—and, to be true, the dean's address was a perfect masterpiece. James W. Parker, President of Beta Chapter, in thrilling terms, welcomed the delegates on behalf of Beta Chapter. Honorary member Dwight O. W. Holmes furnished the annual address; and Roscoe C. Giles, Ex-general President and President of the Alpha Alumni Chapter, gave the annual alumni address.

Many of the alumni came long distances in order to attend the Convention. Among the alumni present were: Nathaniel A. Murray of Institute, W. Va., one of the founders; George B. Kelly, of Albany, Assistant to the Civil Engineer of New York State, also one of the founders; Numa P. G. Adams, Carl P. Murphy, and Ernest Marshall, Instructors at Howard University; Louis H. Russell of Baltimore, Md.; Rev.

St. Felix Isaacs of Wilmington, Delaware; J. H. Brown of the University of Vermont; James D. McLendon of Harvard Law School; James L. Titus of Minneapolis, Minn.; Joseph R. Fugett, teacher at Tuskegee Institute; and George F. Clayton, of the Bureau of Chemistry.

Over sixty members were in attendance, representing the following chapters: Alpha, Cornell; Beta, Howard; Gamma, Union; Delta, Toronto University; Epsilon, University of Michigan; Zeta, Yale; Eta, Columbia; Theta, Chicago and Northwestern Universities; Iota, Syracuse University; Kappa, Ohio State; Mu, University of Minnesota; Nu, Lincoln; Xi, Wilberforce; Omicron, University of Pittsburg; Alpha Alumni, New York City; and Alpha Lambda, graduate chapter at Louisville, Ky.

The officers of the general organization for the past year received the highest commendation for the business-like and forward manner in which they conducted the work of the fraternity. These officers were: President, Chas. H. Garvin (Beta); Vice President, R. W. Cannon (Mu); Secretary, H. L. Dickason (Kappa); Treasurer, W. P. Norcum (Epsilon). The reports of the delegates gave evidence of flourishing success in the various chapters; the chapters which did not have chapter houses expressed their intention of securing houses in the near future. James W. Parker and Howard H. Long were the delegates from Beta Chapter.

The officers elected for 1914 were: H. L. Dickason (Kappa), President; R. Cannon (Mu) Vice Pres.; Ross (Alpha) Secretary;

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Teachers College Students Enjoy Grand Entertainment



DEAN and Mrs. Moore entertained the students of Teachers College on the evening of December sixth from seven-thirty to eleven o'clock in Spaulding Hall. It was an admirable occasion. For the first time during the year these collegians numbering nearly two hundred and representing Canada, British West Indies, Africa, and nearly a score and a half states of the Union met and greeted one another with the distinct feeling and understanding that they are enlisted in the same cause and against common odds. Heretheextremewesterner clasped hands with the extreme easterner, the extreme northerner with the extreme southerner, and African with American, each assuring the other that they both had arrived at a common house and were sharing the hospitalities of a common parentage.

The entertainment was filled with the spirit of brotherhood. No pathetic strains of complaint nor shrieks of oppression ran through the evening's exercises. Nor yet was their a display of self-importance which is likely to characterize the modern collegian. The prudent medium obtained. There was bubbling joy in sociableness, but sober restraint when it came to the literary members.

One with the broader view on attendance must have been impressed with the lofty sincerity evinced in the speeches. Humor had its place, but above rippling

laughter rang clear the note of human service. The incidents and conditions upon the campus came in for only a minor part, the sweep of imagination was beyond the place and the time. The festal draughts, which too often make others drunk, had made them bold. And so these young people had visions of destiny—visions of service without which education may prove detrimental to society. Problems of after life raised their craggy heads, but prancing youth was impatient for the adventure. Happy emotions basked in the sun of intellect, indifference took on interest, and lethargy itself began to resolve.

An interesting programme was most fittingly participated in by the following: Messrs. C. V. Henley, Master of Ceremonies; G. U. Dickens, J. J. Jones, Guy S. Ruffin, Horace B. Wallace, A. M. Walker, and Miss Olive Wells. Dean Moore delivered the closing address, jolly, inspiring, and full of advice. He presented Mrs. Moore who, though met by thunderous applause, bowed and gave way to an elegant silence. Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hines, and Miss M. M. Jackson were presented

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in turn. Then came the refreshments and then, the end of the occasion.

These entertainments are fraught with practical results; they fire ambitions and give directness to purpose. The students of the Teachers College are most grateful to their host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, for these happy moments.

The Y. W. C. A. Meetings

The last three meetings of the Y. W. C. A. during the year 1913 were especially interesting. On Nov. 30, a number of the children from the Orphan Home on Eighth Street conducted the devotionals. The assembly room, where the meeting was held, was crowded with young ladies who came to hear the little folks. That the inmates of the Home live in a Christian atmosphere was plainly evidenced by the interesting way in which they conducted the meeting. Too much credit and thanks cannot be given Mrs. Eva Hood Smith, the superintendent of the Home and Miss Loretta C. Simms, one of the teachers, for their kindness in allowing the children to help the Y. W. C. A. as they did.

The Sunday following this two helpful papers were read by Misses Marion Baxter and Julia Lane of the Academy on "The Orient and Occident," and "Child Life Among the Laos Mountains." Both of these young ladies manifested interest not only in the way they presented their papers, but also in their willingness to contribute to the Christian work which the Y. W. C. A. is trying to do. It is always a great pleasure to the officers and members of the Y. W. C. A. to have messages brought to them by those whose experience is greater than theirs.

Just before the Christmas holidays, Miss Charlotte Atwood, a member of the faculty of the M. Street High School, read a paper on High Ideals. Certainly no one

who heard Miss Atwood could leave the meeting without feeling that she had been inspired to "Hitch her horses to a star."

Space will not permit for a lengthy discussion of this paper, but the salient points which Miss Atwood brought out were: "We should try to grow into a noble attitude toward life; for that attitude will determine largely the development of our individual lives. If we think life is a haphazard sort of a thing out of which we are to get the most we can for ourselves, then we shall live selfish, careless lives. If, however, we believe that life to each one of us is a big trust as the one, and the five and the ten talents were each a trust, and that each one of our lives works toward the perfection of the creation of which we are a part, then we, if we believe and feel the truth of this, will use to the highest advantage the time and strength we are entrusted. Each one's particular work is—whether it lie in the kitchen or in the drawing room—in a single room of a poor cottage or in a home of prominence does not matter; all the honor lies in the way our work is done—in doing faithfully to the smallest detail and smilingly—what our hands find to do. If we believe then that we each have a share in the world's work and that honor can come to us only in doing this work, I believe we shall go far toward assuming a right attitude towards life."

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and Howard H. Long (Beta) Treasurer. The Convention arranged for the publishing of a monthly paper which will contain news from the various chapters and concerning the members of the fraternity in general. Chicago, the seat of Theta Chapter, was decided upon as the next meeting place.

By way of entertaining the delegates the people of Washington opened their homes and the Beta men gave several social functions, including a theatre party, sight-seeing trip, a reception at Odd Fellows Hall, and a banquet. On January 1, the Beta members were at home in their chapter house in honor of their delegates. At the banquet it is said that Dean George W. Cook, honorary

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member, in decrying and denouncing the unjust discrimination against the race, made a speech noted and memorable, indeed. Here, also, the Alpha Phi Alpha put itself on record as protesting to the President of the United States against segregation and as arranging that each chapter send a letter to Mr. Oswald Villard expressing appreciation of the work which he is doing for the race.

A Pleasing Letter

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Respectfully,
 Geo. C. Obed, M. D.,
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The Latest Books By "Pink"

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Sam Allen and other of his disciples, as to the intrinsic value of this profound work.

Short Roads to Corpulency. It need not be added that the distinguished author is John Gordon Dingle, of the famous Dingle Bros. & Co. This is the companion book to *How I Reduced to 90 Pounds in 12 Days*. Those whose lambent orbs have perused this latter premier text can imagine what the former is.

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The Dignity of Photography, by "Bon Ami" Crampton. This thesis treats of the value of this science as a means of introduction to Miner Hall, and points out the author's success as official Photo-man. When this book went to press, the author's season was most prosperous, but—"Oh how things have changed."

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EDITORIAL

¶ It is worthy of notice that a Howard student, Charles H. Garvin, was honored for two consecutive years with the presidency of the Alpha Phi Alpha, an inter-collegiate organization. This goes to show the estimate which students of Yale, Cornell, Michigan and other large universities, have of Howard. Garvin graduated from College in 1911 and is now a Junior in the Medical School.

He is to be congratulated on meriting such honor from the students of the large universities and on reflecting this credit upon Howard.

¶ In the form of the Academy Cabinet, the Academy brings into the life of the student body, an organ with possibilities to do a tremendous good. It is a step toward student government, and should be used in that direction. In its conferences the Cabinet may consider such questions as; the noise in chapel, the blocking of the way by the young men after chapel on Sundays, the socializing of the young men and young women on the campus, and the like. College also, has organized a body similar to the Cabinet known as the Advisory Board; and much depends upon each of these organs.

¶ At the first Chapel exercises after the holidays, the President of the University made two suggestions which should be readily and religiously heeded by all students. That one cannot pass an examination by "cramming" at the last moment, is a fact universally sanctioned by teachers, now emphasized by President Newman and even not unknown to many of the students. In order to pass an examination in a subject and do justice to himself, the student, genius or otherwise, must study the subject as he goes along in the course. Even at this date before the examinations, at least some good can be accomplished toward making cramming unnecessary by thoroughly and judiciously reviewing the school work. Now about making Chapel the impressive religious services which, undisputably, it should be. Improper decorum with regard to Chapel services should not be tolerated in another single instance. Is it true that students will continue to come into Chapel haphazardly and talking to one another after really one half school year of counsel in the matter? It is a reflection of no

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complimentary character upon the entire student body that the President has been compelled to give this counsel again concerning Chapel. "Down with" any student, who, in any instance hereafter, does not show the proper respect for Chapel.

Dr. Lyons Addresses the Chi Delta Mu

Dr. W. W. Lyons, Jr., Professor of Bacteriology of the Medical School addressed the Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, in the parlors of the chapter house, 1854 5th Street N. W., on Monday Evening, December 15th, on the subject of "Dr. Reed and Yellow Fever." The discussion was led by Messrs. Gordon, Humbert, Young, and Morrison.

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Dean Benjamin Griffith Brawley's History Receives Reviews

IN a recent number of the Congregationalist and Christian World, a part of a review has this to say about Dean Brawley's History: "Probably no book of its size has ever been written which gives so much authoritative information with reference to the colored people of the United States as 'A Short History of the American Negro,' by Benjamin Griffith Brawley, Macmillan (\$1.25 net)."

In the issue of December 18th of the New York Age appeared a review of Dean Brawley's History by our own Prof. William V. Tunnell. The review runs as follows: "Not the least noteworthy of the literary and historic marks of the fifty years of freedom of the race is the appearance of an up-to-date history of the Negro in America. If nothing else were produced to emphasize the event, the sending forth of a volume recounting even briefly the story of its dreams and travail, its progress and achievements would alone make it as an event of some sig-

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nificance. We have numerous works discussing the Negro from every angle of thought; but we have no one work that gives in so succinct a form so much information as Dean Brawley's 'Short History of the American Negro, published by Macmillan.

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In a succession of seven chapters the dean has traced the history of the Negro from the African slave coast to the day when the press struck off his paper. After tracing the beginning of slavery in the colonies, he develops the social and economic aspect of the system, the constitutional and legal guarantees which upheld it, and the moral revulsion entertained by many of the leading statesmen of the early years of the republic. Passing to the period when slavery became the great national issue, menacing the nation, he traces the critical historical discussions and agitations which at last culminated in forcible emancipation.

From emancipation to the present the dean deals with his story in a series of chapters, elucidating his theme in several essays, each illustrating some phase of development or achievement.

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The dean's treatment of his subject is sane, moderate, balanced; his style, chaste and classically simple. There is not a trace of fine writing, of exaggeration and bombast so common in works of this character, but a quiet, sustained narrative of the wrongs and woes, the doubts and fears, the dreams and struggles, the agonies and victories of those who once were chattels, but who are now emerging into the stature of the full-grown man. The author does not exploit a theory, or champion a cause, or hold a brief for any man, movement or institution. His book is not disfigured or weakened by any special pleading or violent partisanship.

He writes in the cold, clear light of historic facts, weighing, sifting, judging each man and each institution impartially and yet withal sympathetically. Partisans who go to his history as to an armory for ammunition with which to destroy some other member of the race will be disappointed; leaders who look in it for undue applause or homage will not find what they seek; but the thoughtful, serious, truth-loving and truth seeking Americans of any race who seek to know, somewhat briefly, of the story of the Negro from the early days to the present will find in Dean Brawley's book a clear, simple, balanced, unbiased narrative. Every Negro and every white man in the country ought to read it. It will be a message of hope to the doubting, a spur to the halting, a vision to the modern Nathaniel who asks, 'Can any good come out of Nazareth?'

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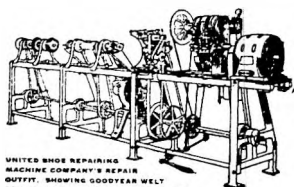
Paragraphs of News

On Christmas eve Dean Cook and a band of students made the usual serenade tour through the city bearing tidings of joy and gladness to the rich, the poor and the afflicted. Indeed, many a heart received cheer as the carol singers heralded in song the news of the birth of Christ.

The Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Howard University held its second Annual Reception on Tuesday evening, December the twenty-third at the Chapter House, 326 Tea Street. The affair was from every angle a brilliant success. The Reception, began at eight o'clock and by nine o'clock the place was thronged with guests, who with eager eyes and scrupulous sensibilities, spent quite a while in roaming through the house. After a short time in which all joined in a general social discourse, supper was served and the remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in the light terpsichorean sport.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday, December, twenty-first, Miss Helen M. Adams, Head of the New Social Settlement House, at 2308 Eighth Street, delivered an inspiring address to a large body of young men and young women of the University. In a clear, calm, and impressive style, the speaker gave a sketch of her work in Scotland, where she spent fifteen years as a religious worker, and told of her more recent work

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here in Washington. In giving an account of the Home in Eighth Street, she said that the work is making a rapid progress and reaping success; that the Home has steadily increased until it now has eighty boys, and that already there is a marked change in the community. In addition, Miss Adams sang two selections, the rendition of which was worthy of praise.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held its annual banquet, in honor of its new members, in Miner Hall, Saturday, November 13, 1913. Miss L. Vashti Turley, in her inimitable way officiated as toast mistress scattering on all sides laughter and good cheer. The evening was a renewal of the bond of sisterhood as smile met smile and hand met hand. The toast of the evening echoed the desire of the Sorority for the development of the best womanhood and college ideals and aims. Miss Nannie Burroughs and Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook were among the honorary members present. Among the graduate members present were Misses Lee Shippen, Olive Jones and Florence Letcher. Encouraging letters were read from different graduate members who were unable to attend but sent words of sympathy and allegiance. In all there were present about forty-five members who spent together a social evening full of pleasure and profit.

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I. That the Academy Cabinet be and is hereby ordained and established.

II. That the personnel of the Cabinet shall be:

- (a) The President of each of the four Academy Classes.
- (b) The President of the Eureka Society.
- (c) The President of the Phyllis-Wheatley Society.
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 ON Wednesday, December 3, 1913, the students of Howard University listened to an address from one of the most representative women of the world; and it is to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority that we are indebted for this most intellectual treat. The Sorority wishes to announce also that Miss Addams is an honorary member of the organization. To be true, coming from Chicago, that great vortex of human problems, Miss Addams was fully equipped to bring—the message which she did. She said in part: "I admit that you are going to have many occasions to complain of your treatment in this country. I know it is hard for many young people of your race to find positions even though they are graduates of high schools and colleges. I know how many times you are going to be thrown back and feel that you have been unjustly treated. The only way to help the situation is to leave out the question of self and consider the matter from the standpoint of an American citizen."

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"Try to avoid thinking that education sets you apart from other people. The educated person, the cultured person, is the one who should be able to make the most of his opportunity. The educated person, the cultured person, who wears different clothes and who speaks a different language, who stands aside and feels that the persuance of knowledge makes him a little better than other people, ought to compare his culture with another man's position by taking life as a whole.

We have a great many young Greeks in this country, largely young men. In fact we have in Chicago about 15,000 Greeks of whom more than 12,000 are men. Now, these Greeks are very patriotic; they are proud of their

ancestors. The same can be said of the Italians. But it is not easy for the Greek, the Italian, the Jew, etc., to take his place in the universities, law schools and other schools of this country. He progresses just in-so-far as he forgets that he is different from other people.

We have about 56 different settlement houses in Chicago. We have one house as a center for this group; and to this home everybody is welcome. There is no distinction because of the past. Here the things of the country are discussed which makes them forget their differences"

In closing Miss Addams spoke of an organization dear to the heart of every loyal Howardite—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of which she is a member. Of the Chicago branch she said, that it meets about two or three times a year to protest against all forms of discrimination; and also, that such questions are considered as "What shall we do about a high school graduate who goes to a large business concern, asks a for a position, and finds that he can be used only as a porter?" "I know of all these difficulties that you have to go through and if I may say that I sympathize with you, believe me it is founded upon secret knowledge and a great deal of respect for you."

It may be said, as a finale, that the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority should feel itself highly honored by thus being able to introduce to the University a woman of such merit, culture, intellectuality and broadness. May the Sorority be the hostess of many more of Miss Addams' character and also receive more such typical women as honorary members.

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Prof. Geo. W. Cook Addresses "The Peoples' Forum"

Prof. Geo. W. Cook addressed the holiday meeting of "The Forum" of Harrisburg, Pa., Sunday afternoon, December 28, on the subject: "Clubs, their Aims and Purposes." In a masterly way, Prof. Cook traced the origin and growth of club life through the Greek, Italian, and English peoples, pointing out the varying changes in aim and purpose.

This served as a preface to the real purport of his address—that of setting forth the possibilities and responsibilities of "The Forum" in the social, moral and intellectual uplift of the race. In an uncompromising way, Prof. Cook chided the race for its indifference and thoughtlessness toward its condition, in the presence of segregation and re-enslavement.

The climax of his address was an appeal to the race to contribute both in a tangible and an intangible way to "The Association for the Advancement of Colored People" and thus, encourage those heroes and "Sons of Thunder," A. H. Pillsbury, O. G. Villard, Morefield Story, J. E. Spingarn and others who are championing, so nobly the cause of the race.

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Never before has Harrisburg been so stirred to a greater interest in the general welfare of the race. No one left the meeting without a word of thanks to Prof. Cook for this call to arms to fight for a righteous cause.

G. S. R.

An Appeal

During the middle of last month the Kappa Sigma Debating Club changed its regular time of meeting from Saturday to Thursday evening of each week. This change was made with a view of increasing the attendance and of arousing more enthusiasm in the work of the club.

Kappa Sigma, holding its meetings on Saturday evenings, has for several years been working under serious disadvantage. For instance, most of the young men, preferring to use Saturday evenings for other purposes, held themselves aloof from the club, giving many and varied excuses for so doing. As a result, the meetings were poorly attended and the work progressed slowly. In order, therefore, to offset some of these excuses, the club has selected a time of meeting, which in its judgment is convenient for all, who have any desire to come out and show their appreciation in its work.

In addition to this change, the Kappa Sigma is endeavoring to put more enthusiasm into its work. It plans to make the meetings more attractive and helpful by eliminating unnecessary wranglings, and by rendering programmes that will be beneficial. Already, important questions concerning our University life are being discussed with great profit and satisfaction. The club is striving to have programmes of a high order at all times and it hopes to live up to this standard. The club aims to have its influence felt by arousing a general spirit of debating throughout the University.

The Kappa Sigma, then, earnestly solicits the aid of the whole student body. It wants more support from its constituents, because it is doing everything possible to make itself a means of help to all. Soon the time for the competitive contest will approach, when there will be need of a large number of the strong men of the University to compete for places on the teams. It is urgently desired, therefore, that the young men will not hold themselves off from the club until that time, but that they will come forward *now* and manifest their interest in the work of the club.

—H. H. D.

Mount Zion Holds Song Service

The Mount Zion M. E. Church, 29th and Dunbarton Sts., held an especially excellent song service several Sunday nights ago. The Director, Mr. J. E. Jones used his highly developed taste in the selection of pieces and from every standpoint the service was highly commendable. Mr. Jones is a pupil of Miss Lula V. Childers, of Howard University Conservatory, and is representing her training in his own inimitable way.

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