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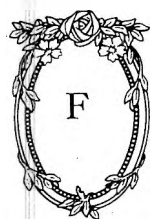
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Delta Sigma Theta Sends Delegate to Convention of Intercollegiate Socialist Society



FEELING that it would be of advantage to the University for the students to affiliate more often with intercollegiate and international movements among college men and women, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Howard University sent a delegate to attend the fifth annual convention of the intercollegiate Socialist Sorority held in New York City December 29, 30, 31. The intercollegiate Sorority Society is an organization, started in 1905, "to promote an intelligent interest in socialism among college men and women." Its founders believed that the average student does not get a proper understanding of modern social, political, and economic problems. They therefore formed this organization with chapters in the leading colleges to study such problems particularly from the Socialistic point of view.

Since its foundation I. S. S. has met with great success. About sixty-five colleges and universities of the country, including Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Radcliffe, Simmons, Columbia, Chicago, Brown and Clark have established active chapters. These chapters meet about once in three weeks to study various social problems, hold debates on current issues, and arrange for prominent lecturers, both socialists and anti-socialists to address the students.

During the convention six sessions were held at which various

problems were discussed by students, writers, and men of note. One of the most interesting meetings was the one at which Dr. Herbert Kuchnert of the University of Berlin addressed the body on "Student Activities of Europe." Dr. Kuchnert, who had been visiting the colleges of France, England, and America, brought to the Society greetings from the Free Students of Germany and from the British University Social Federation. From the German organization came the proposal that an international student conference on social problems be held in Europe during the summer. This proposal was accepted by the I. S. S.

Another interesting meeting was the question box session held at the Rand School of Social Science on December 30th. Questions concerning the Socialist philosophy were answered by Miss Jessie Hagan, Ph. D., William English Walling, and Robert W. Bruere, all writers and speakers of note. A vague question concerning "Inherent racial traits" precipitated a discussion "Of the Negro Problem in the South." A number of speakers denounced race prejudice saying that it was contrary to the fundamental principles of Socialism and that Socialists must sweep it from their pathway. Mr. Walling, who is a southerner by birth and training, aroused a storm of criticism by saying there was no such thing as race prejudice in the South but that the conflict between the races is the result of economic causes. His most able opponent on this subject was a young man from Alabama, now attending the Yale Law School,

who told how a contempt for all black folk had been a part of his earliest training and that it was only when he had lived North and had his views broadened in many ways that he could conceive of a black man as being his equal. In the debate that followed the representative of the Delta Sigma Theta was given opportunity to speak and being the only colored delegate present she felt it a duty as well as a privilege to express her personal opinions on the subject. As the discussion grew hotter it developed that two definitions of race prejudice were being held. Mr. Walling considered race prejudice to be "inherent antipathy"; others, "the prejudging of a man on account of race". When these two definitions had been reconciled it was the general opinion of the meeting that economic causes were at the bottom of racial friction and that whatever prejudice existed was the result of ignorance and a thing not to be tolerated by Socialists.

The convention proper closed with a large and brilliant dinner given in Murray Hill Lyceum. "Suffrage and Socialism" was the subject of the evening. It was discussed from the view point of the American Woman Suffragist by Mrs. H. Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union; from the view point of the British militant by Hon. George Lansburg, formerly member of Parliament. Mr. Morris Hillquit, author, told of conditions in Europe and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois reviewed the economical political history of the race since the war, particularly stressing the economic developments and

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Mr. Watt Terry Visits Howard

During the holiday season those students who remained at Howard were encouraged and inspired by a heart to heart talk from Mr. Watt Terry, whose achievements are no doubt well known to our readers. The story was told of how a black uneducated orphan, through his own industry and initiative has in seven years come to the place where he is the third largest individual tax-payer of Brockton, Mass., his assessment being exceeded only by that of George E. Keith and ex-Gov. W. L. Douglass. Mr. Terry is assessed on \$475,400 valuation in real estate. The valuation of his personal estate is \$1,680. He pays a tax of \$10,166.40 on 46 parcels of real estate and on personal property.

The most striking thing about this man, however, is not that he is unusually successful, is not that he is young, a fact that is extremely noteworthy, nor is it that he is modest and unassuming but it is that he is a christian gentleman who gives all credit for his successes to christian influences. Mr. Terry attributes his success primarily to these facts, that whatever he did, he strove to do better than anybody else could do it, that he placed

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By this one visit Mr. Terry endeared himself to us and we wish to have him with us soon again since we feel he is what Prof. Kelly Miller calls a "Human document" which is indeed worthy.

Recent Glimpse of the Alumni

Miss J. Jewell Quillain, Teachers College Two-year Course, '12, is proving herself an excellent teacher in the public schools of For Smith, Arkansas.

Mr. W. B. Jason, Teachers College, '13, visited the University during the holidays. In his graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Jason is winning a marked success.

Professor W. O. Bundy, College '01, Principal of the Colored High School, Dallas, Texas, is being widely complimented by the authorities for the progressive administration of his school.

Miss Florence L. Swann, College '12, who is in charge of the department of Greek and Latin and the Normal Department, of Swift Memorial College, Rogersville, Tennessee, is achieving noteworthy success in her school and community.

Mr. Edward Evens Jr., College '13, is doing well in his graduate courses at Columbia. His course consists of: Modern Theories in Geometry, Theory of the Complex Variable, Differential Equations, Theory of Electricity and Magnetism, and Theory of Alternating Current Machines and Electric Circuits. His thesis is on Singular Solutions.

Among the Howardites who visited the city during the holidays were, Mr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, of Baltimore, Miss Nellie Quander of Columbia University, Mr. Frank Coleman, teacher of Durham, N. C., Mr. James Wright of Andover Theological Seminary, Mr. Louis H. Russell of Baltimore and Mr. James D. McLendon of Harvard Law School.

Mr. E. P. Robinson, College '11, who played a prominent part in the Golden Jubilee Emancipation Celebration at Atlantic City, New Jersey, is doing effective work as Instructor in History, and Director of the band, orchestra and glee club at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Missouri. Several colored papers of that section have commented favorably upon Mr. Robinson's work. One paper said; "Professor E. P. Robinson, a graduate of Howard University, directed Lincoln Institute's 18-piece orchestra in the chapel on last Friday. The orchestra reflected much credit upon the manager as well as the school."

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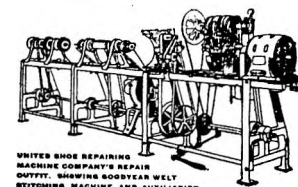
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Perhaps Dickson has best described the emblem of the Alpha Kappa Alpha when he said:

"Oh, a dainty plant is the Ivy green,
That creepeth o'er ruins old!
Of right choice food are his meals I ween,
In his cell so lone and cold.
The wall must be crumbled,
The stone decayed,
To pleasure his dainty whim;
And the moulding dust that years have made
Is a merry meal for him.
Creeping where no life is seen,
A rare old plant is the Ivy green.

Fast he stealeth on, though he wears no wings,
And a staunch old heart has he.
How closely he twineth, how tight he clings,
To his friend the huge Oak Tree!
And sliely he traileth along the ground,
And he joyously hugs and crawl-eth round
The rich mould of dead men's grave.
Creeping where grim death has been,
A rare old plant is the Ivy green.

Whole ages have fled and their works decayed,
And nations have scattered been;
But the stout old Ivy shall never fade,
From its hale and hearty green,

The brave old plant, in its lonely days,
Shall fatten upon the past:
For the stateliest building man can raise
Is the Ivy's food at last.
Creeping on, where time has been,
A rare old plant is the Ivy green.

Schedule of the Howard University Basket Ball Team

Howard vs. Owls at Newark, N. J., December 29th.
This game won by Howard 40 to 10.
Howard vs. The Leondi of Pittsburg, at Washington, January 9th.
This game won by Howard 27 to 14.
Howard vs. Hampton at New York, January 16th.
Howard vs. The Leondi at Pittsburg, February 9th.
Howard vs. Hampton at Hampton, February 14th.
Howard vs. Owls at Washington, February 21st.
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Howard vs. Claver Club at Philadelphia, (date not yet settled.)

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EDITORIAL

¶ Dean Kelly Miller is back from his trip to South California and El Paso, Texas, where, in response to invitations, he had been delivering a series of addresses. All accounts show that while we enjoyed our Christmas vacation that Dean Miller was busy unravelling his vast store-house of knowledge to enthusiastic audiences composed of persons, many of whom, for the first time had

the pleasure of hearing the "Great Mathematician and English Scholar."

Before the members of the City club of Los Angeles, California, Dean Miller delivered one of the series of his master pieces. The "Examiner", the leading Journal of that city, gave due prominence to the speech in its columns. "The world may be divided into two classes", remarked the Dean in the course of his speech, "representing the positive and negative sides of the equation of life. The chief business of the strong is to help to uplift the weak."

Broadly speaking the negro race may be said to represent the negative, and the white race the positive factors of a common product, it is sound policy and wise economy for the white race in its strength to stoop down and uplift the Negro in his weakness. The work of the race uplift and reclamation however, must finally devolve upon the negro himself. Philanthropy can only furnish the first aid."

Another local organ commenting on the influence of Dean Miller's visit remarked. "It would be difficult to estimate the great good which has been done by Professor Kelly Miller, Dean of Howard University since his coming to Los Angeles. The wonderful personality of the man has drawn people to him and they have been thrilled by his great eloquence no less than by his sound logic."

The lack of time prevented the Dean from accepting invitations from various institutions of learning. Yet we feel well assured that those who heard him were favorably impressed with his sound philosophical reasoning. Dean Miller brings to us the greetings of the Local Alumni Board of California and of the good work that Howardites are doing on the coast.

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 Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

TUESDAY

- Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.

FRIDAY

- Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.
 Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
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 Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

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their relations to the enfranchisement, and later disfranchisement of the Negro in the South. Dr. DuBois was introduced to the audience as a Poet and Militant Editor and was received, both before and after speaking, with thunderous applause.

The delegate sent by the Delta Sigma Theta was very cordially received at all the meetings of the I. S. S. and hope was expressed that the students of Howard would affiliate more closely with the Society. As Socialism is one of the most discussed subjects of the day and is a growing factor in the life of all civilized nations, it behooves the broad minded student to devote some time to an impartial study of its principles and work, particularly should the young colored student be interested in it because of its fair and

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Howard Wallops the Owls in Basket Ball

Howard 37—Owls 10

(Held Over From Last Issue)

The first game of the season for Howard was played in Newark, New Jersey, Monday evening, Dec. 27, 1913. A large crowd was present to witness the playing of the fastest team Howard has ever sent out. Our men began with snap and push, though the Owls seemed to have the advantage because of their familiarity with the floor, but this advantage did not seem evident after a few minutes of play.

During the first half, playing was fierce on both sides, the Owls being ever on the alert to intercept Howard's balls. The best playing for Howard was done by Gilmore, center; Henderson, right guard; and Holland, left guard. Moss, the forward for the Owls, made a good many spectacular plays. He was cheered lustily for his shots made from the middle of the floor. The half seemed to end very quickly with the score 9 to 7 in favor of Howard.

With the second half the Owls began a faster game, but they seemed unable to toss the ovoid through the basket. On the other hand, Gilmore of Howard seemed to drop the ball through with all ease. Mabry, forward for Howard, made a good many goals and Gilmore added a few. Once or twice substitutions were made by the Owls, in their attempt to ward off the defeat which seemed inevitable, but the changes did not help for Howard piled up scores until within a few minutes before the close of the second half. Howard had made 37 points when the Owls made the strenuous effort which put an end to the scoring. The contest, however, was not over until the last minute of the play.

Howard	Position	Owls
Mabry	Forward	Lewis
Nutt	Forward	Anderson
Gilmore	Center	Moss
Holland	Guard	Major
Henderson	Guard	Mallard

The Owls substituted Bruing for Anderson, and Thomas for Lewis. Howard substituted Sykes for Gilmore, Lafayette for Mabry, and Rector for Holland. Fuhrtz, of Alpha Physical Club, was referee; Young of Lincoln University was Umpire; and Thomas of New York was time-keeper.

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The Classical Club Holds Its Semi-Annual Meeting

The College Classical Club held its semi-annual meeting in the Library Hall Monday afternoon, December 22nd. The meeting opened with a Latin prayer by Mr. Samuel A. Allen. Latin quotations from Quintilian were then given by members of the Senior Class. After the reading of the minutes, a chorus, "Gaudeamus", was sung by members of the club. A most interesting programme was then rendered, the topic for discussion being Roman Oratory. "The Roman Orator," was the subject of the first paper read by Mr. Leonard Morse. This paper was followed by another—"Oratory in the Roman Forum," read by Miss Eulalia Lane. Mr. Chas. V. Henley followed with a paper on "Oratory in the Senate." The fourth, "The Ideal Orator as Discussed by Quintilian," was an interesting paper read by Miss Madree Penn. The discussion ended with a review of "Current Classical Literature" read by Miss Winnie Cargile.

Professor G. O. Little and G. M. Lightfoot were then called upon for a few remarks. Both declared that the discussions were of an unusually high order and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the manner in which the members of the club had carried out the programme. Dr. Little

suggested that the next topic for discussion should be on the Greek tragedies. This suggestion was heartily approved by Professor Lightfoot and accepted by the club. The exercises closed with the singing of the poem of Horace, "Carmen Saeculare."

The Classical Club has been in existence for three years. The meetings are held twice during the school year, and for this reason the discussions are always of a very high order as the members on programs are given ample time for a close and thorough study of their respective subjects. The discussion last May on Virgil was one in which the scholarly preparation of each paper was evident. The last meeting was especially noticeable for the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the members present and for the discussions which were not only thoroughly prepared but interesting and instructive as well. The only adverse criticism that might be made was that offered by Professor Lightfoot namely, the lack of full attendance on the part of members of the Classical department.

It is hoped that all college students interested in the classics will visit the next meeting and lend their support to this organization which stands for the highest ideals of classical culture.

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Note

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The Howard-Hampton Game

News comes that in New York there is a great deal of interest being manifested in the coming basket ball game which will be played there between Hampton and Howard on the 16th, inst. Hamptonites and Howardites in New York are making elaborate plans for the support of their respective school teams. The two institutions have the same school colors, which means that blue and white pennants will be greatly in evidence the night of the game. That eastern enthusiasts are interested in this meet is shown by the fact that most of the seats have already been secured. Standing room is expected to be at a premium.

Our Virginia rivals, with their recent football victories still in mind, hope to meet another string of successes in basket ball. So far the Hampton team has not lost any games. It is understood that they will pit their strongest and fastest quint against Howard when they meet next Friday.

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Manager Richardson and Captain Gilmore have labored untiringly to develop a winning team. They believe they have succeeded. They entertain the highest hopes as to the outcome of the game this week.

Notes on the New Jersey Game

(Held over from last issue)

The basket ball team was entertained at luncheon on December 30, by Dr. Wm. Washington. Dr. Washington is remembered at Howard as "Captain" Washington. For several seasons he was football captain, and did very much to keep athletics alive, by devoting his time and energies to the work and by spending from his private purse. He is now among Newark's most successful physicians.

The team visited also the dental offices of Dr. J. William Ford, another Howard alumnus. Dr. Ford's rooms are completely and elegantly equipped. He is meeting with much success.

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If someone would censure the thoughtlessness of the student who practices this form of deprecation, the act would appear so juvenile and so out of harmony with our uplifting environment, that this evil would immediately correct itself.

Not long since, a young woman, sad to say, was observed in the *Library* gently bespattering its beautiful floor with ink from her rather refractory pen. We are proud of Howard and of the atmosphere of culture in which we move. Let it not then be imaginary but real.

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Every day at 12 o'clock, the observer will notice that a large per cent of the Upperclassmen linger just outside of the Chapel, thereby encouraging all the Underclassmen to do likewise, and remaining with them to help block the passage of students, particularly young ladies, who wish to go directly inside.

Whenever Underclassmen violate the proprieties of school-life, the men "higher up" takes pleasure in reminding them of their *status*. It is now time for the wide-awake underling to point a finger of admonition at these individuals, and remind them of the liabilities that attach to the dignity of Upperclassmen.

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