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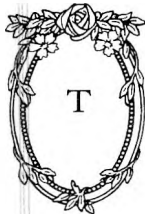
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Becomes a National Organization. Beta Chapter at Lincoln



THE increase in Greek letter Fraternities at Howard, especially in the last few years, is heralded by all as a sign of the development of the University. There are now four regular established fraternities. Of these the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was the second to be established. While the history of its existence is very brief, it has already begun to make itself felt in the University. By fostering high ideals and by instilling its spirit into the members, it hopes to produce men who will be a real credit to the University.

One of the fundamental principles of the Fraternity is the idea of uplift; for after all the purpose of a man is to influence other men. With this idea in mind the founders of the Fraternity provided that it should become a National organization. And what place is more worthy of being the mother of a National Fraternity than Howard? The first step toward making it a National organization was made on the sixth of February, when a Beta Chapter was established at Lincoln University.

Few events in the history of Lincoln University can rival in splendor and enthusiasm the founding of the Beta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi. Nothing was lacking to make the occasion a great success. The one thing above all other things, that Lincoln has always been noted for,

is the real live genuine college spirit which infests her student body. In the class room, upon the campus, in athletics, and on all occasions where Lincoln is represented the subtle influence of the Lincoln spirit is ever felt.

The twenty men who had pledged themselves to the Omega Fraternity were all men of creditable scholarship, many having attained the faculty designation of first group men. Among their number were the presidents of the two leading literary societies and several of the foremost athletes.

The Grand Chapter of Omega Psi Phi was represented by Cooper, McMorris and Brannon, who conducted the initiation ceremonies. As the appointed hour approached some of Lincoln's bravest heroes became strangely ill at ease. The initiation lasted from 10 P. M. Friday until 4.30 A. M. Saturday; during which time the candidates were carried through the mystic workings of the Fraternity. An elaborate banquet was served immediately after the initiation, which was a credit to the Lincoln hospitality. Every man was now infested with the indefinable Omega spirit which had been transmitted to them through the representative of the Grand Chapter like a flame from the everlasting fire. It was indeed a scene to behold great strong men, pledging undying allegiance to the Omega Psi Phi, with tears in their eyes. Every gesture bespoke the deepest emotion and sincerity.

"Never" says one Omega man

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Conducts a Competitive Contest Selection of Debaters



ON Friday evening, February sixth, one of the most interesting and exciting competitive contests in the history of debate at Howard University was conducted in the University Chapel under the auspices of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club. The object of this contest was to select a sufficient number of young men competent to represent the university in the intercollegiate debates to be held this coming spring. In this contest the question in debate was "Resolved: That the Federal Judges Should Be Elected by Popular Vote."

In spite of the inclement weather an unusually large number of the students were present to witness the occasion. At the hour designated for the opening of the contest, most of the competitors were on hand eagerly awaiting the signal to begin; the judges were prompt in their arrival, and from the outstart everything pointed toward success.

In this contest each speaker was allowed five minutes for his main speech and three minutes for his rebuttal. The speeches for the most part were of a high order. They showed carefulness of preparation both as to the knowledge of the question and grammatical construction. Each speech in most cases was very argumentative and was presented with the force and enthusiasm

necessary to make it effective. That these speeches were excellent was evident from the frequent hearty applauses of the audience.

The rebuttals were of no less high order than the main speeches. Each speaker did his best to display his skill and keenness in weakening or tearing down the arguments of his opponent. On either side javelins as it were, were hurled back and forth and no argument of importance was allowed to go untouched.

After the speeches and rebuttals the judges rendered their decision. The following men were selected to represent the University:

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The judges were;

Professor G. D. Houston
" T. M. Gregory
" W. V. Tunnell
" A. L. Locke

That this was the greatest competitive contest ever conducted by the Kappa Sigma can hardly be disputed. The number of contestants far exceeded that of past years, for twenty young men came forward and competed. Not only was the number the largest, but, owing to the quality of the men, the competition was the keenest ever witnessed. The men were all earnest and sincere, and vied doggedly with one another to the end. This is well for the judges, for it afforded the man abundance of excellent material from which to select the men.

All in all, the contest was a decided success. It is an event worthy of note, it portends much for it indicates a regeneration in debating at Howard University.
H. H. D.

Omega Psi Phi Becomes a National Organization. Beta Chapter at Lincoln

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"have I been so profoundly stirred; never has the Fraternity spirit meant more to me than now. I believe that the establishment of the Beta Chapter at Lincoln marks the heyday of the early history of the Fraternity. It is the beginning of a new era in Negro Fraternities. It is the clear shimmering dawn of a brighter and more beautiful day."

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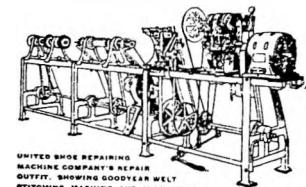
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In Athletics

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space from the other part of the floor. This congestion greatly interrupted the team work of both sides and during the first half neither side got a field basket. The half ended 3 to 2 in favor of Loendi; this score being made entirely on foul goals. During the second half each side got three field baskets and seven foul goals. It took nearly two hours to play two twenty minute halves; most of the time being taken up in

arguing over decisions. It is the opinion of most of those who saw the game that Howard would have had no trouble in defeating the Loendi Club on a larger court and with a more competent referee. Howard's record thus far is, three games won out of four played. On Saturday, February 14th, Howard meets Hampton again; this time on Hampton's own court. The line up and score were as follows:

First Half			LOENDI 16		Second Half		
Fouls Committed	Goals from Fouls	Goals	Name	Position	Goals	Goals from Fouls	Fouls Committed
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		3 + 0				6 + 7	
		Total 3				Total 13	

First Half			HOWARD 15		Second Half		
Fouls Committed	Goals from Fouls	Goals	Name	Position	Goals	Goals from Fouls	Fouls Committed
0	*		Sykes	L. F.			
0			Mabry	R. F.			0 0
0 0	*		Gilmore (Capt.)	C.	x x	* * * *	0 0
			Nutt	L. G.	x		0
			Holland	R. G.			0
		2 + 0				6 + 7	
		Total 2				Total 13	

Place of game; Pittsburg

Time keeper; H. Clark

Referee;—Sproat

Date; February 6, 1914

Scorer; J. P. Dancy

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Is Justice Dead?

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following item from "Zion Herald," sent by Mr. E. A. Love and invite the attention of the readers to it.

Race Prejudice Run Mad

"In reply will most respectfully say that while possibly in some instances this law may not seem proper, when the entire Florida situation is considered, I believe that the legislation is proper."

It is thus that Governor Park Trammell, of Florida, disposes of a protest, sent to him by a New England representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, against the law recently passed by the legislature of that state forbidding white persons teaching colored children. Proper legislation, indeed! If ever any portion of the South took leave of its senses in a cowardly attempt to strike the colored race, it was Florida when it enacted this contemptible piece of legislation. It reveals to what length perversity of heart will lead even a great state when such passion is given full rein. Common sense was evidently completely atrophied when the legislators put this piece of imbecility upon the statute books. For if there is one thing needed in Florida, as everywhere in the South, above everything else, it is the close personal contact of the Negro with the decent part of the white race. This will save the South and the nation from the curse which we now call the Negro problem.

Let it be understood that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a perfect right to make, not simply a mild, but a very emphatic protest against this legislation. It has schools in Florida, where cultured, devoted Christian young women are pouring out their lives in an unselfish effort to help colored children realize the best that is in them. And now this legislation steps in and says all of this must stop. And the governor adds his sanction, and asserts that it is perfectly proper legislation which would make such teaching highly impossible. We blush for the white race as we read such words.

But let Gov. Trammell and the rest of that ilk take what comfort they may out of this temporary triumph of despicable race prejudice. There is still a Supreme Court in the United States, and this is one country, as was emphatically settled amid shot and shell

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of '61-'65. Neither Florida, nor any section of this country, can long make null and void the Constitution and amendment guaranteeing to all classes equality of privilege and opportunity before the law. Legislatures may enact and governors may give their benediction to measures conceived in hate and born in iniquity read out of these rights a portion of our citizenship, but it will not be effectual. The Government at Washington still lives. The Trammell triumph is but temporary. Florida's legislature is not proper, his excellency notwithstanding.

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The officers-elect of the Tau Delta Sigma Fraternity of the Law Department of Howard University, the first organization of its kind in the country, were formally installed Sunday afternoon, January twenty-fifth, 1914, at the Twelfth Street Branch Y. M. C. A. The following officers were installed: President, Mr. Robert Banks Crumpler, Va.; Vice President, Mr. James M. Stockett, R. I.; Secretary, Mr. David Ervin Wells, N. J.; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. James Breddie Morris, Ga.; Treasurer, Mr. Lemuel Alphonso Wilson, D. C.; Chaplain, Mr. Alfred Henry Collins, Va.; Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Theophilus Burton Smith, Mass.; Executive Committee, Mr. Chester Harrison Crumpler, Va.; Chairman, Mr. James Anderson Richardson, D. C.; and Mr. Mortimer Melbourne Harris, Ala.; Membership Committee, Mr. James M. Stockett, R. I., Chairman; Mr. Josiah Thomas Settle, Tenn., and Mr. Alva Lillistone Dates, Ala.; House

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After installation, refreshments were served. The Fraternity spirit of unity and brotherhood reigned supreme. The guest of honor was Secretary George William Cook of Howard University, an alumnus of the Law Department, who lauded the members of the Tau Delta Sigma for their initiative in making such an organization possible.

The Tau Delta Sigma bids fair to fill a long-felt need, and will, no doubt, mark a new era in the history of the Law Department.

(Signed), David Ervin Wells,
Secretary Tau Delta Sigma

The Election of Officers of the Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association met Monday evening for the election of officers. The new corps of officers are as follows:

President, Miss Alice Yauncey; Vice-president, Miss Cavassa Sattewhite; Recording Secretary, Miss Rosalend Yauncey; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Geneva Mathis; Treasurer, Miss Berissa Darwin; Musician, Miss Any Goodwin; Reporter, Miss Lottie Gatewood.

The advisory committee for the next administration consist of Mrs. Coralie F. Cook, Chairman; Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Sarah Merriwether and Miss Helen Adams.

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The Student Volunteer Convention

By G. C. McKown of Princeton University

This paper won the twenty-five dollar prize offered by The North American Student for the best 1,000 word "story" of the Volunteer Convention, written by one of the college journalists present at the conference of the college editors during the Convention held in Kansas City, December 31st, 1913, to January 4th, 1914. Dr. Talcott Williams, Director of the School of Journalism, Columbia University, very generously acted as judge in the contest—EDITOR.

FIVE thousand delegates from institutions of learning in the United States and Canada gathered at Kansas City for a Convention lasting from December 31 to January 4, in the interest of the Student Volunteer Movement. The gathering stood out as a living testimonial to the power of Christianity which was strong enough to draw these young people away from the good times at their homes during the holiday to "this mount of inspiration," as the meeting was often characterized in the addresses.

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In addition to being a source of religious inspiration the Convention in its effects showed that the "age of miracles" has not passed. Delegates there saw with their own eyes conversions of young men and women who had much to give and who, under the power of the dominant note of the whole period,—“the evangelization of the world in this generation,”—which is the motto of the Student Volunteer Movement, gave it up willingly. The work was done quietly and without undue emotion. The array of speakers included the best in the country,—all men with a message. The emphasis was, of course, put on the need of men and women,—volunteers in the foreign field; but the need at home, in Christian work and in the various professions, was not overlooked. The aim of the whole meeting was, first of all, to get the Christian's outlook.

Dr. John R. Mott presided over the public meetings, and also made two of the public addresses. Dr. Robert E. Speer, the associate with Dr. Mott in the Volunteer Student Movement in America, was one of the leaders, and among other speakers were Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, Dr. S. M. Zewmer, (who came all the way from Egypt expressly to present the needs of the Moslem world to the Convention), Dr. Sherwood Eddy, an associate of Dr. Mott in a trip around the world in the interest of Missions made during the year. Public meetings occupied the morning and evening hours, while the afternoons were given over to sectional and denominational conferences.

In actual results the informal, the personal, and delegation meetings held at times convenient for those interested, accomplished the most. It was here that the power of God in transforming lives made itself visible in unmistakable manner.

In one group from one of the

larger Eastern Universities there was a young student who came to the final delegation meeting of the period, held on Sunday night following the big meeting. His impression of the convention and its power had not been favorable. He owned to being impressed by the "bigness" of the thing, but his own soul had failed to get its inspiration. He confessed to the need of men in the foreign fields, he saw the immediate character of the demand, but for him it had stopped there. The link connecting him with this need had not appeared. He came into this delegation meeting half discouraged. It came his turn to speak,—to tell frankly and plainly just what the convention had meant to him. There was a hesitating pause,—and these simple sentences:

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not since one of my very dear friends died. But I can't keep them back to-night. I am all at sea. I want you to pray for me and with me. I am going to pray now and want you to help me."

He dropped to his knees, and prayed in broken sentences to a God which lifted him up later a changed man.—with his outlook cleared completely.

At one of the luncheons, given jointly by two of the delegations, the subject under discussion in the after-dinner speeches was "Why I volunteered to go to the Foreign Field." There sat by the chairman, a young man from the East who had signed a "volunteer" card that morning, but his signature had failed to produce in him any enthusiasm. While the speeches were in progress this man leaned over and asked the chairman if he might speak. When he rose, —as he expressed it afterwards, —he "knew positively that I was not speaking but that it was someone speaking through me." This man had given up a future which promised him medical study abroad for three years and a New York

practice, had given up a big fortune which, until that time, he had planned to use for his own pleasure, and had set his will up against the will of his parents, who were very much opposed to his devoting his life to work in foreign missions.

Instances of this sort are being told by all the delegates to the Convention. Christianity did not win in every case, however. There was a young Jew, —an orthodox Hebrew,— from Eastern University who also went to the Convention with a complete understanding of what the appeal was to be. He went at the request of the Christian Society leader of his University to test out his Jewish faith and measure it with Christianity. He stuck it out for four days. He roomed with one of the strongest young Christian Volunteers, and the latter told after the young Jew had gone that some of the sessions which they had had together in the privacy of their room after others had gone to sleep were harrowing in their intensity. On Sunday morning the young Hebrew left quietly for home. He left a message for his fellows to this effect, —that he had given Christianity a fair trial; that he could agree with Christianity in all but one particular,—he could not accept the belief that Christ was the Son of God in body. On Saturday he had wired his family in the East, —"I have fought and I have won." In a spirit of prayer his fellows in the delegation thanked God that that young man had gone to Kansas City, and they returned to their Alma Mater with unstinted admiration and fellowship for him.

The atmosphere about the Convention was charged with the spirit and influence of "Service." The leaders requested the delegates to keep the "Morning Watch Hour," —a short time devoted to prayer and quiet communion. With this introduction of devotion the whole proceedings were in

tune. The visible effects in their quantity were not startling, but the more quiet, although not less powerful in the lives which they touched, personal results are certain to be left in the Universities to which these thousands of delegates returned, and through them later on in the Christianization of the World.

—*The North American Student*

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Prayer Meeting, Spaulding Hall, 7 a. m.

Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a. m.

Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p. m.

Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.

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

TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

Pestalozzi-Proebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.

Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.

Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.

Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

SATURDAY

Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.

Blackstone Club, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

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Dr. M. J. Exner Lectures to the Y. M. C. A.

On Saturday, January 31, the Y. M. C. A. held its Annual Post Examination Reception in Spaulding Hall. On this occasion the association was favored with an excellent lecture by Dr. M. J. Exner, Y. M. C. A. Director of Sex Education for the colleges of North America. In addition, he also addressed the Sunday afternoon meeting.

In the large room of the hall, adorned with the rich and glowing colors of the association, a large and appreciative audience gathered to listen to Dr. Exner. The speaker invited the attention of the young men to the sex problem, its solutions, and its effect upon the social life of young men. In a lucid and masterly way, he traced the origin of this problem, explained its proposed solutions, and showed how each solution affected the social status of young men. Throughout his address he admonished the young men to strive for excellence in character.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. Exner gave his final words to the association. His remarks were based upon the relation of the sex question to the Christian life. He showed that the two were very closely connected, so much so that the one was dependent upon the other. He remarked that it was highly important that young men have the right view of this question in order that they might live the best possible Christian life.

Dr. Exner's addresses were indeed helpful and inspiring. They were enjoyed immensely by all who heard him. Many thanks are tendered both to him and to those who made it possible for him to appear before the Y. M. C. A.

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