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The Great Atlanta Conference Note the Appeal

There is to be held May 14-18 at Atlanta, Ga., a great Negro

Christian Student Convention of about 1000, under the call and leadership of Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference and General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation. With Dr. Mott have been associated a committee of prominent educators, bishops, ministers, and other workers. The speakers will include some of the strongest Christian leaders of the world.

It is certain that this convention will not only be the most representative gathering of Negro Christian students ever held, but also one that will have a tremendous

influence on the present and future leaders of the race.

The purposes of this convention are: (1) to give to the present generation of Negro students in the



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United States a strong spiritual and moral impulse; (2) to study with thoroughness their responsibility for leadership in Christian work at home and abroad,

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A General Scope of the Y. M. C. A.

As this college year of 1913-14 is rapidly waning, another chap-

ter must be added to the history of the Y. M. C. A. of Howard University. From the first of this year up to the present time, the now outgoing administration has been toiling and directing the affairs of this association; now it comes to give an account of its stewardship, and to turn over the reins of control to a new administration. Under the guidance of this outgoing body of control, the Y. M. C. A., from several viewpoints, has wrought will, held its

own, and, doubtless, reaped success.

In the first place, it is fitting to consider the Y. M. C. A. in regard to its membership. In this respect, it is pleasing to report

that the record of this year shows an increase over that of last year. In the early part of the season the membership committee zealously took up its work and persued it with such persistence that as a result large numbers of young men were persuaded to unite themselves with the Y. M. C. A. This increase, while it greatly aided the association financially, did much to give strength and life to the work of the organization. Although the numbers are not what the administration hoped them to be, yet they are of sufficient importance to reflect credit upon the Y. M. C. A.

In the second place, financially, the Y. M. C. A. has also done well. While it has not accumulated a fortune, it has, nevertheless, managed to secure enough money with which to accomplish several things necessary for its development. It procured and put into the hands of its members and students of the University a reputable handbook; sent

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a delegate to the great Estes Park Conference held at Denver, Colorado, and another to the King's Mountain Conference; gave two splendid socials for the entertainment of the entire male student body of the University; and secured a piano for the use of its members and those who patronized its club room. Besides, it has cleared off most of its outstanding debts, and has kept its current expenses paid almost up to date.

The organization, moreover, has been of great service to students of the University who depend upon self-help as a means of procuring their education. This service of the Y. M. C. A. was accomplished through its employment bureau. With the various places of employment of the city this bureau kept itself in touch and whenever there were demands for help it met these demands by supplying the required help. In this way a large number of students were placed in positions where they got opportunity to help themselves. Thus scores of students have been extended the helping hand and have been made to feel that the Y. M. C. A. is interested in their welfare.

In its endeavor to express further its altruistic spirit, the Y. M. C. A. has not only concerned itself about its members and the student body, but has reached out side of the University and rendered aid to and showed sympathy for the social settlement work of this city. In Southwest Washington where social work is largely carried on in the interest of the unfortunates of our race, the Y. M. C. A. found its opportunity to engage in this kind of work. To this place the organization sent its representatives, and there in a small, but telling manner, gave succor to the weak and needy. In addition, it has interested itself in the same kind of work recently started in the Northwest section of this city not

a great distance from our university. Already a number of things have been done, and plans are still being devised, for the good of this worthy cause.

At this point, it is well to take a view of the Y. M. C. A. in its work of Bible study. One of the prime objects of the Y. M. C. A. movement is to foster the study of the Bible among young men that they may come to know God better and learn the fundamentals of righteous living. This the Y. M. C. A. at Howard has, to some extent, done successfully. From the results of a serious Bible study campaign in the early part of the year, large numbers of young men volunteered to give attention to this work. These volunteers were organized into classes corresponding to the regular university classifications, and wherever feasible undergraduates were put in charge of these classes. For the most part these Bible classes have been a success, for upon each class the

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attendance has been well, interest and enthusiasm have characterized the work, and the students and leaders as well feel that they have been greatly benefited by their efforts.

Lastly, attention must be called to the religious meetings of the Y. M. C. A. In the matter of religious meetings, the Y. M. C. A. has, perhaps, done more to make itself felt in the University than in anything else. In the arrangement of these meetings the audience was always considered, and thus great care and pains were exercised to have at all times meetings that would be of particular interest and of high order. During the course of this year, at our regular Sunday afternoon meetings, this organization has presented to the student body such men as; Judge W. S. Norris, Dr. E. L. Parks, Treasurer of Howard University; Mr. W. A. Hunton, colored International Secretary; Prof. Kelly Miller Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University; Dr. M. J. Exner, Y. M. C. A., Sex Educator for the Colleges of North America; Rev. F. J. Grimke, Pastor 15th. Street Presbyterian Church; Dr. Simeon Carson, Assistant Surgeon, Freedmen's Hospital; and Mr. W. K. Cooper. All these men have brought to the Y. M. C. A. forceful and helpful messages which have served to urge its workers on to higher and nobler aims.

All in all, under the outgoing administration, the Y. M. C. A. has fought a good fight, and has now attained the reward of success. Through the several agencies mentioned above, the Y. M.

C. A. has wrought well to make itself a vital force in the University. As it surveys its work of the year there comes to it a kind of satisfaction—a satisfaction that as near as possible all has been well done. Now it casts its eye, as it were, to the future, hoping under the incoming administration to accomplish work fraught with greater results.

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DR. E. L. PARKS

Dr. E. L. Parks, Treasurer of the University is one of the loyal and active Faculty members of the Y. M. C. A., who believes that the Young Men's Christian Association is a vital part of the University and as such should be fostered by the Faculty members as well as the student body. He is a member of the Advisory Board, Chairman of the Bible Study Committee, a regular attendant at all meetings and a co-worker and sympathiser with the students in all the activities of the Association.

Welcome Fisk

We welcome you most cordially, Fisk, to our home. Nine rahs for Fisk; then nine rahs for Howard. Our shibboleth: "Let the better team win; we believe in Howard." Again, Fisk, welcome.

Election of Officers of Y. M. C. A.

At the regular business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. which was held in the Library Hall, Monday evening, March 30th., the following officers were elected for the year of 1914—15:

President, Mr. W. H. Foster, '15, Teachers College; Vice-presidents—Mr. E. B. Stone, '16, College of Arts and Sciences; Mr. S. E. A. Bardwell, '16, Teachers College; Mr. D. A. Blake, '15 Theology; Mr. O. Foster, '15, Commercial College; and also Mr. R. H. Green, '15, Academy; Recording Secretary, Mr. T. A. Lemon, '14, Academy; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mr. B. F. Jefferson, '17, Academy; Treasurer, Mr. L. F. Morse, '15, Teachers College.

Campus Briefs

Messrs. Walter S. Smith and E. W. Morgan of the Commercial College have a class in gymnastics and music at the Matthias Social Center, fourth and New York Avenue N. W. At the meetings fifty or more boys spend the evening in boxing, games and music. Smith and Morgan are to be congratulated, and encouraged in their effort to attract many a boy from unwholesome environment to an evening of wholesome sport.

At a recent meeting of the Shadd Club of the Junior Medical Class, Dr. W. A. Warfield, the efficient and eminent Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital, presented an excellent paper on Diseases. Aside from including historical facts dating as far back as the Fourteenth Century, the paper included statistics compiled from the admissions to Freedmen's during the last twelve years. The Club most cordially welcomed the presence and heartily applauded the presentation of Dr. Warfield.

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The Conservatory of Music Will Present a May Festival

WHAT will properly be the greatest undertaking along musical lines by a Negro institution of learning will be the May Festival to be held on the sixth and seventh of May, under the auspices of the Conservatory of Music of Howard University.

On the evening of May sixth, the Conservatory will present Professor G. W. Andrews, the world renowned pipe organist of the Berlin Conservatory, at the First Congregational Church. Professor Andrews will make an extended tour of the United States at this time and his only appearance in Washington will be under the auspices of Howard University. The University is more than fortunate to secure the services of this famous musician for the first of what is hoped to be a series of annual events; and the indications are that the artist will be greeted by a large and brilliant audience inasmuch as the very mention of his name has been sufficient to draw an immense gathering on every occasion on which he was billed to appear.

On the evening of the seventh, the Conservatory will present the University Choral Society in a rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah". The soloist for the occasion will be Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, Baritone and Mr. Rowland W. Hayes, Tenor. It is needless to say that this event will be one long to be remembered. The appearance of two such artists as Messrs. Burleigh and Hayes on the same occasion should appeal to the most artistical.

The University authorities are lending their cooperation in attempting to make the occasion a red letter day in the history of the institution and it is hoped that both the faculty and student body will aid in making the occasion an artistic as well as a financial success.

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Send-off for Debaters

On Tuesday at Chapel, the debaters received an enthusiastic send off through the appearance of Messrs. W. E. Ricks, E. C. Terry, C. H. Wesley, Professors Montgomery Gregory and W. V. Tunnell. Mr. Wesley, a graduate of Fisk and an instructor in the University, gave a splendid talk in which was revealed a most commendable loyalty both to Howard and Fisk.

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Y. M. C. A. Bureau of Information

THE Bureau of Information makes the following report of the work that it has tried to do in aiding the needy students of Howard. The Bureau tries to give an accurate account of the number of jobs given out, the amount of money derived from the said jobs, the difficulties encountered and finally the bright prospects of future service.

The Bureau has given out during this year one hundred and two jobs. These jobs have been given to students in every one of the departments of the University. These jobs have brought an average income of five dollars (\$5.00) for each job per month for eight months, or a total income of four thousand and eighty dollars (4,080.00).

There are several reasons why the Bureau has not been able to assist the students in making as much money this year as last. These reasons are the difficulties encountered during the year. First, the difficulty the Bureau met was the loss of the previous advantageous use of the phone in room 19 Clarke Hall; however after a four months handicap the Bureau was able to resume its former convenient use of the said phone. Secondly, was the difficulty caused by the temporary cessation from duty by the chairman of the Bureau due to the resignation handed in to the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet by the chairman; for during the two months that this resignation was being acted upon by the Cabinet, no work, practically speaking, was systematically done by the Bureau. Thirdly, the crippling of the efficiency of the service caused by a few thoughtless stu-

dents who failed to think that there is always a brother student who can use the job that the thoughtless student does not want. It is always right and honest to report the results to the Bureau of the service rendered by the Bureau, so that there will be no difficulty of this nature.

The Bureau hopes to make the demand for Howard students by



THE PRESIDENT

On account of the present unique advancement of the Howard Branch of the Y. M. C. A., brought about through the presidency of Benj. L. Waits, his name goes down as one of the most successful presidents of the Association at Howard. But, "Deeds are fruits, words are but leaves;" the deeds of Benj. L. Waits as President of the Y. M. C. A. are numerous.

local employers equal the need of worthy students anxious to work. The Bureau is trying not only to serve the students during the school term, but also, to secure profitable work for vacation. The Bureau has received several favorable replies from employers who will use students during the coming vacation. Finally, the Bureau hopes that in the near future, on account of the rapid expansion of Howard and its measuring arms with other representative schools;

that just as all the student jobs such as janitors, waiters or any other kind of student labor in those schools are supervised by the Y. M. C. A. and its General Secretary; just so it will be at Howard, and therefore greatly lessen the work of the University Administration as this all can be done efficiently by the Y. M. C. A.

WILLIAM H. FOSTER, *Chairman*

Deputation Work A New Feature in Our Y. M. C. A. Activities

We are planning to do some deputation work this year which is to mark the beginning of what we hope will be one of the outstanding features of our association in the near future.

If the colleges of the land are to remain as important factors in the development of character and culture of the highest degree, they must have the proper men as students. This can be accomplished to a great extent by reaching the student before he becomes a Freshman, for during the High or Preparatory School period, the student is most susceptible to all that is high and noble, and also all that is mean and low. His really being moulded and the shape he will take depends upon the outline of the mould. He needs, therefore, the advice and counsel of a "big brother" and this is the role our deputation team will play.

The team this year is as follows: E. B. Smith, M. W. Clair Jr. and Guy S. Ruffin. The itinerary includes our Academy, the M St. High School, Armstrong Technical School and the Baltimore High School. The University Glee Club will accompany the team. Let us pray fellows that the message carried to these

schools by this competent team will be effective in getting the boys who are to become Freshmen at some college next year in line for the Christian life and service during their college careers. It is a great undertaking and, therefore, calls for the co-operation of every member of our Association.

Arts and Sciences Freshmen Furnish Treat

BEFORE a large and appreciative audience the Freshman Class of the College of Arts and Sciences rendered on Friday evening, March 27, 1914, what was without doubt one of the most entertaining programs yet rendered before the Alpha Phi Literary Society. The following program was rendered:

1. Song—"Oh Freshmen Dear"
Class
2. Original Oration R. R. Penn
3. Solo E. L. Booker
4. Paper, G. F. E. Samuels
5. Original Poem, I. F. Simmons
6. Freshman Play
"A Case of Suspension."
Scene Room Mine Own Hall,
Girls' Dormitory, Hayward University
7. Class song "Seventeen Oh
Seventeen," Class

The program from beginning to end was an artistic success. Though the program was excellent throughout especially are

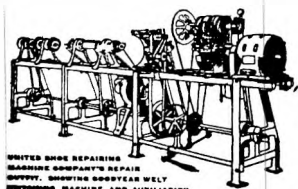
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numbers 1 and 6 deserving of the highest praise.

The first number on the program was a class song written by Mr. Simmons, a member of the class, and sung by the entire class. Every line of this song breathed (as it were) with class love and class loyalty and was sung with an enthusiasm and spirit which matched yet did not exceed the beauty of its composition and the loftiness of its sentiment.

The sixth number on the program; A Freshman Play entitled "A Case of Suspension" was presented with an ease and grace rarely found among amateur actors. The local colouring thrown around the playlet by means of a careful paraphrasing of the original is deserving of unstinted praise. The delicate discrimination and exquisite use of English by Prof. Heavyfoot immediately called to our minds Prof. Lightfoot; while nervous motherly yet strict concern of matron Softwick in keeping up with her girls, brought to our minds our own matron, Miss Hardwick.

The plot was a very simple one. Professor Heavyfoot discovers the girls of Mine Own Hall in the act of giving a spread for their fellows. He proposes to catch them in the act and accordingly appears at the appointed time and gives the signal to be admitted. Admittance however was to be gained through the process of being drawn up in a basket and pulled through a second story window. When half way up Professor Heavyfoot was recognized and before being either let down or drawn up was forced to give his word of honor to remain silent concerning what he knew. Thus he was forced to take part in the spread. To his dismay and consternation when the spread was about half over in walked matron Softwick. The matron at first was abdu-rate and declared that he might expect her resignation in the morning. However after much

pleading on the part of the Prof. re-enforced by the awakening of old memories in her breast she consented to join in the party and to overlook the happenings of that night. At this juncture Jonas, the hired man, and Kathleen, the Irish maid, were called in and all spent a joyful evening.

The production was remarkable for the beauty of its scenic effect; the smoothness and swiftness of its movement; as well as for the artistic and convincing characterizations presented without exception by each member of the cast.

The smooth and finished manner in which the program was rendered is deserving of the highest commendation, for it reflects credit not only upon the Freshman class but also upon the University as a whole. We only hope that the class will find it possible before the end of this year to offer the Alpha Phi Literary Society and its friends another such artistic and literary treat.

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thus bringing them face to face with Christian life calling; (3) to face the responsibility resting upon the Negro churches of America to help meet the claims and crisis of Africa; (4) to consider what light Christian thought may throw on present and future co-operation between races.

Every Negro educational institution in the United States is to be represented. Howard University is expected to send at least ten delegates. The expense of each delegate from Howard will be \$40.00, or a total of \$400.00. There are no available funds in the University for this purpose. Hence, we are asking that you invest something in order to enable us to send the desired delegation.

Kindly make all remittances to Dr. E. L. Parks, Treasurer of the University.

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The purposes of the Atlanta Conference are purposes of Howard; a campaign for funds to send ten delegates is now on; Howard must lead all the other institutions in its delegation and interest.
∴ *Howard Students and Howard Friends; UP!*

that they may influence for good those about them.

The objects of the Sunday meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association are: first, to give to a student that part of his moral education which he does not receive in the class room; second, to develop within the student the necessary qualities which will fit him for a career in Christian work; and third, to develop the triangular student.

The Association makes arrangements for men of character, culture and helpful Christian experience to address from time to time the Y. M. C. A. members; also musical programmes are usually rendered by some member of one of the departments of the University; and occasionally, religious subjects are brought up for open debate by the body. These meetings are indeed helpful to all young men who desire to live a Christian life.

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