Great Christian Student Convention

HERE was held in Atlanta, Georgia, May 14 to 18 a great Negro Christian Student Convention. It was called and was under the direction of the outstanding Christian statesman, Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference and General Secretary of the World’s Student Christian Federation.

It was attended by 288 young men students, 192 young women students, 42 professors and teachers, 78 speakers and leaders and 71 visitors, representing 81 schools and colleges and 18 states. Fifty-nine of these 661 were prominent white men who are engaged in the education of the Negroes, and southern white leaders and college students who are deeply interested in the education and advancement of both the white and colored people. Almost all the delegates were present from the first to the last. The interest was intense throughout.

One of the purposes of the Convention was to give the present generation of Negro students in the United States a strong spiritual and moral impulse. Very powerful influences to this end were present in the opening address of Dr. Potent of Greensville, N. C. He showed that Christ’s condition of discipleship was to give Him the absolute supremacy in the affections and life. These influences reached their culmination in Dr. Mott’s powerful address Sunday morning. He showed that by full life obedience to Christ one could make Him constantly real in his life. There was the same key note of the supremacy of Christ in the exposition and practical application of the opening verses of Hebrew 12 with which Dr. Mott closed the Convention. Any delegate who was in an attitude to respond to the highest Christian truth and motives could not fail to go from this Convention with a mighty moral and spiritual life impulse.

Another purpose was to study with thoroughness the responsibility of the Negro students for leadership in Christian work at home and abroad and thus to bring them face to face with Christian life callings. This was especially prominent in the address, the first morning, by Prof. A. M. Trawick of Nashville, on The Negro Church and Home. This gave the facts of the present situation and showed the great improvements to be made. It was followed up throughout the Convention by various addresses including those by Mrs. President Hope of Atlanta on conditions and work there, Mrs. J. D. Hammond of Augusta, Ga., on home making, Bishop Thirkield on the shortcomings of the Negro church, Dr. R. E. Jones of New Orleans, on the qualifications for the Negro ministry, Dean Imes of Tuskegee, on the present weakness of the Negro country church, Mr. T. C. Walker of Gloucester C. H., Virginia, on the Negro country church, Dr. S. C. Mitchell of Richmond, and by many utterances which voiced the crying need of social service in all its varied forms and by conferences on the work of women in the school and the community and on securing strong young men for the ministry. Dr. Mitchell maintained that we have to come back to the church which embraces all interest of the community. This Christian purpose concerning leadership in Christian work was also the main object of the masterful review by Dr. Mott on Sunday evening of the World need and the World Christian advance as he had witnessed them in his world wide work during the past twenty years. He claimed that we cannot do our work at the best anywhere, at home or abroad, unless it is considered as a part of the world wide work of Christ. The world is coming into greater solidarity. The currents for generations to come will take their direction in the far east in the next fifteen years.

Another purpose of the Convention was to face the responsibility resting upon the Negro churches of America to help meet the claims and crisis of Africa. Many strong speakers in stirring addresses voiced the needs of that great continent, including Bishop Hartzell, who for eighteen years has directed on the ground advancement in missionary movements in many parts of Africa, Rev. W. H. Sheppard, F. R. G. S., the Negro Missionary, who spent fifteen years in work in the Congo which attracted the attention and commendation of the Christian world and Doctor Franklin, Missionary Secretary of the Southern Baptists who has studied extensively on the ground the mission work in Africa.

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“Rivals” Played by Colored High School

Miss Phoebe E. Perry of the class of 1911, Teachers College who is now instructor in English and Latin in the colored High School in Wheeling, Virginia, is still reflecting credit upon her Alma Mater. A few weeks ago under her instruction the students of the High School presented the “Rivals.” All who saw the play testify of the high merit of the rendition. The race seemed to have been trained especially for the individual parts and each performed with unusual assurance and self control.

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The Students Give Impressions of the Atlanta Conference

At the joint meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. at 3 P. M. on May 24th, student delegates gave brief impressions of the Atlanta Convention as follows:

Mr. H. H. Donald, The practical application of Christianity to daily life; Miss Frances Gunner, The teacher’s opportunity for social service; Mr. David Blake, Doctor Mott’s great address on How to make Christ real in our life; Mr. Misael Jones, The blending of the economic interests of the races; Miss Eulalia Lane, The opportunity for social service by women; Mr. William Foster, The doctor’s opportunity for social service; Mr. E. B. Smith, The minister’s opportunity. Miss Helen Adams of the Centre beautifully interpreted the spirit of the Convention in two solos: None of self and all of Christ; The way of the Cross. Miss Alice Yancey, thought that her topic had already been sufficiently presented. Mr. J. B. Morris will make a report to the Law School and Mr. M. W. Clary to his church. Messrs. Smith and Blake made a report also to the School of Theology.

These reports showed that the student delegates had received from the Convention an enlarged vision and a great inspiration for Christian service, were passing them on to their fellow students, and were determined to embody them in their future work and the life of the University.

Short Story Contest

Miss Annie L. McCary has been awarded the first prize in the Short Story Contest in Professor Gregory’s English I class. Her story “Breaking The Color Line” was unusual for its theme and development. The prize is a year’s subscription to the “Dial”.

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Varsity Baseball Team Awarded H’s

The following men of the Varsity Baseball Team were recently awarded H’s by the Athletic Council of Howard University:

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Atlanta Convention Delegates Talk at Chapel

On May 23rd the Chapel exercises were given up to short reports of various impressions of the Atlanta Convention. Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook spoke on the work of women and especially the advances made by the southern white women for cooperation; Miss Sarah N. Mervan, on the impression for earnest Christian service made upon the young lady delegates; Mr. J. G. Logan, on the prominence of sacrifice in the Convention; and Dr. E. L. Parks, on the supremacy of Christ as the keynote of the Convention and on true Christianity as the key to the solution of the problem of the cooperation of the races.

Inspired by the deep meaning and propitious result of the convention, the delegates spoke with marked enthusiasm and interest; and the impressions presented sent a significant thrill through the students, gave to many a new vision of life, and served to urge them on to do and dare in the noble work of the world. Through our delegates, the Atlanta Convention has given a strong stimulus to the Christian life of the University and caused many of the students to lean toward Christian uplift work as their life's vocation.

OUTGOING STAFF
From right to left first row: R. McCants Andrews, Associate Editor; T. R. Davis, Editor-in-Chief; Miss Madree Penn, Otto Bohanan, W. A. Pollard, Associate Editors. From right to left second row: Raymond A. Davis, Circulation Manager. Clayborne George, Business Manager. E. H. Crampton, Advertisement Manager.
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EDITORIAL

At last, the work of the present Staff has come to a close, and from the first to the last number, the efforts devoted to the work have brought to us in return much pleasure. Indeed, the work has been amusing. All along it has been evident to us that as a staff we were not one; that on account of the election last year, two constituencies were in the student body, one keeping critical eyes upon one part of the Staff and one keeping critical eyes upon the other part of the Staff; and again that we did not, as previous staffs, defend the entire work of the Journal; therefore, since we are not wholly responsible for our election, we feel that the mere making out to the end, under such circumstances constitutes a part of success.

However, we have accomplished other success; for the literary side of the work has been cared for very well. As to giving the news of the University, including all the departments and student activities—and this is the usual function of the Journal—our success is attested to by all. Furthermore, by furnishing a number of literary articles, we have done much toward changing the function of the Journal in such a way as to include purely literary articles. All in all, while the work has not been unique, it has been fairly creditable; especially have our special numbers been very good and the entire work characterized with not so much fun as dignity.

As to the business side, this has been cared for excellently; for we end the year, as the Journal did under the excellent management of Mr. H. F. Nixon, without any indebtedness whatsoever. Manager Clayborne George and his co-workers are due much credit for such good work.

Then, we hand over the work to our successors without having gained much pleasure and helpfulness but feeling that we have done our duty. Above everything else, we have a peculiar satisfaction that our work as a whole will continue to be appreciated and reflected in the following years. And may we say again, that on considering the qualities of our successors, we have the utmost confidence in them. And so, we bid our successors farewell and wish them a hearty "God Speed."
help and sympathy to colored women who are striving, in the midst of such tremendous difficulties, to lend a helping hand to the dependent masses and maintain the same standards of Christian conduct for colored people that are established standards among other Christian peoples. A powerful yet most pathetic plea for the recognition of chastity and Christian womanhood as exemplified by hundreds of the colored race made by a young colored woman touched every heart. "I wonder sometimes, she said, "how you"—meaning white women—"would feel to stand where we do and be treated as we are treated, be talked of as we are talked of by men in high places." At this moment there broke in upon her speech a voice vibrant with emotions, as one of the most talented white women in the South rose and said, "We can not stand in your place but we will stand by your side." A pledge of priceless value this, one that colored women must accept and rely upon. Without relinquishing one bit of her own self-respect or compromising in any way the principles which mean justice and equality of opportunity to all men, the colored woman may go forward in her upward struggle, trusted and supported by that other woman who next to herself has suffered most from the dark blight of slavery.

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Mr. Davis has shown himself a man of marked literary ability, strong personality, and equitable disposition. Being a clear headed, consecutive thinker, as he is, has given the University a weekly Journal of which all may well be proud. All those associated with him on the staff have nothing but praise.

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and commendation for the genial Editor-in-Chief.

Mr. Davis made the Journal a success because he put soul’s energy into it; and not only has he done this in regard to the Journal but in all other college activities has he shown himself a leader. As president of his class he won a success; as vice-president, treasurer, and member of the Y. M. C. A. he showed himself an earnest Christian gentleman; on the Students Advisory Board of the College of Arts and Sciences, his clear thinking was greatly appreciated; as Associate Editor of the Journal, he was prized by his associates; and as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, he has achieved a triumph. Howard will mourn his going. Her loss will be the world’s gain, for we prophecy a brilliant future for our out-going Editor.

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The Retiring Editor

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The Retiring Business Manager

The retiring business manager is not the most brilliant student in the University; he has not probably equaled the inevitable record in scholarship made by his predecessor, commonly known as "Nicko"; but he has been the most successful business manager that the Journal has ever had.

Let us consider a few facts that have caused him to be thought of as the greatest of all business managers. First, he is naturally endowed with a strong, robust physique which has been well developed in the various forms of athletics in which he has taken part while at Howard. It might well be noted here that he is second best end in football. He is also the undefeated champion high jumper of the District of Columbia. These facts indicate that he is physically fit for an excellent manager, for a strong body is a necessary requisite of a great mind and spirit.

Another commendable quality is the congenial nature which is so distinctly brought out by that ever pleasing smile. He is too big hearted to become angry at most justifiable causes. Good disposition and almost perfect self-control or poise will never be forgotten by anyone who has ever met the retiring business manager.

Dean Cook Reports on Sociological Congress

Dean George W. Cook gave us a very encouraging report of his recent visit to the Southern Sociological Congress and the National Conference of Charities and Corrections held at Memphis, Tenn. Among the many problems discussed, said the dean, were questions relating to the Employment of prisoners on Public Roads; Family and Community Interests, and the question of segregation. The most striking feature of the convention was the stand taken by a few prominent men in behalf of the Negro. "The southern men who controlled the convention decided that no colored delegates should sit upon the main floor of the great auditorium. Ex-Governor Mann of Virginia, who presided over the meeting, Dr. Dillard, Dr. Samuel Mitchell of Virginia, and Dr. Weatherford, said that they would not make the distinction of placing colored delegates in the galleries and before they would do it they would draw to some other place for assembly. They held that in the Social Congress the colored delegates were equal to the white delegates and therefore should not be discriminated against as to the level of the floor. To have Southern men of that stamp, influence and power take this position against other Southern men with whom they are allied in sentiment, economic and philanthropic interest is a harbinger of the future, a recognition of the principles of equality of all people even though it could not be carried out to the letter. Further it brings hope and inspiration that by the law of cause and effect the final culmination of equal rights in the Southern States."

The dean regards such a move "Distinctively as a step forward, which with another and another will come until the people shall view the effulgence of the noon day of liberty."
Great Christian Student Convention

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A purpose of the Convention to which much attention was given was to consider what light Christian thought may throw on present and future cooperation of the races. Such men as Doctor W. D. Weatherford of Nashville, Doctor Hammond of Augusta, Georgia, President S. C. Mitchell of Richmond, Virginia, and Doctor McCulloch of Nashville and such women as Mrs. Arch Trawick and Mrs. J. D. Hammond showed that the highest type of southern white man and women were entering into constantly larger and fuller cooperation with the Negroes to help both races to fuller life. The culmination in this line was reached when Doctor McCulloch was reading his paper on this subject to the section of the ministers and educators. He told of a teacher of Negroes who was criticised for his work and who said, "I would give up my life rather than abandon my work." Dr. McCulloch said with deep feeling, "I am going to call upon you to do a harder thing than give us your life. I am going to call upon you to give up your prejudices. It is not necessary for me to read the rest of my paper. Let us pray." He then prayed most earnestly for God to help us to give up our prejudices.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, who was at the head of the division at the last census for the Negroes and who in connection with the United States Bureau of Education is doing a very important work in investigating Negro Schools, represented in his personality the long line of northern white men and women engaged in Negro Education. He showed in a very effective way and with a strict scientific spirit that all the groups, the southern white people, the Negroes, and the northern whites should cooperate in leading both white and colored people to the largest life. Such colored men and women as Major Moton of Hampton, Doctor Booker Washington, Professor Pickens of Talladega, Doctor C. V. Roman of Nashville, Doctor P. O'Connell of Atlanta, Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook of Washington, D. C., and Miss Mary Jackson of Savannah showed in addresses among the strongest of the Convention in thought, expression and power that, while they were not ready to surrender any of their claims for full manhood rights, opportunities and responsibilities, they were ready to meet as sincere advances of their white neighbors and to heartily cooperate with them for the common good of the neighborhood, the city, the state and the nation.

The greatest thing about any such gathering is its spirit. The spirit of this Convention was that of Christ. It and other recent meetings with the same spirit presage a new era in a fuller understanding of Christ and a truer and larger application of His teachings and love to all the individual and social problems of our life, especially to the cooperation of the races.

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It is hoped that a greater interest will be exhibited from now on, and that the Professor will never dispair of good material for the various forensic contests which will occur in future years.

Athletics

The big cross-country run which was announced to take place on the first Saturday in April has been postponed to April 22nd. As students from any department of the University are eligible and very good medals will be offered, a large number of participants are expected to be out.

Base Ball

The first game of the season was played on the 3rd inst. with the All Stars of Washington. The varsity, as a whole, showed up well especially so considering the coolness of the weather. The game evidenced that a few members of the team have not yet reached their standard in batting; one or two are suffering with sore arms; but, there is no doubt that the team will soon be able to overcome these drawbacks and will give us one of the best varsities in the history of base ball at Howard. The team is composed of ambitious young blood such as has made the world-champion Athletics: and with such veterans as Capt. Brice, Sykes, Gilmore, Wiley, Cox and Flipping, there will be nothing else but a winning team. The score of the game was All Stars 5, Batteries Brown and Barnes; Howard 9, Batteries Brice and Wiley.

Mr. W. Edward Ricks
A Successful Society President

Much of the success of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club in recent days must be attributed to the President of the Club, Mr. W. E. Ricks. Coming to Howard in the fall of 1910, filled with aggressiveness and enthusiasm because of the training and inspiration that he received at Oberlin, he entered at once upon an active career at this University. He was elected President of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club in May 1913 and when his term of office was up in February 1914, so well had he performed his duties; he was unanimously re-elected as President of the Club. The management of the recent Fisk-Howard debate is a fair example, from which the character of his work may be judged.

Watch for the Glee Club

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Remember the Journal Election