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Foreword:

Brothers O'Mine-The Oracle speaks, let Omega give ear! No oracle of classical antiquity held more valid claim to hearing than this, Omega's voice. If oracles of old repainted the past, pictured the present, pushed back the curtain that hid the future, so does Omega's. The future indeed, for what points more certainly to the promises of the future, than what the past has been and what the present is? Thus as our Oracle reveals the past and pictures the present, it predicts the future. And with this prediction comes responsibility, for Omega must see that what is presaged is realized. "Greater Omega," augurs the Oracle, a nobler brotherhood, a greater service to the race and world-these two-the entwining of Omega's sons in the noblest, most loval ties of brotherhood and the rendering of every possible service to the race and world. The past and the present predict for Omega a glorious future in this dual attainment-will the prediction fail? Clean hearts, clear minds, strong arms, hearts of "malice toward none, of charity for all", faith in a Divine Providence, faith in herself-with these, Omega shall not fail, Omega cannot fail. The Oracle speaks, let Omega give ear,-know what her past has been, what her present is, what her future must be.

The Editor.

In Memoriam

"And the stately ship goes on, To the haven under the hill;

But O for the touch of the vanished hand, And the sound of the voice that is still."

"But, O blithe breeze, and O great seas, Though ne'er, that earliest parting past, On your wide plain they join again. Together lead them home at last."

Brother Fitzpatrick Stewart departed this life on August 16th, 1920. Brother Stewart was born in Trinadad, B. W. I. He completed his education in this country, graduating from Lincoln University, Class 15, and from Western Theological Seminary, Class '18. He secured his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1918. He entered upon study for his Ph. D., but died while preparing his final thesis, on "The Negro in the Limelight of Civilization." Brother Stewart was a charter member of the Beta Chapter and was elected Grand Basileus at our Third Annual Session, 1914. Above the many other accomplishments of Brother Stewart for Omega must be remembered the work he did upon our pin, its design and significance being his own. Omega can never forget Brother Stewart-his spirit sha'l abide with us ever.

Brother Bruce Williams lost his life August 20th, 1920, while swimming in the Jersey Coast. He was a member of Beta Chapter. He was Captain of Lincoln's championship foot-ball team of 1919; he was a scholar; he was a frater. His highest athletic honor was that of All American Tackle for 1918--1919. Brother Williams was ever a staunch worker in the cause of Omega. His splendid spirit is with us.

Brother Robert R. Pritchett departed this life July 14th, 1919 on the shore of Africa. Brother Pritchett died while attempting to save his brother from drowning. "Greater love hath no man, than that he lay down his life for his friend." Brother Pritchett was a charter member of Beta Chapter. He was a graduate of the College, Class '15, and of the Seminary, Class '17, Lincoln University. By all men he was loved; "Honest Bob", his school-mates called him. What better example of love could Omega have than that left by Brother Robert R. Pritchett?

Brother Richard D. Stinson, Jr., was initiated into the sacred mysteries of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on the night of April 7th, 1920 at the annual spring initiation of the Eta Chapter, Atlanta, Ga. At the time of his initiation he was a student of the Junior College class at Atlanta University, and was rated as one of the brightest students in the whole college department. As a public speaker he was well known, and his analytical mind and stage bearing easily won for him a place on the Atlanta University debating team.

On the night of April 14, 1920, the Atlanta University debating team of which Brother Stinson was a member met the Howard University team in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Washington, D. C. Although the contest was close and the arguments of both sides were well presented, after due deliberation the verdict of the Judges was in favor of the Atlanta University Debating team. The opposition could not refute the strong arguments of R. D. Stinson, and to a large extent he must be given credit for the victory awarded to Atlanta University. Not only did he bring glory to himself, his school, but also to his fraternity.

Thus, with the future so promising and bright and with a determination to work as never before for Omega Psi Phi in his own school, his life was cut short in the heyday of its success, and on July 1, 1920, this stalwart son of Omega was called to his final rest.

Annual Message The Grand Basileus

Well do I remember that midnight session in a chilly room of the Young Men's Christian Association Building in Nashville, Tenn., during the Ninth Annual Conclave of our grand old fraternity, when those loyal delegates unmindful of physical comforts, sat in executive session until the dawn of a new day was breaking. These men were planning larger and big-



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ger things tor Omega Psi Phi, and it did not concern them as to where the hands of the clock were pointing. Never was a more earnest group of men assembled in the history of the world, for they had come as Crusaders, making pilgrimages from far and remote cities. A religious atmosphere pervaded the meeting, because the delegated realized that in their hands lay the future of the fraternity. Their cause was just, and with a marvelous and even sacred devotion to their cardinal principles, the delegates to the Ninth Annual Convention labored both night and day. It was during this intense but interesting session that the mantle of the National Basileus was thrust upon the shoulders of your humble servant. It was accepted in a spirit of humility and of prayer to God to make me worthy indeed of the honor and respnsibility thus accorded.

So much for the incidental, but let us come to the larger sphere of usefulness and influence of the Greek letter organizations in general and of our own fraternity in particular. What holds the future for us? Are we making progress or are we stagnant? After a careful investigation I can reach no other conclusion but that as an organization we have amply justified the faith and vision of our forefounders. It was indeed an unselfish vision that Messrs. E. A. Love, O. J. Cooper and F. Coleman caught when on November 17, 1911, at Howard University, Washington, D. C., they planted the first "Mother Chapter" of a Greek letter fraternity to be founded in a Negro institution of learning. Nine years have elapsed and today Omega Psi Phi has fifteen chapters reaching from Epsilon Chapter on the Atlantic Coast to Theta Chapter on the Pacific, and bears the unique distinction of having been the first Greek letter fraternity among the Negro college men to have spanned the continent.

We are a national organization, our numbers reach over one thousand members, and we are banded together in a great and noble purpose. College men of like attainment have sworn allegiance by the sacred bonds of Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance. We are banded together for the development of friendship, for the cultivation of Ideals, and for the strengthen-

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ing of character. I believe it is necessary for the Greek letter fraternity to bend its energies toward the cultivation of an intimate relationship between its brothers. Our most precious college memory will be the friendly contact we had with the men in our own fraternity. The years we spend in college hold for us more opportunities and more possibilities than any other four years of our lives. And it this be true, let us accept our opportunities as men. and make use of them accordingly. Let us fraternity men not waste our time in dissipations, but let us accept the ideals of Omega Psi Phi as real and vital. Let us live up to them and leave our college and our fraternity better for our having been in them.

I further hold the opinion that the fraternity is a powerful influence in our educational institutions, working toward an enlightened democracy. We are striving for the control of our colleges and our country thru intelligence rather than by irrational force of ignorant numbers. In order to assure ourselves that we are a real democratic influence, we need to extend the membership of our fraternity, to include as large a number as possible of the men who qualify in our colleges and institutions of learning. Always, however, placing special emphasis on Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift, and Perseverance.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has ever placed an unusual emphasis on Scholarship. The brilliant scholarship record of Omega men such as Secretary Williams Pickens. Prof. Ernest E. Just, and Dr. Carter G. Woodson bear witness to this statement. Unless as a fraternity we can show that, in the various institutions in which our chapters are located, the scholarship of our brethren is as high as the general college average and even higher, we can not justify our existence. In truth we are endangering the permanency of fraternities in general. I recommend, therefore, to all subordinate chapters the importance of good scholarship, and would suggest that subordinate membership councils place even a higher standard on this qualification for future membership.

Another characteristic developed by our intimate association in fraternity life is loyalty. The element of secrecy, the sacred ceremonies, the religious appeal, the internal political organization, which emphasises absolute obedience to elected leaders, the subordination of new-comers for a probationary period-all these factors tend to stimulate a sense of solidarity and of group loyalty. No matter what unpleasant circumstances arise one never thinks of abandoning his fraternity, although we quit our jobs, change our occupations, and sometimes even withdraw from our church. Still a real fraternity man never entertains the thought of forsaking his organization under any conditions. Indeed the "strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

In order to make sure of this group loyalty every brother ought to give of his time and attention towards the building of an internal organization, so that every brother will feel bound up in the plans of his chapter. The smallest plans of the chapter ought to command the attention of every brother. For example, Shall the Alpha Beta Chapter have a fraternity house this fall? What shall be our policy relative to faculty recognition? What shall we do with brother A in order to have him improve his scholarship? How often ought the Alpha Beta Chapter to hold an open meeting? The focusing of a brother's attention on just such questions as these develops a spirit of unity and mutual harmony. Members of a family attend to such details, because it is necessary to the welfare and happiness of that individual group. Hence conscientious attention to such fraternal matters will develop some-

thing of the family sense of unity.

Let us go back to that dreaded night of initiation into Omega Psi Phi. Can we ever forget the beauty and solemnity of that ritual? Can we ever forget the breathless and frightened Neophytes, who, after it was all over were made to realize this one great fact: that they were now a concomitant part of a great organization of men of like attainment who hold as their basic principles, the four great Fundamentals of Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance? Did not each and every one of us swear to abide by a fuller explanation of these principles? By all that was sacred did we not swear allegiance to our fraternity? Could any religious organization demand a more sacred and complete obligation for membership than our fraternity did on that occasion? Let us, therefore, seriously reflect upon the importance of our obligations, and as tried and true sons, live up to our oaths.

We have been taught to call every wearer of the Greek shield as is symbolized on our fraternity pin "Brother." I feel justified in stating that we belong to a true Brotherhood. A Brotherhood large and broad enough to overlook the narrow bundaries of caste and artifical social distinctions, but one which recognizes inherent merit and places a value thereon. Truly, we are brothers as by blood ties, and the cordial Omega Psi Phi welcome from one brother to another is known from coast to coast.

With such a closely knit organization preserved and vouchsafed to us by our forefounders, we can face the future with a high resolve and a grim determination to press onward regardless of the obstacles encountered. Our organization is today recognized by unprejudiced contemporaries as having the highest and most rigid standards for membership requirement. Our elder brothers are watching us from far and near. Our principles are immortal; our cause is just; our destiny bids us go forward.

Mav God forbid that as an organization we shall fail to live up to our opportunities With these marvelous achievements behind us, and a larger vision before us, may I not, as the national Basileus of the organization bespeak for Omega Psi Phi, continued honor and prestige in the fraternal sphere. I beg to remain always,

> Yours fraternally, HAROLD H. THOMAS Grand Basileus



GRAND CHAPTER

The Ninth Annual Convention

Omega's Ninth Annual Convention meeting in Nashville was beyond doubt the most significant convention held in the history of the National Chapter. There were laid the plans for that work of this year which has gone forward so gloriously. These plans were made for the strengthening of established chapters, the organizing of new chapters, the decision was made to designate a week for a campaign for the study of Negro Literature and History, resolutions made that the year before us should be one of our best effort, of genuine sacrifice for Omega.

The open session of the Convention was held on Monday evening, December 27th, in the auditorium of Meharry Medical College. A learned address was delivered by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, our brother of West Virginia Institute. His subject was "Democracy and the Man Far Down". We are told by men of Nashville that the address was "one of the most eloquent, forceful and brilliant ever delivered in this city." At this meeting an address of welcome was delivered by Dr. J. A. Lester, Dean of Meharry, and a response made by Brother Robinson, Grand Basileus.

A feature of the closed sessions were short, brilliant addresses by Delta's elected active members-Dr. C. V. Roman, Hon. J. C. Napier, Prof. W. J. Hale.

Not the least enjoyable phase of the Nashville Convention was that afforded by social events. The informal dance at the A. and I. State Normal School, of which Prof. Hale is president, and in which Brother Gilbert is instructor, was a most enjoyable affair. And the closing event of the Ninth Annual Session, the formal

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dansante given by Delta Chapter in honor of the Grand Chapter, was altogther a brilliant occasion.

To Delta, for her efforts to make the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Nashville pleasant and successful, the fraternity expresses its sincerest appreciation.

On to Atlanta

Brother Thomas came to the Nashville Convention with definite orders, that he should not return to Atlanta unless he could bring with him the decision of the Grand Chapter to hold the Tenth Annual Session in the Athens of the South Threatened thus with outlawry, Brother Thomas left no stone unturned, no argu ment unspoken, no caucus unheld, and he made his will, and Eta's and Omicron's will the will of the Grand Chapter, and now all eyes are turned toward Atlanta; it will be a genuine surprise if the coming session does not prove to surpass any thus far held. The following letter from the Atlanta Convention Bureau attests to the interest being shown:

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Your letter of January 5th received.

We are pleased indeed to learn that we have secured the National Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to meet in the "Convention City of Dixie" from December 27th to 31st inclusive.

The Convention Bureau will be glad to co-operate in any way possible. We would appreciate your sending us a list of the officers of the Eta Chapter, and the officers of the National Fraternity and any other information that will be of assistance to me in writing an article for the papers. With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours, FRED HOUSER, Secretary

Grand Chapter Officers

Grand Basileus

Grand Basileus: Brother Harol.¹ H. Thomas; graduate of Atlanta University, contributing editor and part owner of "Atlanta Independent"; member Eta Chapter; director of Publicity, 1919-'20.



Grand Keeper of Records

Grand Keeper of Records: Brother John W. Love; graduate College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University; at present student in the Law School of Howard University; member of Alpha Chapter.



Grand Keeper of Seals

Grand Keeper of Seals: Brother G. C. Williams; graduate of Harvard College, Class '18; at present second year Harvard Medical School; member of Gamma Chapter, Basileus of Gamma Chapter, Fall 1920.

Director of Publicity

Grand Director of Publicity: Brother William S. Nelson; Graduate College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, at present first year Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Grand Statistican. 1919-1920; member of Epsilon Chapter.

Subordinate Chapters

ALPHA CHAPTER Howard University

Dear Fraters,

To write of the activities of Alpha Chapter is to write of every constructive movement in Howard University germane to Scholarship, Manhood, Uplift and Perseverance. Of this the following sketch offers ample evidence.

Brother George Brown is president of the Student Council, of the Kappa Sigma Debating Society, and is business Manager of the Dramatic Club and the Year Book. Brother John Eubank is president of the Glee Club, Brother Elbert Campbel being the Secretary. The presidencies of the Senior and Junior Classes are held by Brothers Jesse Lawrence and Fitzhugh Styles respectively. Brother Charles Brannon is treasurer of the Senior Class, and editor-in-chief of the Year Book.

Brother Jesse Lawrence, Captain of the football team, was supported by thirteen of our men, the following making the All-American: Brothers Lorenzo Carter, Jack Nurse, Edward Hurt, and Aaron Payne.

The basketball team has just completed a very successful year under the captaincy of Brother Percy Richardson, and the support of Brothers Melvin Davis, Wm. Keane, Lorenzo Carter and Jack Nurse. Brother William Keane, the best all around athlete of the University, heads the baseball team. He is supported by Brother Long, the formidable pitcher, and Brothers Payne and Tyson. Brothers Kelly Perry of 440 vard fame, and William Minyard, the hurdler, represent Omega on the einder path.

Omega has been especially active in the field of Dramatics. Brother Harlan Carter directed the play, the "Tents of the Arabs", in which Brother John Broadnax played the stellar role. Brother Payne was the director of the very successfully played "Simon, the Cyrenian." Brother George Williams as the Emperor Jones, and Brother Alston Burleigh as Smithers played the extremely difficult roles in Eugene O'Neill's play "Emperor Jones," and merited much praise through their able acting.



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We are also pleased to state that last year the scholarships offered to first year men in the law school were won by Omega men—Brothers Love and Mazyck, Brother Campbell Johnson received honorable mention.

In the medical school this year six Omega men the total number of Omega men in the graduating class, were exempted from final examinations.

The new chapter home is all that could be desired as a Fraternity house; the spaciousness and modern appointments of the house combine comfort with beauty. One of the luxuries of the house is the extraordinary library of over five hundred volumes of select professional reference, standard fiction and text books.

I trust that from this brief resume, you may gain an idea of the activities of the Chapter.

Alpha Chapter extends heartiest greetings to her brother Chapters, and pledges heartiest support to every cause for the preservation of the ideals of our grand organization.

Fraternally,

I. IRVINE HOFFMAN

Keeper of Records

BETA CHAPTER

Lincoln University

Dear Brothers:

In all fields of student activities Omega has been and ever will be active. Her men have displayed resplendent manliness and leadership. Omega extends to Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternities, her contemporaries, the best of good will for their congenial attitude toward her.

I shall endeavor to point out some of the important events and accomplishments in the life of Beta Chapter. As for the prominence of Beta Chapter in intellectual and athletic activities, you may note the following:

Brother F. L. Atkins, Manager of football, 1918-1919, 1919-1920, validictorian of Class of 1920, winner of English prize half of Annie Louise Finney prize, awarded for scholarship, conduct, character and the best exemplification of the ideals of Lincoln University, also winner of Obdyke prize, a gold medal for the best individual debater.

Brother E. E. Alston, Latin Salutatorian, winner of Bradley medal in natural Science, and English Bible prize.

Brother R. A. Edmondson, Magna Cum Laude, 1920, class orator, and winner of the Madam Walker prize contest which brought honor to himself, Lincoln and Omeea.

Brother W. McKinley Peters, winner of athletic prize 1920, two years a star of the varsity eleven and manager and coach of the tract team, graduated, Cum Laude, Class '20.

Brother L. E. Redmond, succeeding Brother A. D. Williams as Basileus of Beta Chapter, hails from the land of flowers, and having spent several months in the army both at home and abroad, comes to us with the fullness of his experience. His highest ambition is the advancement of Omega.

Brother A. D. Williams of the Middle Seminary Class has indeed been a credit to his Alma Mater and also to Omega. He finished college with high honors winning the Annie Louise Finney prize. He also won Sacred Geography and Wanamaker, prize and was awarded first prize by the N. A. A. C. P. for the best essay in which all of the leading universities took part. He was appointed instructor in Ancient Languages, and twice elected as manager of football, being the present manager. He is now conducting a great program as pastor of a Presbyterian church in Philadelphia.

Brother R. N. C. Nix was captain of the varsity eleven, season 1920, and also winner of the Second prize of the Senior oratorical contest.

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Brother T. O. Randolph, manager and coach of the track team, and two years a varsity basketball player, now holder of the inter-collegiate record for the one mile run. He is kept very busy with the track activities at this time.

Brother Vernon R. James of the Senior Class of the Seminary is taking work in the college also, holding a first group in each department. He has almost completed a drive to secure five hundred dollars to endow a permanent annual scholarship for the colored graduate making the highest average in the Steelton High School. his Alma Mater. He is winner of the Robert H. Nassau Prize of \$50 for high scholarship.

Brother A. C. Davis delegate to the Grand Convention of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, last December 's now baseball manager and is busy with Lincoln University Schedule for the Spring season.

Brother R. B. Reagor is now president of the Senior Class, this being his second year as president of his class. He is known as a good frater and a likeable chap. He is also vice president of the N. A. A. C. P. and vice president of the Athletic Association.

Brother C. M. St. Clain is assistant manager of the basketball team. He is a rephew of the Hon. H. M. St. Clair of Maryland, who was a delegate to the National Convention of that state.

Brother A. D. Belton is a keeper of the university supply store, succeeding brother Morrow, who graduated in the class of 1020. and is now in N. Y. University Medical School.

Brother Melvin Beaunorous Tolson, son of the Reverend A. A. Tolson, of Kansas City, Missouri, was winner of the inter-state poetry contests, winner of the Freshman English prize, winner of the first Elizabeth H. Train oratorical prize, inter-scholastic debator, poet, and dramatic reader, captain of Freshman football team 1919, also member of varsity track team.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS B. HARGRAVE Chapter Editor

GAMMA CHAPTER

Boston, Mass. HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was established in the year 1917 at Boston, Mass., having at its head Brother R. McCant Andrews, formerly a member of Alpha Chapter, and at the time a student at the Harvard Law School. Working with Brother Andrews were Brothers Allen Dingle, R. George Robinson, and other stalwart sons from the two elder chapters of the Fraternity. Laboring under very adverse circumstances these men, by their examples of real fraternal spirit, astute scholarship, and exalted manhood, succeeded in winning a place in the hearts of the people of Boston and in bringing into the fold a few men who measured up to the Omega standards of Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance.

During the next year, due to graduations and other causes—chiefly the War and its sequels—interest in Gamma seemed to lag. Something was needed to put some "pep" into the fellows. To build a strong chapter required more men, a chapter house, and a revival of the original enthusiasm. The solution of the problem of making Gamma one of the strongest chapters of the Fraternity was found in the untiring efforts and interest on the

part of Brother R. George Robinson, formerly of Beta Chapter. By writing, telegraphing, and personally visiting some of the Brethren who contemplated pursuing professional courses he induced many of them to pursue such professional studies at some of the institutions of Boston and other educational centers throughout New England. As a result of Brother Robinson's untiring efforts September of 1919 found quite a few members of Omega in the city to enter Harvard, Boston University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, together with an abundance of prospective material. We were then situated in our chapter house which Brother Robinson had procured prior to the advent of any of the Brethren to Boston.

We might say that Brothers Robinson, Crawford, Garrett, and Prichett were the only members of Gamma present at the first meeting of the chapter, but they formed a nucleus around which the organization was formed. Early in the season several good men were initiated into the chapter, men whose record had been looked into carefully and whose many qualities had won for them the esteem and admiration of the members of the chapter who in turn thought that these men would do credit to the organization. The initiatees were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Omega and they entered whole-heartedly into the work of the organization. Their zeal and enthusiasm led them to ask that the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter be held in Boston which request was granted. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the meeting can attest to the manner in which everything was sorried through and the indelible impression stamped upon the hearts of the Boston populace. The chapter has been moving along splendidly since its "Rennaissance" and bids fair to move on to greater heights and to the realization of greater hopes and ambitions. The members of Gamma Chapter realize keenly the immensity of the work Omega is undertaking and the part that they, as a component of the whole, must play in the realization of success, and they are placing their shoulders to the wheel with intensified zeal and determination for the attainment of our meritorious end.

The year 1920-21 finds Gamma located in more commodious appartments than those of last year and a greater number of men with which to work. A program has been mapped out for the constructive good of the organization and of the community. The work of the Chapter thus far has been the initiation of new members the sending of suggestions to the Grand Chapter and other things of a more or less kindred nature. The Chapter put on its drive for the study of Negro History and Literature as did all the other chapters of the fraternity during the month of April. We have accomplished much by taking such a step towards the awakening of the people of New England from their lethargy, and arousing in them a spirit of race consciousness which is still very dormant. The annual Banquet and Dance or House Formal was given on Monday evening of April 18th and was well attended. Things were carried through in the usual Omega style "Res ipsa loquitur". We are greatly indebted to our caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Morris for the huge success of the "Formal" and they will ever be held in reverance by the members of Gamma Chapter.

Gamma Chapter hastens to assure the other chapters of Omega through the pages of the "Oracle" that they have her wholehearted support and unstinted lovalty in the carrying out of any constructive measure pertaining to the advancement of the Fraternity and of the human race.

H. W. BAUMGADNER.

PERSONALS

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Brother Chas. Gardner Archer is a first year Law Student at Harvard University. Brother Archer prepared for Harvard at Lincoln University where he was prominent in Athletics and Oratory, as well as an honor student, having received his A. B. degree cum laude.

Brother Jasper Atkins is in the second year class at Yale University Law School. He is on the editorial staff of the "Yale Law Review." Brother Atkins finished his college work at Fisk University where he received his A. B. degree summa cum laude.

Brother Percy Barnes of Washington, D. C., is in his senior year at Amherst College where he expects to receive an A. B. degree in June.. In his junior year Brother Barnes was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity.

Brother George C. Branche, Basileus of Gamma Chapter, is a second year medical student at Boston University. Brother Branche is a college graduate of Lincoln University and a former member of Beta Chapter.

Brother E. D. Barrows is a first year student at the Boston University School of Medicine. Brother Barrows won distinctions in scientific courses while at Bates College from which he was graduated last year. Brother Barrows is a recently initiated Brother, but has imbibed the Omega Spirit and is working very hard for her cause.

Brother Mathew W. Bullock is enraged in Urban League work in Boston. Brother Bullock is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. Brother Bullock was one of the two Republican candidates for the Massachuset's House of Representatives during the last state election, making a very hard run and being defeated only after the most unfair methods imaginable had been used by his opponents.

Brother Jose Escabi who was very ill during the past summer was able to resume his work at Harvard Medical School this year. Brother Escabi is a Senior at said institution, and is now known as one of the shining lights of his class. Brother Escabi is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, having been initiated at the University of Wisconsin, where he completed his college work.

Brother Roland Hayes, our premier tenor, we see is making a distinct success of his tour abroad. We read often of the many triumphs of this stalwart son of Omega. Gamma as well as Omega is proud of Roland; and may he return safely to us.

Brother A. P. Russell is a practicing Dentist of note in the city of Boston. Brother Russell is a college graduate of Harvard University and a graduate of the Harvard Dental School. Brother Russell figured largely in the establishment of our chapter at Norfolk, Va., from whence he hails. Brother Russell is very prominent in business and fraternal circles in the state of Massachusetts.

Brother John L. Shelburne, Dartmouth College's crack fullback and track star, is one of Omega's most loyal members.. Brother Shelburne will be gradua'ed from Dartmouth in June and expects to enter upon a career as athletic Director at one of the larger colleges.

Brother John B. Garrett is a gradute student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Brother Garrett is also instructor in the laboratories at "Tech". He is a graduate of Amherst College and Keeper of Seals of Gamma Chapter. Brother Garrett is one of Gamma's hardest workers.

Brother G. C. Williams, Jr., is a Harvard College graduate and a second year student in the School of Medicine. Brother Williams was Gamma's delegate to the Grand Chapter and was elected to the office of Grand Keeper of Seals.

DELTA CHAPTER

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brothers:

The progress of the Delta Chapter has not been the least noteworthy in the annals of Omega's history nor was its organization accomplished without effort. We college and professional men of Fisk and Meharry, too, had felt the need of brotherhood and comraderie, that, as true exponents of the Anthens of the South, we could ill afford to remain longer beyond the pale of fraternization. Accordingly around the following named men who were already members viz: C. A. Chandler, A. P. Scott, A. T. Clark, J. A. Atkins, I. A. Berry and J. O. Catalan, as a nucleus the Delta chapter was built, consisting of picked men of Fisk and Meharry.

Grand Basileus R. G. Robinson was the prime factor in establishing this chapter, which at this time has grown to be one of the largest, if not the largest, subordinate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Beginning with Brother D. K. Jenkins, the following men have worn the toga of Basileus viz:, L. R. Hill, G. M. Gonsalves, E. M. Baylor, and A. P. Scott, who is the present Basileus.

The last week in December 1920 was a very significant one, not only for Nashville, but for the South as the Ninth Annual Convention of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was held at the Delta Chapter, Meharry Medical College and Fisk University from December 27th to 31st inclusive. Delegates from all over the United States were present and included representatives from all the subordinate chapters, Grand Chapter officials, graduates and elected active members.

This past session was one of the most fruitful yet held because of the important subjects discussed and the progressive and constructive program planned for the future.

Great has been the rapid progress of Delta Chapter and of the entire Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the past, still greater achievement is contemplated, therefore with this as our motto "Viribus Instauratis Instamus" let us carry our standard to the heights and make the name of OMEGA known to all the world.

Fraternally,

Delta Chapter

PERSONALS of DELTA

Dr. R. C. Alexander, A. B., Fisk, D. D. S., Meharry has passed the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Dr. Alexander will open his office in Orange, N. J.

Dr. Baker, A. B., Biddle, M. D., Meharry, is taking his interne year at Mercer rtospital, Philadelphia, Penn.

Dr. L. R. Hill, D. D. S., '20 the only Negro of one hundred applicants to take the Minnesota State Board of Dentistry, passed the above with flying colors, and is now engaged in the successful practice of Dentistry at St. Paul, Minn.

Brother J. R. Blake, A. B., Lincoln University and formerly a member of Be⁺a, has cast his lot with Delta, Brother Blake is a Freshman Medical Student.

Brother W. R. Henry has sent the pin; congratulations will soon be in order, Omega.

The Delta Chapter received the announcement of the marriage of Brother S.

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F. Hogans, Sophmore Medical Student, to Miss Norabelle Brown during the Xmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hogans are graduates of Livingstone College.

Dr. R. L. Stinnett, D. D. S., passed the Texas State Board of Dentistry with high honors. Dr. Stinnett was called by his Alma Mater and is now assistant demonstrator in the Dental infirmary.

Brother E. M. Taylor, Ph. G., and Senior Medical Student was appointed by President Malloney as Chairman of the Students' Council.

Brother J. A. Atkins, A. B., Fisk University is making a splendid record in the Yale Law School.

Dr. E. I. Robinson, M. D., '19, passed the Georgia and Tennessee State Board, June 1919, interned at the Hubbard Hospital 1919-1920, and is now serving his Alma Mater as instructor of Anatomy, and as House Physician of Hubbard Hospital.

Prof. Gilbert has charge of the printing department at the Tennessee State Normal. Prof. Gilbert is an Omega man of the first magnitude; he was one of the Howardites who had the worderful vision of fraternization of Negro college men: Brother Gilbert is a staunch member of Delta and well versed in all that belongs to Omega.

Dr. Chalmers Hairston, D. D. S. '19, passed the Maryland State Board with high honors, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Baltimore. Md. Dr. Hairston was recently elected as Dental Inspector of the Public Schools of Baltimore.

Brother A. P. Scott, A. B., Fisk '19, is our newly elected Basileus, Brother Scott is a second year dental student and also instructor in Chemistry at Walden University. The stork stopped in on Brother C. P. Perrin and wife last October and left a handsome brand new Omega Psi Phi brother in the person of C. P. Perrin, Jr.

Brother J. K. Rice, our New Keeper of Records is leaving here Commencement to visit in Eastern North Carolina, Brother Rice says he has worn the pin long enough. Brother J. L. Heartwell, our ex-Keeper of Records, who spent the Xmas holidays in Carolina and Virginia and left his pin on the trip, will accompany Brother Rice after Commencement.

Brother F. S. K. Whitaker, A. B. Fisk, is a shining star in the Harvard Law firmament.

The following is a list of some of the Meharry brothers and the State Boards they have passed:

Dr. C. E. Bomar, D. D. S., Pennsylvania Dr. R. E. Ashe, D. D. S. Georgia Dr. A. D. Burroughs, M. D. . . Georgia Dr. H. E. Erwin, M. D. Georgia Dr. D .T. Burton, M. D. Tennessee Dr. J. T. Barnes, D. D. S. .. Tennessee Dr. T. M. Johnson, D. D. S. .. California Dr. G. M. Gonslaves, D. D. S., Indiana Dr. W. E. Grant Illinois Dr. J. O. Henley, M. D. Missouri Dr. W. T. Napier, M. D. . . Oklahoma Dr. L. G. Phillips, D. D. S. Texas Dr. L. I. Strickland, D. D. S. N. Carolina Dr. J. W. Simms, D. D. S. Texas Dr. J. O. Catalan, D. D. S. . . Kentucky Dr. F. E. Anthony, D. D. S... Missouri Dr. J. A. Gipson, D. D. S. .. Missouri Dr. M. Bolton, D. D. S. Kansas Dr. M. J. Holmes, M. D. .. Missouri Dr. D. K. Jenkins, D. D. S. . S. Carolina Dr. E. O. Young, D. D. S. . Missouri Dr. R. D. Love, D. D. S. Indiana

EPSILON CHAPTER New York City

Dear Brothers:

Epsilon, the most romantic and the most strategic of chapters, sprang into being from a lofty concept. The chapter was organized Friday, April 18, 1919 at the home of Brother Merral Willis, 24 W. 140th St., New York City.

It was indeed a timely affair. The European catastrophe had just ended; the romance of war and the strategy of clashing strife were receeding into a more stable adjustment. The paramount issue in the minds of men was live, efficient organizations that would offer mankind a better day. Our own heroes were there in the person of Brother Henry Marlow of the 350th Field Artillery and formerly of Beta Chapter, and W. P. Stanley, originally of Beta, who served in India and Africa.

Optimism ran high throughout the meeting. The remarks were gathered along the need of Omega's influence in this great world metropolis. The keynote was reached when Epsilon pledged herself to maintain and foster the spirit of the ideals that had been set before her by sister chapters.

The first work the chapter did along its broad, constructive program was sending a delegate to the American Legion's caucus at St. Louis, Mo., during the summer of 1919. The American Associated Press emphasized the views of this chapter in big headlines of the leading newspapers of the country, showing how vigorously Epsilon protested against any form of segregation.

The second and most outstanding issue the chapter delved in was in the relentless stand she took to bring to light the morale of the Colored troops and officers of the A. E. F. The letter Colonel Greer wrote

Senator McKeller, maliciously attacking the A .E. F. colored troops, wielding an insidious propaganda with its main purpose of reducing Negro troops in the National Army became one of the biggest and outstanding issues the chapter had to deal with. The chapter, however, was triumphant in its noble and dramatic stand. It has on record personal communication from the Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, who made an assurance that a demand would be given for an immediate discharge of Colonel Greer. The result of our protest in all of these issues brought success to the chapter that has been truly great.

The year 1920 found Epsilon with a membership of eight to begin a new work. The Chapter broken up to a certain degree by the loss of some of its members began work in a new way. To the chapter came men from all parts and schools, giving views and ideas of the true spirit as had been set forth by sister chapters. Brother Murchison, formerly of Alpha, did good work as our first Basileus of the year. The call was sounded and every loyal Omega man responded the delight of all, fifteen omegoites made good the occasion. No time was spared in directing work on a constructive basis.

Fall initiation linked with us those, who no doubt will be heard from in a greater way by their ardent labor, not only in the Fraternity circles, but in every respect. Brother Burrell, now keeper of Records, a student in the Columbia School of Business, Brother L. H. Berry, Keeper of Seals, a student of Theology in General Seminary. City. Brother V. Williams and A. Williams, N. Y. U. Medical School comprise the list.

In January we held an election and a great program was advanced by Brother I. Edward Sheffey, formerly of Zeta, who was chosen as Basileus for 1921. The

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fi.st step taken to bring Epsilon and Omega before New York City was in our Spring Reception, given February 22, at the home of Brother Hasting Tompkins.

Every plan and move are made with a constructive end. The chapter, eager and anxious to become stronger for good and uplift in the city, is ever ready to lend a helping hand. Where there is strength there must be unity, and Epsilon like other chapters is becomming more consolidated. Next fall we expect to have a home and every hand is working to that end.

Fraternally,

Merral Willis

ZETA CHAPTER

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brothers:

October 30, 1919 was a memorable night for Omega, for it was the moment that many brothers had earnestly awaited for more than five years. What did it mean? It meant that Omega had established a chapter at Virginia Union University. Thanks be to those faithful and ardent brothers whose zealous and untiring efforts made such an event possible.

The chapter began with eleven men having as officers, V. C. Smith, Basileus; B. H. Hester, Keeper of Records; and M. D. Walker, Keeper of Seals. Having as they did, the true spirit of Omega, it was impossible for the chapter to remain idle. In less than a month the eleven had increased to twenty-six, and before June the membership of Zeta was thirty-four.

The first opportunity to get before the public came on March 5th of last year, when Dean William Pickens, an elected active member was visiting Richmond. An informal reception was tendered him at which time a number of young ladies were present with us and our colleagues of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Two administrations have passed since the chapter was organized. During the spring election of last year Brother E. G. Wood was elected as Basileus; Brother F. D. Johnson, Keeeper of Records; and Brother C. T. Erwin, Keeper of Seals. These brothers served a successful term and were succeeded recently by brothers E. W. Greene, S. B. Briggs and Wm. Murray who are serving the respective offices of Basileus, Keeper of Records and Keeper of Seals.

In the closing meeting of last year it was decided that Zeta chapter would bring Brother Carter Woodson before the Richmond public in a lecture. These plans were perfected and on December 17th last Brother Woodson delivered a lecture here on, "The Negro in our History". A very representative audience was present and without a doubt, were more than compensated for attending.

Thus, we are inculcating the cardinal principles of Omega in Richmond, and it is needless to say that Zeta has been an effective agent on the "Hill.". But for the benefit of our brothers and readers we shall give an outline of some of our men and their activities.

Zeta's elected active members are: Brothers J. T. Hewin, Esq., W. H. Stokes, Ph. D., Miles B. Jones, M. D., and Wm. H. Hughes, M. D.

Brotner Hewin is a graduate of the Boston University Law School. He is primarily a corporation counsel and is counsel for the largest Negro organizations in the state. Besides, he is President of the American Beneficial Insurance Company, Vice-President of St. Luke Penny Savings Bank and Secretary of the Richmond chapter of the N. A. A. C. P. He enjoys the unique distinction of having the largest practice of any Negro lawyer in the state of Virginia.

Brother William H. Stokes is one of the most competent pastors in the country and occupies the pulpit of one of the most efficient churches of the South. He completed the college course at Virginia Union University and received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D., in 1904 and 1906, respectively. He has not only been instrumental in the religious side of life, but has done much to promote the welfare of his people. On account of his activities he has been recognized by every governor of Virginia since 1900. He has also served on the faculty of Virginia Union University. He is the editor of the "Lott Carey Herald", and holds many positions in Baptist institutions and associations. He is the author of two catechisms. "Scripture Catechism" and "Doctrine Splinter."

Brother Miles B. Jones is one of the most widely known surgeons in the State. The active part he has taken in many movements for social betterment has given him a place high in the estimation of the people of his community. He is school physician for Virginia Union University, and one of the visiting lecturers in Biology.

Not only is Brother Jones the most successful surgeon in the city, but is the founder and surgeon-in-chief of Richmond Hospital. Brother Jones is a leader of the true Omega type. He is now directing two great movements, one for the establishment of public baths in the city. and the other for the erection of a hospital as a memorial to the colored soldiers of this section. Brother Jones is a member of the National Medical Association, and was for a time treasurer of the Richmond Medical Society. Unlike most men of his profession he finds time to do a great deal of religious and philanthropic work. He has been for a number of years superintendent

of the most progressive Sunday School in the State. His philanthropic work takes such forms as organizing charity wards in the hospital with which he is connected. Zeta is proud of him and he in turn bows at the shrine of Omega as the Saint of his deepest devotion.

Brother Hughes is one of the very successful practicing physicians of this city. He is the leader in all movements for racal uplift. His brilliant professional work has won for him many positions of honor and trust. He is school physician for Hartshorne Memorial College and is also on the visiting faculty of the Biology department of Virginia Union University.

Brother Melvin (Red) Walker, a charter member, deserves most credit for Zeta's existence. His efforts have been great indeed. It was in his home that Zeta was born and since that time it has served as a "frat" house for the boys. Brother Walker is assistant cashier of the St. Luke's Penny Saving Bank and a very prominent figure in business circles.

Brother C. T. Erwin is one of the charter members of Zeta. In his junior vear he left school to accept a position which his rare ability made him well qualified to hold. He is now assistant cashier in one of the most progressive banking and trust companies in this section, as well as associate editor of a local daily paper. Brother Erwin's rise in the business world since he left school has been little short of phenomenal. His is a great future, nor is his record at Union forgotten. He was an excellent student and an active participant in many extra-curricula activities. Brother Erwin is going the way of all Omega men -the way that leads to success.

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Definite steps have already been taken to interest the student body at Virginia Union in reading books edited by Negro writers. Already Zeta chapter has presented the University library a select collection of twenty-five books by the best Negro authors. It is the plan of Zeta chapter to add to this collection any representative books that may be published from time to time.

Omega men are active in all phases of campus life. Brother Hester, President of the Senior Theological Class, is also President of the Y. M. C. A. Brother Hester is active besides in other branches of work. He is one of the few student teachers and exceedingly popular in campus activities.

Closely associated with Brother Hester is Brother H. J. McGuinn. On Brother McGuinn devolved the task of organizing the student Bible Classes on the "Hill." He has succeeded admirably. Brother McGuinn is, moreover, a most prominent figure in school activities.

In the recent preliminaries for the annual triangular debate which will be held this year between Lincoln, Howard and Union, Brothers R. P. McGuinn, F. D. Johnson, E. G. Wood and L. M. Tobin were selected as four of the six members of the debating team to represent Union.

Brother R. P. McGuinn is probably the most versatile man on the campus. He is captain of the baseball team for this year, leader of the University Glee Club, a star football player, a member of the debating team, the best tennis player on the campus and president of the Class of '21.

Brother V. C. Smith, Class '21, a charter member of Ze'a chapter, has the unique distinction of being the only man at the University to remain on the honor roll in all subjects throughout his entire course. Brother Smith is the best student on the campus. He is finishing college in three years and is planning to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall of 1921. We are expecting great things of him at "Tech."

Brothers F. D. Johnson and E. G. Wood are now enjoying the fruits of their labors. The Open Forum of which they are the organizers, bids fair to become the most popular student organization on the "Hill". The object of the forum is to promote interest in live topics of the day, to discuss them intelligently and to discuss different problems that affect campus life. The Open Forum is with us to stay, thanks to the efforts of these men.

Brother E. G. Wood, Class '21, is about to finish his career at Union. The University Record designates him as the best student in social science at the University.

A class in higher mathematics is composed exclusively of Brothers D. Mallory, F. D. Johnson, G. B. Lomax and F. D. Williams. All have creditable standings.

Brother A. E. Boykins, class '24, is leading the class in freshman mathematics.

Brother H. J. McGuinn and F. D. Johnson, represented Union at home last year in the triangular debate with Lincoln, Wilberforce and Union. The decision of the judges was in favor of Union.

There will be many moons ere the gap, made by Brother Hucles's departure is closed. He was proficient in every line of sport, and he excelled in football. It was his coaching last year which helped Union to retain her coveted place in athletic circles. Prior to his leaving Union Brother Hucles had been named for three consecutive seasons as a member of the "Mythical All American Football Team."

> Fraternally, VICTOR S. SMITH

ETA CHAPTER

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brothers:

Greetings:

The Eta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was organized on December 27th, 1919 at Atlanta, Ga., and is composed of select college men from the three leading institutions of learning in the city, viz., Atlanta University, Clarke University, and Morehouse College. A letter announcing its establishment was immediately sent to the Grand Chapter Conclave then in its eight annual session at the seat of Gamma Chapter in Boston, Mass.

Brothers Harvey Smith, C. Warner, L. R. Harper and H. Hodges, all of the Camp Howard Chapter materially aided the writer in the founding of Eta Chapter. These brethren at the time were enrolled in Atlanta University and Morehouse College respectively either as studen's or as instructors. Thus, Eta Chapter bears a most enviable record in that it was the first chapter of any fraternity among Negro college men to have been organized and chartered in the state of Georgia and in the far South. Until to-day Eta stands as a bulwark for Omega in Dixie, and is the pride of college men of the South. Since her foundation she has steadily amassed unto herself the leaders of civic and educational life in Atlanta, and includes among her members such nationally known figures as Dr. W. F. Penn, Mr. W. J. Trent, Executive Secretary of the Butler St. Branch of the Y. M. C. A., together with Physical Director Faulkner of Y. M. C. A., and C. A. Shaw, Secretary of the well known Standard Life Insurance Co.

In the forensic and athletic world Omega men hold the advantage in the three respective colleges. During the debate with Howard University in 1920 it was Brother R. D. Stinson, who representing Atlanta University, brough glory upon himself and his fraternity by achieving the victory at Rankin Memorial Chapel in Washington, D. C. This year in the debate with Morehouse College and Talladega College, brothers J. Nabrit and A. Barbour, Jr., have been officially selected as the members of the Morehouse College debating team.

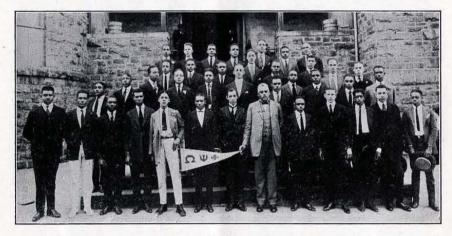
In the Alumni Prize Contest recently held at Atlanta University, Brother M. L. Paige was awarded the first prize and Brother L. G. Grimes carried off the second prize. Also at Atlanta University Brother Grimes is president of Athletic Assn., and Brother H. C. Hamilton was manager of the football team, which made such an enviable record. Brother John Leake of A. U. brought glory to Omega on the gridiron, and Brother Goff showed himself as especially brilliant in basketball.

In like manner Omega is in the ascendancy on the campus at Morehouse College. Brother H. L. Turner in the Business Manager of the "Athenaeum", the official college publication, and Brothers L. Harper, S. Dunson and Kelley were Omega men who were deemed worthy of holding positions of the varsity Basketball team at Morehouse College. The basketball and football teams have Omega men, and Brothers J. Nabrit, M. Lee and others are on the celebrated Glee Club, which recently toured the South under the directiotn of Prof. Kemper Harold. Morehouse also has the honor of furnishing Eta with her present Basileus Brother W. W. Blocker, who along with your humble servant were the elected delegates from this chapter, who made the pilgrimage to the Ninth Annual Conclave in Nashville, Tenn.

At Clarke University, Eta Chapter can

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boast of her strongest sons, and this institution bears the honor of furnishing four charter members, in the persons of Brothers F. R. Arnold, T. F. Fykes, P. W. Giddings, Jr., and R. D. Jones. The present Keeper of Seals is Brother E. C. Mitchell from Clarke University, and he is also Treasurer of the Class of 1922. Chapter officials added to the jollity of the occasion and served to keep the members full of enthusiasm. This banquet semble for the Tenth Annual Conclave, received special write-ups in the New York Age, the Chicago Defender, the Atlanta Constitution, and the Atlanta Independent.



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Brother Fred. M. White carries off the honor of being President of the Alpha Sigma Literary Society, and also President of the Class of 1922. No stronger Omega man, and none more "righteous" can be found than Brother Chas. Gideons, Eta's present Chaplain. Brother Gideons is also is President of the Athletic Association at Clarke University, as well as Treasurer of the Class of 1921.

The Eta Chapter entertained last Semester with a most elaborate banquet, given exclusively for Omega men. College yells, frat songs, and toasts, together with letters of congratulations from Grand The intense interest of the men of Eta Chapter is remarkable, and all are planning even now to entertain the Grand Council next December, when Omega men from all over the country will assemble for the Tenth Annual Conclave and with the Eta and Omicron Chapters as hosts.

The Eta Chapter also entertained with a smoker in honor of Brother R. G. Robinson, our Grand Organizer, when he was here in January. His visit was productive of much good, and the brothers appreciated keenly his wonderful inspiration. At present we have a membership of hp-

proximately fifty-five brothers, and the House Committee is working diligently to have us quartered in a frat house of our own in a few months. We, of Eta, are always glad to see and meet visiting brothers, and we invite all Omega men when passing through the city to look us up, and we assure you that we will return the good old Omega Psi Phi welcome.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. THOMAS.

PERSONAL FROM ETA

Marriags

Brothers H. M. Smith, former Basileus of Eta Chapter, to Miss Stell Bryant of Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Wade Powell, of Eta Chapter to Miss Lizzie Bell of Atlanta, Ga.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Smith, (Eta Chapter), a daughter on Christmas Day, 1920.

Engagements

Brother L. R. Harper (Eta Chapter), to Miss Neddie I. Rucker of Atlanta, Ga. Brother C. L. Yates, (Eta Chapter) now

of Cleveland, O. ,to miss Mae Maxwell, of Atlanta, Ga.

In Memoriam

Richard D. Stinson, Atlanta University, Eta Chapter, Initiated 1920. Died June 6, 1920. Requiescat in Pace.

WHAT OUR BROTHERS ARE DOING

Brother N. E. White, (Eta Chapter) Atlanta University, '20 is now Dean of Academic Work at Voorhees Normal Ia-

stitute, Denmark, S. C.

Brother C. E. Cornell, (Eta Chapter), Atlanta University, '20, is now instructor at Knox Institute, Athens, Ga.

Brother C. L. Yates, (Eta Chapter), Atlanta University '20, is now in business in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother E. Moore, (Eta Chapter), Morehouse College, '20, is now President of Normal Institute, Ala.

Brother H. Hodges, (Eta Chapter), Atlanta University, '20, is now a dental student in Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

IOTA CHAPTER

Atlantic City, N. J.

The Iota Chapter was established on the night of August 17th ,1920 in Atlantic City, N. J., after authority had been obtained from Grand Basileus Robinson, who sent a telegram from Boston authorizing same. The initiation was held with Brother J. Granady, and many visiting brothers from the Alpha and Beta Chapters participated in the initiatory ceremonies, which were among the most impressive and orderly that the writer has ever witnessed.

The field was combed carefully, and in order that Omega's first graduate chapter might have a solid foundation, from a large field of eligibles, only two men were finally chosen for the initiation. This is in accordance with Omega's time-honored custom of emphasizing quality rather than quantity. The two brothers initiated were Brother H. A. Warner and G. D. Brooks. Brother Brooks has proved his loyalty and enthusiasm by setting up the Nu Chapter at Pennsylvania State College, Pa., of which he is now the honored basileus.

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The Iota Chapter gave several informal smokers in the law offices of Brother F. H. Wimberly in the Sheen Building, which served to bind the men together in a most intimate way.

The New York Age carried the following notice in its column relative to the establishment of the Iota Chapter: "Negro college men in Atlantic City, N. J. announce the establishment of the Iota Chapter, a graduate chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This chapter has been put on a permanent basis, which means that the Omega spirit is pervading the communities on the Jersey coast. Influential business men and leaders in other professions have accepted membership in the Iota Chapter. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is a national organization with subordinate chapters in some of the most noted institutions of learning in the country, and includes in its membership some of the most distinguished mea of the Negro race, two of whom are recipients of the famous Spingarn Medal "

Fraternally,

H. H. THOMAS

KAPPA CHAPTER

West Virginia Institute

Dear Brothers:

Brother David A. Lane, who received his Master's degree from Harvard University last June, is now teaching I'nglish in the College Department of the West Virginia. Collegiate Institute. Brother Lane is a graduate of Bowdoin College of the class of 1917, where he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and where he was for three years a promaenut member of the debating team. After graduating from Bowdoin in three and one-half years, he went to the O. T. C., at De Moines, and received his commision as First Lieutenant. Coming out of the army in the spring of 1919, he entered Harvard as a graduate student, and received his Masters degree in June 1920. Brother Lane is of Alpha Chapter.

Dr. Larter G. Woodson, who was dean of the College of Arts and Science at Howard University for the year of 1919-20, is now Dean of the College Department of the W. Virginia Collegiate Departstitute. Besides editing and publishing the "Journal of Negro History" and raising funds therefore, Dr. Woodson is accomplishing the important task of enlarging the college department of West its curriculum up to the standard of any of the small colleges of the country. Already Dr. Woodson's presence has commenced to bear results, as may be poticed from the etxensive preparations now being made to take care of the larte number of students already enrolled for the summer school at the institution. Brother Woodson delivered the chief address at the Grand Chapter Meeting in Nashville in Tanuary.

Brother A. G. Brown, who was one of the brothers made at the summer training camp at Howard University in the summer of 1918, is at present teaching Mechanical Drawing at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. He is a graduate of the Medical School of Howard University of the 90's. He is of Alpha Chapter.

Dr. M. T. Sinclair, one of the earliest Members of the Fraternity, is still the Medical Aaviser at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. He is a graduate of the Medical School of Howard University of the 90's. He is of Alpha Chapter.

Brother Frederick A. Parker who graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1920, at which place, he, along

with Brother R. Percy Barnes, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, is now Instructor in Mathematics at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. Brother Parker is of Gamma Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

F. A. PARKER.

LAMBDA, CHAPTER Norfolk, Va.

April 18, 1921.

Dear Brothers:

The Lambda Chapter was organized in November, 1920 through the activities of Messrs. Walter Fulford, and E. S. Peters, of the Alpha Chapter.

Our membership includes Dr. G. H. Francis, President, Progressive Drug Co., Vice President, Tidewater Bank and Trust Company, Treasurer Twin City Amusement Corporation; Basileus; Dr. A. B. Green, Physical Leader of activities in the Campostella Citizens League, Secretary, Progressive Drug Company. Keeper of Records; Attorney J. M. Harrison, Lawyer, President Huntersville Improvement Association, Author, Keeper of Seals: L. A. Howell, Attorney for Twin City Amusement Corporation; J. P. Quander, Accountant; W. M. Kemp, Real Estate Dealer, H. C. Young, Associate editor "Journal and Guide", Secretary Twin City Amusement Corporation: W. J. Scott, Professor, Booker T. Washington High School; Sterling O. Fields, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist; Walter Fulford, A. B., Musician; H. J. Mosely, Pharamacist; J. H. Anderson, Dentist; W. E. Bailey, Physician; Harvey N. Johnson, Architect; F. G. Russell, President Twin City Amusement Corporation, Business Manager, Progressive Drug Co.; E. S. Peters, Lawyer; H. C.

Hardy, Pharmacist; F. F. Bradley, Dentist,

Our Chapter aims to promote the ideal set forth, by the Fraternity, and to aid all causes that tend to help our race and community.

Fraternally,

G. H. FRANCIS.

NU CHAPTER

Penn State

Dear Brothers:

Nu Chapter was organized at the Pennsylvania State College, State College. Pa., Feb. 5, 1921, by eight students of the above named college. This chapter was a direct result of the efforts of several of these students, who had realized the necessity for some organization among the Negro students at State College.

Previous to the establishment of the chapter, these students were affiliated with a local organization, which failed to accomplish the purpose for which it had been established. n order that the spirit of cooperation, loyalty and sincerity would be a vital factor in these young men's lives, they needed a more binding organization, one with a broader foundation, from which they might receive inspiration. Therefore, efforts were centered towards the establishment of a fraternity chapter, and Nu Chapter was the result.

Although the chapter is young in its organization, the value of its establishment has already been seen. The men have taken a new interest in organized activity, and are co-operating in the proper sense of the word. Omega Psi Phi is a name in which they already take pride, and for which they are always ready to sacrifice.

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State College is located in the center of the State of Pennsylvania, and affords an ideal opportunity for molding our men into firm sincere Omega men.

The members are: George D. Brooks, Louis A. Potter, Daniel B. Taylor, James A. Gardiner, Eldridge A. Miller, William N. Lewis, J. Lester Smith, James A. Moore. The above are Charter members of the Chapter.

The first step taken by Nu Chapter after its organization ,was to petition for college recognition. The final action of the committee on Student Organization has not been returned as yet but the chapter expects a favorable reply.

Through the Investigation Committee, a campaign is to be launched to encourage students to "come to State".

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Brother George D. Brooks, a student in the school of Liberal Arts, Course in Education and Psychology, is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa. He entered State in the fall of 1917, only to be called from his college work for war service, where he served in the only battalion of its kind in the military department. He served with the 29 Co., Department of Military Aeronautics. Returning to his college activity he will graduate in June, 1921.

Brother Louis A. Potter, a student in the school of Agriculture, course in Agricultural Chemistry, is also a Philadelphian. He holds the honor of being the pioneer Negro student in this course at State. He entered in the fall of 1917, and will graduate in June, 1921. He has had the distinction of ranking high in the first quarter of his class throughout the the three years c° his undergraduate life, and will undoubtedly finish in the same high position. Brocher Daniel B. Taylor, a student in the course in Agricultural Chemistry, is also a Philadelphian. He entered in 1918, and gained a place on the State Track Team, which he has held ever since. During his High School career, he excelled in the same sport, and was elected the Captain of both Cross-Country and Track. He was a member of the championship medley relay team of the country for the season 1919-1920. This young man is also a student of high caliber. He graduates in 1922.

Brother James A. Gardiner is a member of the class of 1922, in the course in Mathematics. He too, maintains a high standard of scholarship.

Brother Eldridge A. Miller, of Harrisburg, Pa., originally a member of the class of 1919, was called to France with the 451st F. A., and returns to graduate in 1922, from the course in Industrial Engineering. He is best known as a tennis player.

Brother Wm. N. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., member of class of 1922, is taking a course in Horticulture. In his Freshman year at State, he was a regular pitcher during the baseball season, and won the honor of wearing the class numerals, which is the only distinction given in the first year. He is working daily with the Varsity this Spring, and we are wishing him the "S" as a reward.

Brother J. Lester Smith, of Wilkesbarre, is in the class of 1923, in the course of Agronomy. He is a steady worker in the realm of track activities, and we are wishing him a well earned place before he has finished his work at

State.

Brother James A. Moore, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., member of the class of

1924, is a Student in the Fre-Medical course. He has already eatned a place on the Varsity Track Team. In Peabody H. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., he was a member of both the track and football team. He will surely be heard from before he has completed his college career.

OMICRON CHAPTER

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Editor and Brothers:

Gammon Seminary has a fine bunch of fellows composing the Omicron chapter. There are almost as many states represented as there are members. Brother T. B. Echols hails from the "Lone Star State," Texas, and from Samuel Huston College where he graduated with Class '18 with second honors. During his college days he took a part in all the athletic activities of the school. In 1916 he won the medal in the oratorical contest, and for three years was a member of the debating team, was once vice president of the Y. M. C. A., two years secut master, and in his senior year was president of the "College Club," which is composed of the four classes of the department. After graduation he spent six months in Camp Travis as a member of the First Group Band. He entered Gammon Theological Seminary in October, 1919. Since here his friends have seen fit to honor him with the following positions: President of the Lyceum, president of the Junior and Middle classes respectively, and vice-president Y. M. C. A. We are now nearing the close of two very busy yet enjoyable years. At the organization of the Omicron Chapter, Brother Echols was made "Basileus" which office he now holds.

Brother James Garrett, our Keeper of Records, is a graduate of Livingstone College, Salisburg, N. C., having received the degree of A. B. He was in the U. S. Army 1918 and 1919, receiving a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Officers' Training School at Camp Hancock, Ga., Central Machine Gun Training Center. He is now in Gommon persuing his course in Theology.

Our Keeper of Seals, Brother Arthur B. Keeling, hails from the state of O1anges, Strawberries and Pineapples, Florida. He is a graduate of Clark University, Atlanta Ga. from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the highest honors in 1920. Two years prior to his graduation he was instructor in Bible and Spanish, and in his senior year was appointed to the chair of Assistant Instructor in Sciences also. He is an active, aggreseive christian worker and student in the Seminary, and among the foremost in religious work in our city church life. He is in his second year as Field Representative of the South Western Christian Advocate, in the interest of which he tours the Atlanta and New Orleans areas of the M. E. Church, visiting various conferences. As we are about to go to press he has distinguished himself as an orator by winning the first prize in the Steward Missionary Foundation Contest, Friday, March 18. He is truly holding up the colors for OMEGA. We are expecting and predicting for him a foremost place in life, for there are now many encouraging and hopeful signs.

Our Keeper of Peace, Brother Herman J. Harrison, is a graduate of George R. Smith College, Sedalia M. Class '19. He entered the army in 1917 and spent several months overseas. He is now preparing himself as a soldier of the Cross. He is a member of the Middle Class of Gammon.

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Brother G. W. Carter, Director of Communication, is a college graduate of New Orleans College, Class '20. He is now persuing his theological training in Gammon. Carter is a real Omega man in every way and we predict for him a bright future.

Brother J. Wesley Thomas, Chairman of Omicron's program committee was born and reared in Orangeburg, S. C., son of Rev. J. S. Thomas, a Methodist preacher of the South Carolina conference. He was educated at Claffin University of the same city, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918. When the call came, he entered the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene, N. C., as relizious work intector. After being dischargd from this work he joined the South Carolina conference of the M. E. Church. In connection with his work at Gammon he is pastor of St. James M. E. Church at Sumpter, S. C.

Brother O. A. Russell is a graduate of Livingston College of 1920. He is now pastoring a church in Atlanta; Ga., while persuing his theological course in Gammon. Brother Russell is a brilliant young man and we are expecting much of him.

Dr. Willis J. King, professor of Old Testament History in Gammon, promises to be a great promoter of Omega in the Seminary. He is a graduate of Wiley University and Boston Theological Seminary. He has had several years experience as pastor. We are glad to have him allied with us for as the years come and go we pass from Dear Old Gammon but Dr. King remains indefinitely. He has distinguished himself already in many ways as a leader of our race. We shall hear more of him later. He has pledged himself to Omicron and Omega, paid his dues and is now waiting for further action of the chapter.

Our Chaplain, Brother Arthur S. Mc-Gowan, comes to us from Philadelphi, Pa., and is a graduate of Miller College with the degree of A. B. He was a member of that noted class of 1918. He is now in Gammon persuing his course in theology and at the same time is pastor of the M. E. Church at Franklin, N. C. He is well known by his friends as a man of God.

Brother J. E. Caraway, Chairman of the Committee on Publication, writes the following letter:

"My Dear Fellow Frats: I shall be very glad to assist you in holding high the banner of the worthy ideals for which we stand. It is well that the thinking young men of our race have one common bond of unity, though we may vary in our methods we must be one in our efforts to solve some of the problems that are ours. I am pleased to see signs of uplift, and that our homes, churches, schools and communities bespeak the fact that back of them are men of aesthetic taste and high moral ideals. We are manifesting a greater interest in the masses. We are not thinking, planning, respecting, honoring and spending our lives for our wives, mothers and children alone, but for the wives and children and mothers of every one. If we would rise, this we must do.

I hail from the Omicron Chapter of Gammon Seminary of Atlanta, Ga. I am chairman of the Publication Committee, a member of the Middle Class of '20-'21, having received my degree from Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, in 1919.

Soliciting your best wishes that we may spend together a life of service and peace after the month of August.

> Fratrnally, J. E. CARAWAY

Our chapter was organized February 2nd, 1921 by Brother Grand Basileus, H. H. Thomas. It was indeed an enjoyable evening and will ever remain as fresh in the memory of the members of Dear Old Omicron as that night. Every man is a loyal man to Omega and has begun to work that the manya nd never dying princ'p'es for which she stands shall be a gu'de by which our people shall come into their own.

Fratrally, T. B. ECHOLS

NEW CHAPTERS

As we go to press word reaches us of the establishing of the following chapters: Pi, Baltimore; Rho, Biddle University; Sigma, University of Chicago and North Western University; Tau, University of Michigan; Upsilon, St. Louis, Mo.; Phi, University of Pittsburgh.

Our Elder Brothers

Brother Roland Hayes

"Roland Hayes has given a recital at Aeolian Hall, London. The Daily Telegraph says of the Negro Spirituals in his program: Perhaps Mr. Hayes will add more of them to his next program, for this is music we cannot make for ourselves. The Morning Post says that Mr. Hayes delivered Paccini's 'Che Gelida Manina' in Italian and Beethoven's 'Adelaide' with extreme refinement, and set an example which many English singers would do well to copy by combining clear diction with unbroken phrasing."

The Crisis, August, 1920.

London, April 28—Roland Hayes, the colored tenor from Georgia, who has enjoyed a remarkable success during his visit to England, has been presented with a diamond pin by King George.

The Negro singer sang some beautiful

Negro songs before the royal family at Buckingham Palace recently, and he told a daily news representative today that the King bad observed how different they were from what the English people have been taught to believe were the characteristic Negro nucleis.

New York World

Brother E. E. Just

D1. E. E. Just is reported to have made experiments which have brought him closer than any scientist in the world to the original sources of life. For the furtherance of his research he has been granted a sum of several thousand dollars by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Brother Henry Lincoln Johnson, the only Negro member of the Republican National Committee, has been elected by Eta Chapter.

The Negro Greek Letter Men's Opportunity for Service

FRANK COLEMAN-ALPHA

The world is turned upside down, the voice of the Iccnoclast is raised and many pause to listen and ponder upon his merciless words: at no time in the history of the world were existing things more stosely examined or projects subjected to a more severe incredulity than at the present time. The only excuse for existence, the only raison d' ette of any public institution is the service it can render society. Any institution which fails to render its mead of service to society must lead a tortuous and uncertain existence if indeed it continues to exist at all.

High ideals and good intentions alone, never did, and, as iong as numan nature remains as it is, never will bring about one great reform, win a single battle, or conquer a single dread disease. Great schemes born in the minds of individuals never became potent until translated into action. However good the intentions may be, actions are the only evidence of their existence. Truly some ancient prophet has said "If a man truly thinks well he will act well."

Active service must be the slogan of every National Negro Greek Letter Fraternity, and I mak no apologies for the use of the Negro in the caption of this note. For indeed, so acute has become the problem, that even though we are true and loyal Amricans the consciousness of race is continually thrust upon us and our salvation lies in its recognition and the consequent racial solidarity that will result from such recognition. Racial solidarity, racial pride, the desire and willingness to foster and support, and Negro business enterprises are necessary fore-runners of Negro racial and self respect. It seems to me that it should be the policy of every one of our Greek Letter organizations to foster these things. It should be foreign to every member even to speak disparingly of any laudable racial enterprise regardless of how feeble the effort or how ungained or unlettered its sponsors may be, if its purpose is pure and high and honest and its actions are consistent with its purpose. In the encouragement and support of those of our own blood, who have suffered and are suffering even as we, lies one of our greatest opportunities for a service.

Propaganda in its best sense, not by words alone, but by action and truly interpreting these actions to the masses of a people who are struggling to rise and take their places among the entizenty of America and of the world, is a potent means of fostering solidarity and self respect.

No frat man is realizing his full opportunities who will not do all that lies in his power to discourage among those with whom he comes into contact, the use of such words as "darky," "coon," etc., used with reference to our people. Jokes and anecdotes, the point which is some alleged racial weakness, should be tabooed. The encouragement and support of cur newspapers and periodicals is a tremendous factor in the increase of our self respect. These papers constantly increasing in numbers, improving in quality and growing tremendously in influence, reach at present, but a small percentage of those of our race whom they might reach. To encourage every one with whom he comes

in contact to become a regular subscriber to some good Negro newspaper is another one of the larger opportunities for service for our Greek Letter Man.

It is very necessary for us to remember that we are living in an age in which great events occur quickly, that the opportunities for service are legion, but that to be effective we must as organizations concentrate on some few means of making ourselves effective, and our organizations felt. If we do this we shall realize that which must be the basic compelling motive of every national Greek Letter organization, the gospel of helpfulness and the Brotherhood of man.

The Campaign for the Study of Negro Literature and History

CONDUCTED APRIL 24-30



WM. S. NELSON Director of Publicity

WHAT THE CHAPTERS SAY

BETA

"The campaign has been a shining success here. Every morning the entire student body looked forward with keen interest."

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THOS. B. HARGRAVE. Director of Correspondence "We had a wonderful success. Really it (the campaign) has meant a great deal to us. Our program was carried out with only two changes."

L. E. REDMOND, Basileus.

Beta conducted a Sunday evening exercise May 24th, exercises each morning from May 25th to 29th, and a public mass meeting Saturday morning; forwarded articles to several newspapers; printed and distributed their own circulars.

GAMMA

· "Just a line to say that the campaign has been quite a success in Boston. And even now the whole of Boston seems awakened to a new realization of what racial achievement and solidarity mean. We got the word in all the papers, sent pamphlets in envelopes to many influential people, and also to all the ladies who had just attended our spring reception. On Sunday at each church we had representatives to put the campaign over and distribute circulars. The pastors gave loyal support. Dr. Russel and Lawyer Bullock, both thorough Omega men, say it is the greatest campaign that has been conducted in a long, long time."

> GEORGE C. BROUCHE, Basileus

ETA AND OMICRON

"The campaign has been a howling success all over the country, and more than a success in Atlanta. Eta's big mass meeting was attended by over two thousand people, and Omicron held their open meeting in a large Church Friday night. Omega men during the week have spoken in every institution of learning in the city, including colleges, grammar schools and private schools. The superintendent of education gladly gave permission for us to carry our message to every public school and none was overlooked. This week the Atlanta Independent and Tribune carry the article by Brother George E. Hall."

H. H. THOMAS.

Grand Basileus

ZETA

The Campaign, to create interest in the study of Negro Literature and History, as conducted by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during the week of April 24-30, 1921 is meeting with wonderful success here.

Zeta Chapter, located at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., has put forth strenuous efforts to put this propaganda over. Under the direct supervision of Brother H. J. McGuinn, A. T. Harris, George Lomax, W. R. Dunston, and S. B. Briggs, meetings have been held in the Universityl Chapel and in the Public Schools of the City: circular letters, announcing the Campaign and its purpose have been sent to the various Literary Societies of the City, and much work has been done by way of advertisement through th press, using the following papers: "The News Leader" (white) "The Richmond Colored American" (Daily), "The Rich-

mond Planet," and "The St. Luke Herald."

A great interest has been shown by the public and we have no doubt that the splendid results will be accomplished.

Much credit is due the members of the committee whose interest in humanity and Omega inspired them to work zealously and couragecusly to make the campaign a success.

"Our campaign for the study of Negro Literature and History is meeting with success. Please send us about three hundred circulars just as soon a possible.

E. W. GREENE, Basileus.

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"Nu Chapter received the pamphlets, and sent them to schools, civic societies, literary clubs, churches and friends in the State of Pennsylvania. Articles were sent to the leading papers for publication in *P*ittsburgh and Philadelphia. An open meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th, when discussions were advanced concerning the historical, literary and philosophical phases of our life. I read a specially prepared paper on Negro books. The meeting was well attended and more successful than anticipated."

> GEORGE D. BROOKS, Basileus

910 T. Street, N. W.,

What Others Say

May 3, 1921

Washington, D. C.,

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mr. Nelson, Director of Publicity.

Mr. Nelson, Director of Fublicity

My Dear Mr. Nelson:

With much pleasure and appreciation the Readers Research Club received and read your very interesting leaflets announcing the launching of a campaign for the study of Negro Literature and History and hereby extends heartiest congratulations and commendation of an effort to worthy—and our best wishes attend you for ever increasing success, for we believe this effort will result in much benefit to our young people and enlightenment to the public generally. If at any time our limited knowledge may help you, we will be happy to render any possible information, or help. Again thanking you, and wishing you success,

We are,

THE READERS' RESEARCH CLUB, Laura E. Joiner, Secretary

1729 Pa Street, Gary, Ind., April 30, 1921

M1. William S. Nelson, New York City,

Dear Sir:

In an issue of the Negro World, (April 16), I notice that you have a special campaign on for the promoting of study of Negro FISTORY among our people. I am particularly fond of history and believe I can do some real work along that line.

Kindly give full information and 1 shall be glad to help promote the study of same.

Yours sincerely

MISS EMILY TAYLOR RUTHERFORD.

Reports from the other chapters do not reach us before we go to press.

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