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ALPHA THETA PHI SOCIETY.

HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT.

It has long been felt that a purely scholastic society at the University of North Carolina would be desirable. This feeling resulted in a meeting of some students about two weeks ago in the Greek recitation room, in the Old East building, where measures were taken to ascertain the sentiment of the students in regard to this matter.

Those who were called to the meeting were the students of the Junior and Senior classes, who had attained the average grade of two (90 per cent.).

The matter was then discussed at great length, and the students appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Pugh, Mr. Carr and Dr. Tolman to draw up a constitution and to consider the advisability of the formation of such an organization.

The committee met and adopted the constitution, which we have printed below. At a subsequent meeting of these students it was unanimously voted that such society be formed, and that the constitution drawn up by the committee be adopted.

The history of the Phi Beta Kappa in our sister colleges has long proven how desirable is the recognition of scholarship. Our society shall endeavor, as closely as possible, to conform to the standard of Phi Beta Kappa. No student is eligible for membership unless he has attained the average grade of "two" (90 per cent.). This society is purely a recognition of scholarship and has no secrets of any kind.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.—The object of the society is to stimulate and increase a desire for sound scholarship. The society shall endeavor to provide a series of lectures under its auspices. At the various meetings of the society papers of a literary nature shall be presented by one or more members, and social intercourse shall be encouraged.

NON-SECRECY.—There shall be no secret rule, ritual or ceremonies of any kind. The meaning of the initials and badge of the society shall be publicly announced.

ELIGIBILITY.—All students of the University of North Carolina are eligible to membership who have attained an average grade not below "two," during the first two and a half years in college, or during the entire four years.

TIME OF ELECTION.—There

shall be two periods of election. The former shall take place after the Christmas vacation of the Junior year, the latter after the final examination of the Senior year.

INITIATION.—The words of initiation shall be in Latin. The candidate shall be presented before the President of the society who, by the utterance of the words, *Pro auctoritate mihi commissa te in societatem nostram induco*, shall establish him a member of the society. There is no fee of initiation.

BADGE.—The badge of the society shall be the Greek letter "Delta," or an equilateral triangle with two sides broad and one narrow. The triangular shape signifies completeness and suggests the motive of moulding character with complete symmetry. As a Greek character, it is the initial letter of *Duo* (two), which is the least average required for eligibility. On the lower broad side shall be inscribed the Greek characters, *Alpha Theta Phi*, which are the initial letters of the words *Alethera Thumou Phos* (Truth, the light of the mind). On the oblique broad side shall be inscribed, *University of North Carolina*. On the reverse lower broad side shall be inscribed the Latin motto of the society, *Veritas Animi Lux*. On the reverse oblique side shall be inscribed the name of the member.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—The society shall elect no honorary members save those who are members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, to the standard of which society this society shall endeavor to correspond in its rules and requirements.

OFFICERS.—The officers of the Society shall consist of an Honorary President, Vice-Presidents, President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President, Secretary and Treasurer constitute the Executive Committee. This committee shall ascertain the grade of the students in determining who are eligible for membership. The President shall be that member of the incoming Senior class who has attained the highest grade. The Secretary shall be that member of the incoming Senior class who stands second in grade.

MEETINGS.—There shall be a meeting near the beginning of each college session, and as soon after the first of January as practicable, and at the end of the college year. At other times the meetings shall be subject to the call of the President.

STUDENTS WHO COME FROM OTHER COLLEGES.—Students who come from other universities or colleges are admitted to membership, if the university or college from which they come, and their standing here, correspond with the grade required for membership.

OFFICERS.

Honorary President, George T. Winston, LL. D., President of the University.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, Eben Alexander, LL. D., U. S. Minister to Greece; Karl P. Harrington, M. A., Professor of Latin; Herbert C. Tolman, Ph. D., Professor of Sanskrit.

Treasurer, James T. Pugh, A. B. President (*pro tem.*), James T. Pugh, A. B.

Secretary (*pro tem.*), Jas. Sawyer, '94.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Badge, C. H. White, H. Bingham.

Editorial Committee, H. H. Horne, C. R. Turner.

Hellenian Committee, F. S. Carr, T. J. Wilson.

MEMBERS.—Chas. Baskerville, J. T. Pugh, postgraduates; T. J. Wilson, James Sawyer, C. H. White, A. C. Ellis, E. E. Gillespie, '94; F. S. Carr, H. H. Horne, H. M. Thompson, E. W. Myers, J. L. Patterson, H. Bingham, H. Howell, D. Lindsay, C. R. Turner, '95.

HONORARY BALL MANAGERS.

The following gentlemen have been selected as the honorary ball managers for next commencement: Mr. James Webb, Jr., of Hillsboro, N. C.; Donnell Gilliam, Esq., of Tarboro, N. C.; Mr. Jas. P. Sawyer, of Asheville, N. C.; Mr. W. S. Clark, of Tarboro, N. C.; Col. J. T. Morehead, of Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. William James Battle, of Austin, Texas; Col. Benehan Cameron, of Raleigh, N. C.; Hon. Thomas Settle, of Washington, D. C.; Hon. Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, N. C.; Chief Justice James E. Shepherd, of Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. George G. Thomas, of Wilmington, N. C.; Clement G. Wright, Esq., of Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. J. A. W. Thompson, Principal of the Thompson Military School, spent the day, March 28, on the Hill on business with Dr. Winston. There are fine representatives of the Thompson School in College now, and we hope the number will be increased next year.

DR. WINSTON'S LECTURE.

On last Saturday night Doctor Winston delivered before the student body the first of what is intended to be a series of lectures by members of our own Faculty on subjects of general interest.

Doctor Winston, by request, gave his celebrated lecture on "Rome." He stated that all history hinges upon Rome; Ancient History being the record of the development of its power, Mediaeval History of the climax of this power, and Modern History the record of its decay. Therefore, of all the cities upon the globe Rome is the most interesting to the student and the sight-seer. Imagine some immense creature of the animal kingdom dead, fossilized, and then this fossil reanimated and we have the Rome of to-day. The interest in the city centers in three things, its religion, art and antiquity. The Romans are a most religious people; great church-builders, but not church-goers. It is the genius of the Latin race to deify concrete things, and hence the numberless images, relics and churches, so many of these latter that the Pope may conduct mass in a different church each day of the year. The doctor gave accounts of some of the more interesting sacred relics and places, and his description of St. Peter's especially provoked a good deal of incredulous laughter. Lack of time prevented his treating fully the art and antiquities of the city, and he closed with a description of the ceremony of his audience with the Pope, paying his Highness a glowing tribute of praise.

The lecture lasted an hour and thirty minutes, and the audience sat spell-bound during that time. Despite the meagre notice the chapel was crowded to its fullest capacity, and the audience was well repaid, for the speaker was in his happiest humor, which is saying a great deal. It is to be hoped that the Di. Society will continue the movement so well begun.

LECTURE BY DR. BATTLE.

Dr. K. P. Battle will lecture before the student body on next Saturday evening, April 7th, in the chapel at 8 P. M. Admission free.

His subject will be "Incidents connected with Sherman's entrance into Raleigh," an event of which Dr. Battle was an eye-witness. The lecture will be in conversational style and very interesting.