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WRONG CONCEPTION GAINED BY AMERICANS

DR. E. H. RICHARDS OF NEW YORK
SPEAKS OF DARK CONTINENT.

TAKES A LOOK AT ANCESTORS

Rivers as Wide as from Ashland to
Lincoln and Lowest Mountains Miles
Higher than Pike's Peak Are
Wonders of Africa.

Convocation yesterday was conducted under the auspices of the laymen's missionary movement, now convening at Lincoln, and consisted of addresses by two men—Dr. E. H. Richards of New York and E. R. Sizer of this city—both prominent as leaders of this new movement.

Previous to the first address, the senior class again furnished a musical selection in the form of a piano solo by R. W. Samuelson of the senior class. He played "Apolonise," by Paderewski.

Dr. E. H. Richards was the first to speak. Most of his speech was composed of statements relative to the merits and demerits of Africa as a commercial country, which he intends to amplify and present during the course of the present laymen's missionary movement.

A Wrong Conception.

His principal contention was that the Americans have an entirely wrong conception of the beauty, the size, and the resources of Africa. He affirmed, however, that Africa is uncivilized and unchristianized and declared that, if for no purpose other than that of mere commercial benefit to ourselves, we ought to civilize the Africans.

In brief, Bishop Richards said: "Friends, look back over your shoulder 100 years and perceive your ancestors existing without the aid of any of the modern inventions. Again, look 200 years and your predecessors went to bed with all their clothes on. Again, gaze into the distance 300 years and try to recognize your family eating meat with their fists. Now, contrast these people with the present inhabitants of Africa and they would be as members of the '400' to the vulgar. Why, friends, our people are so far down that they have to jump up to touch the bottom. Our people belong to that noted order of bigamists, where the chief has more wives than fingers, purchased at the dear sum of \$1.16 per dozen. Girls, go to Africa. The price may look cheap, but the boys are cheaper and going down. At present they sell for a song.

"But Africa is a beautiful country. You have no conception of its wonders, but live in a world of provincial thoughts concerning nature's productions in Africa. We have five mountain ranges which extend across the continent, the lowest of which is two miles higher than Pike's Peak. You boast of magnificent rivers, but don't realize that Africa has a river eleven times as broad as the Mississippi and twice as deep, a river that will extend from Lincoln to Ashland in width.

Not from Ham.

"Concerning the negro, I have one thing to say. He did not descend from Ham. You can't make a black man from a white one. There isn't a tendency in Africa toward that direction, a statement which may help to correct a prevalent belief God Almighty made that black man and gave him one-fourth of the globe to live on. If he were to cling to the north pole, his color would be consistently black. In addition to this, I maintain that he has as legitimate a right to be proud of his color and abhor the Englishman as you have to be proud of your color and detest the negro.

"Gentlemen, you can't do business

with the heathen. You can't do business with the savage. You need the commerce which African resources could give. But Africans are mostly heathens and savages. As a business proposition isn't it worth while to civilize them? As a religious proposition, shouldn't we civilize them? With these questions as a basis for work, we will co-operate with God in an effort to evangelize Africa and the world. We can do it and we will."

The next speaker of the day was E. R. Sizer of Lincoln, chairman of the Lincoln co-operating committee of the laymen's missionary movement.

In a few words he defined the laymen's movement in behalf of missionaries, its call and its purpose. "The purpose of this interdenominational movement," he said, "is to endeavor to reach the whole of the world with the gospel message in this generation. It is educational in character, no new organization is created, and its ultimate purpose is to evangelize the world through the existing agencies of the church."

BIG FRATERNITY BANQUET

Meeting Held Yesterday to Arrange
Plans.

Plans were definitely started yesterday afternoon for an interfraternity banquet. A meeting was held at the Beta Theta Pi house at 5 o'clock yesterday, at which members from all of the fraternities were present and committees were appointed to have charge of the affair.

A banquet for all of the Greeks of the university has been talked of for some time at Nebraska, but nothing definite has been done until the present time. The object of such a banquet is to promote better acquaintance and fellowship among the fraternity men of the university.

At the meeting yesterday two committees were appointed. One of these will have charge of the entertainment, the other will see to securing the banquet hall and other necessities.

The banquet is to be given in honor of someone. Just who this will be has not been given out as yet. The hall has not been secured, but it is believed that the Lindell will furnish the banquet hall, as there has been considerable dissatisfaction expressed regarding the treatment accorded guests at the Lincoln.

PRESENTING PLAYS.

Class in Dramatic Interpretation Gives
Weekly Productions.

Miss Howell's class in dramatic interpretation are now doing as regular class exercises a line of work that has never before been offered in the course of the expression department.

The class is divided into casts, each of which must present before the class and those others who wish to attend, a play which they themselves or the instructor selects.

The plays are presented in the Temple on Friday mornings at 10 o'clock, one being given each week throughout the semester.

As coaches of these plays, seniors are selected, who have taken special work in the department being selected not only because of their preparation, but in order to give them practice in this line of instruction, which will be of value to them as they go out to engage in school work.

Last Friday the play presented was "Comedy and Tragedy," with Miss Alice Rothwell as coach and Glen Fordyce, Miss Hazelwood, Mrs. Simons, Miss Breese and Miss Henninger as the principal characters.

Next Friday will be presented a sketch entitled "The Queen's Message," with Miss Ada Morgan as coach and the principal parts taken by Miss Bobbie Tulley and Harry Hathaway.

STAGG WILL BRING TEAM TO THE MEET

CHOSE OMAHA MEET IN PREFERENCE
TO PITTSBURG.

STRONGEST RELAY TEAM IN WEST

Wiley of York and Wright of Kearney
Will Spring Some Surprises in
High School Competition—Millitary
Relay Team from Kansas.

Omaha, Neb. — Enthusiasm was boosted to the top notch yesterday by the announcement from Chicago that Coach A. A. Stagg would bring a contesting team from the University of Chicago to the western indoor championship meet in the Omaha Auditorium the evening of April 1st, under the auspices of the Omaha Athletic Association. The fact that Stagg has decided to bring his men out here, in preference to going to the big indoor meet in Pittsburg the evening of April 5, is the first indication that Omaha is on the athletic map to stay, and is but a forerunner of what the indoor meet will do for amateur athletics here in the west. Mr. Stagg considers that none of the large western universities can afford not to be represented there, inasmuch as so many of the preparatory schools will have contestants.

Strongest Relay Team.

Coach John L. Griffith, at Drake, will bring one of the strongest relay teams ever seen in the west; as he has three members of the Missouri Valley conference meet championship relay team of 1909 now in training—Roy Havens, Russell Herrold and Frank Wilson, the competition for the fourth place on the team is keen. Drake will be represented by fifteen of the crack athletes of the university.

Jerry D. Delaney, director, and Martin H. Smith, manager of the University of Iowa track team, will bring a team of twenty men, and Delaney will for the first time have his proteges running against those of his brother, Martin A. Delaney, director of the Chicago Athletic Association team. This in itself should lend a good deal of interest to the meet, as both these men invariably turn out record makers.

William Scott Bond, one of the most prominent of the Chicago University alumni, will come on from Chicago to see Chicago compete, and will act as one of the officials. Mr. Bond is one of the most popular men in the Chicago athletic world.

High School Men.

Two well known high school men will come from out in the state to capture individual events. One is W. W. Wiley of the York, Neb., high school, and although only five feet six inches in height, has a record in the high jump of five feet eleven inches; and the other is Mr. Harry Wright of the Kearney, Neb., high school, who has a record of 2:02 in the half mile run, and 4:50 in the mile run. These two men are without exception in a class by themselves in high school athletics in the west.

Lieutenant E. S. Hand of the Fifteenth cavalry, U. S. A., will bring up a military relay team from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., which will compete against soldier teams from Ft. Crook and Ft. Omaha.

Lieutenant Jas. F. Ware, at Ft. Omaha, is working hard with his men, and thinks that he has secured a remarkably fast quartet, while Lieutenant W. C. Short, in charge of athletics at Ft. Crook, claims to have as good a relay team as represented the regiment so successfully at Des Moines, and thinks that it may even be better. J. W. Hollister will bring down a team of ten men from Morningside

College, and as the Morningside runners defeated Minnesota in a relay race, they should give a good account of themselves in their race with Grinnell, which is reputed to have the fastest relay team ever turned out in this section of the country.

NON-COM HOP APRIL 23.

Informal Dance of Cadets to Be at the
Lincoln.

Chairman Caine decided yesterday that the annual dance of the non-commissioned officers of the cadet battalion will be held April 23d at the Lincoln hotel. This dance will be limited to eighty couples and will be one of the best informal dances of the year.

Special music will be furnished by Walt's orchestra, and other innovations are being planned. The chairman has been busy arranging for this dance for some time, and it is planned to have this dance unequalled this year by any other informal.

CAN WHIP THE FRESHMEN

Date of Struggle May Soon Be
Announced.

There has been much discussion of the Olympic question since the freshmen challenged the sophomores last Friday. The sophomores claim they can whip the freshmen at any game and are ready to prove it. They say that while no official action has been taken they certainly will accept the challenge. The freshmen think they can easily win in the Olympic struggle. They are preparing to order their class caps and are showing other signs of class spirit.

It is said that Referee Earl Campbell may soon announce the date of the struggle. It will be held on Nebraska field and will consist of boxing, wrestling, tug-of-war, races as last year. The sophomores hold a class meeting Thursday and they will probably take some definite action at that time.

CHERRINGTON IS UNDECIDED

Will Decide Definitely This Afternoon
Regarding Acceptance of Position.

B. M. Cherrington, who was chosen Monday to fill the position of track coach for the coming season, has as yet not definitely decided as to whether or not he would accept the position. The salary offered Mr. Cherrington by the athletic board was somewhat lower than the salary at which Mr. Cherrington stated he would take the job.

While the coach proposition is "hanging fire," work on the cinder path has also been light. Few men have been out for the squad and as yet little outside work has been done. The try-outs for the team to represent the university at the Kansas City meet next Saturday will be held this afternoon. Nebraska track men hope to make a good showing in this meet and also get in training for the Omaha meet, which will be held April 1.

JORDAN TO RETIRE AT 55.

President of Stanford University Will
Receive Carnegie Grant.

It has been announced at Stanford University that President David Starr Jordan will retire six years hence, or as soon as he becomes by age eligible for the Carnegie grant. Mr. Jordan communicated his plan to the university trustees.

Your car fare would pay for a nice lunch at the Boston Luneh. Why go home?

DOUBLE HEADER IN ARMORY LAST NIGHT

FRESHMEN AND JUNIORS WIN
HARD GAMES.

UPPER CLASSMEN MAY PROTEST

Frank and Funkhauser Star in First
Contest—Long, Zacek and Cherrington in the Junior-Senior Game.

The freshmen won from the sophomores and the juniors from the seniors in two hard fought contests in the university gymnasium last night. The games were very fast. The game between the sophomore and freshman team was called at 8 o'clock. After the first half of fifteen minutes the score stood 11 to 9 in favor of the sophomores. In the second half, however, the tables were turned and the final score stood 28 to 19 in the freshmen's favor. Frank played a star game at guard and center for the sophomore team and Funkhauser did swift work at center for the freshmen.

The junior-senior game was played immediately after the close of the freshman-sophomore game. The first half closed with a score of 12 to 1 in favor of the juniors, the final score being 18 to 14 in favor of the juniors.

Strong Game.

The seniors put up a strong game in the first half, but failed to find the basket. In the second half this difficulty was removed, and the juniors were clearly outclassed, winning the game only on the lead secured in the first fifteen minutes of play. Swift work characterized the playing of Long, the senior center, and Zacek, forward for the juniors. This game may be contested owing to the charge of professionalism made against Cherrington.

The final contest for the inter-class championship of the university will be played Thursday. Both the freshmen and juniors are confident of winning the title and a strong game is expected.

The line-ups in last night's contest follow:

Freshmen.	Sophomores.
Lindstrom	Swanson
Carrier	Krug
	Wake
Funkhauser	Korstian
Renish	Frank
Andrews	Wohlenberg
	Kiddoo
Goals—Freshmen, Funkhauser 4, Andrews 4, Carrier 2, Lindstrom 1, Renish 1.	
Foul goals—Lindstrom 3, Andrews 1.	
Goals—Sophomores, Frank 4, Swanson 3, Krug 1, Wake 1.	
Foul goals—Swanson 1.	
Juniors.	Seniors.
Cherrington	Fordyce
Fehlman	Yates
White	Wunder
Zacek, Oberfelder	
Elliott	Long
Strasenka	Proud
Plasters	Byerts
Munson	Dunlavy
Lee	Wallace
Goals—Juniors, Zacek 4, Cherrington 1, Elliott 1, Plasters 1, White, 1, Fehlman 1.	
Seniors—Long 3, Fordyce 1, Dunlavy 1, Proud 1.	
Foul goals—Long 1.	

BOY LOST THE INVITATIONS.

Girls Must Send New Bids to Basketball Games.

More invitations to the university women's basketball games at Missouri are being sent out. The last invitations were delivered by a small boy and only about half of them reached their destination. The new invitations will be sent by mail.