THE ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.
The Alpha Suffrage Club, the first suffrage club organized among Afro-American women, has been organized January 30, 1915, and is now in the third year of its existence. It has a membership of two hundred and forty-three women judges and clerks of election, who have been serving the city in every electrode for the past year. It did the work of getting out the Afro-American women's registration a year ago. Through its members, other political clubs have been formed in Hyde Park, the South and West ends of the city.
The Alpha Suffrage Club meets every Wednesday evening at the Reading Room, 900 South Dearborn Street. At its last meeting, the women interested in knowing how to become good citizens were cordially invited to become members. Its officers are:
President, Dr. B. Wellis Barnett; President; Mrs. Mary Jackson, First Vice-President; Miss Viola Hill, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Verne Wesley Green, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sadie Adams, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Laura Beasley, Treasurer; Mrs. K. J. Bills, Editor.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, For the first time in our country's history, a champion for American womanhood has raised his voice in the halls of Congress, demanding safeguards and protection for that womanhood; first—republicans, Progressives and Democrats afterwards. In the last twenty years, but on one occasion, has the black man raised anything like adequate political recognition and that one spot is Chicago. The corollary of this proposition is that if we had more colored citizens engaged in political activity in the United States, we would have colored citizens demanding anything like adequate political recognition, and in that case, we would have a better man, Oscar De Priest, a popular and capable colored man, formerly County Commissioner, has been designated over four candidates, including one white and two colored. In the Republican primaries for Alderman from the Second Ward, he is the regular white Democratic candidate. "Mr. Russell, a saloonkeeper and himself popular with many colored people. It is said that the Negroes are trying to induce one of the defeated colored primary candidates to enter the field. We do not believe that so few a trailor to his race lives in Chicago. We do not believe that any colored man or woman of Chicago, and especially of the Second Ward, fails to grasp this grand opportunity. A colored man has never been elected an Alderman in your city. You now have it in your power to do so. The eyes of Negroes and other races are upon you. We are a race everywhere expect you to do your duty!

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to the intermarriage of the races. The Negroes themselves are opposed to such marriages. But I am also opposed to legislation making such marriages illegal. It is the duty of the law to see that the woman wants to marry and that it should be a matter for them to decide. I think they would become reconciled to this extramarital association with their own people and that is what they do when they marry but if they want to ostracize themselves, that is a personal matter between them and it should be.

To make such marriages legal and void would leave the children of such marriages without the protection which they need and should have. Instead of bettering moral conditions, such a law would make them worse. It would leave many young girls at the mercy of men willing to take advantage of their innocence and then desert them to the last degree of shame. I cannot conceive of a condition under which, the black man white woman should be allowed to cohabit with a black woman not free of the color being compelled by law to marry her and provide for the care of her children. Why should intelligent women of the Negro race not have the same protection of the law which is accorded to women of other races? It will not do to say there is no such condition as that to which I have alluded. Everyone knows better else how does it happen that we have so many people of mixed blood in the United States.

The Negroes are willing to confine their marriages to their race, indeed they would prefer that, but they have a right to demand that the women of their race shall not be considered the legitimate prey of men of other races. (Applause)

CHICAGO HONORS

MARTIN B. MADDEN

The Alpha Suffrage Club tendered a public reception to Hon. Martin B. Madden, representative of the 1st Congressional District for his splendid defense of Negro Womanhood and successful fight against race discrimination, at Queen Chapel Church, Thursday evening, March 18th at 8 o'clock.

GRAND OLD QUEEN CHAPEL

The Women of the church desire to acknowledge their debt of gratitude to the pastor and officers of Queen Chapel for the use of this beautiful and historic edifice to which to hold a reception to our Congressman.

It is both a recognition and encouragement to our womanhood and a fine tribute to the man who stood before the nation and defended the cause of the race three times already since the beginning of the New Year i.e. on the 1st Congresional Amendment to the Immigration Bill; on the inter-marriage Bill and again on the Jim Crow Street Car Bill for the District. All of these measures were defeated and largely through the efforts of our Congressman. The whole race everywhere through out the nation has benefited and because of that fact Queen Chapel rose to the occasion and donated the use of the beautiful auditorium as its contribution to the race's effort to honor or its champion.

Program

Organ Voluntary - - - - - - - - - - E. F. Morris
Opening Remarks - - - - - - - - - - President
Selection - - - - - - - - - - Y. M. C. A. Boys Orchestra
Reading - - - - - - - - - - Miss M. B. Fotsort
Vocal Selection - - - - - - - - Miss Maud J. Roberts
Selection - - - - - - - - - - Y. M. C. A. Boys Orchestra
Address - - - - - - - - - - Mr. Wm. Hale Thompson
Selection - - - - - - - - - - Y. M. C. A. Boys Orchestra
Address - - - - - - - - - - Mr. Oscar De Priest
Resolutions - - - - - - - - - - By Miss Vera Wesley Green
Secretary Alpha Suffrage Club
America - - - - - - - - - - By Audience