

OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD SPEAKS

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a Country-Wide Effort for Support Present Noted Editor in Chicago Meeting—Mr. Villard Also Represents the Associated Press — Subject, "Political and Legal Discrimination Against Race"—Arouse Interest by Literature.

MISS MARY WHITE OVINGTON, SECRETARY, EXPLAINS WORK IN INTERVIEW.

Stand Up for Your Rights—The Passive Days of the Negro Race Are Past — Aggressiveness Must Take Its Place—The Radical Movement for Race Betterment Has Struck a Popular Chord—One of the Pertinent Remarks to a Chicago Defender Reporter at Hull House Wednesday Night.

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, chairman of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and editor of the New York Evening Post, addressed a large audience at Handel Hall Thursday night on the Political and Legal Discrimination Against Colored People. This meeting was one in a country wide effort of this association to interest the public in their efforts as explained by speakers and publications.

Miss Mary White Ovington of Brooklyn, N. Y., official secretary of this association, has been at Hull House for the past week. Wednesday night she talked freely of the objects and result of the organization's work to a representative of The Chicago Defender. After showing the representative several illustrated circulars illustrative of the Reign of Terror, better known as lynching, Miss Ovington said: "Stand up for your rights. The passive days of the Negro race are past. Aggressiveness must take its place. The radical movement for race betterment has struck a popular chord."

Yes, we are satisfied with the work so far, at present we are actively interested in the recent outrage at Coatesville, Pa. Later we no doubt will take up the horrible crime in Georgia. We have many applications for assistance, especially along legal lines, but we have adopted a system of careful investigation.

Mr. Wm. Wherry, Jr., a white attorney of more than local prominence in the state of New York, is continually engaged along this line of our work. Asked relative to the feeling of satisfaction derived from the work by herself and the other officers, the lady replied, the same spirit that characterized Wendell Phillips and Harriet Beecher Stowe is the incentive in this work. Personally my introduction to this association came after many years of active work among the Negroes in the tenement and the poorer districts in the city of New York.

Thursday Miss Ovington spoke at Bethesda Baptist church, sharing a part of the time allotted to Mrs. Cella Parker Wooley.

Friday night she spoke on "The City Negro," at the Frederick Douglass Center.

Wednesday forenoon Miss Ovington was the guest at luncheon at the Chicago Woman's Club.

Circulars with pictures of horrible lynchings are freely distributed as part of the propaganda. One picture, a post card stamped and countersigned by the postal authorities, was sent to one of the members of the committee to his home in New York. The Chicago Defender always understood that obscene literature should not be sent through the mail.