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## Lord Kelvin

In the death of Lord Kelvin, which occurred in Glasgow a short while ago, the world lost one of its foremost scientists. He was born in Belfast eighty three years ago, graduated from Cambridge at the age of twenty-one, and, beginning the next year, spent fifty-two years as Professor in the University of Glasgow, which institution he helped make famous. Queen Victoria knighted him as a recognition of his great work in the field of scientific investigation.

Methods of deep sea sounding, an instrument known as the siphon recorder, by which messages sent were registered and might be read at leisure, an electrometer which furnished a direct measure of electrical constants in absolute measure—all these were inventions of this wonderful scientist. As a mathematician he showed remarkable ability. He estimated the heat of the sun at 200,000,000° C. Calculations as to the age of the earth, and geology in general, also molecular theories, were made by this investigator.

In 1892 he was elevated to the peerage as a further official recognition of his work and was known as Lord Kelvin. Many works on mathematics and natural philosophy were written by him, and papers containing accounts of his researches in every branch of physical science were published. He was the "most versatile, brilliant, and profound student of physical science the century has produced. He combined in a degree so rare as to put him among the first men of his age, the patient and thorough method of the painstaking investigator, the daring imagination of

sagacity of the large-minded man eager to make science the servant of human need and the efficient helper of man in the battle of life."

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## Greek Letter Fraternity Organized

### Banquet Held During Holidays

During the holidays a Greek letter fraternity was organized here among the young men of the College and professional departments. It is called the ALPHA PHI ALPHA. Mr. E. Kinckle Jones, president of the mother chapter at Cornell came here and initiated eighteen young men into the inner workings of this fraternity. It bids fair to become quite a factor in the student life at Howard, for it is fraternal and has noble purposes. A "frat" building which could be used as a dormitory for "frat" men would be a great thing and the Alpha Phi Alpha aims to have one in the near future.

Three or four members of the original organization at Cornell were in the city Christmas week so the fraternity held a banquet in honor of Mr. Jones and these members were guests of the "frat" on that occasion. On the appointed night the members and guests appeared at the fraternity rooms and enjoyed themselves until they were called into an adjoining room where, a table groaning under the weight of so many good things to eat, lay before them. The following is the menu:

Consomme	
Olives	Pickles
Boiled Ham	
Champagne Sauce	
Sandwiches	Peas
Potato Salad	

## Assorted Cakes

Cheese

Coffee

Crackers

Full justice was done to the food and after everyone had finished, the waiters having cleaned away the dishes, the toasts began, with C. E. Smith, Pres. Pro. Tem, as toastmaster. M. H. Morrison, D. W. Bowles, C. S. Cowan, W. R. Wilson and G. A. Kyle responded with brief toasts.

E. K. Jones, in whose honor the banquet had been arranged, concluded the toasts for the evening. He spoke words of encouragement and inspiration to the new chapter and announced that a third chapter had been formed at Union University.

After the toasts everyone joined in having a good time; telling jokes singing and making speeches; indulging in dreams of the future entirely unmindful of the hours as they passed. Mr. W. O. Tandy and J. P. Boags students at Cornell and members of the chapter there, were guests, and many a Cornell yell with Howard added, and Howard yells with Cornell at the end, were given that night. At a late hour the merry party broke up and went home, every man proud that he belonged to an organization of noble purposes and fraternalism the Alpha Phi Alpha.

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## Basket Ball Team

At a special meeting the Athletic Association decided to have a basket ball team. Mr. Thos. Warricks was elected manager and Mr. Geo. Kyle, Captain. A basket ball league has been formed in the city and has a schedule already made out. The Baltimore High school and both Washington High schools are in the league. Howard

## The Council of Upperclassmen

CHANCELLOR C. SANFORD, College, '09

Some years ago the students of Junior and Senior classes of the School of Liberal Arts organized what was known as the Council of Upperclassmen. After their plans had been perfected and the council in fairly good working order, some of the members held that the students of the Medical and Law schools should be eligible to membership. The advisability of admitting these classes was a subject long discussed but finally it was decided in the affirmative.

At this time there existed among the students—as at most universities where there are several departments—disunion and strife. It was for the purpose of knitting together these departments and blotting out of existence that departmental spirit and strife that the Council of Upperclassmen came into existence.

For some years this organization flourished with glowing success in linking together the academic and professional departments and in cementing the bonds of lasting fellowship among the students of the departments.

One of the leading festivities of this fraternity was the reception of the Sophs. This occasion was hailed with great enthusiasm, a glorious and memorable occasion when lower classmen were admitted into the higher realms of life.

What made the occasion so impressive and memorable was the address of the evening, always delivered by some distinguished man in national life. Such men as Congressman Burton, of Ohio, and others would grace this occasion with their matchless speeches of oratory. They knew the value of a student organization of this kind; the purpose and work it was doing and was destined to do in the near future. They emphasized the fact—as has often been done before—that a student receives one-third of his education from his text books)

one-third from the association and life of his professors, and one-third from the association with the students.

While we note with a great degree of pride the work done and the unique position occupied by this Council of Upperclassmen at Howard and in the city, we regret with a greater degree the apathy which now seems to fetter it. Some two years ago this organization began to weaken and wane, and now, to all appearances, it has sunk into a state of lethargy.

That that departmental spirit of segregation is again apparent, any casual observer may readily see. Indifference and lack of harmony still exist, and are great factors in every student organization. Yet we do not believe that this has been the cause of this lethargy which seems to have such a firm grip upon the Council. We do not want to admit—as has been often said—that "Howard University is a hotbed of politics where favoritism runs riot and merit has no show." We are unable to state with accuracy just what has caused this change of conditions. We hope and earnestly desire that the council will soon reorganize and continue that great work once begun.

What makes Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania and the other big schools dear to their alumni are the happy moments spent in fraternities, organizations, athletic meets, boat races, debating clubs, etc. These are the things that link these men to their alma mater and add immortal praise and glory to her teaching. Here is where their characters were molded. Here is where they learned how to deal with and handle men. And we believe that similar organizations will make Howard University dear to her alumni. We need these organizations; fraternities, athletic associations, the Council of Upperclassmen and a debating club. They will link together the students of the various departments in love and fellowship and build in the

memory of everyone monuments of everlasting praise.

We appeal to the upper classmen to continue that great work so admirably begun by our predecessors. Let every upper classman, from the Academic, Medical, and Law Departments, gird up their loins and fight onward and upward for a common purpose, toward the same goal, knitting together departments, blotting out dissension and strife, for the aggrandizement of a more useful and happy student life.

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### Stick to it

Oh! prim little postage stamp, "holding your own"

In a manner so winning and gentle  
That you're "stuck on" your task (is that slang?) you will own

And yet you're not two-cent-imental.

I have noticed with pride that through thick and through thin

You cling to a thing till you do it  
And, whatever your aim, you are certain to win,

Because you seem bound to stick to it.

Sometimes when I feel just like shirking a task

Or ducking the work I'm pursuing  
I recall your stick-to-it-iveness and I ask

Would a postage stamp do as I'm doing?"

Then I turn to whatever my hand are about

And with fortified purpose renew it,  
And the end soon encompass for which I set out,

If only, like you, I stick to it.

The sages declare that true genius, so-called

Is simply the will to "keep at it"  
A "wont give up" purpose is never forestalled,

No matter what foes may combat it.

And most of mankind's vaunted progress is made,

Oh! stamp if the world only knew it,  
By noting the wisdom which you have displayed

In sticking adhesively to it.

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**Of Treasurer of Athletic Ass'n**

1907	RECEIPTS	
Jan. 10	Balance from last report	\$31.42
Feb. 27	A. B. Graves check	1.50
"	7 for season tickets	3.00
Apr. 1	Jno. T. Shorter	10.00
"	17 Young Ladies Culture Club	36.00
"	29 A. P. Cook	58.48
May 2	A. H. Fleming	30.00
"	27 Jno. A. Shorter	15.99
"	29 Wm. Gilbert, contribution	1.00
"	28 Jno. A. Shorter	3.50
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>191.59</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Paid A. H. Fleming for stationery and car fare	1.85
" H. I. Scott, Banquet	8.50
" Prof. G. J. Cummings, Donation to Band	10.00
" Wm. Gilbert, printing tickets	7.00
" " " " " "	6.00
" A. B. Graves H's, foot-ball players	5.60
" Jno. Shorter H'S " " "	29.00
" " " " " " "	10.00
" F. D. Whitby, repay of loan for Southern Trip	50.00
" William Gilbert, printing placards	2.00
" F. D. Whitby, interest on loan for Southern Trip	2.50
" Jno. A. Shorter " " "	8.00
" For board of Morgan College Team	9.60
" Base-ball goods at Walford's	34.30
" For printing 500 tickets	1.00
" For cake for Morgan College	1.80

Total Disbursement 188.18

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" Receipts	191.59

Balance May 31 3.41  
 GEO. M. LIGHTFOOT  
 Treas. Athletic Association



**Christmas Dinner in Miner Hall**

The Christmas dinner in Miner Hall was a triumph of the caterer's art, carefully prepared and nicely served. To Mrs. Messer, assisted by Mrs. Adams, chef, and Mr. Smith, headwaiter, is due the credit of this excellent Christmas meal. Following is the menu:

Oyster Soup	
Crackers	Celery
Roast Turkey	
Cranberry Sauce	
Mashed potatoes	Creamed Corn
Bread	
Plum Pudding	Hard Sauce
Nuts	Raisins
Coffee	



**Attends Church Societies**

During the holidays Prof. Ewell of the Theological Department attended the meetings of the American Church History Society at Columbia University, in New York City, and also the meetings of the Societies of Biblical Exegesis at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Prof. Ewell is a member both societies, and read a paper before the Society of Biblical Exegesis on Psalms XVI, verses 9-11.



**Appointed Visiting Physician**

We note with pride the appointment of Dr. H. R. Smith, a graduate of the Medical College, class of 1906, as visiting physician at the Provident Hospital, Chicago, Ill. After having taken a year's work in Bellevue Hospital of that city, he was appointed to this position a short while ago and now has the largest clinic of any physician in the hospital.

His practice has also grown rapidly, having more to do than he can attend to, a practice exceeded by only one other Negro physician in the city. We wish Dr. Smith great success and are confident that he will soon win fame for himself in his profession.

**The Athletic Carnival**

The Athletic Carnival was a success. The immense crowd, the hearty reception of the athletes and the continual applause indicated the enthusiasm the Washington people always manifest toward athletics. The entertainment was the third of its kind attempted. Last March, Mr. Henderson, a "Medic," who is director of athletics in the high schools, and Mr. Merriam Hayson, who has spent two summers at Harvard Summer School studying acrobatics and athletics, successfully managed a similar carnival. On both occasions they were assisted by students from the high schools and Howard. The only difference being that this time Howard outnumbered.

The program was long but interesting throughout. Every feature was liberally applauded.

The basket ball game was probably the most interesting number on the program. The teams were picked from the high schools and Howard, captained by Henderson and Kyle, respectively.

Howard	LINE UP	High Schools
Kyle	Center	Johnson
Fleming	L. Forward	Henderson
Warrick	R. Forward	Russell
Taylor	L. Guard	Hayson
Hunt	R. Guard	Clifford

The length of the halves was 15 minutes. The game was fast and exciting. Howard succeeded in keeping in possession of the ball the greater part of the time but her tries at goal were not so accurate as those of her opponent. The work of Warrick for Howard and that of Clifford of M St. received most applause, while a goal by Russell from midfield brought down the house. At the end of the first half the score stood 8-3, in the high schools' favor. The final score was 12-5.

The acrobatic work of Johnson, Henderson, Hayson, Williams and Brown was clever and entertaining. J. B. Brown, "Medic," received the greatest applause. Brown was

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"The past and the time are one  
And both are now."

### Athletic Tax

The action taken by the Athletic Council, that of asking that an annual athletic tax be collected from each student of the University which fund shall go toward the support of athletics, is timely, and we earnestly hope that the Board of Trustees will grant this request. There has always been the hardest kind of struggle here to properly finance the different branches of athletics. A tax will solve this problem and put athletics on a sound financial basis, so that unhampered by lack of money, our teams will do justice to themselves and bring honor to the University.

Have you seen the Journal Man  
with the little book in his hand?  
No? That's strange.

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We are glad to welcome so many of the students back to the University after the holidays, but very sorry indeed that a considerable number went from us not to return again this school year. Let us hope that they will carry the "Howard spirit" with them wherever they go. (And remember the Journal).

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Examinations are just three weeks off. Already the students are buckling down to hard work.

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The eleventh annual meeting of the American Negro Academy was held in the assembly room Dec. 30 and 31. The Physical Aspect of the Negro in America was the general subject of discussion.

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Christopher C. Lathers, Tennessee, A. B. 1905, L. L. B. 1907, took the examination for the admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Dec. 5, 6, and 7, passed the examination and was admitted to the Bar January 6 1908.

Jabez Lee, North Carolina, L. L. B., 1907 and John H. Wilson, District of Columbia took the same examination, passed, and were admitted to the Bar on the same day.

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### An Unpleasant Role

A gentleman walking along the street one day met a number of small boys who were playing that they were an automobile, with its passengers and chauffeur. Some distance behind he met a little fellow, looking discousolate and walking quite slowly. The kind-hearted gentleman said:

"My son, why are you not playing with the others? Won't they let you?"

"Sure," said the boy, scornfully. "I'm the smell."

### Love's Insight

I've seen the moon in winter beam  
And gleam upon the river's ice;  
I've lain asleep far in a dream,  
And walked the streets of paradise;  
But never yet have I beheld  
Aught so fair as thee,  
To give me thoughts, that I may dwell  
In placid ecstasy.

I've seen the sun at morning rise  
Far out upon the sea;  
I've envied oft the morning prize  
Of youthful jollity.  
But what are these, O lady mine,  
And what are all these worth?  
If thou canst not love and be benign,  
There is no bliss on earth.

ROBT B. CRUMPLER.

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Mr. E. P. Davis, instructor in the Academy, has been confined to his room in Clarke Hall for a few days, but is rapidly recovering and hopes to be out in a few days.

Prof. Kelly Miller, Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spent the holidays in South Carolina which state was formerly his home. He confined himself to no particular place, but visited all over the state.

Miss Hazel Wilkinson, a member of the Freshman class, left for her home in St. Louis a few days ago, and probably will not return this school year. She was very ill a week or so before Christmas, and it was decided best for her to rest up the remainder of the year.

Monsieur Henri Labroue, assistant professor in the University of Paris, was up during the holidays looking around the University.

Mr. O. B. Jefferson, Law '06 is located at Eufalia, Ind. Territory, where he has a very successful practice.

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The first vesper service of the new year was well attended last Sunday. Dr. Clark delivered the address which was eagerly followed by all present. The University choir rendered "Hark, Hark, My Soul" to a very appreciative audience.

## The Athletic Carnival

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also warmly applauded for his fencing and bag punching. The fencing bout between Henderson and Johnson was fast and furious, both men doing some clever lunging and parrying.

Next to the basket ball game, the jumping was most pleasing to the spectators. Although Watkins won both the standing high and the running high, Cuff, who won second place in both events, created much amusement by the easy and effortless style in which he seemed to jump. Watkins won the standing high at 4 ft. 7 in. The running high followed the same course. The "riffraff" was eliminated at 4 ft. 9 in. Cuff and Watkins cleared 4 ft. 11 in. The bar was moved to 5 ft. 1 in. Both cleared the bar, each taking two trials. At 5 ft. 3 in. Cuff's third trial knocked down the bar, while Watkins took it at the first attempt.

Watkins also won the 15 yd. dash. Henderson lined the ten contestants up at the back of the hall and told them to run into the stage. "On your mark! Get set! Go!" and Watkins is declared winner on a close decision. They line up again and are off like a flash. Fleming wins. For a third time they line up. The conditions are that the winner must win two heats. Again they are off. Again Watkins is declared winner, thus winning the race.

The wrestling match was decided by one sided Gray easily outclassed his opponent. He took two falls out of his man in seven minutes.

Dancing followed the athletics. The Lyric Orchestra was in attendance. The music rendered was up to the high standard already established by our boys.

The success was a boom to athletics. It gives our athletes an idea of what an indoor meet next winter might do for them. Foot ball and base ball have each been

successful in its last season. Last Decoration Day our athletes waved victorious banners. Slowly but steadily Howard's athletics are advancing. But only a beginning has yet been made. The achievements of the past few years only suggest what can be done. Since there has been a start let there be nothing but advancement. Let every healthy young man, as soon as the weather breaks, don his armor and strive to win his "H" either on the diamond or cinder path. There is room and need for all. Every young man who attends Howard should strive to leave his name written not only on the records of the class room, but in the admiring hearts of his fellow students. ARTEE FLEMING. '09

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### Bazar in Miner Hall

The young ladies of Miner Hall wish to return their sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who so generously patronized the Bazar given in Miner Hall Friday evening, Dec. 30th, both faculty and students, and especially to Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, who contributed in no small degree to the success of the undertaking.

MARIE A. WOOLFOLK.

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### Alpha Phi Prize Debate

All arrangements have been concluded for the annual Alpha Phi Prize Debate which will occur Friday evening March 15, 1908, in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. The committee appointed by the society brought in the subject: "Resolved that the power vested in the Federal Government by the Constitution should be enlarged by a further restriction of the sovereignty of the individual states." F. D. Whitby Col.'08, J. O. Morrison '08, Teachers Col., Geo. Lyle Col.'09, E. M. Pollard '10, James Hayes '10 Teachers Col., and H. L. Scott '11, are the speakers selected. All these men are well known for their forensic ability and a great debate is expected.

### President Makes Southern Tour

President Thirkield returned Wednesday from a short tour through some of the Southern states. On January 6th, he lectured in Charleston on the subject of "The building of a man." He reports having come in contact with graduates of Howard, all doing good work toward the uplift of the race.

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The first preliminary debate to select speakers for the intercollegiate debate between Shaw and Howard, will take place Saturday night in the Kappa Sigma Debating Club. The subject is, Resolved that the United States and the several States should establish courts of compulsory adjustment of disputes between employees and private corporations possessing franchises of a public nature. The speakers are: Affirmative, G. S. Wormley, C. E. Smith, Bert Marchant; Negative, C. C. Sanford, D. W. Bowles, Artee Fleming.

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### His Off days

At a reception where many literary people were being entertained an inquisitive lady was talking with James Whitcomb Riley on the subject of the poor prices paid in the profession of literature.

"But you, Mr. Riley," said she, "surely you have no cause for complaining. You must be a very rich man. I understand you get a dollar a word for all you write."

"Ye-e-es, madam," said Riley, with his slow drawl; but sometimes I sit all day and can't think of a single word."

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If not, why not?

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## Booker C. Washington's Article

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It will be well worth while for every student to read this article, for Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are new fields and offer great opportunities for energetic men and women to gain fame and fortune.

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### FORGING

At the opening of the school year it was decided that the equipment for the forging shop in the Manual Arts Department be completed and that a course be given there this year. It was found necessary to make some changes in the installation as at first put in, because of the lack of a proper draft at two of the forges. These changes, together with difficulty in securing timber large enough for the anvil blocks, caused some little delay in starting class work. However, a division from the sub-middle class of the Academy has been working there for several weeks past and the forging course is well under way and has proved to be of considerable interest. Aside from the changes that were made in the forced draft installation, quite an amount of work had to be done in setting up the anvils and fixing up the room for the tools, stocks, etc. A large stock of Norway iron has been put in, a complete tool equipment for each forge has been supplied and benches and racks for tools and iron have been made. There is also a pair of heavy cutting shears for cutting cold iron up to three quarters of an inch square, to be used in cutting up stock. The extra tools have been arranged in order around the room and everything possible is being done to facilitate the work and to make things convenient. The idea of having "A place for everything and everything in its place" is being followed out; and not this only, but further—to have everything in condition for instant use.

The forging course as laid out and for which exercise drawings and blue prints are now being made will treat of each of the important steps or fundamental principles of art, each exercise illustrating, so far as possible, an advance step, perhaps the use of different tools or a different manner of using tools previously handled.

The first exercise is given to explanation of the forge, the first tools to be used and the building and care of the fire, the latter being one of the most important lessons to be learned and mastered only after considerable practice. The characteristic of a good forging coal and the method of coking in order to avoid the impurities of the coal is also explained. The simple exercises following aim to lead the student, step by step, from the simple principles to the more complex, [instructing them in the drawing out and pointing, bending, swaging, upsetting, punching, etc.,] to simple and complex welding and, finally, some tool work. In all, about twenty exercises will be laid out and when the student has completed them he is allowed to work out some of his own designs in decorative art work.

The idea of teaching the forging trade is not to be considered, in fact it is not possible to do so in any manual training course. As soon as one principle has been impressed upon the mind of the pupil, he must pass to the next, even though he has not attained the requisite skill to even turn a first class piece of work. It is the mind that the work is designed to train and not the hand, although, incidentally, the hand will have attained a remarkable degree of skill. Not only is the mind trained to the methods of systematic thinking, to exercise judgment and foresight, but to quickness of decision. To think must be to act, and the two almost simultaneously. Otherwise valuable time is lost and material wasted.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the value of forging as a part of manual training. It has taken its place in the front ranks of manual training subjects, and there to stay. There is a fascination about it which holds the student's interest and spurs him on to do his best. Wherever it has been introduced there have been more applicants for the course than can be accommodated.

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS NOT OVERLOOKED

In the Woodworking Department quite a number of additions to the equipment have been and are being made to facilitate the work there. A first class "Oliver" Type C band sawing machine has been ordered and will be in use in a few weeks. A Brown & Sharpe trueing device for the grindstone has been installed, and a large number of small tools have been added to the bench equipments.

The Domestic Science Department has had a long felt want supplied in the installation of a forty-galloe hot water boiler, with a gas heater attached.

In the Printing Office is a large new imposing stone, and a case has been constructed to hold the stock of paper, envelopes, etc., so that they may be kept free from dust.

A new system has been put into operation in the Printing Department. All orders for printing are to be issued from the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. George H. Safford, on blanks supplied for the purpose. Neither the Director of the Manual Arts Department nor the Head of the Printing Office will be responsible for any orders for printed matter given verbally. Likewise, RUSH ORDERS cannot be considered, owing to the excessive demands upon this department, outside of the instructions to students, which must necessarily receive first consideration. Ample time should be allowed for all printing work.

W. S. GRAFFAM,  
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Mr. "Jinks" Armstrong, quarterback of Lincoln University 1907 football team, spent a few days recently in Washington, and while here visited the campus. He intends to enter the Medical School next year. He was accompanied by Percy Johnson, former quarterback for Lincoln. Both men are good speedy players.



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