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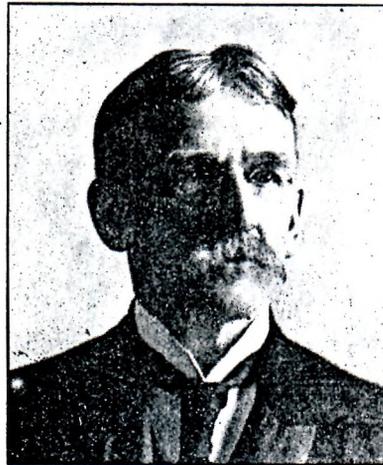
The New President of Howard University

Dr. S. M. Newman

THERE comes to the presidency of Howard University, made vacant by the resignation of President W. P. Thirkield, Dr. S. M. Newman, a man with a wealth of experience and well equipped for the work that he has taken up. His first few days of actual service have impressed the students very favorably, and he bids fair to make a worthy successor of ex President Thirkield.

Dr. Newman was born in West Falmouth, Me., November 21, 1845. He is an A. B., A. M. from Bowdoin College; B. D. from Andover Theological Seminary, and D. D. from Bowdoin. He was for seven years, pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Taunton, Mass.; for the same number of years, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Ripon, Wis.; and for twenty-one years, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C. Aside from his work as pastor, Dr. Newman has held presidencies as well as professorships in some colleges of note, among these the presidency of Eastern College, of Front Royal, Va., and the professorship of Mathematics and Biology in Ripon College, Wis. He was formerly connected with Howard University as professor of Church History from 1887 to 1891. Dr. Newman is a member of some of the most noted scientific and cultural societies of the country, and also a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

A man of such energy and prestige cannot help but scatter some of the brilliant lustre of his name over Howard University. He is a man well suited for the position to which he has been called.



President Stephen M. Newman

The Political Program of the Colored American

Professor W. B. Dubois addressed the Bethel Literary and Historical Association in its first meeting of the season Tuesday night on the subject of "The Political Program of the Colored American." The address was elegant and masterly and was much applauded. Prof. Dubois proposed a political program for the negro of marshalling of the 500,000 or 600,000 negro votes in such a way that they may count for the most good, and be used as battering rams of opportunities. He said that the negroes should be able to send a committee before the party leaders and demand what they want for a solid negro vote.

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President W. P. Thirkield

A BRIGHT meteor has flashed and passed from the heavens of Howard University. Ex-President Thirkield came to Howard in the year 1906, succeeding President Gordon. He found the University in a condition of general unrest and gradually going down, a condition of affairs partly, if not wholly, caused by the inactivity of the former executive. President Thirkield placed himself at the head of affairs with all his indomitable will, faith in the people for whom he was working, and an unpretentious love for his task. As a result we have to-day what we may without hesitation call the New Howard.

President Thirkield initiated his administration with an inaugural such as very few institutions of greater note can boast of. In the long and splendid appearing Academic procession were men from all ranks of public and University life. In his inaugural address, President Thirkield declared himself in glowing and unmistakable terms for the higher education of negro youths; saying that he believed industrial education was efficient for the negro, but not sufficient. In this speech, too, he struck the keynote of all his after endeavors in the University, "Culture for service."

This motto he certainly carried out in all his work. He crowded into the six years that he was connected with the University all the energy and devotion that the promptings of such a dictum as culture for service warrants. At all times he was busy working in the interest of Howard University and has left many memorials of assiduousness. The first tangible

evidence of his service is seen in the Carnegie Library. President Thirkield found the thousands of volumes now contained in the well equipped and beautifully furnished Carnegie Library in two rooms of the main building. Now few schools can boast of a better library than Howard's. Under his administration the science department was transferred from two or three meagre rooms in the main building to a new \$90,000 Science Hall with modern appliances and a corps of efficient science teachers. In addition there is a hall of applied sciences in which engineering and kindred branches are taught. He was, too, quite enthusiastic in the movement for a gymnasium.

Besides Pres. Thirkield imparted to the University a new *Esprit de Corps*, the new Howard Spirit, a spirit of love for Alma Mater inspired by song and emphasis on the spiritual note. In everything he did there could be seen the love for Howard and a desire for her promotion.

When Howard's history is written, Wilbur Patterson Thirkield's name will be enrolled along with Rankin and Patton as one of the great and progressive presidents of the University.

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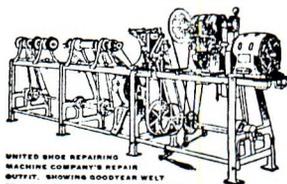
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Football

When one thinks of football at Howard he necessarily dreams of long ago, of scenes that have passed before him on the gridiron in the past. He thinks of the old games between Howard and Lincoln in which Big Jack, Dwight Holmes, Prof. Cook, and the then water boy Buck Hunt were the stars. In another game between Howard and Shaw, the erstwhile water boy, Buck Hunt is an invincible end, McGriff and George Davis carry the ball over the line for Howard at will. And then down the whole line of the galaxy of foot ball heroes among whom are numbered Scipio Johnson, Durrah, Shorter, Moore, Terry and others of equal fame the mind wanders.

Then there comes a vision of the future with the question, will the heroes of to-morrow equal the heroes of yesterday, and will another team be as good as that of "yester-year?" In answering this inquiry, one is perfectly justified in saying yes, most emphatically yes. We have an outlook for the most successful season in football Howard has ever had. Although we lose some valuable and proved steel in Westmoreland and Hunt, we have some valuable material left on which we can build safely in Capt. Bell, Gray, Brice, Durrah, Slaughter, Forbes, Carter, Oliver, Clelland, Nixon, Beamon, Sykes and George. Beamon bids fair to become one of the best centers Howard has ever had. His work last year in this position, new to him was most encouraging. With the appearance of Stratton, Gilmore, plucky little Lafayette, and the old come backs Franklin and Taylor and a few unknown brilliant lights we will have the best team we have ever seen don football togs in Howard University.

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Opening Vesper Service

The regular Sunday afternoon Vesper services for the year were begun last Sunday with a very pointed and eloquent address by President Newman. A large and appreciative audience was present in spite of the dreary and rainy weather.

He selected for his text the sixth verse of the eighth Psalm—"Thou hast made him a little lower than God."

The solo by Miss Althea Scott, "The Lord is the strength of my life," was very effective. The Choir rendered very excellently "God so loved the world."

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The Gymnasium Cry

For many years the students of Howard have been putting up a vociferous cry for a gymnasium. This year the cry is louder than ever before, for in the past few games the athletic teams have found themselves up against a hard proposition contending with men from Lincoln, Shaw and Hampton where they have first class gymnasium facilities.

For Howard to sustain the name she has made for herself in athletic activity among her sister institutions, she must furnish her sons with the wherewithal to make muscle and to acquire endurance for the struggle of athletic survival of the fittest. Those who saw the Hampton and Lincoln games last year must admit that those two sturdy opponents of Howard are steadily and surely gaining in strength, which comes primarily from consistent indoor practice, while Howard, if maintaining her standard, is at

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best, only marking time. The team is surely not to blame for this condition of affairs. The question then comes, Who is to blame? Nobody. The fault lies in the lack of facilities.

Howard must have a gymnasium! Not because she cannot exist without one; not because her teams may not be able to continue in rank; for all the teams with the good consistent outdoor practice that they get can still continue to maintain a mediocre position; but Howard must have a gymnasium because of the peculiar place she holds in the educational life of the nation and of the world. In all institution of learning of the first stamp the physical training of the individual is considered as essential as the development of the intellectual and moral sides. As a result we find schools like Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Harvard with stipulated gymnastic requirements. In Princeton, a man, before getting his degree must make his mark in swimming. The world to-day is placing a premium on men, and not on halves or thirds of men. The man in demand to-day, is not the intellectual giant and the moral or physical pygmy, but the man with all of his possibilities developed. How then can Howard hope to measure arms with these scions of old and to continue as the first negro University of the world with one of the essential features of University life lacking?

Many thanks are due the alumni for the assiduousness with which they are conducting the gymnasium campaign, thanks are due the contributing friends of the University for their philanthropy, and praises are due the students for their efforts; yet more can be done and must be done. The students, who will be the greatest beneficiaries of the gymnasium, have their chance to make a building possible by filling out the blanks presented them on

registration day asking the trustees to raise the athletic fee. No student, a well wisher of athletics and physical culture generally in Howard, will hesitate to fill out this blank. The time is at hand when we must cease merely singing the paeans of Howard's praises and rendering unto her lip service; this is the season of doing things. Each and every student should remember that the gods help those who help themselves, and help themselves by filling out the above mentioned blanks.

Again, let it be repeated and with emphasis that Howard must have a gymnasium!!! With the growing stress on the modern and the demand for all-around men, the time is fast approaching when the calling of a college or a University without a gymnasium an institution of learning will be merely a smoothly transmitted platitude.

Let every son and friend of Howard rally to the cry of Alma Mater and reach out a helping hand, though it may contain but the widow's mite.

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EDITORIAL

¶ Send home a copy of the JOURNAL.

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¶ The political program of racial solidarity as proposed by Dr. DuBois is a move in the right direction. In the present complexity of affairs, 500,000 or 600,000 votes cast for one candidate, will certainly swing the balance. Such method of conduct is the surest way of moving such indignities of Jim Crowism and disfranchisement in the south. It is time for colored America to be awaking to its powers and possibilities.

¶ One of the things looked forward to with interest at the be-

ginning of each school year is the annual rush of the Sophomores and Freshmen. This feature of the college life was more or less squashed last year, because no one method of rushing had been formulated. There is a movement on foot to have this matter of rushing placed in the hands of the two upper classes of the college. This seems to be a capital idea and at least a leaning toward giving the upper classes a little hand in the discipline of the University. Certainly a control of this feature of college life by the upper classmen cannot do any harm if not any material good.

¶ The University JOURNAL now begins its work; this work can by no means continue and count for anything, unless the JOURNAL receives the support and cooperation of the student body. There seems to be a tendency prevailing among some of the departments to boycott the JOURNAL because of the actions of the faculty committee on student publications in excluding them from voting in the selection of the JOURNAL staff. This is a matter over which the JOURNAL has absolutely no more control than those who are excluded from voting, and in striking the JOURNAL, you strike not the cause of your exclusion.

New Teachers

Quite a number of valuable additions have been made to the faculties of the academic departments of the University this year, all young men and women permeated with the new idea of college and university life of today. The following are the new teachers in the College of Arts and Sciences; Mr. Clarence Hayes, A. B., Howard University, instructor in chemistry, Mr. J. W. Bauduit, A. M., Chicago University, assistant in mathematics; Professor G. Davis Houston, A. B., Harvard, Head of the English Department. Mr. Houston succeeds Professor

B. G. Brawley the much esteemed professor of that department for the two years past. Mr. R. T. Middleton, C. E., Michigan, instructor in engineering; Mr. N. P. G. Adams, A. M., Columbia, assistant in chemistry; Mr. C. C. Cooke, A. B., Howard, assistant in botany; Mr. Moses Clayborne, A. B., Howard, assistant in zoology. In the Teachers College Mr. Alain Leroy Locke, A. B., Harvard, and Rhodes Scholar to Oxford, assistant professor of philosophy; Mr. Turner, A. B., Howard, in biological nature study. In the Commercial Department, Mr. W. H. Pleasants, A. B., Howard, instructor in English and algebra; Mr. G. W. Hines, A. B., Howard, instructor in typewriting and commercial geography; Miss Anna M. Cecil, assistant in bookkeeping and arithmetic. In the Academy Mr. Cobham instructor in Latin and French; Miss Merriwether, A. B., Howard, assistant in English and history.

New Teacher in the Music Department

The Music Department is quite fortunate in securing Mr. Roy Tibbs, a graduate from the conservatories of Fiske and Oberlin, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Maude Young. Mr. Tibbs is a man of experience and efficiency in his field.

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Drops For The Freshman

Howard University, due primarily to the last administration, has had a wonderful development. From an old conservative moss-grown institution, she has become the active progressive center of American Negro education. She has thrown off the old ironclad traditions of the past, traditions peculiarly characteristic of American Negro Colleges and detrimental to the best interest of the race. She has adopted modern methods and acquired modern means of doing things. New traditions are being stamped upon the ineffaceable integral part of the university—the student body. New zeal fills and inspires the enthusiast in every student activity. Into such an environment the Freshman of Howard is ushered. If he would acquaint himself to the best advantage let him realize his position—that of a Freshman in every college—the underling. Let him be quick to hear but slow to speak. He must early imbibe the Howard spirit and obey the customs of the University. If he is asked to roll down the cuffs of his trousers let him readily show a willingness to obey. The stubborn fighting Freshman usually becomes a marked fellow and a target every time he asserts himself thereafter. The easiest way and the best way is to be a modest Freshman. Do not attempt too soon to be a leader. That does not mean that the Freshman must take no part in the student activities, contrarily he should; but let him play the role his position demands. Among his classmates let him make himself known and congenial and endeavor to diffuse the spirit of loyalty and stick-to-it-ive-ness among them. He should court the friendship of upperclassmen, not making himself parasitical or losing his identity and individuality in another. The student activities at Howard are many and varied.

The Freshman should identify himself with some one of these in particular, but, at the same time lend his support to as many as he can. If he is good in the athletic sports, let him attend the meetings of the Athletic Association and when the call for recruits in his particular branch is sounded, let him immediately respond and put his whole soul and body into his work. If he has forensic ambitions, let him early ally himself with the Kappa Sigma Debating Club, which offers unlimited possibilities in this line. If he is inclined toward Journalism the Editor of the Howard Journal will always be glad to assist him in that respect and print any contributions he might make which are worthy of publication. Whatever you do, Freshman be warned against two things do not become a book worm and live and die without enjoying your quota of good fresh air and pure sunshine. On the other hand do

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not participate in so many outside activities, so as not to be able to do yourself justice in your studies. Stick to your books above all things, for after all they determine your standing in the University. Do not think that to be a good student one has to devote all of his time to his books, nor to be a good athlete must one completely forsake his books. Both are fallacious. It has been exemplified in the life of many a man that one can be a good student and at the same time be a good athlete and vice versa. In fact the very best athletes are usually the very best students.

Football Cry

The football season is now on and the management is hoping for a successful year. The call for candidates has been issued and Coach Marshall expects every vestige of football material to answer the call. Howard has maintained the ascendancy in football without being scored on for the last three years and every one is hoping that this year will place no blot on our escutcheon. Let all the old men turn out and all those who have played football elsewhere or think they are football possibilities go out and see what Coach Marshall and Captain Bell can make out of them. "Howard expects every man to do his duty."

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Howard is indeed the first institution of higher learning for Negro youths in the land, yea, in the world. This truth has been enforced upon the world in the last few years as it has never been before by the material growth of the school and the efficiency of the men she has been sending out, together with the athletic activity of the institution; for by far one of the greatest modern advertisements that any school can send out is good athletic teams. Our men as they graduate from Howard and find their way into the schools primarily of the south talk and act Howard in such away that the youths with whom they come in contact readily turn their faces Howardward.

Besides, the advantages at Howard are about the best possible for young colored Americans. Howard situated as it is in Washington offers to its students the advantage of all the educative institutions of the government such as the museum, libraries, etc. Again the opportunity for a study of the sciences in laboratories with modern appliances is unparalleled. It is in Howard where the youth comes in touch with the leading men of the race, men who rank first in their lines of work; and too, he enjoys the social advantages that he could not otherwise have in the larger Colleges and Universities of the North and West.

These are just a few broad statements of the incentive for influx of new students in the University. Matters not what the cause is, suffice it to say, they are here and if they stay, will

derive some good. To allow them a share in this profit Howard throws her doors wide open to students both old and new enrolled for the term. There is to be found in Howard the environmental situation that will be found at almost any other schools. But Howard is merely welcoming her sons and daughters to the advantages that she offers.

Notes

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Prof. L. B. Moore will address the Y. M. C. A. Sunday.

Miss Maude Young, the former musician, was with us a few days last week.

All the regulars of Miner Hall who have returned are turning out in full force.

Warren Logan '12 passed through here last week en route to New York where he will study accounting.

Mr. B. H. Locke '12 stopped over at Howard last week on his way to Columbia where he will do post-graduate work in sociology.

Miss Vivian Johnson of the Class '12 was visiting the campus last week en route to Columbia University where she will study this winter.

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Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p. m.
Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.
Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

MONDAY

Deutscher Verein, Library Hall, 6:15 p. m.
Athletic Association, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Bible Class, Life of Jesus, Mr. J. G. Logan, 8:00 p. m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Men of Old Testament, 8:00 p. m.
Bible Class, Life of Paul, Prof. Dyson, 8:00 p. m.

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Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Rev. O'Connell, 8:00 p. m.
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Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.
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With best wishes for a bright and prosperous year in the work for the Master, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
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HE literal translation of the French motto which appeared on the JOURNAL, during last session is; "Strike the iron while it is hot." True to that motto let this hot iron be struck. The renewed publication of The Herald, by the students of the Academy and Commercial College at the end of last session of school, forms the occasion for this comment.

A few years ago even the thought on the part of the Academy students to publish a little paper was bitterly opposed both from within and on all sides. Strange to say, many of the Academy students themselves denounced the idea as unwise. A few of them pitifully declared, "It is impossible for us to get out a paper." The JOURNAL management at that time, agreeing with several selfish and prejudiced Academy students, insincerely asserted that the new paper was proposed to run in opposition to the University JOURNAL. Moreover, the JOURNAL fired an array of criticism at the Academy students in their struggle to begin a little paper.

But "Truth crushed to the earth will rise again." The wise step taken by the Academy and Commercial College students in the renewed publication of the Herald is almost universally appreciated. An old and reputable

preparatory school, as is Howard Academy, certainly should have a voice of its own, which it can use at its will. Then, too, it is a very evident fact that the students of the leading preparatory schools of the world for colored youths, are capable of publishing a creditable school paper. The Herald can be nothing less than a source of permanent and practical good to the Academy and Commercial College and to the university at large.

The JOURNAL frankly and gladly welcomes the Herald into the realm of journalism at Howard; pledges it a hearty and continuous cooperation; and wishes for it a growing and lasting prosperity. Also, the JOURNAL commends the students of the two departments for their recent support, and especially congratulates the editor and manager and their assistants for their neat work and wholesome news.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The Y. M. C. A. began its usual good work on last Sunday afternoon with a promising attendance and a well suited speaker for the occasion, Dean Geo. W. Cook, "Howard's Old Reliable," whose unshakeable love for Alma Mater always inspires him to speak from the heart to Howard students, was this suited speaker, and, to be sure, he gave an extremely appropriate and

instructive talk in which he pointed out the way for students to live to their best interests while in Howard.

In the course of his talk, Dean Cook encouraged the students to attend regularly the prayer meetings, the Y. M. C. A., and the vesper services, and to take part in the athletics of the university. Also, he urged them to spend most of their time on the campus and to apply themselves diligently to their studies. The latter part of his talk was a plea to the students to seek the highest interests while in the university. Every one present seemed pleased with the judicious talk of Dean Cook; for he was given a shower of applause.

The various committees of the association are very hard at work. Dean L. B. Moore will speak on next Sunday; and President Randall, who was a delegate to the Summer Conference, announced that, at an early date, he would speak on his experience as a delegate. The signs of the times foretell a fruitful year for the Y. M. C. A.; and the young men, old students and new, are eagerly and rapidly seizing the opportunity of making themselves a real part of this fruitful year.

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