The G. A. R. Encampment

The Forty-ninth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held its exercises in Washington last week. This encampment brought to memory the Grand Review of '65 when the victorious "boys in blue" marched up Pennsylvania Avenue in review before President Johnson. It is a matter of history that from 1861 to 1865 a most bitter internecine strife drenched this country in blood. Sectional feeling for years had been growing, the question of slavery for some time had been a bugbear, questions of the tariff and of the organization of territories, in fact, anything, divided the country; the North on the one side, the South on the other. In 1860 the capstone was laid; rebellion sprang full armed into being; one Southern state seceded, then another and another and still others; and the remainder of the states set themselves to the onerous task of forcing their sister states back into the Union. The result was WAR! war of the most heartrending kind—brothers against brothers, sons against fathers, sweethearts embittered and separated, college chums against cronies; children were disowned; parents heartbroken, yet all of them citizens who for nearly two centuries had sworn allegiance to a common cause! Civil strife was on! Fierce the hatred, bloody the battles! Every resource of both sections was drained. Valiantly, gloriously, superhumanly "the boys in gray" struggled against overwhelming odds but, in the end, "the boys in blue" conquered. The seceded states were forced to lay down their arms, rebellion was crushed, the Emancipation Proclamation was made effective, four million slaves were thrust with one fell swoop into freedom and its endless chain of responsibilities. The Union was preserved, and its armies summoned to Washington for a grand review before they disbanded.

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The Birth of a Nation

The Birth of a Nation, based on Thomas Dixon's play, "The Clansman" and produced under the management of D.W. Griffith, has been shown in motion pictures for the past six months in the leading cities of the United States. Wherever the play has been on exhibition it has met the untiring opposition of the Negro race and many of its white friends.

The photographs pictures amongst our forefathers a poet who saw a new vision. In this vision, there arose a mighty people from the Thirteen Original Colonies. For eighty years this vision remained a dream; after the surrender of Cornwallis to the allied armies of France and the Thirteen Original Colonies, however, this dream was realized. The states formed out of the Original Colonies clung to their individual sovereignty through seventy-five years of growth and conflict, feeling with jealous alarm the slow but resistless growth of a new national spirit within the body of a Federal Union. By Daniel Webster's immortal words "Liberty and
The Progressive Policy

Another school year has begun, and in keeping with a progressive policy, we should strive to make this year better from every point of view, than any preceding year. This can be accomplished only by individual effort. The University must keep pace with similar institutions, therefore, more rigid requirements must be expected, in order to secure a more efficient body of students. Heartly cooperation and a really helpful understanding between the faculty and students have already done much to benefit the University, and more can be accomplished in a similar manner.

Upon the foundation of cooperation, then, the students should build a super structure wherein there will be no flaws of dissen
tion or discontent. We expect there to be rivalry, but let it be clean and fair, conducted upon a sound basis. We are striving for a common purpose, and our efforts can have a lasting success only by being conducted on a clean, broad scale.

In keeping with our progressive policy we must do all in our power to better even our previous records in our several activities. Our Athletic Association should receive the hearty support of all students, our literary societies should be well attended, our dramatic, and debating clubs should be given attention; and our College Chapter of the N. A. C. P. should have us all enrolled as members. In fact, it is hoped that a new and better spirit will be ushered into the University and all of its activities. A little hearty cooperation, and added zest, a little extra effort all working for the good of the whole will undoubtedly work wonders in the University life, and will bring out many latent possibilities.

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It is an excellent plan to have the Howard University Journal sent to your parents and friends. The work of your class, your department, your literary society, your fraternity, your sorority will be published in the columns of The Howard University Journal, and your friends will be kept in touch with your work here.

We are very anxious to have the reporters for the different organizations of the University to send us copies of their programs, and reports of their respective organizations. The Journal purposes to represent student activities at Howard, and it will be glad to give its space to the organizations of the University which are doing so much toward the training of Howard men and women for leadership.

Football engages the attention of more students of the University at this season of the year than any other sport. Our students are always glad to read football news of other schools as well as that of our own. For this reason, we are arranging to have brief reports on the progress of athletics from many of the leading schools of the South. These reports will be published in the Athletic Columns of The Journal, and our readers will be given an opportunity to know more about their favorite sport, in other schools as well as at Howard, through the medium of their college paper.

It is with mixed emotions of joy and regret that we note that a large number of the members of the Senior Class are taking advantage of the Combination Courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, and are entering the professional schools of Howard University. There is a decided advantage to the individuals themselves, as far as time goes, for they save one whole year, still we are loathe to lose from our immediate class association those with whom we have associated for the past three years, and whose activities with regard to student organizations have meant so much for Howard University.

The members of the present Senior Class who take advantage of the Combination Courses are reaping benefits from the work in the past. It was this class that drew up a petition during its Freshman year, asking that the Combination Courses be offered to those who wished to take professional work in the University. Their petition granted, they now proceed to enjoy the benefits of their labor.

Whatever professional work they may elect to pursue, whether law, medicine or theology, the members of the Senior Classes have the good wishes of those of their classmates who are still on the Hill, and a hearty welcome awaits them whenever they have time and inclination to visit their old friends on the Campus.

The Howard University Journal is published weekly by the students of Howard University. The aim of The Journal is to be the representative of the student body. Every department of the University has been asked through its Dean to appoint a contributor to The Journal, and every student is welcome to submit articles for publication.

The liberal policy which The Journal maintains in accepting articles, however, makes it necessary for The Journal Staff to exercise considerable precaution before permitting articles to be published. We find it necessary, therefore, to ask our contributors kindly to refrain from sarcastic, biting criticisms and harsh abuse in their articles. The Journal does not by any means wish to prohibit free speech among the students; indeed, it is always pleased to have its readers express their opinions through its columns; still a college paper, purporting to represent fifteen hundred students, cannot afford to have its columns given over to some few who wish to abuse or criticise adversely some one who happens to disagree with them.

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Such work must not be belittled. It is the essential training that every Negro youth must have if he would combat that hydra-headed monster — prejudice — a monster that so long has waged a deadly warfare on the American Negro. Bleasism like a slaving serpent still froths its poisonous venom into the minds of the American people through such photo-plays as "The Birth of a Nation"; lynching has at last become an established institution in our Southland; while the Mason and Dixon Line no longer marks the northern limit of southern race hatred. Who in the future is to combat these evils? Who is to lead the American Negro to the larger freedom which by all justice is his? Garrisons are few, Sumners no longer stir the consciences of our lawmakers, the Great Emancipator has left no heir to his broad principles; while the world scores that race which is too timid to strike for its own freedom.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is doing what it can to encourage the university youth to strike for himself if he would be free. This organization which plays such a large part in developing the manhood and womanhood of the Negro youth merits the unstinted support of every student of Howard University, and especially the encouragement and support of the members of the faculty. At present two hundred students have pledged themselves to become members of the organization. Whereas, this is by no means a full representation of the Howard student body, yet it gives assurance of a greater number before the end of the year.

This organization, seeking to enlist the entire student body, stands ready and anxious to join with all the forces of the University in developing Howard students from what they are to what they might be. — G. E. Hall

The Howard Spirit

It is not inappropriate at the beginning of our school year to remind the students of the necessity of reviving the sluggish Howard spirit. For the past few years it has been a difficult task to get a crowd of students together to cheer our teams to victory. Such a condition is to be regretted and even our team leaders have felt down-hearted over the apparent lack of interest on the part of the students. Therefore, let the yell masters begin now to build up a spirit which will not only be worthy of old Howard, but in its intensity, measure up to that of the spirit of other great universities in our land.

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Literary Societies of Howard

There are a number of literary societies at Howard University that are doing great work in developing students in public speaking, debating, music, and in many other helpful ways. It would be well for the new students to fall in line with the old ones and take an active interest in these organizations. These societies mean much to the students as well as to the University. Many of Howard's strongest graduates have been active workers in such organizations as The Alpha Phi, The Pestalozzi-Froebel, and The Eureka Literary Societies, and also The Kappa Sigma, and Commercial College Club.

The above mentioned societies meet regularly each week and render helpful, instructive, well prepared programs. Each society has an official reporter who reports the work of his respective organization to the different school papers.

In addition to the above, each professional school has its club which meets at regular intervals and discusses the problems pertaining to its particular work.

These societies as well as all other organizations deserve the support of the students of Howard University.

Record of A Howard Graduate

Christopher C. Lathers, A. B., LL. B., M. D., Howard University, was on motion of Mr. William H. Dennis of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the District of Columbia, admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, January 8, 1908.

He was on motion of Mr. Sylvester L. McLaurin, member of the District of Columbia Bar, admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, May 4, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Charles E. McNabb, The Honorable Assistant United States Attorney General, he was admitted to practice before the United States Court of Customs Appeals, May 10, 1915. Dr. Lathers enjoys the honored distinction of being the first colored attorney admitted to practice before that court, and then too, the motion for his admission was made by an official of President Wilson's Administration.

He was on motion of Mr. Philip M. Ashford, Attorney, Department of Justice, U. S., admitted to practice before the Court of Claims, May 11, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester L. McLaurin, member of the District of Columbia Bar, he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, October 26, 1914.

In addition to this, Mr. Lathers has completed the Course of Medicine at Howard University, and has served as an intern in Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

First Meeting of Kappa Sigma

The Kappa Sigma Debating Society held its first meeting of the year on last Thursday evening.

Despite the unfavorable condition of the weather a large number of the members were present to greet the new officers who have been elected to guide the destinies of the society for the present term.

President Love gave a comprehensive outline of the work that the society is to undertake for the first term. Several committees were appointed to look after the various phases of the work as outlined, arrangements for a large mass meeting to be held Thursday evening, Oct. 14, were made. The committee which has the mass meeting in charge are planning to make it the greatest mass meeting ever held in the interest of the Kappa Sigma.

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See the gleam and sparkle of bayonets and rifles, the flash of swords, the rattle and rumble of the artillery, the flapping of the battle flags, the prancing and charging of the cavalry horses and with it all the steady stream of column after column of blue-clad infantry marching to receive the plaudits of the nation! Such was the first review of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The remnant of that once magnificent army, has just had its Fortieth Encampment—the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Review of '65. How changed the spectacle! The flush of victory has gone from the faces of our heroes. They are men, old, bent, wrinkled, grayheaded now, with eyes grown dim and with footsteps that faltered. As they passed up the Avenue, the clang of the ambulance told that here was one who had dropped from exhaustion, here another and another; yet with the spirit of the '60's the ranks were closer and the wavering lines kept on. On the side lines hearts throbbed and faces flushed as the spectators beheld the skeleton of the Grand Army pass.

The significance of the Encampment to Howard University is noteworthy. She is a monument to the work of those veterans. She bears the name of one of the heroes of '65. On her campus, now vibrating with the life of fifteen hundred students, once encamped Scott’s Cavalry; from out of the confusion and chaos brought on by the Reconstruction Period, Howard University arose, and to-day she stands full-armed a lasting rebuke to "The Birth of a Nation" and all iniquitous plays or measures destined to portray harmful scenes of Negro life.

The reminiscences of Scott's Cavalry, held in our Chapel during the Encampment was attended by a large number of students. The stories of hardships and privations related by the cavalrymen must have brought to those who were present a deeper appreciation of the privileges which they enjoy through the efforts of the "boys of '65." It is hoped that, in the days that are to come, when the last veteran of the Civil War shall have passed to his final resting place, the students of Howard University may never forget their debt of gratitude to those who fought for the red, white and blue—"the boys of '65".

Echoes from the Summer

Two things worthy of note were accomplished by Howard students this summer. Mr. John Love, Arts and Sciences, '16, won the prize in an oratorical contest this summer in Atlantic City. College men from Union, Lincoln and other colleges competed but Mr. Love proved himself to be master of them all.

When "The Birth of a Nation", a photo-play, which has attracted so much attention on account of its several scenes objectionable to colored citizens, was about to be shown in Atlantic City this summer, Mr. F. H. Wimberly, College of Arts and Sciences, '16, and Law, '16 was in the city. With characteristic energy Mr. Wimberly took the initiative in formulating and circulating a protest against the pernicious film. It was due largely to Mr. Wimberly's work that the Director of Public Safety of Atlantic City ordered the play to be stopped in that city. On account of a technicality this order was unfortunately not enforced. A great deal of credit is due Mr. Wimberly, nevertheless, for his courage and effort in this regard.

—Luther O. Baumgardner