President’s Letter of Welcome

October 2, 1917.

Howard University extends through the University Journal a warm welcome to all students who are able to get here to study, either to carry on courses which they have already begun in previous years, or to take up courses in any of our departments for the first time.

We have in mind in this welcome the present conditions of the world in this great struggle of war. We are all praying and hoping for peace at the earliest possible moment, and when peace comes, the management of it, the method of its promotion, the effort to make it secure and permanent will give all thinking people almost more concern than the war itself. Conditions will be totally changed. All forms of life will feel the effect of new influences, of widened visions, of enlarged opportunities. It will be the students of the present moment who are to enter into that peace when it comes, who will have an opportunity of using all their gifts and training for the doing of what will have to be done.

Hence we welcome all who have been able to get here under the present conditions. You are to be congratulated upon being students with opportunities such as you find here because they will fit you for the doing of a man’s or woman’s work in the new era toward which we are hastening.

We trust that you will have the fidelity and the wisdom necessary for your great work of fitting yourselves for the new time which is to come.

— S. M. Newman, President.

Howard Camp Roll on July 22, 1914

Coleman, Frank, College 1913.
Curley, Benjamin, Law 1914.
Gregory Thomas M.
Houston, Charles, H.
Long, H. H., College 1915.
Marshall, Cyrus, W.
Pollard, Ernest X., College 1912.
Russell, Louis, H. College 1912.
Waring, J. H. N., Jr.
Pierce, W. G., 1898.
Diggs, E. W., 1910.
Clifford, Jay Williams, 1912.
Hunt, John Russell, 1912.
Martin, J. H., 1912.
Hodge, Adolph O., 1915.
Owens, C. G., 1913.
Bellinger, Louis A. S., 1914.
Love, John W., 1916.
McAden, Moses B., 1916.
Booker, Elbert, 1917.
Camper, John E., 1917.
Curtis, Merrill H., 1917.
Goodloe, N. O., 1917.
Heslop, Jessie S., 1917.
Lawson, Earl M., 1917.
Napper, Clarence T., 1917.
Polk, Charles C., 1917.
Watson, Louis L., 1917.

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reason why. It was amusing to see McAiden, Heslip, Clifford, and "Little Mose" hurry out to roll without having had time or opportunity for their requisite toilet preparation. Even more amusing was it to see such gentlemen in the trenches with pick and shovel, but here and elsewhere they have proved their metal. The day moves on with rigorous precision; every moment finds everybody busy. Field work and classes leave but little time for recreation. Even this brief period is spent in scrubbing khaki and rubbing guns. Unlike at Howard the evenings are spent in dreams and nightmares of a social nature. The one regret that seems prevalent is the absence of the adoring and adorable of the opposite sex. Two Howard men could endure this social ostracism no longer but journeyed all the way to Missouri, just to see one Howard girl for only a few minutes, while another came all the way to Washington, ostensibly on business, but some of us know the real reason for the long and hurried trip. The one great thought that has served as a stimulus to their efforts is the warm reception which they will receive when they return to Washington as commissioned officers of the United States Army. Many a one is anticipating a joyous response to his soul's call for a mate, for warbride gossip is all over the camp. Look out slackers! for they are coming six hundred strong.

There is a spirit of friendly rivalry at camp among the various schools and colleges there represented, and Howard, as usual, contends for first place. The fellows could not bear the thought of other schools having their big guns come out and fire a salute without calling into action our own artillery. It was my privilege to attend a meeting of Howard men, in which it was unanimously voted to invite to the camp President Newman and Professor Kelly Miller and defray all expenses. Their efforts were not in vain, for we learn that the big gun from Howard fired a salute so true and so strong as not only to wake the dead, but to conserve life and the old "Howard Spirit" even through the terrible disappointment of the time extension.

The spirit of "Fight for Old Howard" seems stronger than that of fighting for Uncle Sam, but things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. The men at Fort Des Moines, as trained leaders, are not waiting to lead our boys along the fighting line in France, but are today leading their race through the most crucial period of its history to a higher plane of duty and self-sacrifice. It is they along with our other brave souls in khaki, who are giving substance to President Wilson's words to Professor Miller's words to President Wilson, "The deviltry of his fellow man cannot devise iniquities horrible enough to drive the Negro from his patriotic devotion."

Honor is due to all men at Fort Des Moines who have done their very best to prove the lie to the pernicious theory of racial inequality with equal opportunity, whether or not they succeed in realizing their personal ambition. Will not the old "Howard Spirit" revive at home to welcome the return of her boys in brown, who have labored so valiantly but to prepare themselves as a more excellent sacrifice upon the nation's altar? "Wake up! Howard!! the call comes loud and strong. Let every voice and heart be ready to receive your worthy son.

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Another factor in stimulating the religious life has been the Bible and Mission classes. Competent and earnest teachers have made the work very interesting. It has been the privilege of the girls to bring cheer in the lives of the children at the hospital and the inmates of the Old Folks' Home. Special efforts have been made at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The girls have enjoyed the socials in which we have been able to become better acquainted with one another. The work of other associations has interested us and many new ideas and plans have been received at the student conference in Atlanta, at which we have had representatives.

Our field has been greatly broadened this year, because of existing conditions in our country. The Social Service Committee will carry on community work and in addition will strive to bring cheer into the lives of our soldiers, especially those in whom we are all interested at Fort Des Moines. Changing conditions all over the world afford a broad scope for our Bible and Mission Study classes. A practical application of Christian principles will be given to our College life. Many new students have entered, who need the sympathy and encouragement of those who are more familiar with the customs and ideals of the University. Never before in each phase of Y. W. C. A. work has such a great opportunity in variety of Christian endeavor been offered.

The world is looking to the Colleges for Christian leaders. Preparation for such service can be secured. Every Howard girl is invited to join with us and help make this the most successful year of our history. God helping us, we hope to lay a foundation for even greater things in years that will follow.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Like all other student activities the Y. M. C. A. is suffering on account of the large number of influential and leading spirits away in camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. But even with this handicap the work of the Association is being carried on by the action of a large number of enthusiastic young men.

This year we are aiming at a larger and greater Y. M. C. A. for the youth entrusted to the University for training. Already evidences of this aim is being manifested in the attendance of a larger number of former slackers. The young men can be found crowding the reading and amusement rooms every day.

Then, too, there is another feature of Y. M. C. A. work that is appealing to the great class of working students. We have assisted a large number of young men in securing employment at spare hours. The employment bureau is filled each day with energetic and self-supporting students. To render aid in finding positions for these student is very gratifying to the organization.

From these same students we are securing the biggest membership in the history of the University. During the past week and also during the present week the association is conducting a membership campaign. The work is progressing wonderfully well on account of the spirited rivalry between the classes. It is doubtful as to whether the green, yellow, or reds will succeed in securing the largest number of members. At any rate the new students and the visitors will be accorded a warm reception next Saturday night, October 13. Chairman Green has promised an elaborate menu for the occasion. In a word we expect to have one grand and delightful time. Every man in the University is urged to be present.

Alph Phi Literary Society

The Alpha Phi Literary Society held its initial meeting of the year Thursday, September 27, in Library Hall. Because it was a special called meeting there was no pre-arranged program, but everyone present was well pleased with an impromptu program. Some good indications of talent were discovered among the students who came to us for the first time. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will assume the leadership of the society. It is hoped that this year may witness a revival of interest in truly literary work and that the Alph Phi will strive through the medium of the various classes and organizations of the University.

The officers for the semester are:

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The Outlook for Athletics in Howard University

The outcome of our athletic experiences at Howard has been about the same as that of most other colleges in the country viz., the producing of a maximum of rooters and a minimum of participants. If the ideal in college athletics is to make every student an athlete according to his capabilities, the mistake of pursuing such a course can readily be seen by any one.

It is a rather sad commentary that of the men recently called to the colors from 33 1/2 to 50 per cent. were rejected as being physically unfit for service; the college athlete, however,—the man who has been fortunate enough to get on some team,—came off with a very much better rating. This indicates the value of college athletics and furnishes the strongest argument why it should be made to spread over the entire student body.

Bearing upon this point, Secretary Baker of the War Department, said some time ago after visiting one of the officers reserve camps where practically every man had engaged in college athletics, "I was amazed at the ease with which these men adapted themselves to military life. In a few days they acted like seasoned soldiers. They adapted themselves to discipline almost automatically, where it would have taken the raw soldier a long time. The spirit of team play which had been engendered in these men by college athletics made this possible."

The aim of our athletic sports, then, is to work out and establish a system here which will reach every student, man and woman. The plans of the Athletic Council are being shaped to this end.

The maintaining of a strong, well disciplined, winning team in any of the sports, will depend upon the developing of some system or method which will automatically allow the selection of the best candidates from the very widest participation. We hope, therefore, that men will present themselves in large numbers for these tryouts. This will, also, go far with doing away with so-called favoritism and will assure strong teams immediately and permanently.

For the working out of a "Howard System" we feel that we have secured the best prepared man in the country. Mr. W. H. J. Beckett is very well known in athletic and physical training circles. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Humanics and Bachelor of Physical Education from the Springfield Training School; he was an athlete of his high school and college days of marked skill and force and has been very intimately associated with the leading phases of athletics ever since.

The mention of another phase of our athletics is extremely important. We can neither build up a successful system nor secure a winning team without fullest cooperation of the students in spirit, aim and effort. The players of the various teams must feel deeply that they are performing a trust imposed in them by their fellow students. The idea that they are conferring a favor upon their Alma Mater by engaging in the sport is as undermining to permanent athletics as it is erroneous.

Howard is at a disadvantage as compared with other schools which it plays, in that it is situated in the heart of a large city, and therefore, discipline and protection of players cannot be secured with the same ease as in the more or less isolated places. Thus the keeping of men in trim is not such an easy task.

Requests are made from time to time for training tables like other institutions on the ground that they help keep the team in trim; but it is evident that a training table will not supply in a man what he loses in efficiency as a player by loss of sleep, in keeping late hours at night, or what he loses in efficiency by use of cigarettes; therefore a cooperative student body which may help make a training table possible must be ready to perform its concomitant duty in helping to check up and keep up standard those whom it elects to represent them in the various fields of athletics.

With the foregoing outlook and with an unfailling cooperation of the student body, I see nothing in the way of Howard's becoming invincible in athletics against any foe.

—Thomas W. Turner, Vice President Athletic Association

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Mother Goose in New Feathers

With pleasing reflections the winter calls to mind his childhood of but yesterday, when, from the tales of "Old Mother Goose," he laughed in childish glee, at the fall of "Humpty-Dumpty," at the eating of "Jack Sprat," and at the revels of "Old King Cole." Nothing but joy to the nursery, is the rhymes of that cherished old book. But time passed on; the writer grew older; and the tales in the book grew old. But thoughtful Mrs. Kringle, who seeks to meet the needs of every child, come with sleigh bells a jingle, and deposited nuts and toys and a beautifully colored book of "Mother Goose in New Feathers." How pretty it looked! What joy it brought! Not that it was not the same Mother Goose, but that it had a new "Humpty-Dumpty," a different "Jack Sprat," and a merrier "Old King Cole." The book was brighter; its tales were more pleasing; it was better on the whole. And as, like it, the HOWARD JOURNAL now appears in new feathers of new management, we cannot help but liken the change into the happy change of that cherished old book of nursery rhyme, retaining its fine honored name but handsomely refeathering its lines.

By no means is this article designed to decry the management of the JOURNAL's retiring staff. The members of that staff were capable and conscientious persons. On the other hand, this article does not hold forth to sing the praises of any individual or group of individuals of the incoming force; it simply foretells what good results can be realized through the concerted efforts of them all. It would be unreasonable to expect one person to make the paper a success. If that were the case, there would be no need of associates to the editor or of business or other managers on the staff. But we cannot imagine a successful editor who has to chase up advertising matter, gather social and athletic news, collect delinquent dues, and keep the paper going, appearing always at the proper time.

A newspaper is what the term implies—a conveyer of the news, whether it is maintained for civic betterment, for school life advancement, or for the molding of sentiment in political fields. Its chief commodity is news. And the purpose or cause for which it is maintained determines, or should determine, the quality of its news. For instance, we find papers for civic betterment dealing with problems of practical economy; but in a university paper no such conditions exist. The function of such a paper is peculiar in its scope and confines itself to the students' noteworthy activities and to the attending essentials that make for intellectual advancement. To maintain its dignity it must remain in a lofty realm, indulging never in mudslinging, political sentiment molding and numerous other practices so prevalent today in ordinary journalism. Indeed a university paper has an important charge to keep and a worthy cause to glorify—the charge of cleanliness and the cause of education.

The writer understands that to keep this charge and to glorify this cause was the paramount object of the founders of the HOWARD UNIVERSITY JOURNAL. They could have had no better object; they could have chosen no better medium to carry out this noble plan. No one can deny that much good has been done because of it, irrespective of the evils that have crept in from time to time.

Each was to be expected; evils may be expected to arise at any time in any undertaking. The success of the undertaking lies not in the prognostication of these evils, but in the animation of these.

We today live in perilous times; new conditions have arisen and disasters, hitherto undreamed of by man, overshadow and threaten the very fabric of civilization. Every possible pressure must be brought to bear to prevent its downfall; every contributing unit must do its bit. Howard University must do hers; she can do it by instilling into her every son and daughter, through a clean, properly conducted JOURNAL, a strong desire for scholarly achievement and moral advancement.

We, the incoming staff, then, do hereby promise to strive for a mastery of the principles of journalism. A clear paper is our watchword; and efficiency our working tool; and to you as fellows of a common cause, we appeal to help us realize this ideal.

—H. Dodford Dismukes, '18.
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Wilson, Harry I.
Brun, C. Clifford, 1918.
Deas, Jose M., 1918.
Dont, Thomas M., 1918.
Green, Jesse J.
Hollomand, George C.
Howard, Charles B.
Jackson, Maxey A.
Johnson, Ernest C.

Key, G. R. F.
Mazyck, Walter H.
Nelson, Bernard
Nelson, William S.
Rowe, John W.
Thomson, Charles M.
Thornton, Silas B.
Barnes, William I., 1919.
Carter, John C.
Gordan, Eugene F.
Johnson, Campbell C.
Jones, Joseph R.
Lawson, M. D.
Steele, P. H.
Tulane, Victor J.
Walters, Thomas H.
Brown, Oscar C., 1920.

Cannady, R. E.
Collins, Clarence C.
Cooper, James H.
Ellis, Harry, C.
Fairfax, N. C.
Hough, H. S.
Hunter, Bush A.
Jimpson, Edward P.
Latime, Benton R.
Sewell, Shermont R.
Simms, Austin
Walton, De Witt
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Brannon, Clyde R.
Robinson, Peter L.

Commercial College
Taylor, Eugene A.
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Academy
Rudel, Edw. P., 1915
Pannell, W. Eugene, 1916
Anderson, Thomas C., 1917
Knox, J. W., 1917
Lucas, L. B., 1917
Alexander, Fritz W., 1918
Marshall, Alfred E., 1918
Mitchell, Wm., 1918

Academic [Classification Unknown]
Wilson, Jas. N.
Hurt, Fred, K. A.
Richardson, D. C.
Smalls, W. W. Robert
Koger, A. B.

School of Medicine
Cabaniss, George W., 1890
Carnish, Louis A.
Dandridge, E. A., 1909
Moore J. C., 1911
Lathers, Christopher C. 1914
Lee, E. H., 1915
Wallace, Jas. C., 1916
Harris, Chas Y., 1917

School of Dentistry
Carroll, R. H., 1911
De Haven, B. B., 1917
Wilk, M. B., 1913
Dunn, Moses D., 1916
Firse, D. J., 1917
Barnes, Geo. S. 1917
Middleton, Louis R., 1918

School of Pharmacy
Davis, Wm. E., 1914
Harris, Andrew W., 1917
Godman, Leroy H., 1915
Gray L. H., 1906
Penkett, H. J., 1906
Myres, John R., 1907
Smith, R. B. H., 1915
Corbett, Chesley E., 1908
Randall, P. J. Clyde, 1908
Dickerson, Ernest O., 1912
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School of Law
Dunn, Henry E., 1913
Harris, M. F., 1913
Thornton, Joseph A., 1913
Ware, Alonzo, 1917
Murray, George H., 1914
Stockett, Jas. M., Jr., 1914
Morris, Jas. B., 1915
Lane, Chas E., 1916
Freadwell, Mewin E., 1917
George, Clayborne, 1917
Lewis, Garrett M., 1918
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