The fostering of college journalism has become so universally a definite part in the life of any college community and the function of the college paper so well established that general discussion, to any great extent, is here unnecessary.

The college paper is as necessary to the well being of any college, university or school, as the ordinary newspaper is to the city or town. And hence it is that no feature of college life, neglected, can be so keenly felt as this one. Indeed it is a conspectus of all those aspirations, activities and accomplishments, which contributed to the making of real college life. Without the disseminating influence of the college paper vivified by polished and student-like journalism, each aspiration lacks help and encouragement, each activity, force, each accomplishment its due reward.

What matters it if the Athletic Association does aspire to constitute a track and organize a track team if there is no effective means of making its aspirations and needs known? How little appreciated and ineffective is the hard persistent effort of the Young Men's Christian Association to put itself on firm footing, or of the Alpha Phi to arrange a series of inter-collegiate debates, of the Law School to organize a debating club, unless the knowledge of these varied activities is widely distributed? How little enjoyed is a brilliant victory of the Howard eleven without a vivid and spicy account of it in the University paper? This college paper per se cannot meet these diversified and urgent demands. A college paper presupposes college journalism. And a good college paper, then, means good, methodic journalistic endeavor on the part of the students, themselves, for through them contributions must come.

The consideration which journalism constitutes as a part of a college education is not without value. This fact was recognized when the Journal Publishing Company was organized, and it was in the recognition of this fact that journalism as we hope to pursue it, had its inception. It has met with reverses. At times it has almost failed. These partial failures, have, nevertheless, broadened our knowledge of the obstacles which lie in the path of journalistic progress, and stimulated our ambition to master all difficulties. The outlook at present is bright and the possibilities for excellent attainment in this line are evident, too evident to be neglected.

Howard University with its enrollment larger by far this year than last, and disconnected departments and separated student body, attests the truthfulness of the foregoing statement. Here the summum desideratum is union; effective union which will bring all the departments into closer touch with each other and all the students into mutual relations of sympathetic acquaintance. A union, Howard needs most, which will prove to the Law student, the Medical student and the Theological or Academic student, that "the University" is not on Fifth street nor on Pomeroy, or even on "the Hill," alone, but that it takes all these places to constitute Howard in its entirety, and that one place constitutes only a part of the one great whole.

This unification of the student body of Howard was the problem of the past. It is the problem of the present. Several influences have striven to effect it. Some are still striving.

The Alpha Phi thinks that it can be brought about by assembling all of the students of the several professional departments in one great University literary society, and though it still fondly cherishes these thoughts, its failure was followed some years ago by a grand reunion and reorganization of the Y. M. C. A. A wonderful effort it was, embracing in its scope the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. at Howard whose numbers should run up into the hundreds and whose personnel should be Theological, Law, Medical and Academic students, and which should be an institution whose influence should be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land. Large plans often prove ineffectual means to the end desired. A number of students of higher classes deemed it impossible for either of these impulses to bring about the union wanted, and conceived the plan of organizing the upper classes of the several departments. The Council of Upper Classmen flourished for a while by force, but the force being relaxed began to wane.

What now? The problem of union is still here, augmented by the discouragement of past failures in the direction of its accomplishment. One power remains. This we offer. This power pertains to and forms a part of each phase of the college life, whether that phase be religious, literary or athletic: college journalism and a University paper whose place in the University is fixed, whose contents are read, whose subscriptions are paid and whose policies are widely recognized.

But aside from these more immediate and local benefits to ourselves and Alma Mater during our college and professional days of endeavor to excel along this line, journalistic attainment must be recognized in after days. It is a power which must not be ignored when all of the forces which shape modern thought are taken into account. For in public life as in that of college, the paper must be the common instrument, which will move great bodies of men as one, and lift them to the point of conscious union and knowledge of the great activities and possibilities about them.
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The Journal is too well known to teachers, alumni and students for any formal introduction to them with this its first issue for the year 1905-1906. The success that has in past years attended its publication was due to the loyal support given it by the members of the faculties, alumni and students of the University. Conscious of this, that without such support The Journal must fail wholly or be unworthy of the name, it earnestly appeals for the support of all connected with the University, whom its motive is to serve.

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Members of the Faculties, the alumni and friends are requested to contribute from time to time matter of general interest to the University and the public, for publication in The Journal.

The personnel of the staff is well known to the student body. They have been contributors in past years. Contributions handed them will be cheerfully received and carefully considered.

With the foregoing remarks The Journal looks forward to even greater achievements than it attained in past years. It has proved that a college paper is essential at Howard. Then let The Journal be all that the college paper should be.

The adherents of the Poe amendment should not blame their most illustrious kinsman because the Maryland voters quoth such a tremendous "Nevermore."

We are glad to note the publication of the Teachers' College Bulletin. It is a good paper and bids fair to make the Teachers' College the best known department of the University.

The Blue Ribbon Magazine published by the Sigma Kappa Tau, stands as a pioneer in a long neglected field in the college life at Howard. We wish it much success.

"As to the Leopard’s Spots," Prof. Kelly Miller’s open letter to Mr. Thomas Dixon, Jr., is easily worthy of its name and purpose. It has had the largest sale of any article, pamphlet or book ever written on “the great problem.”

"From Servitude to Service," the new book written by Prof. Miller, is also very recently from the press.

Hurrah for the Alumni of Charleston, W. Va., for arranging a game for the Varsity in their city!

SOCIETIES.

The Alpha Phi, with its large infusion of Freshman blood, and its excellent corps of officers is making great plans. The Henry A. Brown Prize Debate Committee has already been appointed; and a series of intercollegiate debates is in process of arrangement.

The Y. M. C. A., recently favored by a visit of Mr. W. A. Hunton and Mr. MacArthur by whom a Bible study institute was conducted is putting forth hard effort to establish the group system of Bible study. This is an excellent method of study and it is hoped that the plan will succeed. The Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting is held every Sunday evening at 6:15. All students are invited.

The Eureka, the Preparatory Department Literary Society, is accomplishing much this year. It seems to have entered on its work of literary, declamatory and parliamentary culture with renewed vigor this year. It reflects credit upon the department it represents. And this means much, for the Preparatory is one of the strongest departments of the University.

The Council of Upper-Classmen has not yet been organized for the year. Its possibilities are great and all hope to see an early reorganization.

The Law School Debating Society is in process of organization. The need in the Law Department which this Society is to fill has been long felt and we predict for it brilliant success.

NOTICES.

Alpha Phi meets this evening at 8:15.

Christian Endeavor meets tomorrow evening at 6:30.

Y. M. C. A. men should not miss the special meeting on Sunday evening.

Base ball candidates are urged to hand their names to the manager at once.
FOOT BALL.

VICTORY FOR HOWARD.

Not a Unionite met the Howard football squad on its arrival at the capital of the Old Dominion. After a twelve minute walk the squad put up at the Reformer Hotel. Quickly donning their football togs, the boys crowded into the dining room to partake of a small luncheon with the promise of a good Southern dinner after the game. Nine “rahs” broke the noon day silence, as the warriors left for the battlefield in a bus drawn by coal-black steeds. After the last lectures by Captain Shorter and Coach Washington, the team did some swift signal practise. Union with head high, confident of victory, followed by a small band of rooters, made her appearance, soon to realize that her sons were only football dreamers. At 3:50 Dr. Moon, Shaw’s famous old center, as referee, summoned the captains to the middle of the gridiron. The coin was tossed. Capt. Shorter won and chose the northern goal. The teams lined up; the signal was given and Jones kicked to Howard’s 20-yard line. Howard advanced the ball 10 yards, then fumbled but regained the pigskin only to fumble again and when the pile of humanity was torn asunder, a Union man held the ball. The rooters went wild. Union’s ball on Howard’s 45-yard line. Our line stood like a stone wall. Union was forced to kick. Now Howard’s machinery got to going and every time the referee opened his mouth it was Howard’s ball, “first and five,” so long and consistent were the gains of Shorter, Bailey, Davis, Warrick, and Francis. Warrick was pushed over for the first touchdown, Shorter kicked goal. Howard kicked off to Union. Brownley downed the man in his tracks. The half ended. Score: Howard 17, Union 0.

The next half Howard kicked off to Union. Again Union failed to gain and Jones punted the pigskin. Warrick fumbled the ball but Bayton fell on it. By successive line plunges and runs Howard sent Francis over for the fourth touchdown. Shorter failed to kick goal. Roberts took Warrick’s place at fullback and made a 25-yard run on the kick off. Capt. Shorter with Davis interfering for him got away for another long run. Davis severely wrenched his wrist, but the phlegy back would not leave game. Howard then planted Bailey behind the goal. for the fifth touchdown. Shorter missed the goal, the ball striking the crosspiece. Miller, the star center of last year’s second team, took Brownley’s place as quarterback. Quander relieved Davis at right half. Howard kicked off to Union. Again Howard’s line was impregnable and Union lost the ball on downs. Howard went down the field at will, Quander, Roberts, and Francis carrying the ball alternately. Again Bailey was landed behind the goal for the fifth and last touchdown. Shorter missed the goal. Final score Howard 32, Union 0.

The boys are much indebted to Prof. Dyson for working up the training table.

We are sorry that Head Coach Cook finds it impossible to be with the team every evening. His presence always inspires the men.

Assistant Coach Washington is a tireless worker.

Union has only two first downs as her share of Friday’s game.

Howard beat the Richmond boys and won the Richmond girls.

The students of Richmond College said that Howard’s eleven surpassed all they had ever seen on that gridiron. The best white colleges of the South meet on that same gridiron.

Howard meets Delaware State College of Dover, Del., Nov 21, on University campus.

The “Prep” team goes to Baltimore soon to play the High School of that city. This will be the Preps’ first trip away.

Shaw will be here on Thanksgiving day.

PERSONAL.

Miss Abbie L. Williams, who resigned the position of Musical Instructor, after a summer abroad in study and travel is, now connected with the Washington Conservatory of Music. The students sincerely regret Miss Williams’ departure from them, and her presence on the rostrum is greatly missed.

Mr. Philip Grant Harris, in thinking of the realms of conjugal bliss, was constrained to abandon the strenuities of “Prep” life. We congratulate him, on his marriage to Miss Hattie E. Carter, at the bride’s residence, on Wednesday evening Nov. 15.

The friends of Mr. Henry Scott sympathize with him in the loss of his father who died some time ago with yellow fever.

THE ALUMNI.

Notes on the Alumni solicited.

Mr. H. C. Binford has been called from the position of principal of the Huntsville public school, to teach in Baltimore.

Miss Florence Dungee, A. B. ’02, was married Sept. 16, in Baltimore. Rev. Junius Carroll, of Drew Theo. Sem., now pastor in New York City, was the fortunate young man.

Mr. W. E. Baugh, A. B. ’01. still continues to hold with success and distinction the professorship of Chemistry and Physics in the Indianapolis city school.

The many friends of Dr. McNeal one of the Medical School’s most brilliant products, all heartily congratulate him. He has recently been appointed assistant surgeon at Freedmen’s Hospital. “Mac” always was a hard student.
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