Peter Thirkield

By the unanimous choice of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Thirkield assumes the presidency of Howard University. The Press of the country combines in pronouncing him to be eminently fitted for the heavy task he is about to undertake.

Dr. Thirkield was born in Franklin, Ohio, September 25, 1854. He attended college at the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which institution he graduated with honor in 1876. He then entered Boston University School of Theology. Ill health resulting from overstudy interrupted his divinity course for two years. He graduated in 1881. The same year he began active work in the Cincinnati conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In October he was married to Miss Mary M. Haven, daughter of Bishop Gilbert Haven.

In 1883 Dr. Thirkield became professor of theology in the school in Atlanta then recently founded by Rev. E. H. Gammon for the ministerial education of colored young men. Dr. Thirkield worked enthusiastically and later became president of the school. Here he remained sixteen years. The seminary grew rapidly, largely thru his splendid executive ability. It was during his administration that the endowment fund of half a million dollars was given by Mr. Gammon. In 1899 he became general secretary of the Epworth League and in 1900 he was elected one of the corresponding secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. In this latter position his field of usefulness to the Negro race was considerably enlarged. Dr. Thirkield labored in this position until his call to the presidency of Howard University.

In 1889 President Thirkield received the degree of D. D. both from his alma mater and from Emory College, Oxford, Ga. At the last commencement of his alma mater he received the degree of Doctor of Laws.

In addition to his remarkable gifts for pulpit and platform work, Dr. Thirkield possesses the winning qualities of manly courtesy and indomitable energy. His unanimous choice by the Trustees, almost without his knowledge, from the long list of able and distinguished men under consideration is a tribute to his character and fitness.

Press Comments on President Thirkield's Election

New York Age: If ever there was a man providentially fitted and raised up to do a specific work, to occupy a particular place in the nick of time, it seems to us to be Dr. Thirkield.

Central Christian Advocate: Dr. Thirkield's election is hailed with satisfaction by the Negro press, and rightly. He is sound to the core, a speaker of compelling eloquence, an authority in his field, and a Christian whose white plume is far above suspicion. He has shown his courage in the South, and there he has made his strong friends.

Northwestern Christian Advocate: By character, training and experience, and especially by his devotion to the Negro race, he is fitted as few others for the position to which he has been elected.

Christian Recorder: President Thirkield has repeatedly been under fire on the vexatious race question and has stood pat under the fiercest fires during every volley. By his writings, sermons and speeches he has insisted upon a square deal for the black man whom he invariably recognizes as a man.

The Opening Vesper Service

On Sunday, 30th inst., at 4:30 p. m., the opening vesper service of the year will be held in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. The address will be delivered by President Thirkield. Dr. Thirkield is especially anxious that there be a representative gathering of teachers and students from all departments, professional and academic. This service will be one of special interest.

All of the departments on the "Hill" resumed their sessions on Wednesday of this week. Retiring President Fairfield introduced President Thirkield, who made a most appropriate address.
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and religious sides of our student life will be given due prominence. The Journal will present the news and all of it.

The staff has a right to expect that every member of the University community will give them full support, especially by sending in their subscriptions at once. In return the staff will be responsible for the furnishing of a paper that shall deserve universal support.

The outlook is a bright one. The present administration of the University bids fair to foster every commendable effort and to inaugurate needed improvements. The students are alive as never before to the advancement of common interests. The alumni and friends are looking for The Journal’s reappearance after the vacation. The day of University prosperity seems to be dawning.

Immediately with the beginning of the school year The Journal makes its appearance. This spirit of living up to the minute and giving its patrons full value is what shall dominate the year’s efforts.

Dr. Fairfield’s Administration

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There is no more fitting time than now to express acknowledgment and gratitude for the splendid and cheerful service rendered by Dr. Fairfield during his short career as Acting President of the University. From a condition of chaos and unseasiness he evolved order and satisfaction in the brief space of five months, and the University is presented to the incoming administration in a healthy condition.

Too much praise cannot be given Dr. Fairfield. In addition to his task as President of the University, he performed his usual duties as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and taught classes daily. The thorough, efficient and easy manner in which he did all this testifies to his administrative ability.

Dr. Fairfield is a Christian gentleman of deep caliber. His sincere friendship to the interests of the University is evident to all the right-minded.

The Simplified Spelling

READERS will observe that changes have been made in the spelling of many words in this issue of The Journal. These changes have been occasioned by the recent stir made in the literary world consequent on the endorsement given the recommendations of the Simplified Spelling Board by President Roosevelt. The cause of the changes is the need, which all English speaking peoples feel, of a shorter, more uniform and less incongruous method of expressing thoughts in written words. We have always felt this need, and now hail with unbounded satisfaction the progress made in the movement set on foot by some of the best authors and educators in England and America.

In adopting these changes we are not doing so because they have been endorsed by the President of the United States. The Chief Executive has not, and would not assume, the power to change a language, or even to influence those who use it. Editors, authors and others recognize the influence which a president of this nation might exercise in the political affairs of the country, and in world-politics. But in the realm of letters his influence could not be felt, except it be as a private individual, himself a man of letters, and a writer of some merit.

Neither do we adopt these changes because a fuss has been made over them. A fuss was not needed to so popularize the recommendations of the Board as for the proposed changes to reach us. We have only taken the occasion of this stir as an opportune moment to introduce the present changes, which we have always felt to be logical and consistent enough to come into immediate and universal favor.

It will be observed that the changes are not radical or revolutionary. The movement does not aim at the phonetization of the language. This will be seen from the list of the three hundred sim-
plified words, recommended by the Board, which we append. The real and profest purpose is to avoid certain uncouth forms which offend the eye, and have neither logic nor consistency to support them.

The changes are recognized, in a large measure, by the dictionaries, and have been adopted by some of the best authorities thruout the country; and altho language is not a manufactured article but an evolutoin, and dictionaries do not make usage but record it, yet we believe that usage can be guided, and, with the aid of the press, the suggestions of the Simplified Spelling Board will come into general favor and common usage. We have a profound confidence in the movement, in sympathy with which we now adopt the changes as a sincere and practical expression.

**Simplified Spelling**

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"What is the meaning of 'alter ego'" asked a teacher of the beginners' class in Latin.

"The other I," said the boy with curly hair.

"Give a sentence containing the phrase."

"He winked his other I."—Chicago Tribune.

HOYLE—"Is he well to-do?"

DOYLE—"Yes but he is hard to do."—Town Topics.

**Our Girls' Department**

Among the improvements already undertaken by the new administration is the putting of the home accommodations of the girls' hall in better condition. It is planned gradually to put the Miner Hall in firstclass order and to give the girls, as an endeavor has been in the past, as many of the comforts and conveniences of a well ordered home as is practicable in any school. In few schools are the rooms for girls in suites, so that there is a sitting room as well as a bedroom for every two or three occupants.

Parents may be assured that the internal economy of Miner Hall will be sympathetic and motherly and conform to the highest standards of Christian discipline and culture. We have an exceptionally fine company of young women who come from the best homes of the country and it is the purpose of the administration to make their life in the University so profitable and attractive that parents will always look to Howard as the best finishing school for their daughters.

Parents may send their daughters to this institution with the full assurance that they will be safeguarded by all the wholesome and refining influences of a well ordered and refined home, while enjoying at the same time the larger benefits of university life in the capital of the nation where the highest facilities of culture and improvement are open to them.

"Judging from Miss Thumper-ton's treatment of the organ," sarcastically remarked the choirmaster, who objected to the new organist engaged by the rector, "you prefer to buy your music by the pound."

"Well," replied the rector, quietly "It is'nt always supplied by the choir."—Exchange.

On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the usual Sunday Bible classes will be held.
Changes in the Teaching Force

By STANLEY W. STUART

Prof. George M. Lightfoot has been appointed to the Chair of Latin in the College of Arts and Sciences. Prof. Lightfoot has had a most successful career as Instructor in Latin in the Preparatory Department, and his appointment in the College gives pleasure to every student of Latin. He has rare ability as a teacher.

Dr. Herbert Clay Scurlock, so favorably known thru his conduct of the college classes in physics and chemistry during the school year of 1904-5, succeeds Dr.-Whitmore. Prof. Scurlock has a wide knowledge of things scientific.

The Rev. William V. Tunnell takes charge of the chair of history in the College of Arts and Sciences. Prof. Tunnell was Warden of King Hall until its closing, and the University is fortunate in securing the services of one so able.

These appointments will relieve the conditions heretofore existing in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Fairfield and Prof. C. C. Cook, both of whom were severely taxed, are now relieved of the work in Latin and history respectively. This will allow an extension of the courses not only in these subjects but also in economics, political science, English literature and Greek literature. This extension becomes now even more necessary because of the increasing number of students. The Trustees were happy indeed in making these improvements in the representative department of the University.

Miss Anna Fairfield has been appointed instructor in Latin and Greek in the Preparatory Department for the year.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. George Armstrong, Col. '08. Mr. Armstrong was drowned while bathing at Monmouth Beach, N. J., in July. During his two years' stay at the University he won many friends who sincerely regret his untimely departure.

The Cuban Situation

Cuba is in the midst of a great rebellion against the established government. The insurrectionists demand among other things the annulment of the recent elections. The revolution has grown to such an extent that the Havana government finds itself unable to cope with the situation. In this emergency President Roosevelt has sent to Cuba Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, to attempt a settlement of the difficulty.

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SOCIETIES

The Y. M. C. A. will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 7, at 6:15 p.m. A general discussion of plans for the year will take place. All young men are urged to be present. The program will be announced later.

The Christian Endeavor Society will begin the year on Saturday, September 29th, at 6:30 p.m. This is a flourishing organization. Everybody is invited.

The Alpha Phi Literary Society, composed of students of the professional departments, of the College of Arts and Sciences and of the Teachers' College, will hold the first meeting of the year on Friday, September 5th, at 8:15 p.m.

The Eureka Society, which has for its membership the students of the Preparatory and Commercial Departments, begins the year on Friday, September 5th, at 8:15 p.m.

The Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University will resume business early in the year. The exact date will be announced later.

The Debating Societies of the Law School will this year get an early start, and much is expected from the argumentative disciples of Blackstone.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Lewis B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers' College, spent the major portion of his vacation in residence at the University of Berlin, Germany. After visiting in England and France, Dr. Moore arrived in Washington on Sept. 13.

Messrs. DeCatur, Dyson and Joiner, spent the vacation at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Logan took a special course this summer at the Harvard Summer School.

Dean Geo. Wm. Cook was present at the meeting of the Niagara Movement this summer at Harper's Ferry.

Prof. Kelly Miller reports great success from his recent tour of the West and South.

STUDENT NOTES

Mr. M. A. Morrison, Col. '07, spent September at his home in Philipsburg, Pa.

We regret that Miss Bertha A. Baxter, Col. '09, will not return this year.

Miss Ethel Hegemon, of St. Louis, who was absent from school last year on account of ill health, is expected to return next week.

Mr. Fred H. Miller, Prep. '06, past thru this city last week enroute for Oberlin College, where he will enter the freshman class.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. Chas. P. Ford, Col. '03, LL. B and LL. M., Boston Univ. Law School, Boston, Mass., '06, is expecting to begin the practise of law at Guthrie, Oklahoma, in November.

Miss Hattie A. Hubbard is still meeting with success as a teacher in the Summer High School, St. Louis, Mo.

Messrs. Y. W. Bailey and J. C. Hunter, M. D., Med. '05, after successfully passing the board examination in South Carolina last spring, are practising respectively at Frogmore, S. C., and Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. A. E. Beatty, Med. '05, recently past the Michigan board.

Mr. Thos. F. Collins, Law '05, and Miss Alice Hatchett, Teachers' Col. '04, were married in this city August 29th.

Messrs. Taylor, Geary, Roberts, Staley, Morton and Thomas, A.B.'s '06, are expecting to return this year to take up professional study.

Miss Marie A. Brown, Col. '06, will teach at Lawrenceville, Va., this year.

Rev. J. H. Welch, Theo. '86, who is pastoring at Georgetown, S. C., past thru Washington a few days ago.

Rev. W. H. Best, Theo. '06, stopt over in Washington a few days last week on his way to Selma, N. C., where he is expecting to remain for the year.

Mr. O. Benjamin Jefferson, LL. B. '06, is expecting to practise in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. David J. Foote, D. D. S. '06, is practising at his home in Vicksburg, Miss.

Misses Pearl Barnes and Cleo O'Hara, Teachers' College Kindergarten '06, have been appointed teachers of kindergarten in the public schools of the district. The Journal congratulates them upon their success.

Mr. J. A. Emerson, D. D. S. '04, who has a very lucrative practise in Greensboro, N. C., will take to himself a helpmate in October.

Geo. W. Coffey, M. D. '03, has left Denver, Col., and is now practising in Atlanta, Ga.

Let the University Journal follow you.

ATHLETICS

This will be a great football season at Howard. Many robust players are on hand and Capt. J. G. Moore is enthusiastic in his predictions of the victories which should and must come to Howard. The new rules favor us because our team is quick and heady.

Among other things, let the talented get to work and produce a distinctive, rousing Howard yell.

The great work done by the track team is expected to be eclipsed this year. Our fast and agile men will be early put in training, and meets will be held with leading colleges.

It is rather early to speak of baseball, but here also the Athletic Association means to maintain or surpass the fine work of last season.
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