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Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

THE Howard University JOURNAL wishes to add her name to the list of many papers that have paid a tribute to the great Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. In the passing away of this genius the world loses one of its most famous products, and the Negro race sees ushered from the stage of action her first genius of musical talent.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born in London, 1875, of an African father, a surgeon of Sierra Leone, and an English mother. At a very early age, his musical talent was very pronounced. In 1890 he took up a study of the violin, in which he was already proficient, and of composition in the Royal College of Music, London. In this institution, he was noted for his brilliancy, winning in his third year of study the prize offered for the best composition, and graduating with honor in 1884. From the time of his graduation to his death, Mr. Taylor had gradually climbed, through his efficiency and persistent effort, to a place of international recognition, and, that which is a true test of merit, to the foremost place in his own home, London. He was in London, a professor of Trinity College and Crystal Palace, conductor of the Handel and Chester Choral Societies, and an associate of the Royal College of music.

Coleridge-Taylor ranked among the leading composers of to-day. His compositions were of a varied nature, including piano and violin pieces, symphony, orchestral and choral works, songs, string and clarinet pieces. He did what no one else has yet done with any

degree of success, based many piano-forte selections on the negro folk songs and African melodies.

This distinguished artist was well known in America, where his Hiawatha course was roundly applauded. So much is he respected and known in this country that it seems that America has a claim on him.

Here was a distinct contribution to art, rising from the African stock. This fact alone should cause the pulse throb of every Negro to quicken with joy; for every document of this kind is a living argument against that much quoted statement that the Negro is doing nothing in literature and art.

Coleridge-Taylor is dead, but his life, like the Christ-life, short, shall like that life of our Saviour, make its impress upon generations yet unborn.

Tennis

Seven new tennis courts at last bedeck the campus; with the completion of these courts every one, who so desires, is now given an opportunity to play or learn to play this game. Especially should the young ladies embrace the advantage offered by these courts: first, because tennis is the only outdoor sport at Howard that the young ladies can engage in; and again because the exercise is mild and develops both mind and body proportionately, and will, in a measure, fill the gap made by the lack of a gymnasium. As things now are, other exercise for the girls is merely a dream, which will never be realized until Howard comes in possession of her rightful heritage—a gymnasium.

Literature, a Field for the Negro

EVERY race or nation must make its own history, and perpetuate its own name. In this contest for victory and division of spoils each race or nation is over zealous in outstripping its sister rival. Consequently time and again such questions as this have arisen for the discussion of men of parts: In the latter part of the 17th century and the early 18th century, the all absorbing question was, Which literature is the superior, that of the ancients or that of the moderns? Still later the question came closer home, which literature is the better, the French or the English?

What does the discussion of questions of this kind show? It is a sure criterion of the prime importance of literature in the development of a nation's life and the perpetuation of her civilization. Ancient Greece and ancient Rome have long since passed among the powers that have been; but wherever history is written and literature flourishes, ancient Greece and Rome live and act through Homer, Thucydides, Virgil, Cicero, and Tacitus. That long list of literary personages, on which is inscribed the names Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Macaulay, and all that galaxy of men of letters, if it means anything, certainly speaks with a loud accent that England shall live forever. To satisfy ourselves about the durability of the name of France, we have merely to recall the names Moliere, Corneille, Racine, Dumas, Hugo, and Rousseau. There can be no doubt that Germany will live as long as her lit-

erature has been made famous by Goethe, Schiller, and the philosophic writings of the great Kant.

Shall we believe then that the Negro is any exception to this great rule? No, what has resounded the names of other great nations through the ages, be they ancient or modern, can do the same thing for the American Negro. The Negro needs more competent, efficient men in the field of literature. True it is, we can look with pride to such men as Dunbar, Braithwaite, Chesnutt, DuBois, Kelly Miller, and Booker T. Washington; but this is but a small quota of what we should at least begin to have at this period of our history.

Several things may be mentioned, of course, to account for the scarcity in the literary ranks. First, to produce a literature that may bettered great a race or nation should have behind it centuries of inspiration. The American Negro is yet comparatively a babe, with only 50 years behind him, and his only inspiration his slavery struggle. Again this is a commercial age, an age when there is but one standard of measurement, that of cents and dollars. Hence, the field of literature must suffer, since it is not sufficiently lucrative. Further, in literature as in everything else,

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the Negro is face to face with the traditional prejudice of America.

Here then, the Negro who has literary tendencies finds himself opposed by tremendous odds. This should not be a discouragement, he is accustomed to a fight of this nature in every line of endeavor. The men of the colleges should begin to turn their faces toward this great question of race perpetuation.

The physicians, the lawyers, the ministers all have their day and cease to be, but it is left to the men in literary life to let the world know what these men have been.

Football

The call for candidates for the football team has been answered by thirty new men. With this addition of untried material, Coach Marshall hopes to shape up an invincible team. All of the old men, with the exception of Clelland, are coming out for daily practice, and are fast getting back into old time form.

Lafayette at quarter looks like a winner and shows excellent form for a second string man. At ends Coleman, Stratton and George are going at a rapid clip. Coleman seems to be a find. This is his senior year; it is a shame that he has kept his football possibilities undeveloped all these years.

In just these few days of practice the team has been making remarkable strides. The success of the team, however, will depend as much on the enthusiasm of its backers as on their good and consistent playing. Now that the gridiron battlers are hard at work, doing their best to keep old Howard's banner floating, it is up to every loyal student to do his part to assist it. Although you may not be able to don a football suit, yet you can get a Howard pennant, your measure of the Howard spirit, and join the rooting squad. This is the real Howard spirit.

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James A. Wright, of the class of 1911, College of Arts and Sciences, was ordained a minister of the gospel at Perkins Square Baptist Church, Baltimore, Monday night, September 23. Mr. Wright has accepted a call to the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Portland, Maine.

Since his graduation from Howard University, Mr. Wright has been pursuing a course at the Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge and a post-graduate course at Harvard University.

Son of Howard Called to a Large Church

Rev. E. H. Oxley, Theology and College '06, has been called to the Rectorship of Saint Andrews Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Oxley goes to this field from Harrisburg, Pa., where he has built up two congregations and purchased two church properties. The church to which he has been called has a plant valued at \$16,000, and a large number of communicants.

He was a winner of the Alpha Phi prize debate, and the Hebrew prize in 1906. He has, since he left Howard, graduated from Harvard. Mr. Oxley was always studious and energetic.

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Negro Training in the South

THERE appears in the Southern Workman for October, a long and comprehensive article on Negro training in the South, contributed by Mr. W. D. Weatherford, Student Secretary of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations for the South. Mr. Weatherford states in a clear cut manner the actual fact of conditions as they exist in the Southland. He shows that it is claimed that the ignorant negro is a menace to the South in that he is not sanitary, and will not work more than enough to sate his wants, which are but few, but still no adequate and sufficient remedy is being attempted to remove these evils.

Mr. Weatherford points out that the educational advantages afforded by the states are, for the most part, insufferably poor. He says, "The log school-house for the training of Negro children is still very greatly in evidence. South Carolina has 1777 school buildings for Negroes, the average cost of buildings and grounds being \$24,688. When one remembers that this includes all the buildings in the cities, one immediately sees that the average rural building is the merest hut... These buildings are usually without comfortable equipment, proper lighting, or sanitation. In most cases they are a serious reflection on our civilization."

In bearing out his assertion that a decidedly insufficient amount of money is spent on the education of colored children, Mr. Weatherford cites the case of a state which annually spends \$12.68 on every white child enrolled, and \$1.71 on every Negro child enrolled. He also shows the need of supervision of Negro schools in the South.

Dr. Weatherford takes the optimistic view, after pointing out the defects and expresses his faith in the Negro and his hopeful faith in the betterment of the

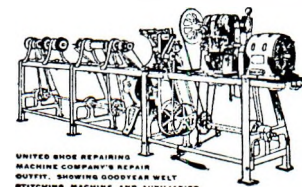
conditions under which the Negro is now laboring in the South. A perusal of this article should at least turn the minds of some more fortunate men of the Negro race who are enjoying or have enjoyed the advantages of superior training toward their suffering brothers in the South, where they can render untold service. The educational salvation of the Negro in the South, will have to be ultimately worked out by the Negro himself, and the sooner well equipped men get into the field and consecrate themselves and their service to this much needed work, the sooner the burden will be rolled away.

England has a Real Map

The largest map of the world is the ordnance survey map of England, which covers 108,000 sheets. The scale varies from one tenth inch to ten feet to the mile, and its preparation costs approximately, \$1,000,000 a year for 20 years. The details are so fine that those sheets show every fence, wall, hedge, and isolated tree in the country. Not only is the exact shape of every building shown, but every porch and doorstep is indicated as well as the material of which the structure is composed. Every lamp-post and fire-plug in the country is shown.

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EDITORIAL

¶ It will be noticed that the subscription price of THE JOURNAL has been changed this year. To all subscribers other than students, the price is one dollar per year, and seventy-five cents per half year; to students the price is seventy-five cents per year and fifty cents per half year. Please subscribe and pay your subscription promptly.

¶ Let all the students, old and new, rally around the societies of the university, the Alpha Phi, the Kappa Sigma, the Y. M. C. A., and all the organizations that furnish helps to student life, and that in the long run, make for as much as the class room work. The Y. M. C. A. this year hopes to raise its number to one hundred, even

this is a shameful number for an institution the size of Howard, that boasts of its studentbody of fourteen hundred. The Y. M. C. A., composed of young men from all departments of the university, should be an enthusiastic center of influence and light in the school. Join these organizations, students, and give them your support.

¶ The question of recognition in some tangible way of debaters in Howard was once raised in the columns of THE JOURNAL last year. The question was taken up, but seems to have been given no decision. The season for preliminary debating is now on, and every man of forensic ability is directing his attention that way.

Debating is truly one of the highest forms of representation of the University in that it brings before the public the intellectual life of the school, just as foot ball and the various athletic sports show forth the physical side. In all these departments of University life are offered incentives for manly and persistent endeavor, but in debating, the teams win or lose, are applauded and no more is heard. Howard, it seems, has outgrown this way of doing things; some steps should be taken to remedy this evil, and taken at once. In almost all colleges scholarships are offered, prizes or medals awarded, some form of appreciation other than a yell of approval or disapproval is shown debaters. Such will certainly enliven this phase of college activity and keep down the dearth of debaters.

¶ All life is a struggle and in it each and every man has a prominent and distinct part to play. The part of the farmer is to furnish food supplies for daily sustenance; it is the burden of the teacher to diffuse the knowledge of the ages; it is encumbered upon the physician to make use of his healing power, and so on through the entire field of human endeavor

there is a place for every man.

The great problem that of necessity intrudes itself into the young man's life is where do I fit into this equation of activity? What is my debt to the world? What is my burden? If every one would stop and consider this problem not primarily on the basis of dollars and cents, but from the standpoint of adaptation and fitness and the field of his greatest service, this problem would be made ten times easier than it commonly is.

The dictum, "Each man is the maker of his own destiny," is to this extent a true one, in so far as each one will turn the light of introspection upon himself, realize his place in the struggle of life and determine his destiny by his realization. One half of the failures in this world are due to men's shaping their destinies in the paths intended for others. Be what nature intended that you should be and then your life's career will be safe, and the yardstick by which your worth will be measured will be usefulness.

A Paper of the Darker Races

One of the most potent outgrowths of the Universal races Congress held in London in 1911 is the "African Times and Orient Review", a monthly journal devoted to the colored races of the world. Duse Mohamed, a negro born in Egypt and educated in England is its editor.

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"Pup" Shaw says he is willing to do "subbing" at any time.

Everything bids fair for a heavy line up in Miner Hall this year.

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There is going to be many a heart broken before Christmas. Watch out girls.

Garvin claims that he has lost his pin. Perhaps the "West" winds have blown it away.

Nicko is throwing off his grouch long enough to enjoy the evening promenades of Miner Hall. Nick says watch him this winter.

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The pedestrian on Brighton Beach boardwalk came to a halt in front of the tripod scale and approached the young man quickly.

"Gad, man, what are you doing here? I thought you were at college," he exclaimed.

"Not at the present moment," replied the youth, recognizing a friend. I was there last year, and if business is good this summer, I'll be there in the fall. You know I'm working my way through college."

"Oh, I know that, but why in heaven's name did you choose this sort of work?"

"Choose"? Did you ever hear of a college man choosing any kind of work? Beggars aren't choosers, old man. We take what we can in the summer. Besides you seem to fail to see that this is really the most aristocratic kind of a job. When I come back in the fall and the boys greet me with "Have a good summer, Bill? Where you been?" I can throw my head back proudly and say in an off-hand way, "Oh, I spent the summer at the seashore."

"I get away with about two hundred dollars at the end of the summer, along with a deep tan and excellent health."

This young man is only one of the many thousand college men all over the the country who depend upon their earnings during the summer vacation to continue their courses in the fall. They make a formidable army of workers, these stalwart athletes and all round good fellows from the universities, and they are engaged in all the vocations and industries imaginable. They are true democrats and hesitate at nothing that is honorable. They are tutors, salesmen, canvassers,

waiters, laborers, baggagemen, motormen, conductors and anything else one can think of. And with very few exceptions they make good at anything they undertake.

College men are very much in evidence at the summer resorts. There they act as waiters, clerks, porters and even bell-hops, and not infrequently a few men organize and form an orchestra, and it is easy to find engagements at the hotels. This last is about the softest job known to the college men. The work is easy and an orchestra of college men always makes a hit.

As often happens at resorts, the girls are greatly in excess of men in numbers, and then the musicians come in for the time of their lives. They are indispensable to the guests, who make few arrangements without including the boys from Harvard, or Columbia, or whatever their college may be, and they generally get about \$10 a week and complete maintenance.

Then there are the life savers at the beaches. At Brighton there are a score of Yale and Cornell men, athletes, most of them with enviable records. They are the cynosure of all maidenly eyes and many a man and woman may thank these men that they are still alive.

Have you ever heard of the "Interborough Scholarship?" Of course you haven't, for the good reason that the Interborough has not yet decided to go in for philanthropy. A conductor frequently is able during the summer to make enough to pay his tuition for the following year and a considerable amount left for living expenses. Just why it is called a "scholarship" is more or less of a family secret. If you do not know the reason guess it, or can't you guess, it would not be fair to enlighten you.

On board the steamship Commonwealth, which plies between New York and Boston and which ran the New Hampshire

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The Y. M. C. A. Meeting

The speaker of the day at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday, Oct. 6, was the well known Dean of the Teachers' College, Dr. Lewis B. Moore. The attendance on this occasion was large, and the meeting was enthusiastically conducted.

Dr. Moore's address consisted of congratulations of his audience. The first was a congratulation upon his audience's existence at the present time, in Dr. Moore's opinion, the greatest century the world has known since the 13th. century. Secondly he congratulated his audience upon their residence in America, the great land of growth, promise and opportunity. The identification of his audience with the Negro race was the subject of Dr. Moore's third congratulation. He called attention to the great opportunity to achieve success and to make an unparalleled history, which always lies before a race that is yet young. The last congratulation of the audience was upon their identification with Y. M. C. A. work, a movement which is both international and inter-racial in its scope. In concluding Dr. Moore dwelt with emphasis upon the fuller meaning of the terms severally Y. M. C. A. in Y. M. C. A. work.

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The Social Feature in School Life

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In school one is continually thrown with men and women of all stamps, and is in a position to note the ones of superior calibre, pick associates worthy of himself, and by exchange of ideas and principles better himself and his associates. It is just at this point that the institution of learning is a refining and cultural agency. The prime efficacy of a college training does not lie in Greek or Latin, the physics or chemistry, the philosophy or what not one gets; for no man gets but a scintilla of what is really to be obtained from books; the real determinant of the value of a college training to the youth is the amount of culture and refinement he gets out of it. There was a time — and such is really in vogue to-day among the rich — when the only education women got was a development of their social side. Of course, in this day of women's rights, the weaker sex must enjoy all the privileges that a man enjoys.

This leads us, then, to a consideration of the advantages of a co-educational institution. In such an institution, the greatest social advantage derived is refinement. The awkward young man

becomes a Chesterfield, and the shy, timid girl becomes a nymph of grace. Association with the college girl takes out of the rough uncouth, ill-taught man his most damaging quality; she teaches him that gentleness and gallantry are too, manly requisites. And thus by an exchange of lessons, as it were, this social relation between the man and woman of itself sends many away practically educated.

The gregarious nature is predominant in man as well as in the other species and it is going to be exercised wherever the individual is thrown. In our college the select men are gathered *en masse*; hence the average college society is the representative society of a people. Why, then, may the role played by the social life in school not be considered one of prime importance? It is on this account that every individual in his school career should by no means neglect his social life, but on the other hand emphasize it.

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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.

THURSDAY

Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Rev. O'Connell, 8:00 p. m.
Teacher's Training Class,
Professor E. L. Parks.

FRIDAY

Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.
Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

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Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.
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Mr. T. H. Randall, president of the Y. M. C. A. will address that body on Sunday, giving an account of his trip to King's Mountain in the interest of the Y. M. C. A.

"One Night Bill" Winthrop and Felix Butler are expected on the 15th inst. Word has been received that they have engaged a pullman on the New York and Chicago special, the 18 hour flyer between Chicago and New York.

The Vesper services were very largely attended on last Sunday. The sermon was delivered by President Newman, who took as his subject, "The Spirit of the Lord was brooding over them." His address was forceful and full of spiritual inspiration. The music was of the usual high order.

No time seems more fitting than the present for calling a meeting of the loyal football enthusiasts for forming a "rooters" club. The team, under Mr. Marshall's coaching, is fast rounding into championship form. Now is the time to round the rooters into shape that they may be prepared to root, root, root, for old Howard when the first game comes off.

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How Self-Supporting College Men Earn Money In Summer

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cently, are a Tufts senior and a Bellevue junior who act as baggagemen.

College men make good chauffers, too, but not when the owner of the car has a pretty daughter, who is incidentally an heiress and likes to go shopping alone in the car. Many a student has lost a good job because of his love of art in one of its many manifestations. Frequently, however, it is the fault of the hero worshiping maiden, who is so romantically excited at the thought of having a Princeton man drive her around. She talks so warmly and enthusiastically about him that papa finally decides that his chauffeur needs the vacation which his college gives him for a better purpose than he is putting it to, so he gives him his month's salary and offers him his best wishes for a brilliant future.

There are at many of the universities, particularly at Columbia, a number of blind students. These men have difficulty finding work in summer, and they are compelled to resort to the distressing means (distressing to themselves and to their friends) of earning money for the next year's tuition.

A Columbia student was walking in 125th street one day when he heard the tapping of a cane on the pavement and a voice calling

"Pencils, Pencils!" He turned and saw at his elbow his classmate, a blind student, but one of the most brilliant men in the university.

Farming never has been a very popular summer job with the college man, and he accepts it only when he fails to get anything else. But in the future it promises to become more popular. This is due to an innovation which Princeton University has recently made.

This institution has often been called the "rich man's college," and this reputation has kept away many worthy but poor students. To prove that it is as democratic as any college Princeton has laid aside ten acres of fine land to be cultivated by students who wish to be self-supporting. Students will be paid \$2 a day and will be able to earn enough money to pay a good part of their expenses at college. This makes it possible for the poorest student to go to Princeton.

Regarded from a financial point of view, the figures of earnings of college men during the summer are in some cases surprising. There is a record of one man working through the vacation of 1910 and earning \$986.62. As a rule, however, the student who earns \$200 above his living expenses is doing well. Many fall below that figure and a few exceed it.

A second year medical student

earned by acting as physical director \$900; as life guard, \$18.40; total, \$978.40.

A student of philosophy earned as secretary of a national reform organization \$400; as librarian, \$160; total, \$560.

A third year law student earned by managing a seashore bathing establishment, \$600.

A first year law student earned by selling straw hats \$595.

A freshman earned as tutor \$180; as hotel clerk, \$200; total \$380.

A senior earned by laying brick, \$300.

A political science student earned by tutoring \$200; encyclopaedia editorial work, \$100; procuring, \$51.50; total, \$351.50.

A junior earned by newspaper work \$260; tutoring, \$20; total, \$280.

A senior earned by gymnasium work \$85; securing boarders, \$25; farm work, \$200; total, \$310.

A fine arts student earned by draughting, \$213; soliciting for garage, \$24; drawing plans, \$17.50; total, \$254.50.

Another fine arts student earned by running automobiles, \$288.

Saturday Night Entertainment

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