Literary Societies

Howard University endeavors to send forth men and women 100 per cent efficient to engage in a life of service. All can not be professional men—doctors, lawyers, preachers and teachers—but each must be prepared to fill with proficiency a definite place in some community. The stamp of Howard upon a man must differ. entiate him from a mere well-meaning harmless attachment to society and mark him an aggressive and progressive factor in community life.

The courses of study as laid down by the authorities at Howard deepen and broaden the students' minds and render the position from which they view the world more steady, but there are other elements indispensable to their full all-round development for a life of service. Very important among these are the student organizations of a literary nature.

The Alpha Phi Literary Society and the Kappa Sigma Debating Society are the most important of these. They are Howard traditions to which the alumni look back as having been the real nucleus of their college life and in whose meetings they realized their own awakening. They are student forums in which have been developed the most representative men and women Howard has produced.

The Alpha Phi Literary Society offers a great opportunity for the practical application of the theory of literary expression learned in the classroom. Here the students are men and women away from the restraint of the classrooms and under the identical condition which they will find themselves in the organizations of their future communities. The great mass of students, who do not think their talent sufficient to warrant their joining the College Dramatic Club, or who are unable to win a place on the debating team, find themselves in this organization working in the ideal atmosphere for increasing the talent they possess. The Alpha Phi is free from the idea of strenuous competition. The kindred spirits who come together in this gathering are mindful of the limitations of one another and the criticism, by a member elected for this purpose, is of such a nature that even the most timid is not frightened from further participation in the programs presented at each meeting.

The controversy concerning equal rights of the two sexes does not arise in this body. The men and women meet on equal footing. There is no office in the gift of this body to which any student is barred on account of sex. The fact is that a young woman is president for this semester. So the Alpha Phi appeals equally to all students and each student should consider it an obligation to himself and to Howard to affiliate with this body, during his college career, for the benefit he will receive in the literary contact as well as in the practice of literary expression.

The Kappa Sigma Society, membership to which is open only to male students of the School of Liberal Arts, is devoted to the art of debating. It after

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Our Girls

The conduct of some of our young women causes one to wonder and often inquire "why do girls come to Howard?" To this inquiry too many young men have replied, "Just to have a good time." Much evidence is in favor of this view, for we see our young women heedlessly violating many rules and regulations which true womanhood must observe. In the abuse of privileges the present "Howard Girl" cannot be surpassed. The time that is given her for recreation and the much needed outdoor exercise she spends in socializing or "scivering." This time is frequently given to a stroll down Sixth Street for the express purpose of meeting and "jollying" a crowd of young men. More often it consists of a "tete-tete" with some exceptionally fine young man, in the shadow of some building or behind some tree. Quite often it takes the form of loitering at the gate and causes passers-by to take the street. As these are every day occurrences they cannot be accounted for as "sporadic bursts of youthful enthusiasm," but must be due to thoughtlessness or ignorance of the responsibility of our womanhood in the regeneration and progress of the race.

Ours is a race that has been debased and demoralized by over two hundred years of slavery. Much progress has been made during our fifty years of freedom, yet we are far from the goal of our desires. The fundamental agency in the regeneration of our race in the future, as it has been
the groundwork and starting point of its past fifty years of progress, must be our w o m e n . Is it not worth while, then, for the "Howard girl" to consider her responsibility as a member of this race and govern her actions accordingly? Is she so desirous of having what she calls "fun" that she has lost sight of the aim of having what she calls "fun" of this race and govern her actions.

The development received through the exchange of ideas and thoughts on subjects of debate is combined with the development of poise through practice of speaking and of thinking on one's feet before an audience. This gives the men who take advantage of the opportunities, which the organization offers, the self-confidence which enables them to obtain the confidence of others. A concrete proof of this is recalled in the fact that all of the leaders in the college activities of Howard are, or have been, members and in many instances leaders of the Kappa Sigma Society.

These literary organizations belong to the students and depend upon them for life. In return they furnish the final stage of development of representative Howard men and women in teaching them to form opinions and express them, and to join in organized community efforts. Such training is needed to fit students easily and efficiently for their future work in their several communities. After a college life, in which work in these extra-curriculum activities has been carried on, men and women go forth with the best chance of being Howard's ideal of 100 per cent efficiency. — C. C. Johnson, '19

Mr. H. H. Long

The Teachers College has strengthened its faculty by securing the service of Mr. H. H. Long. This young man is a Howardite of whom Howard is justly proud. He graduated from the Teachers College in 1915. When a student at Howard he distinguished himself as a brilliant scholar and forceful debater. Among the many honors won by him at Howard was a fellowship to Clark University, Worcester, Mass. While there he studied Psychology under Dr. G. Stanley Hall. Mr. Long received his Master's degree from Clark University last June. He is teaching Advanced Psychology, which is a new course in Howard.

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The motto of the Y. M. C. A. is “Every man in Howard University for Christ and His cause.” In order to re-enforce this motto with deed, the Y. M. C. A. maintains six Bible classes and conducts weekly religious meetings, where members of the faculty, students, and visiting friends may express their opinions on social and religious service. The first Sunday afternoon address this year was delivered, September 21st., by Mr. G. H. Tobias.

Secretary Logan and President C. W. Frisby are biding all their efforts to make this the banner year of the association. Mr. L. G. Koger has been appointed the director of the Y. M. C. A. music. The new director has already entered actively upon his work by organizing a Y. M. C. A. quartette. The Association maintains an Amusement Room with desirable games, and a Reading Room with copious Y. M. C. A. literature and periodicals. Deputations will again be sent to high schools to influence high school students to attend college.

Secretary Logan and the other officers of the organization are very much delighted to report that students pledged, last April nearly two hundred dollars. In compliance with these pledges young men are daily reporting to the secretary's office with the amount they pledged.

Sage Sayings

“A conceited man is unable to see his personal defects.”

“He who looks out for himself only, has a narrow view.”

“Any rich man can get a good living—if his dad is rich.”

“Success is the art of being polite to people you despise.”

“In order to hold his job a diplomat must hold his tongue.”

“A young man always takes a girl's hand before asking for it.”

“It is a wise man who knows when he has made a fool of himself.”

“Dead men tell no tales, but some of their widows may draw pensions.”

“A pig has as much use for a tail as a man has for two buttons on the back of his frock coat.”

“Young man, marry a parlor ornament if you can afford to hire a cook, a maid, a butler, and a family.”

“It is a woman's natural faith that enables her to believe only the things she wants to when she knows she doesn’t.”

A Poem

The lost days of my life until today,
What were they, could I see them on the street
Lies as they fell? Would they be ears of wheat
Sown once for food but trodden into clay?
Or golden coins squandered and still to pay?
Or drops of blood dabbling the guilty feet?
Or such spilt water as in dreams must cheat
The undying throats of Hell, athirst always?

I do not see them here; but after death
God know I know the faces I shall see,
Each one a murdered self, with low last breath.

"I am thyself,—what hast thou done to me"

"And I—and I—thyself," (lol each one saith)

"And thou thyself to all eternity!"

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Football is the major sport at Howard. We are, as a rule, more happy in the victory of our varsity "Eleven" than in the victory of any other team, and we are more depressed by the defeat of the football team than by that of any other. We are anxious about all our teams but tradition has given football first place.

For obvious reasons, the training table is of primary importance in building up a strong team. If, then, we still retain interest and pride in our "Eleven"—if we still hope to make Howard supreme on the gridiron, why can we not take reasonable means for developing a successful team? Why should we be expected to do the impossible? We either want a football team, or we do not want one. If we really want one, then let us want a successful team. Let us follow the practice of other universities, especially when such practices are as obviously necessary as a training table.

A Student Council

For a long time a Student's Council has been promised to the students of Howard University. We understand that the Board of Trustees granted certain officers of the University the right to organize the council. Just why the council has not been organized we do not know.

There are many good services that we could render the university and many embarrassments from which we could save her, if we were given a student's council. There is much good that we can and are doing for the University, without a council, but we could work more effectively and more freely within an organized Student's Council.

Do not the officers of the University feel that we are worthy of a council and fully capable of rendering a greater service to Howard University? We hope that they will realize their duty to us and will give us an opportunity to help them build up a greater and better Howard.

Equal Rights League Meets Here

The ninth annual session of the National Equal Rights League was held in this city, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 5, 6, and 7th, at John Wesley Zion Church. If numbers and enthusiasm are indicative of success, the congress is to be congratulated on its great accomplishment.

The meetings which were held during the day, as well as during the evening, were well attended by distinguished citizens, who had gathered to listen to the appeal of delegates from every section of the country. The Rev. Byron Gunner, president of the league, delivered his annual address on Friday evening. He
made a forceful appeal for a National solidarity among Negroes, set forth the fundamental idea of the league, and concluded by urging the Negro not to rest until he is accorded full and equal rights before the law. Mr. William Monroe Trotter, the moving spirit of the league, pleaded for equal rights on the grounds of justice and the assurance of the constitution.

The meeting could not have failed to arouse the citizens of Washington to a high sense of civic duty and human interest. The work should be commended and the movement supported. T. B. D.

An Expression of Thanks

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The Dinner

By L. G. Koger, '18.

With apologies to Poe's "The Raven."

Once up to a lady's table, as I sat so comfortable,
Waiting for the good things that would come to me galore;
As my mouth began to water and I started swallowing sorter
Swallowing, fastly just because I've getting sore.
"'Tis a long time," I muttered, stamping gently on the floor;
"That's enough to make me sore.
Ah! how well do I remember when I started getting timber,
And it seemed that every member of my body weakened more,
When I smelt the food a-cooking and my stomach started crooking;
This caused me to commence looking, looking at the kitchen door.
Then I murmured soft and lowly "On that food I'll make a score"
"And I'll eat forevermore."

While I'm seating there a-wondering, over many things I'm pondering.
Presently, I heard a thundering, blundering at the kitchen door.

Then from in the kitchen, strolling, came a bowl on feet and walking
Just as man, except a talking, walking calmly on the floor.
Of its contents I was bothered; what this earthen vessel bore,
'Twas the soup and nothing more.

Immediately, too close to measure, came the crackers to my pleasure
And the butter without leisure pranced itself across the floor.

This of course was soon diminished and with relishes replenished;
And before all this was finished, came the fish inside the door.
It was bluefish baked in fine style with potatoes from the store.
This was finished as before.

This, of course, was my beginner, then came in that great big dinner,
Which I'll call The Prize Winner now, henceforth, forevermore.

I had chicken, squabs and plank steaks, new potatoes, corn and rice-cakes
And a few more vegetables stole their way across the floor.

I must not mention more.
But the salad was delicious! And I did become ambitious,
And manner avaricious, for its taste I did adore.
The desert was well worth eating, and the cheese was not a cheating,
And that coffee had been heating,—I awoke and got real sore.

'Twas a dream and nothing more.

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The Football Outlook

The outlook for a good team is daily becoming more encouraging. The line is being welded into some definite shape. The lessons of last year's defeat are not lost to our coach, and he is not failing to fortify those weak points.

There is raw material from which our team is to be selected. Of course, it is conceded that the rounding out of a well-balanced gridiron team is no easy task, but we are confident in Coach Marshall's masterly way in developing his team. It is true, that our team is behind—far behind—in beginning to practice, still we feel certain that a strong consistent coaching system will well develop the players for the task which awaits them.

Coach Marshall is taciturn as usual but everyone surmises his confidence in producing a winning team. Captain Grinnage is very optimistic. He feels that with a little more coaching, Howard will produce a mighty eleven. If more coaching is necessary, then why should he not have it? Why not give him more time on the field, and a good corps of assistants? It can be done and at this stage of our football activities, necessity demands it. Should not our athletic relations be sufficiently important to merit definite aid and attention? If so, let the aid come plentifully and speedily.

“Mental Attitude” Perfect At Howard

Are the Howard University football players taking hold with the proper spirit and enthusiasm? To this question we may reply that Coach Marshall is teaching them football and they are working with might and main to make good. As to spirit, why the fellows can hardly wait for a chance to fight for Coach. His personality, combined with his willingness and readiness to mix with the fellows will make any team fight for him.

That about explains the “Mental Attitude” of the Howard team. The Coach and the men have agreed that “Mental Attitude” has much to do with winning football games; for the gloom or the joy, which one takes into a contest, greatly influences his performance. It pays, therefore, to cultivate a feeling of “oneness” among the members of any team, because a united spirit adds greatly to the chances of winning. Harmony in the ranks of the Howard team is assured this year. The men who make the first team will fight hard to win, and those who do not make the first team will not feel that they have been done an injustice. Such a spirit, combined with consistent coaching, needs produce a most powerful gridiron machine.

The Resignation of Manager Avery

The resignation of Mr. Avery as manager of the football team caused a shock to all athletic activities. His work during his tenure of office has brought forth much praise and admiration. Among many of his achievements are an unusually heavy schedule for the team this year, plans for better equipment for the players, longer and more beneficial periods for practice, and good will and cheer among the members of the team.

Mr. Avery's success in the various activities in which he has often participated has been due, in a large measure, to his deeply seated interest in that particular thing. His fire and enthusiasm made even the most adherent rush to aid Mr. Avery's plans.

We wish for Mr. Avery a speedy recovery, and an early return to his class work, duties and friends.

The Academy Team

The Academy Football team promises to be a great one this year. Each morning finds Captain Hardwick and Manager Burke putting the men through various stunts which are essential to good football. But, the task is hard, because of the lack of consistent coaching. Moreover, the task is aggravated because of the serious lack of time for practice. One hour each day is not enough to round out a good
Campus Dots
By I. C. Owl

Esther seems awfully lonesome. Who will cheer her?

Johnny Davis became sick of girls after he failed to get one.

"Bob" Penn couldn't get a girl, at Howard, to suit him so he imported one.

Etta is frank since Saunders has returned. They meet over the net.

Burke, Sr., can't see why some Miner Hall maiden want give him a "look."

Capt. Grinnage has called "Eph" Williams to assist him in making "the" double play.

Dr. "Fish" Garvin was up Monday viewing the new inmates of Miner Hall but he saw no hopes.

"Little" Stratton, President of the Freshmen, rules in such a way that he is "Lord" of the "Fresh-women."

"Pete" and "Earl" are candidates for De Reath. "Pete" is a hero on the gridiron; "Earl" a champion at the "net." Who will win?

"Freshies" and "Sophs" met in a fistic battle, on Wednesday morning Oct. 4, in Clark Hall. The "Sophs" were game and fought well but were forced to hoist the flag of truce at the command of the "Freshies."

Pestalozzi-Froebel

The regular meeting of the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society was held Friday afternoon at three o'clock in Library Hall. A large and appreciative audience was present. After a few remarks by the President, Mr. Earl M. Lawson, in which he outlined the work of the society for the semester. A program was rendered. Quotations, members of Society. Piano Solo, Miss Williams. Select Reading, Miss Odin. Vocal Solo, Miss Norma Clayton. Vocal Solo, Miss Jefferson.

The program for Friday, October 13th, will be rendered by the Senior class of the teachers College. All are cordially invited to be present.

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CLASS RUSHES
What a farce these rushes are, to tear men's clothes and faces scar. They should've been stopped long ago, but Howard's behind you all well know. And yet, the Deans will give their consent to all this form of brutal torment. The students beg to have it too, but of course this does not include you. A student charges, and on he rushes, and when we look, the red blood gushes, or perhaps, a limb may be the cost, or, an internal harm or a tooth be lost. And then all say, “Isn’t that too bad, he lost a member, he might have bad.” 'Tis then too late this grief to give. Let's “cut it out” that men may live. Some form of rivalry, I endorse, but this form, "Rush" is barbarous.

PROcrastination
Why should a student procrastinate to do a thing; but rather wait, until he finds he is too late, to pass the so called "golden gate" of opportunity?
Now, the season ticket comes to my mind, a better bargain you cannot find, yet, some students will be so blind, to let this pass and be behind on game day.

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Alumni Notes

Mr. Chester H. Crumpler, ’16 (Law School), is now located in Youngstown, Ohio.
Miss Vergie M. Porter, '15 (Arts and Sciences) has a position in the High School at Bowling Green, Ky.
Mr. Mosby B. McAden, '16 (Teachers), is engaged in business with his brother in Buffalo, N.Y.
Mr. Jesse Jordan, '15 (Teachers), is entering upon his second year as a teacher at Hampton Institute.
Miss Bertha L. Smith, '16 (Teachers), is now in business at Meridian, Miss.
Dr. Cecil F. Gloster, '15 (Dental School), has a large practice in Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Harry M. Martin, '16 (Teachers), is pursuing a course in Physical Culture at Pittsburgh University.
Mr. W. H. Cunningham, '16 (Arts and Sciences), is in real estate business in Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Caroline Calloway, '16 (Arts and Sciences), is the private secretary to Dean Kelly Miller.
Mr. Oliver L. Johnson, '16 (Arts and Sciences), is studying at Harvard Law School.
Mr. Kelly Miller, Jr., '16 (Arts and Sciences), is studying at Clark University, Worcester, Mass.
Miss Jemima L. Harris, '15 (Teachers), has a position in the Baltimore High School.

College of Arts and Sciences Get-together

Dean Miller showed his interest in the students of the College of Arts and Sciences last Monday when he called them into a regular “Get-together” meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to bring about a better understanding, to establish a bond of confidence, and to encourage cooperation between the faculty and the students. Dean Miller opened the occasion by welcoming the students to the College of Arts and Sciences. He outlined his plans for the year and advised the students to maintain a high standard of scholarship and to promote the general welfare of the university. The necessity of having good character was also impressed upon the students by the dean and other speakers.
It is hoped that much good will result from this meeting. We believe that the students and faculty will gladly join hands and work harmoniously for the good of Howard.

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