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AS TO FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL typifies the strenuous in college life. That it is a game for men is its chief glory. And because of this fact, if for no other, it does not merit the censure which, here and there, is being metered out to it.

The “anti-footballists” are of two classes, the one to reform, the other to abolish, the game. And the fact that both classes count among their number men of weight and influence causes quite a little uneasiness in the college world. The first class contends that the highly developed style of close play and mass formation is at once brutal and dangerous, and that the number of casualties resulting from such style of play demands that in this respect the game be reformed. But we take it that it has yet to be shown that more accidents happen in line plays than in open tackling. The abolitionists on the other hand claim that the game in furnishing such ample opportunity for “dirty work” engenders and develops a brutal spirit.

With these we take issue. Football not only does not breed brutality but it develops self-restraint. But granted that there are evils such as dirty playing or the opportunity for “dirty work” attending upon the sport. Must we abolish it because of this? Do not evils attach themselves to everything of worth? Is it wholly sensible to destroy capacity for good simply to be rid of a seldom manifested desire for evil? Football cannot be pronounced an evil by merely giving either a summary of the opportunities that it offers for evil or of the actual evils that obtain in the game, but only by carefully weighing its advantages against its disadvantages. Having noted the evils, let us see how it makes for good. Not only does it make for the conservation of health and alertness of mind, as do all out-door exercises, but it develops that firmness of will which in the crucial times stamps the man. Together with its magnificent system of outside training, it develops agility, courage, self-mastery, instantaneous thinking and deciding, and exact discipline. Its vital principle is desire to win, determination to achieve. Exaggerated as they are, the evils must needs appear ridiculously small before this giant stature of good.

But if this censure of the most popular of American sports is significant to the college world, it is in addition to this a matter of serious apprehension to the smaller colleges of more limited means, for football is not only the only self-supporting branch of all college athletics, but in many small schools it is also a means of raising funds for all other branches of athletics. This only means of raising funds gone and no resources at their disposal, the smaller schools must soon give up all hope of helpful athletics. This deplorable state of affairs, however, we feel sure, public sentiment will never allow to come to pass.

Thanksgiving Institution.

Thanksgiving, as the name implies, was a day set aside for religious devotion and purposes. When the Colonists at Plymouth had been permitted to settle down in their new homes, having escaped the persecutions of the English church, when they had endured the toils and vicissitudes of their first year in the new world, which was long and hard, when though surrounded on all sides by fierce savages, peace was, for a time, at least, secured and finally when their fields had yielded them enough grain to support them in comfort during the coming winter, and their houses had been warmly and strongly built, impelled by that deep religious fervor which had prompted them to undergo trials of this hitherto unknown land they considered it fitting that they should return to God some thanks for what they considered his many blessings.

In the autumn of 1621, Governor Bradford of the colony set aside a day. This day marked the beginning of a season of prayer and gratitude.

Edward Winslow has described this first Thanksgiving Day celebration: “Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fouling, so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of the year.”

Two years later after a severe drought, and then again in three when help arrived from England a day of thanksgiving was observed. Gradually the custom spread throughout the Colonies, till George Washington, choosing the last Thursday in November, issued a proclamation. Prior to this time no regular day or season of the year had been established; subsequent to this time until 1863 it was not observed regularly.

In 1863 President Lincoln issued a thanksgiving proclamation and since this time the custom has been regularly observed.
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Students and Alumni of the University are invited to contribute.

Washington, D. C., November 24, 1905.

With this issue The Journal increases its size. It is hoped that it may be able to maintain itself as a six-page paper. We solicit the support of faculty and students. A six-page paper gives opportunity and room for a large number of general contributions, touching all matters of interest in and about the University.

Why not consult the columns of The Journal, when in doubt as to a place of purchase? If the students in doing their purchasing and shopping would mention the fact that they saw the “ad” of the firm in The Journal, we could secure “ads” more easily. No one can expect an outlay devoid of returns. Such will advertising in The Journal be unless its readers patronize those who patronize The Journal.

The upper classmen seem indifferent to the organization of the Council this year. There is too much benefit derivable from the union of the upper classmen to permit the Council to die. Why not organize?

Who Should Be Leaders?

Attention of divinity students is nowadays drawn to the fact that whereas in past years the leaders of thought and action were ministers today that position is wrested from them and the men of other professions are the foremost of the race. This is said to be especially true of the two races of the American people: the confessed leaders of whom are frequently named and it is as often remarked that none of them are ministers.

The Journal is advised that such leadership, while naturally desired by ministers, is at least not necessary either to the cause of truth and the advancement of the Kingdom of Righteousness or to the onward march of the world to a great and glorious destiny. Hitherto, ministers, who were the best educated men in every community, exercised a powerful influence upon the world whom they led blindly. Repeated reformations emphasized the fact that such leadership not only involved religious thraldom, but kept the world in intellectual bondage. If not, why did civilization receive such new impetus with every strong bid for religious freedom made by the reformers of the Reformation and those, no less great, who came after? No one will say that the world is no better to-day than before those great successful reactionary struggles.

But further. The Journal is persuaded that not only is it absolutely unnecessary but decidedly detrimental to the cause of truth and righteousness. This is true if for no other reason than that it furnishes ample grounds for a pride, far from virtuous, which is in itself fatal to the very cause whose promotion is sought. Better that ministers, keeping anywhere except in the foremost places of the world’s greatest, so make their influence felt, that the life of to-day be permeated with the truth of Christ, and principles which He set forth reflected in the character and conduct of the men whom the world might delight to honor, no matter from what profession they be indiscriminately drawn. This, we take it, would rid ministers of the charge of place-seeking self-interest, and give their message a new and fresh potency undreamed of by the ministerial leaders of the past.

NOTICES

All male students are requested to meet at the Law school Thanksgiving Day, at 1 o’clock to march to the campus, headed by the University band.

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.

PERSONALS

Mr. R. M. Duke, of the Law Department, has been called to his home in Mississippi.

Miss Ethel Hedgman, of St. Louis, member of last year’s Freshman Class, is rapidly improving in health. Her long illness was attributed to injuries received in throwing the hammer.

Mr. C. H. Smith thinks the approach of winter most lamentable. When bad weather comes he must abandon tennis. We sympathize with him.

One young lady, non resident of Minor Hall, of the T. C., does not need the services of an optician. She saw more of the Dover game from Minor Hall porch than others saw from the side lines.
Notes on the Alumni solicited.

Dr. W. T. Nelson, who spent many years at Howard as Preparatory College and Medical student, graduating from College in '99 and Medicine in '03, is reaping brilliant harvest of his long study as practitioner in Cincinnati, O.

Prof. D. O. W. Holmes came over last Saturday with the Baltimore High School eleven, of which he is coach.

Mr. J. H. Dodd and Mr. Bagley, two of last year's College graduates, have chosen the medical profession. Both having decided on the Howard University Medical School, are pursuing the course of the first year.

Miss Alice Jeffries, Nor. School, '99, formerly matron of the West Virginia Institute, is now teaching in the Baltimore public schools.

Mr. S. N. Young, A. B. '01, one of the members of the first staff of the Journal, is now pursuing a course in the Law School.

Dr. Catherell, A. B., D. D. S. '05, has successfully passed the Missouri Board, and is a promising practitioner in St. Louis.

We are glad to mention the recovery of Mr. J. B. Allen from a recent illness, and his great success as instructor of Latin in the M Street High School.

Dr. G. W. Thompson, Med. '04, is having brilliant success as practitioner in Greater New York.

Mr. W. H. Washington, A. B. '03, who is now in his second year, Medicine, says he does not regret the time spent in college, preparatory to taking up professional study.

Dr. G. A. Weaver, M. D. '98, has a practice equal to any physician in his town, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He passed the State Board examination some years ago, with the highest average of any applicant.

Mr. H. C. Binford was in the city of his Alma Mater last week. He is meeting with success in his work in Baltimore.

The M Street High School numbers among its teaching forces three of Howard's Alumni, and the Armstrong Training School an equal number.

Rev. J. W. Munsey '05 is in the city making preparations to go before the Presbytery. He will long be remembered at Howard for his remarkable debating ability, having taken part in and won three prize debates, and also for his consistent scholarship. We wish him much success.

Do not forget, Alumni. Let The Journal hear from you.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

In the several departments of the University, we notice an increase in the number of students, which reflects credit upon the University Faculties.

Under the efficient supervision of the Dean, the Commercial Department ranks as prominently among the several departments as any other, and the recently re-modeled curriculum makes it highly among other commercial schools.

We are especially encouraged by the increase of students in this department; for in this we appreciate substantial demonstration verifying the assertion that the Negro is interested in commerce and capable of acquiring skill in this branch of science. As we argue, this department furnishes good discipline for citizenship and thus furnishing instruction, instills protection of personal property and value of good government.

The curricul of the several departments of the University, especially the professional, involve treatment on several subjects pertaining to the specific profession pursued. But it may be truly said of the Commercial Department, that the studies pursued of its curriculum are beneficial—yes necessary—to professional and non-professional men. The intelligence of a country is judged by its government; and the intelligence of its people is judged by their comprehension of and obedience to its mandates.

Theological

The department has entered upon what promises to another successful year. The Dean reports an enrollment of 37 students of whom 20 are new. 35 have been enrolled in the Night School, making a total of 72 students. The Faculty has also received a valuable addition in the person of Dr. Woodbury, late Secretary of the American Missionary Association, who comes to fill the chairs of Homiletics and Literature. Very great interest has been awakened in the new professor not only because he comes as sent from an association which has always been unfruitful in its support of this department, but because he, himself, laid the plans by which the department was first put upon a working basis. He has entered upon his work with great earnestness and enthusiasm and we have no doubt that he will prove a valuable asset.

PROSPECTS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day will find Shaw and Howard face to face on the gridiron to contest for the honors of 1905. To date, Shaw has a record to make any of her sister institutions envious. She has not only not suffered defeat, but when lined up against Livingston, the greatest rival in the South, sent her home to brood over defeat of 28 to nothing. The Howard intelligence of her people is judged by their comprehension of and obedience to its mandates.

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feels that she will get the better of the battle, for she has confidence in Francis, Warrick, Davis, and Brownley, who compose her back field and, each of whom, when signaled for, is sure to get the required distance; in Shorter and Bailey, our veteran ends; in Durrah a find of other years, and also a fearless country youth who is aggressive and a sure tackler; in Sanford, another tackler of ex-Capt. Washington's type; in Butler, Moore and Bayton, who compose the heart of the line and who will have to stave the onsets of Shaw which will be directed through Howard's center. When Shaw lines up against this aggregation one has to conclude that Shaw will be "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

On last Friday the Shaw eleven met Livingstone College at Charlotte, N. C. Shaw meets Howard Thanksgiving Day, so the following quotation from a Charlotte paper is not without interest to Howardites:

"Shaw from the start was the aggressor, making a touchdown in 7 minutes, and during the game made 5 touchdowns and kicked 3 goals, leaving the score, Shaw 28 Livingstone 0. The Shaw team on the whole is a wonder, heavy and quick men. Macbeth, Taylor, Jones, Fisher and Irwin did fine work. Livingstone was light, but did what she could. Being outclassed, they fully demonstrated to the spectators that they knew the game. There was no backing down in them, and the true spirit of Livingstone was duly expressed in her playing; that is: Go against odds and show them you will. Brawley, Church, Grant and the fearless Brown did the star work for Livingstone. While Shaw can beat everything in its class, Livingstone certainly can take the laurel from those that come within her reach."

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Don't forget the Athletic Association Entertainment at Miner Hall on Thanksgiving eve.
SOCIETIES

THE ALPHI PHI

The auditorium of the Alphi Phi Literary Society was almost filled at its regular meeting last Friday evening. Although a very excellent program had been prepared for the evening, on account of the unusual amount of business to be transacted it could not be rendered. It was the night on which the reports of the several committees were to be received, discussed and adopted. They were the Committee on the Literary Contest for the Young Ladies, the Intercollegiate Debate Committee and the Committee on the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate. The chairman of each of these committees was present and submitted report. After a very prolonged and heated discussion the report of the Committee on the Literary Contest for the Young Ladies was adopted, which was the following: 1st, that the contest take place the first Friday evening in May, ‘06. 2nd, that the challenge to debate would be extended to the contested lake place the first Friday evening in May, ‘06. The subjects be limited to College of Arts and Sciences three from Teachers’ College. 3rd, that there be six contestants, viz: three from College of Arts and Sciences three from Teachers’ College. 4th, that they be the following persons, Miss Maid B. Kenedy, Miss Julia Brooks, Miss Myrtle Jones, Miss E. Bibb, Miss S. H. White, Miss Pearl Barnes.

The Intercollegiate Debate Committee had no definite report to make. Several letters were read, however, from Shaw and Virginia Union Universities. The proposals of Shaw were discussed. The Literary Society of Shaw University submitted several conditions which if agreed to by our Society, the challenge to debate would be accepted. The most important of which are the following: 1st, that the contestants be limited to College of Arts and Sciences. 2nd, that the debate be held in Richmond and that the Alpha Phi Literary Society be entirely responsible for making all necessary arrangements in said place. 3rd, that in addition to making such arrangements it should also pay transportation of two of Shaw’s contestants. These proposals provoked a hearty laughter on the part of the society and it was duly voted by the society unanimously that the Chairman be empowered to reply to the Literary Society of Shaw University that it will not accept such terms.

The report of the Committee on the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate was next listened to and was as follows: 1st, that the contest take place the first Friday evening in March. And that the following be the disputants: Messrs. John E. Geary, E. P. Davis, D. W. Bowles, C. C. Sanford, D. W. McCree, and J. F. Vanderhorst. Two subjects were submitted, neither of which was agreed upon by the society. It was voted upon and carried that the subjects be discussed next Friday.

THE BERKSHA

The Berksha held its regular weekly meeting Friday evening, with its president, Mr. Daggler, in the chair. The principal feature of the meeting was the debate. The question discussed was immigration the advisability of its limitation, etc. The question was fully discussed and the meeting was interesting.

THE Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. held its usual meeting last Sunday evening, with usual attendance. The subject discussed was “Our Captain,” Reference, Heb. 2: 6-10. Mr. H. A. Pettus was leader. The subject for next Sunday will be: “What does thou here? 1 Kings 19: 13.

THE BACH MUSICAL UNION

The Bach Musical Union had its second monthly meeting on Friday evening. The program was enjoyable; especially the piano solos—selections from S. Coleridge Taylor—and the violin solos of Mr. Clareece White. This organization promises much in the future; its prospects are bright; for there are few who do not enjoy good music. The organization was founded and is presided over by Mrs. Pelham, and all music lovers may join and receive its badge of red, yellow and blue.

Congratulation

Accept congratulation on the first issue of The University Journal. The heading is both neat and appropriate. It is splendidly gotten up, tastefully edited, choice in its selection, newy and interesting. It is a gem, and a bright star in the constellation of the University. If this is a forecast of what the others are to be it will be second to no other college journal. We are very much pleased with the publication. May it shine on through ages reflecting credit and honor upon thee and thine. We could not expect otherwise knowing the editors and their determinations. And we are sure that with the help of the students by sending in articles time after time and by subscribing for The Journal and paying promptly for the same, it can’t help being a success, because knowledge and money rule and move the world. They maintain the greatest organization ever conceived or established. They support the most effective agency operating for the highest credit and welfare of the race. They open the eyes of the blind and further the cause of higher education by maintaining colleges, seminaries and universities. They are the most potential factors in the working out of the all formidable race problem. They mould and train leaders for the future race. They strengthen and develop the literary genius of the race through magazines and newspaper publications, and they accentuate and perpetuate the dogma of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. Therefore we wish it a successful voyage on the journalist sea. J. F. VANDERHORST, Theo. ’06.

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