“Mississippi People Are the Real Thing”
Says Booker T. Washington.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, our ever welcome friend, was with us at chapel Wednesday and brought the most favorable message we’ve received for some time. He spent his remarks in telling of what he had learned on his trip through Arkansas and Mississippi. He said in part:

I want to congratulate Howard on the great work it is now doing. I have just returned from a twelve days trip through Arkansas and Mississippi, and at every point in those two states there is some Howard graduate exerting great influence on the affairs of the community.

I went to Mississippi to get at the heart of things and see just how things are going along. And I was surprised beyond measure to see the wonderful strides that those colored people are making along lines of economic, moral, educational, and religious development. Fine churches, schools, homes and business enterprises, such as you people never dream of, are being built, owned and operated by those colored people in Mississippi. I'd been whining and moaning about the condition of the colored people in Mississippi but I find that we people out of Mississippi have no sympathy to spare for the people there. They are not whining about rights nor talking about what they are going to do but are going ahead doing things and showing you what they have done.

Mr. Washington advised the students to go to Mississippi when they graduate and identify themselves with those people.

Mr. Washington’s speech was brief and instructive and, as usual, sprinkled with good wholesome humor.

Work of the Musical Department.

As school year opens, those in charge of the various departments of the University are planning for and looking forward to the most successful year in the history of their departments. In none of these is there greater hope for increased success than in the Music Department. The success of this department in the last two years has been marked, and has been very gratifying to the University as a whole, and complimentary to its directress, Miss Lulu Vere Childers, B. M., of Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

The work of creating proper interest and enthusiasm in the musical work at Howard which for years had lagged because of insufficient support until it had almost died out, and of raising the standard be what it should be, was no small task. But Miss Childers brought to the task not only the ability which she had acquired at Oberlin and by subsequent study and experience, but a determination to succeed and the energy to carry out her determination. The first great evidence of her success was when with a chorus of eighty voices, many of whom began the work with almost no knowledge of music, she rendered Mendelssohn’s Elijah to the great delight and astonishment of the large audience present, eliciting the hearty congratulations of the music loving public and the favorable comment of the entire local press. The work did not stop here, but a second rendition was equally successful. The University choir has constantly improved and become one of the most pleasing features of Sunday Vesper Services. Already the choir of this year, with but a couple of weeks practice, has been pronounced by many the best the University has had. All of this goes to show the possibilities in music at Howard, and the reason for "the hope that is within us"—for a most successful year.

It is the intention of the directress to render two oratorios this year, one in mid-winter, the other later in the season. These we feel will be awaited with pleasure by the public, and by the students who may be able to join the choruses should be seized as a most desirable opportunity for splendid training.

Who Is It?

Serious and Frivolous Facts about a Senior
Written by a Senior

Quick in thought, he has a mind that readily grasps any proposition. In his nervous, jerky way he analyzes the problem faster than his none too versatile tongue can follow. With his excellent perception is combined ability to study. His half-formed, incomplete sentences show that his mind quickly grasps and as quickly releases a thought. His nervous eyes dart about in jerks and jumps, that suggest genius. The peculiar way he has of ducking his little head and the attitude of always being "on his mark" together with his high pitched voice suggests a rabbit. You are impressed by this before you recognize his other faculties.

These sketches will appear in every issue.
Most of them finding that there was nothing doing in one place took up their beds and walked and upon finding the same conditions existing in another place continued their journey now quiet. In this way they got the advantage of travel. Several have completely spanned the continent.

I know one who went from Buffalo to San Francisco, and another from Buffalo to Seattle and several others have either spanned the continent or nearly done so. This travel and the worldly experience incident to seeking a job was of inestimable value to them in acquainting them with the ways of the world as well as with the scenes and people of the different parts of the country. But sad to tell they cannot present that at the secretary's office and get an order for a room in Clark Hall or a month's board in the dining room. I've no doubt this was the dullest season on record.

The recent financial panic has certainly left its footprints on the sands of the bathing beaches and by its work men have become intimately acquainted with it. I suppose another thing that added to the dullness of the season is the coming election. But however it happened or whatever caused it, it surely happened and if you don't believe me you can ask any student on the hill.

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**Societies**

**The Kappa Sigma.**

The Kappa Sigma is planning great things for this year. It has already decided to challenge Shaw, Union, Lincoln, and Wilberforce to Inter-collegiate Debates. Out of the four we ought to get at least two.

**The Literary Society of The School of Theology.**

The Literary Society of the School of Theology held its opening exercises Wednesday Oct. 7th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The law is that, no Senior shall be eligible to the Vice Presidency at the last election of the school year; consequently a Middler or a Junior becomes a candidate for the desired office; and by virtue of the fact, he becomes chairman of the first meeting for the fall term.

This becomes the duty of Mr. T. N. Austin, who had just arrived from his pastorate in Virginia.

The room was well filled with both old and new students. And of course Dean Clark was at his usual post to see the work go on in perfect order.

After preliminary exercises, the business of the day was the election of officers. The election resulted in the following members being elected to office: Mr. Thos. N. Austin, President; Mr. L. A. Perkins, Vice President; Mr. J. G. Jackson, Secretary; Mr. Thomas Hays, Treasurer; Mr. James Harris Chaplin; Mr. Fairfax King, Critic; Mr. John Lucas, Librarian; and Mr. R. D. Rotts, Sergeant at arms.

**The Alpha Phi.**

The Alpha Phi held its first meeting on Friday Oct. 9th. In the absence of the president Mr. H. H. Sumner was president. The object of the meeting was the election of officers. The following are the corps of officers: H. H. Sumner, President; E. M. Pollard, Vice President; Miss Mable Gibson, Sec'y; Rufus Hawkins, Treasurer; W. A. Love, Editor; S. D. McCree, Critic; J. F. Dagler, Sgt. at arms.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. held its usual meeting at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was opened by Mr. F. D. Whitby, the president of the organization. His and Mr. C. L. Cooper's name were presented to the assembly as proper candidates to represent our Y. M. C. A. at the Bible Convention, which is to be held soon in Columbus, Ohio. Both were elected.

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The Class of '08
Where They Are and What They Are Doing

(Continued from last issue)

Captain Washington, better known as Cap. Wash, is preparing to take the New Jersey State Board Examination.

Mr. Graves, Manager of the football team of '07 is also preparing for the New Jersey State Board.

Miss Bertha McNeil is teaching in the grades at Baltimore.

Miss Marjorie Hill left the city Monday to take a position as teacher in Lynchburg Morgan College. Misses Margaret Flagg and Marie Wolfolk are not located yet.

Mr. Samuel McCree has returned to Howard to study Law. Mr. McCree says he would rather starve as a lawyer than prosper in any other capacity. (We wish him success).

Mr. W. A. S. Wright has been ordained as an Episcopal minister and has charge of a church in Georgetown.

Mr. Gale P. Hilyer of the Academy passed the English entrance examination at the University of Minnesota while forty applicants from other preparatory schools of the country failed. That sounds good for the Academy.

Mr. Oliver Morrison has gone to take charge of the Department of English in New Orleans University.

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Poor summer makes late football.

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Last year's base ball season left the Athletic Association $100 in debt. Awful!

Southern base ball trips can not be turned into social calls with profit.

With a late start foot ball may not pay off the indebtedness.

Is the J. S. A. A. going to make a noise like an indoor, meet this fall?

By winning the track meet on May 30th last, Howard can claim the big loving cup as her own. Three cheers for Capt. Vickers! Don't forget Capt. Kyle!

The Varsity and Scrubs are evenly enough matched to make practice interesting.

The terrible Terry is terrible. Durra li is sure back in the game. Now we want Moore. When you recall Lincoln, you remember that Smith is a tackle too.

Are you going to Hampton with the team?

Are you going to Lincoln with the team?

That boy Franklin is going to make some kind of a full back.

Get in suits and practice, boys. Don't try to make the team on last year's reputation.

Harry Watson sprained his ankle but expects to he in the game Saturday.

Fair Knight did run some. Holmes also ran.

Mississippi Scott also ran—a bunch of Paene Meis with a music rack.

The value of the forward pass as a ground gainer depends vitally on the accuracy of the back that hurls the ball. Our backs need practice in throwing the ball.

Have you bought your season ticket? Buy one and save yourself the embarrassment of dodging the ticket sellers Saturday.

All girls with season tickets will be admitted free.

Personal

We would like to ask Gladys why it is that when a young man calls on a young lady in Miner Hall he is supposed to be going with her.

Guess who he is. A young man of the Senior class of the School of liberal Arts was prevented from taking his lady friend to church Sunday night, because only College, Commercial and Senior Academy girls were permitted to go.

One principle that holds true is, we are all victims to circumstances. This time last year our Athletic Editor was singing, "Gee whizz, how glad I am no wedding bells for me." Now he is singing, "The man who wrote 'Home Sweet Home' surely wasn't a married man."

Mr. M. A. Morrison and C. S. Conaway aren't in the hall this year. We have no room now to smoke in "Aint it awful Mabel!!" Don't think that "Brecher" Wright is fat, he is blunted on his own hot air.

Fair Knight went to Lincoln but finding that we could live without he humbly slanked back into our ranks.

"Jap" Brown is going to take Medicine No, he isn't sick, he simply wants to be a doctor.

"Phil" Holmes attempted to chide a Senior for being married; and since then he has decided to think twice before he speaks once.

Dean Miller is trying to get together a University Glee Club, but with little success. Suppose it were a University 'Lovers Club' he was trying to get up? Gee whizz!

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Give ear unto my song:
And tho' it be a funny sort,
It will not hold you long.
On Howard hill there is a man,
Of whom all students say,
No doubt hot air is his birth-mark,
When'er he comes their way.
Whene'er he comes their way.
Silence indicates he's sad,
A kind of patent boast he has,
And on this hill
For which he's well he blows.
And well worth going to see.
All good girls, rosy, plump and sound,
As many girls there be,
Tins girl and man were at first in love,
But when a pique began,
Got mad and dusted the man.
The girl to gain some private ends
To dust this innocent man.
The talkative students claimed;
In all the rooms in Miner Hall
To every student's eye;
And swore the girl had lost her wits
And while they swore it was too bad,
The man he Seemed both sick and sad
The man got him another girl;
They swore the man would cry.
That showed them all they lied;
But soon a wonder came to light,
The girl it was that cried.

Gladys

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Of these societies the Alpha Phi Literary Society and the Kappa Sigma Debating Club will offer this year unusual opportunities to all of those who wish to come into the light as debaters. The former, the oldest society around the University of its kind, will give this year two valuable gold medals. The latter, though entering upon its second year of activity, is on a firm financial basis, and arrangements are now being made with two colleges for inter-collegiate contests.

In carrying out this project, we solicit the cooperation of every college student, and the advice and encouragement of the faculty.

Since debating clubs and literary societies are considered necessary adjuncts to the life of all schools and colleges, let every one join in with us in a common cause for a common good.

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