A UNIVERSITY FIRE

LAST year the cry was “Give us a library and a science building.” Our Carnegie Library will soon be completed and our science building is on the way. No doubt about it, we shall have a library and a science building that will afford great facilities for advance work in this institution. Thus, with this additional equipment, each and every department of the University has been raised many degrees. Our next cry then is “Give us a true, loyal University spirit.” The former was made to the University officials, but the latter is directed to the students of Howard University.

In Siam is a fire that not only lasts for years, but has what has been called “lineal descendants.” It is to be found in a Buddhist temple near Bangkok, where every fourth year at a certain period the priests light a fresh fire in a big brazier. This flame is kept alive for four years, and is, in turn, extinguished only after a brighter successor is lighted. These fires have been kept up for centuries. That is the kind of fire we wish to see burning in the breasts of Howard students. We wish to create a fire of increased love and devotion to our school, to our work, and to one another. Congress may vote thousands to us, scores of teachers may be provided, but unless we are overflowing with that University Fire we shall miss much that our university life should afford.

Write home your praises concerning the University sometimes, talk to your friends about the glories of Howard, make a noise about it now and then. If you cannot use nosegay rhetoric just make a fuss. All hands fan the University fire.

PLEA FOR EDUCATION

In his Annual Report to the Board of Trustees of the Adelbert College and of the Western Reserve University, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, President of the great university, said as follows:

“The liberal educated man, it is sometimes said, is the thinker; the man who can reason, judge, assess the truth at its value, relate truth to truth, infer new truth, is the thinker. The man of liberal education is a scholar, or at least he is scholarly; he is a thinker, or at least he is thoughtful, but he is also more than either the thinker or the scholar—in fact, more than both. This man, liberally educated, has entered the arena of learning, yet he is not cumbered with or made heavy with the treasures which he bears forth. He is still intellectually alert. He has made himself a partner in humanity’s life, but he has so shared that life as to create in himself a richer selfhood. He can judge truth and assess truth at a fair value. The man of liberal education has a mind deep in its fathoming with obscurity, high and noble with visionaries, broad without thinness. Its length and breadth and height are, like that of the city of God, equal. It is a mind rich, yet not gorged, orderly without being merely an outline of thought, self-centered without arrogance, self-contained without assumption, strong without presumption, vigorous without coarseness.

“United with this mind of the man of liberal education is a heart of sympathy. Sympathy liberalizes—sets free the mind and the man. He comes to have a fellow feeling with the universe; knowledge creates love. As a fish has instinct for water, the bird for air, so this man has instinct for man. This man, if he be master of one art or one science, is ever feeling with the other masters in their other arts and other sciences. He is never vain; humility does clothes him as a garment. He has powers of substitution, he is an altruist. He can see with others’ eyes, feel with others’ hearts.”

Such a type of man as Dr. Thwing described above is the very type of man Howard University seeks to develop. Men of that type are truly “the salt of the earth,” the true lovers by which humanity is lifted up. They are the friends of the world, the sages of society. Let every man in Howard University, from the bottom of the stairway of enlightenment to the very top, see to it that he takes every advantage of his opportunities to secure a liberal education. Whatever his plan of life or his calling may be, if he wishes to attain the highest possible development in his line and reap surcease success, to him a liberal education is indispensable.

THE COLLEGE INN

Mr. B. H. Junior, the energetic manager of the JOURNAL of 1908 has opened the College Inn, for the accommodation of students. The JOURNAL wishes him success, which we are sure he will have, for besides his business ability, his personality will win for him the patronage of the student body. Let all the boys patronize “Old Ben” as he is familiarly known to the student body.

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That east or west unfold.

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These two score years and more
For aye on thee remain.

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Knowledge infinite and high!

More precious than the flashing
Gems, these two score years and more
Of continents and mains

Doth travel like a trumpet call
To city hills and plains
Have reached fair Ethiopia's tribe

With an effective voice
With hearts that do rejoice.

Continue thy progressive sway,
Endow thy sons with warmest zeal
To battle for the right;

Point them to Howard's beaming halls
With hearts that do rejoice.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Sunday afternoon the new secretary conducted a glorious meeting of the Y. M. C. A. After electing the following officers: H. H. Summers, President; D. A. Forbes, 1st Vice-President; T. J. Minor, 2nd Vice-President; R. J. Hawkins, Secretary; and E. M. Pollard, Treasurer,—there were about thirty new members enrolled, among whom was Professor Perkins, the new Professor of Physics. Then the Bible lesson followed in which all took part with much interest.

It was hoped that not only the male students of the University will feel the necessity of attending the Y. M. C. A. meetings, but that the male members of the faculty will feel duty bound to turn aside from their urgent duties and assist in the good work. Let it from now on be the place where men will meet to become more closely related, and to share each other's joys and sorrows, at the same time mingling their voices in song and praise in honor of Him who loves us all. Would that this meeting might be the gathering place of the students and faculty alike that each one might enter into the life of the other and join in the same army for the great battle against temptation and vice.

Both faculty and students are expected to be present Sunday, Oct. 17th, at which time Mr. W. A. Hunton, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is expected to be present.

B. L. M.

A FATHER'S LETTER

My dear boy:

Now that you are in college, do not waste your time making love, for I, above all men know its fatal results. Let me give you a bit of my boyhood experience which I have kept a secret from you all these years.

When I was just your age I fell in love with a young girl whom I had never met, and to meet her I asked fifty persons to introduce me; sent theatre tickets, flowers and presents; wrote long impassionate love letters; sat on the steps until 3 o'clock a. m.; wrote letters to all her friends; recited poetry beneath her casement, but all to no avail; for this was the final result. I was ridiculed before laughing witnesses, flouted and scorned by looks and gestures, denounced as ugly, crazy, and foolish, bruised and battered by stronger boys; bitten by a ferocious great Dane dog, hit on the head by a pitcher of ice water, thrashed vigorously with a horse-whip, and finally arrested and fined ten dollars by a magistrate. So beware, my boy, lest you fall into the same straits.

Lovingly,
Father.
Evidently some think that the young ladies of Minor Hall are "At Home" at a rather late hour. Messrs. Milkins, Barrington, Gordon and E. McLeretty, three attractive "Medo," called when the young ladies had retired.

The girls’ Athletic Association is planning for good work. Baseball, tennis and basket-ball are to be played as never before by the girls. Despite the great disadvantages of not having even an inclosed ground, good work will be accomplished.

Let everybody go on an expedition to Napland and bring back something crazy to make the people laugh. Remember it takes someone who isn’t the dumbest man to make people laugh. Send your jokes to "Naps," University Journal.

WHAT NAP SAYS

Love letters should always be typewritten. In a typewritten letter there is a "ring" at the end of each line.

There ain’t nothing that can keep women down ‘cept a grave stone and I’ve seen some grave stones which was tilted.

About 1929 years ago Virgil said woman is ever fickle and changeable. With all due respect to Virgil as a poet, this is very untrue; for, indeed, since that time, woman has not changed much.

Freshman:—Father said I could remain in college on one condition.

Sophomore:—And what is that?

Freshman:—I’ve forgotten now, but it doesn’t matter. The Dean says I can’t stay under any condition.

Every day you meet men and women who have some hobby or habit with which you disagree—which grates on your nerves; some action or mannerism that makes you say or want to say, "For goodness sake—don’t."

Write in a single brief-sentence your favorite "Don't" on a slip of paper, sign your name or initials, and give to N. P. G. Adams.

Don’t loiter on the ellipse, young men.—All of us.

Don’t find fault with the JOURNAL if you haven’t subscribed.

Don’t expect people to carry you. Walk.—A. Walker.

Don’t spend your money before you have earned it.—A. L. C.

Don’t rush into vespers like cattle. Take time.—Ladies and gentlemen.

Don’t monopolize time in the literary meetings by calling attention to microscopic technicalities.—H. S.

Don’t forget to buy a vote in "Naps Contest for Girls." Our boys can’t play foot-ball and exist on morning air. Can’t even get hot air.

This column will be devoted to the pleasure of the "funny" people. One can be engaged in no better vocation than making people laugh. Honor is like the huffer between two heavy railroad cars. It relieves the jolts of life. It is a shock absorber. It makes the journey through the years easier and brighter the pathway all along the route. The Americans could not get along without humor.

Our loyal girls have the interest of our gridiron warriors at heart. They claim that the practice of Fletcherism may be beneficial the last of next month sometime but not now. They want to see our boys at a regular training table where they will be given the proper food to fit them for the grueling contests that are upon us.

To help meet these demands some of the girls have entered into a prize contest. The one selling the most votes gets a prize, but the proceeds of the contest will be devoted to the maintenance of a training table. I am sure you will not refuse those "sweet prices of female persuasion" when they approach you and ask you to buy a couple of votes.

Remember the battle will soon be on and we must stand by our coach and his men and help fit them to meet our rival teams and especially Lincoln, Shaw and Hampton.

PERSONALS

"Reggie" L. is in the line-up again in Miner Hall.

Don’t forget to attend the big Mass Meeting next week.

Dr. Frank Badger, Dent. ’05, is enjoying a lucrative practice.

Miss R. G. is determined upon the redemption of "Prepdom."

Ike Lawrence, the captain of the foot ball team, has returned.

Dr. Alphonso Cook is contemplating a trip to the north pole.

Miss Mary Dorsey, T. C. ’09, paid us a flying visit last week.

Mr. Anthony Deanes has given up foot ball for a less brutal game of love.

Reginald Beamon is anticipating "quicherating" because he is so lonesome.

J. R. Alexander, editor of the JOURNAL, is visiting his parents in North Carolina.

"Fair Knight," the speedy quarter runner has changed his scene of action.

The Alpha Phi Alpha is now and will be considering applications until the first Monday night in November.

If you want a good bouncing just paint your face black and sit down at the aristocratic table in Miner Hall.

Dr. S. S. Johnson, Med. ’07, better known as "Scipio," is enjoying a large practice in Augusta, Ga., and is one of the leading physicians in the city, is on the staff of the local hospitals and is a regular in the Nurses Training School.
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EDITORIALS

It is worth any body’s time to listen to the experiences of this noble woman.

We are especially interested in Mrs. Steel, because her work is so closely related to our own, although she does not teach the higher branches of learning, but she is laying well the foundation upon which the larger structure of life must be built. She was not accompanied by any one of her boys so she consumed all the spare time in a wonderful narration of her work.

One of the great evils that has so often proved the ruin of many a man is delay. Oftimes has opportunity presented itself to students who failed to take advantage of it just at the proper time, being influenced by the old saying that is so commonly known to the slothful and indolent “there is time enough.” Only to wake up and find himself standing agasp to know the time has flittly and he has lost, probably, the opportunity of his life.

The one thing that should always remain fresh in the minds of students who go away to school, should be the purpose for which they have come here or gone elsewhere. Social life, athletic sports and religious exercises should be given some place in every college student’s life, but the prime object should take precedence for man is so constituted by nature that he can do only one thing at a time and do that well.

No longer does the opinion that Greek letter societies are a menace rather than an important factor in college life, dominate the minds of well thinking people. The societies have passed through the period of active antagonism, and in many cases prohibition which marked their earliest history and are now welcomed in all the leading Universities and colleges with much pride. No one who knows the place of which the fraternities occupy in all the great institutions can fail to recognize the fact that the Greek letter fraternity offers an instrument of the highest effectiveness for educational purposes.

The leading colored institutions are waking up to this fact and Howard University has taken the lead. Two years ago the Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha was formed and during its existence no one, either connected with or disjoined from; and neither faculty nor student has had cause to regret its formation, for it has stood for that which is highest and noblest in the young college man. It is the strongest link that connects undergraduates with the Alumni and binds them together as no other event in their careers can.

This chapter has just recently installed a corps of officers who pledge themselves to continue to hold up the ideal standard of fraternity.

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In Clarke Hall, the boys dormitory has fallen into unpopularity because of the prevailing new rules which were made during the summer vacation and put into force at the opening of the present school year. The authorities figuring on a tremendous overflow of applications for rooms cut out the two room suites and made them all one room flats. The idea is to put vacation and put into force at the opening of the present school year. The Literary Society of the School of Theology, entered upon its work fully on Wednesday last, when the following officers previously elected, were formally installed:

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The President in his inaugural address, emphasized the necessity of careful preparation along mental, physical, moral, and spiritual lines, in order that most efficient service in the christian ministry be obtained. The members were particularly urged to unite themselves to the Y. M. C. A., and Sunday school movements, which he termed helps in spiritual development. We bespeak great success, for the work, with the co-operation of the present large membership.

T. B. LIVINGSTONE

The Glee Club had its first meeting for the year Wednesday night, October 13. The work of this season will be taken up with earnestness and zeal. Professor Brown intends to make the work of the club felt not only on the University hill, but also in neighboring cities. This is the second year of its existence and it looks forward to a wide range and an even more prosperous season than the last. A good Glee Club adds attraction to an institution, and President Thirkield is anxious that the one here be second to none in this respect.

To have a good Glee Club, however, means hard, earnest, conscientious work. Study and regular attendance play an important part. To obtain the benefits which are sure to come from this work, each one must be willing to shoulder his own burden.

Professor C. Brown has a good knowledge of music and is capable of bringing about the desired results. He has been with this club since its incipience and has had experience in the work at Fisk University and Talladega. We hope for the club a prosperous season.

A HUMANE DEED

Last Saturday evening a paene theologue was quietly sitting in his dunciacle smoking his hale old cob pipe while preparing his sermon for Sunday. As he raised up from over his manuscript and leaned back in his chair a gentle rap was heard on the door. Without hesitation he yelled out, “Come in;” and a host of “Preps,” led by a hearty freshman rushed in, grabbed the reverend and hiked away to the bath room. There was one anxious “prep” who was curious to know what the parson was writing and upon examination found that he was preparing his sermon and had just completed the sentence, “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.” The cold water spicket of a shower was turned on to full force and with soap, towels, brushes, and brooms, the bunch labored on the reverend for twenty-five minutes to complete a job that had been put off for over three weeks, thus making out the person a follower of his own gospel.

The Y. M. C. A. has begun its work with renewed vigor and interest. The majority of new girls have now joined its ranks. A bazaar is now on foot. Help us make it a success.
THE TEACHING PROFESSION

In an address before the Alpha Phi last year Dean Miller, in speaking of college education, said that opportunity adheres in and grows out of human needs and necessities. The statement suggested to me the teaching profession as offering splendid opportunities for the individual who will consecrate himself to the work. What then, are some of the many opportunities which the teaching profession offers?

Teaching, because of the nature of the work itself, and because of the leisure incident thereto, gives an opportunity for a broad self-culture. Herein lies the opportunity for a fuller realization of the time-honored ideal of culture for culture's sake. There are many students who desire to pursue broad courses in the arts or sciences, but cannot for no other reason than that the college course is too short and crowded to permit such intensive study as the teaching profession offers. While in school we are laborers only in the broad field of knowledge; but in after life, if we enter the field of teaching, our status is changed, the one-time laborer becomes heir. Heir to what? To all the accumulated knowledge of the ages. Thoughts of great and good men become ours, we ponder over their sayings, we sit in contemplation and bless God that such men lived. Only those who are consecrate to the work however, and who constantly seek to perfect their skill and advance their scholarship can ever come in to anything bordering on a realization of this ideal.

Plato tells us that the proper study of mankind is man." Under school room conditions then there is an opportunity to make a sympathetic study of human nature. The various pupils with their several individual difference must be studied in order that we may know just what stimuli to apply in each case. In examining our pupils we find that some are optimistic, hopeful; while others are pessimistic, suspicious; some are emotional, acting on impulse; others are more pious, effecting everything to reason. With this variety of temperament the teacher has to work, but she cannot do her work effectively unless she grasps the opportunities of studying child nature, opportunities which her position affords. The value of this opportunity lies in the fact that the study of human nature makes us sympathetic, breeds in us a spirit of tolerance, gives us a breadth of view which few other professions offer.

Best of all perhaps, there comes to the teacher an opportunity to mold the character and perhaps, shape the destinies of others. Whether they are conscious of it or not, teachers wield a silent influence over their pupils. The influence may not always be of the wholesome sort, but it exists nevertheless. Doubtless every one of us can look back to some particular teacher whom we set up as our model. To us that person was the embodiment, more or less, of all that was noble, and truthful, and good. We tried to test our lives by his.

Here too is found the opportunity of creating in others worthy interests in knowledge and in noble action; interests in worthy ideals; in ideals of efficiency, duty and service. To sit behind the desk hearing recitations, giving examinations, marking papers, and assigning lessons are the negative opportunities of the profession; but to show pupils why they should act in a certain way in a given situation; to show them the necessity of good will and sympathy, to stimulate an intelligent curiosity in books and nature, to set before them ideals of obedience, honesty, courage, justice, co-operation, and industry are some of the positive opportunities which the teacher can ill afford to forego.

Those who find no justification for entering the profession in financial and social considerations might yet be led to enter it; but they know the opportunities it offers along the lines of self-culture, the study of human nature, the creation of worthy ideals and interests, and the shaping of noble character.

RUFUS J. HAWKINS, '09.

ATHLETICS

The biting morning air does not daunt the courage and loyalty of the aspiring gridiron lovers. The early call of Coach Marshall is promptly answered every morning and the interest and spirit manifested by the squad shows clearly that Howard intends to be in the front ranks again this year.

Captain Lawrence has returned and is in the game with his usual vim and enthusiasm. We are sure he will make an efficient captain and gain the confidence and respect of his men. They have but to stick to the game and follow him through the thickest fray and victory will be certain.

Despite the loss of six veterans, Coach Marshall is gradually getting the new material in form. He is not yet ready to give information concerning his men but it is hoped that he will be thoroughly satisfied.

"Terrible" Terry, Howard's crushing son, is back in half and is working hard to get into his old form. His ability is well known and can be relied upon in a pinch. In the other half we are equally safe this year with Gray, an All-American. The prospects on the back field look bright with Frank Brown, our reliable little quarter, in full. He is plunging the line good and hard and even better results are expected of him. No regular team has been picked but there have been several scrimmages. Brown, our reliable little quarter, is in his usual form. He watches his men closely and puts his plays into effect well. Hodge appears this year for his first time but seems to be a good, steady little quarter who may also receive the skin on the chosen team. Coppage, quarter from Norfolk Mission, also attracts attention by his hard playing.
We hope to see him quicken his plays and develop into a good quarter. There is some doubt about the line at present but the weak spots will soon be patched up. Captain Lawrence, Giles, J. Howard, Stratton, and Jackson are candidates for ends. Durrah, Taylor, Beam, L. Howard, a new find from Harrisburg Tech, are contestants for tackle, also Whitling, a good hard worker. We miss Moore very much in center, but Beanog or Thomas is likely to develop into a good, useful pivot. We are watching the work of the guards with interest and anxiety because the weak spot seems to hinge on that position. A good strong line is necessary to keep back the onslaughts of the opposing team while Terry, Franklin, and Gray will march through their line like an Egyptian phalanx. To support these backs there is another likely set in Song, a recruit from Texas State Normal, Nixon, a coming punter; and Desmond, the fleet-footed quarter miler. If he improves upon receiving the ball he will be a valuable asset to the team because of his speed. Johnson, the quarter on last year's second team is in the game as usual and only needs to settle himself down in a pinch. Among other aspirants are Bell, Jayson, Parker, Clifford, Merchant, and Gowens.

The Athletic Association elected the managers of basket ball, track, and base ball teams at a call meeting this week. Much interest was manifested in the election and good steady workers were chosen. J. F. Dagler was the unanimous choice for next season's base ball team and we are confident that he is the man for the position. As his assistant "Tabby" Howard was chosen and it is expected that he will be of much service in his line. The track work needs a good man at the head of it, and such a man is, without doubt, F. A. Taylor. He has been connected with such work and knows what it means. To help him in his work J. W. Parker was elected. He will undoubtedly fill his position well and help Taylor materially in giving us a good track team as of old.

To pilot the basket ball team, Curby was chosen and he will do his best to send forth a team which shall equal all foes and if possible go one better. Nixon, a basket-ball fiend, was chosen as assistant and these two men intend to work together to produced a peunant-winning team. We are waiting to see our team at the training table.

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1215 F, 1214-16-18 G Streets, Northwest