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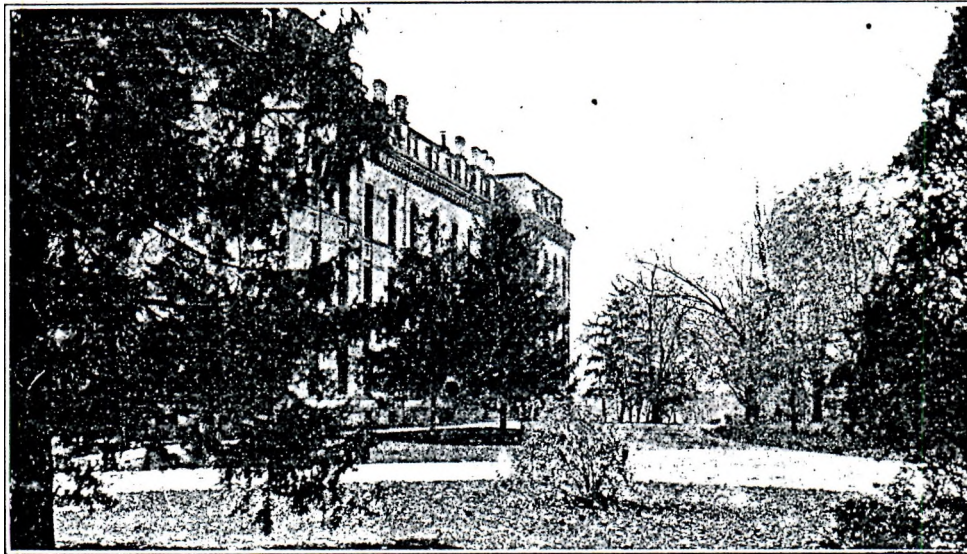
## Howard Yesterday and To-day

**S**HOULD one of the erst-while heroes of old Howard be suddenly ushered upon the campus of his beloved Alma Mater, his situation would be nothing short of that of a modern Rip Van Winkle. Possibly, he would recognize the historic Clark and Miner Halls and that center of Howard education, the old storm beaten main building, standing, like the Druids of old, resisting the storms and blasts of the years, still inviting youths into the recesses of her storehouse of knowledge.

A few faces perhaps would be familiar. There would probably be a professor who in the days of the visitor was a new instructor; or one that was a fellow student or classmate. Just this and no more.

He would look in vain for the old, next to inanimate spiritless leader of the pseudo-rabble and head of student activities. His search for the moss-back professor of the old school would be a vain one. At last he would throw up his hands in despair and ask, "Where am I?"

Indeed he would be at Howard—not the Howard of twenty or thirty years ago, yea, not the Howard of ten years ago, but in the New Howard, the progressive Howard, the Howard of to-day. The aims and ideals of this regenerate institution, of course, are the same and always will be, but the methods of attaining unto the objective have shifted the point of view. How-



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ard is an American institution, and as such must keep pace with the American idea of progress. For any present day institution to afford an education that can hold its own in the ever increasing strain and stress of the time, it must keep abreast in spirit and in deed with modern development. The *esprit de corps* of the student body, a highly essential element in the life of a school, facilities for training in every line of education, and the supplying of efficient and competent in-

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## Energy and Concentration

**T**HAT the Negro is a race endowed with untold energy, fifty years of unparalleled achievement in a civilization, the greatest since that of Rome, and one to which he had first to adapt himself, well testifies. The progress of the Negro is too much rehearsed to need comment here; every graded

school boy and girl writes of our leaders, of our contributions to medicine, to the ministry, and all the other broad fields of human endeavor. Current literature is flooded with accounts of Negro advance. The worth, place and real strength of

the Negro as a factor in American history furnish the symposium for the banquet halls of both races.

Those who would judge the under race in American life by the uneducated, slovenly element primarily in portions of the south, or wherever else it is found, claim unconditionally that the Negro as a people is lazy, not worthy of the civilization of which he has made himself a part and a menace to the caucasian. Such a conclusion however cannot hold among men of thought, and among

those who know the representative part of the race. Conditions as are censured in Negroes of that type may be found among the same class of whites, in many instances, in contiguous localities. No one would think of choosing the *hoi polloi* of Greek or Roman society as representative of those great peoples. To those who smile upon the super excellence of Roman life, even those of high estate, who are pictured in Juvenal as besmirching the names of the old Romans are considered as negative quantities in the summation of Roman society.

Why then should we be such an exception and be all good?

The thing for the Negro to turn his attention to in this day of industrial progress is a concentration of his energy towards possessing some of the world's goods. In centers like Richmond, Va., Bowley, Okla., Mound Bayou, Miss., and Durham, N. C. where Negroes organize for business and industry, the efficiency of such a method is plainly evident. In Mound Bayou, a town controlled and governed exclusively by Negroes, there is an industrial movement on foot well worth the attention of all colored America, the opening of the Mound Bayou Oil Mills, with a capital of \$100,000. The following is an extract from the circular letter of that company.

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The company is now calling on energetic men of the race to invest money in this project, which must in the long run bring forth worthy fruition.

Wherever strong hearted, persevering men join their thought and energy in a common cause nothing but success can accrue in the end. American life is strenuous, and the Negro in order to remain a part of this life must fall in line with the American idea."

Hippo.

**Dr. Terry Doing Well**

Dr. F. W. Terry, Dental '11, for three years the idol of Howard's football gridiron, writes from Talladega, Ala. "I took the board last June 10th. There were 43 applicants, of which 35 were white and 8 colored. All eight of the colored boys passed and 30 of the whites, 6 of the boys were from Meharry, Dental College, 1 from the University of Illinois, and I being the only one from the greatest school in the country—Howard. I have been voted, by the Faculty Athletic Committee, the Alumni Coach of Talladega College. It has been learned that Dr. Terry stood first in the grading. He is a worthy man, a football player of the first class, and an Alpha Phi Alpha man.

**Football**

Coach Marshall is putting the team through heavy practice these mornings. He is working hard on the line. The scrimmaging and plunging are of the most strenuous sort; almost every morning about three quarters of an hour is devoted to straight, hard scrimmaging. The coach is gradually introducing new plays, which it seems will work well. A few more days of such practice as is now carried on, will put out a team of which we can well be proud.

With the return of Butler in the line up, about all the old men that are expected to come out, are in uniform.

It is, of course hard to determine the strength of a team by the showing after only about two weeks of consistent practice and without seeing it in a representative game, but, judging from the work in the morning scrimmages the team is the strongest we have had for some years. Every bit of this strength, however, is needed; for none of us who saw it, have forgotten the strength of Hampton in the last game played with her. If Hampton continues to gain, the critical game of our varsity will not be the Lincoln game as it is wont to be, but the Hampton game.

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Theodore Coable is the best all-around athlete in Harvard, and has been considered worthy of the track team captaincy.

Other stars are Jackson of Harvard, Granger of Dartmouth, and Lapsley of Michigan. These men are all showing up in excellent form.

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## A Letter from Ex-President Wilbur P. Thirkield

Ex-President Thirkield has left in the student body at Howard a lasting impression of his devotion and love for the institution over which he presided six years. All are glad to hear from Bishop Thirkield at any time. The following is his letter to the Editor of THE JOURNAL:

Oct. 9, 1912.

Editor of THE JOURNAL.

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Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find my check for one dollar to cover the subscription for the year. In the midst of my absorbing duties it will give me inspiration and cheer to come in weekly contact through "THE JOURNAL" with the life of "dear old Howard." I wonder how the Alumni can get along without this bright and breezy student publication.

Last Thursday I gave the opening address to the New Orleans University and there on the platform sat our good friend Morrison, of former days, and Miss Taylor, "1912" was at the piano, when they sang with fine effect one of my favorite Howard anthems, it rather broke me up as I closed my eyes and in vision saw our noble choir sweeping up the aisle, singing that same beautiful "Angle Song."

I rejoice in the splendid opening at Howard and in the fine outlook for a successful year. By all your loyalty and devotion to the new president and by the measure of affection that you may yet have for your former "Prexy" let there not be a single score against our football team this year! Keep up the old record!

Hoping that you may have a year of unprecedented success for THE JOURNAL, I am with best of wishes for all,

Faithfully yours,

W. P. Thirkield

## Miss Johnson Resigns

Howard suffers an irreparable loss by the resignation of Miss Flora P. Johnson, for fourteen years librarian of the University. Miss Johnson is thoroughly permeated with the Howard spirit, and always looked upon anything that was an interest to Howard as also an interest to herself. Her father was for many years secretary and treasurer of the University and served well in that capacity. Miss Johnson knows the library as it will probably not be known for a long time by another; she always knew where one could find any information desired, and was equally as ready to find the same for him or to assist him in the finding of it.

All who know Miss Johnson, and she is known by every one who has been to Howard as much as a month, cannot help but be impressed with her sincerity and devotion to her duty. All love her and part with her with reluctance.

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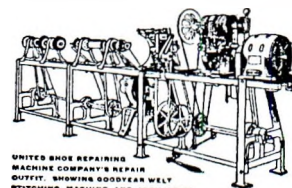
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Friday, October 18, 1912

## EDITORIAL

¶ Don't fail to subscribe to THE JOURNAL and pay your subscription promptly.

¶ The way to cease being a knocker is to quit knocking and help to remedy that against which you have been knocking.

¶ The Howard spirit must be kept up. It is full time that the rabble should be getting in trim to go into the contests with the varsity team. The campus should be alive with Howard yells and Howard songs. Let us wake up.

¶ The University JOURNAL is the students' organ of speech to the public, hence, every student who so desires is welcome to an expression of his views in this organ. THE JOURNAL will gladly

receive any worthy article contributed by any student for publication.

¶ The attempted assassination of Ex-President Roosevelt in Milwaukee, Wis., is an indignity to the American people. Notwithstanding Mr. Roosevelt's views or his attempts at a third term, even his enemies must admit that he is a man of the people, broad minded and unselfish, and one who has well served the American government. He deserves the sympathy and hope for an early recovery from all America.

¶ The prime endeavor of each and every student should be the attaining of the highest possible scholarship. Any other idea of the end and aims of a student is erroneous and not worthy the consideration of men of thought. There is a premium, and a high one too, placed on men of Class A, number one. The man who, in the general run of things, now-a-day gets the good fat job, for which the other fellows strive unremittingly, is the one who is able to pass the highest examination. In school, then, is the time to store up knowledge, by hard and consistent study, for strength to survive the great struggle of educational competition of the present day.

This does not mean to say that to attain to the highest scholarship, ones study room must be for him a hermit's cell, where he is to be always found, shut out from the athletic, social and religious activities that the University affords; but it does mean to say that he is not to over-emphasize any one of these subsidiary branches of university life at the expense of his scholastic record. Any number of students enter a school, not because they have any idea of studying, but because in this school, they can live easily and at the same time live a brilliant athletic or social life, as the case may be. Disabuse the minds of such men of such ideas; throw

around them the true environment of student life, and teach them that scholarship is more than athletics and society. First seek ye the kingdom of scholarship and all these things shall be added unto thee.

## President T. H. Randall of the Y. M. C. A. tells of the Summer Conference

The Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was helpful and enthusiastic as usual. Mr. T. H. Randall, the progressive president of the association, gave a clear, concise, and interesting report of The King's Mountain Summer Conference in which he threw upon the minds of every one present a vivid picture of every feature of the conference.

It was noted that Mr. Randall was among those who were at the front at every stage of the conference. His opinion on Bible studies was generally taken as authoritative. Even in athletic sports our forward delegate played well his part. Once, while making a spectacular slide in a game of foot ball, he hurt himself but did not care for that because it was all for "Old Howard". The open auditorium on the top of the historic Kings Mountain of Virginia was perfectly grand, but grander still were the utterances which fell from the lips of true-hearted.

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### The Senior Class Elects Officers

The senior class of the School of Liberal Arts met for the first time this school year on Monday evening in Miner Hall. The following officers were elected for the ensuing semester. Pres., P. B. Lennox; Vice Pres., Miss Zephyr J. Chisom; Secretary, Miss Ethel A. Carr; Asst. Secretary, Miss Bertha A. Pitts; Treasurer, J. E. Rose; Chaplain, W. S. Conolly; Critic, Miss Myra L. Davis; Journalist, J. H. Purnell; Sergeant-at-Arms, C. T. Lunsford.

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If Rose isn't "Reddy" by next June he never will be.

Beamon and Braggo are taking a course in "Library" every evening.

Jimmie "Stinker" has succeeded Sterling Ross on the throne.

Lucius Brown has become an expert "Bowman" in less than a month.

If a piece of muslin fell into the water would it still be dry goods?

Jerry Luck is very unlucky when it comes to matters of "line up" luck.

The latest novelty in Miner Hall—roller skates. See Misses M. Y., O. M. and J. B.

Miss Jimmie B. has warned the football squad not to hurt "Big Chief" during practice.

Emory B. Smith is calling them "sisters" now. His line of "cousins" must be exhausted.

Fountain pens may be bought from Misses "Percy" P., O. M. and J. B. Cheap; none over fifteen cents.

Jap Brown is contemplating entering the line up this year. Beamon and Stratton are coaching him.

"Big Chief" Chandler, Nixon, Beamon and Curley have finished their post-graduate work and have been given the degree of Doctor of Society (D. S.)

The following young men have been given the degree of M. S. (Master of Society) from Miner Hall: Bell, Lunsford, Butler, Garvin and Crawford.

### Progress

Those who have noticed the directory have seen two indices of advancement and progress in Howard. There it will be noticed mention is made of the address of the two fraternity houses connected with the University. This is the first year that the fraternities have gone so far into fraternity life and spirit. It is reported that next year the A. K. A. will probably occupy the annex to Miner Hall as a sorority house.

### Council of Upper Classmen Meets

The Council of Upper Classmen met in its first regular session of the year last Tuesday night. The enrollment was the largest in the history of the Council for an initial night. Every upper Classman should ally himself with this organization and help it in its struggle for the acquisition of Upper-Classman domination of the University.

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Watch what Hippo has to say next week.

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The old members of the University orchestra are gradually coming in. We hope to hear them in chapel soon.

Dean Geo. W. Cook recently returned from points in New York and New Jersey where he spent both a pleasant and profitable sojourn.

The training table is in operation at which the study "Grid-ironers" are preparing well to continue the sacredness of Howard's goal.

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The long expected arrival of Messrs Felix Butler and William Winthrop of the "Windy City" has been realized. The two Seniors are looking well and wise.

The great sensation on the University Campus is the class rush between the Freshies and the Sophs. Watch for an account of it in the next issue of THE JOURNAL.

The students are urged to patronize the Palace Shoe Shining Parlor, run by Mr. Clarke, a medical student, whose advertisement you will notice elsewhere in this paper. He keeps on hand a supply of cigars, tobacco and all the recent periodicals.

At the regular meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Friday evening, October the eleventh, the following officers were elected: Misses Myra L. Davis, President; Ethel Cuff, Vice-President; Edith L. Motte, Secretary; Jessie M. McGuire, Corresponding Secretary; Pauline Oberdorfer, Treasurer; Winone L. Cargile, Custodian; Frederica J. Chase, Sergeant-at-arms.

On Monday, October 14, Miss Flora L. P. Johnson, the librarian, was cheerfully tendered an appropriate little luncheon, consisting chiefly of dainties, in one of the cosy private rooms of Carnegie Library, by Miss Lula E. Connors, the cataloguer, Miss L. Allen, the assistant librarian, and Miss J. Pitman, the secretary to the president. A very enjoyable time is reported.

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President T. H. Randall gave the opening address in which he heartily and gladly welcomed the new students, and greatly appreciated the interest manifested by the old students. He urged the co-operation of every member and friend of the Y. M. C. A. in making this year the crowning year in the history of the Association here at Howard. With due emphasis he showed the necessity and importance of the Y. M. C. A. at Howard.

Mr. J. H. Purnell was master of ceremonies and was fully equal to the occasion.

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ested in him; that his success or misfortune concerned his fellow students.

The occasion was one of great import and vast significance in the student life at Howard. It marked in the mind of the writer a new awakening of interest, enthusiasm and love in the Y. M. C. A. work here.

The reception was timely. Coming as it did early in the school year before many of the young men could be lead away from the beaten paths of rectitude by the city allurements, it had a chance to seize them and to cause them to turn and to seek those interests that make for character and manhood.

Those who attended the reception and were not touched and moved by the excellent advice from President Newman, Professor Parks, Dean Cook, Dr. Moore, Professor Tunnell, Professor Gregory and the presidents of the various university organizations must be dead spiritually.

The tables in the dining hall were arranged in an A representing the word association, around which sat nearly three hundred young men. The faculty sat in the middle of the A.

The occasion was a brilliant success. The spirit of enthusiasm for Howard and the Y. M. C. A. ran high. The programme was interspersed with songs of Howard that made every one feel his devotion to her. At 10:30 the banqueters withdrew.

Lest we forget, let every student rally to the call of the Y. M. C. A. and co-operate with the president in making the Y. M. C. A. the greatest and best organization at Howard.

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well permeated with progressive ideas in pedagogy are big items to be considered in making out the budget for an American institution.

Our friend of former days would find himself ushered into an institution changed, then, on the basis just mentioned. He would be greeted by a student body, on a whole, younger than was the one of his day, a class of young Americans fully imbued with the spirit and vigor of youth and actuated by a love for Alma Mater. The leader of the rabble and of student life in general he would find are men of life, vim, energy, and dash, and not those proverbial, shrivelled, head drooped, monk-like leaders of auld lang syne. In a body of students like this the prime note of school first would soon be manifest in songs, as "Howard, I love old Howard," "Beat them to-night for Howard," "Three Cheers for Old Howard."

The next change this already amazed visitor would notice would be the improvement in facilities. There would loom up before him the various halls of science, the new library, the new hospital, and we pray some day, that gymnasium, all of which he had before known only in-print. These buildings do not merely denote that Howard has bedecked her campus with beautiful structures, but, with

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That last view now to be thrust on the gaze is the corps of young, yet experienced, teachers of the new school. This year more than ever before, perhaps, Howard has emphasized the policy of young people as teachers. This is essential; it would be preposterous to imagine the old teacher of forty years ago as fitting into the scheme of progressive education of the present. Men of this type have served their day, and as in everything else, should yield to better successors.

No prophet can predict to what glorious setting her sun is coming. There is no reason why she should not continue in her growth until Howard and Harvard be synonymous terms.

## Odds and Ends

A project, with Charles W. Chappelle at its head, is on foot for the formation of a business alliance between American Negroes and the nations of the Gold Coast, West Africa.

The United States Government has withdrawn its support from Indian students in Hampton Institute. The institution, however, is still open to the red men, but under the same conditions as to colored students.

Clark University, of Atlanta, Georgia, has a new President in Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., until a few years ago president of Rust University, and at present Superintendent of the Albany district of the Troy Conference of the M. E. Church.

It is announced that Madame Anita Patti Brown, of Chicago, famous coloratura soprano, is to appear in a concert at Washington about Thanksgiving, under the auspices of Miss Lulu Vere Childers, head of the music department at Howard University.

Twenty four white girls, Normal school graduates, have been appointed to teach colored children in the public schools of New Orleans. Indications seem to point to the removal of colored girls entirely from the schools, for of the sixty-one recent colored applicants, all graduates of Normal schools, for certificates to teach only five were announced to have passed the examination.

Walter Johnson of the Washington American League, and Nap Rucker, of the Brooklyn National League team enjoy the distinction of being the first baseball players to have their speed measured statistically. They both visited Bridgeport, Conn., where they learned their speed on the device of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. for testing the speed of its rifle bullets. Johnson's speed was far beyond that of Rucker, he being able to throw a ball at a speed of from 120 to 122 feet per second, while Rucker has a speed of from 106 to 113 feet per second.

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