The Vesper Hour

All those who assembled themselves from Vesper Service last Sunday, missed one of the most inspiring talks ever heard in Rankin Chapel; to say nothing of the excellent music rendered by the choir.

President Newman continued his talk on "The Fine Art of Living." He used as one of his illustrations the beautiful life of Ruth; showing "The Fine Art of Living" in the unselfishness of Ruth's life. Likewise, the beautiful frescoes of Michael Angelo, the figures of Raphael and the paintings of Turner, all served as excellent illustrations of "The Fine Art of Living." In brief, "The Fine Art of Living" was summed up as the stamp of a man's soul,—to put your best into a thing, for the beautifying of that object beyond the mere necessity of it. One can never make living a fine art until he gives to the world the best there is in him for the glory of God and the joy of mankind.

I might say here, before concluding, that I am of the opinion, if more students living in the city would attend Vesper Service more, and frequent Howard Theatre less, they might gain something worth while. Not only is the eye made glad at the Vesper Service, but the soul finds food in the inspiring talks of our President. —Tallin Birnsid, '18.

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CAMP FUNSTON
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CAMP DODGE
First Lieutenants

Second Lieutenant
Austin Simms.

CAMP DIX
First Lieutenants

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The Young Women's Athletic Association

In the spring of 1915, the young women of Howard University, believing that the participation in athletic sports would promote their physical development and thereby enable them to do better classroom work, and feeling that such participation was both profitable and pleasurable, organized the Young Women's Athletic Association for the regulation of all sports in which young women are engaged. From the very beginning the organization has met with serious hardships. First, we realized we were without funds; all of the money that young women were paying for athletic taxes was being expended in the support of athletic activities for the young men. Though the young women were willing to contribute their share toward financing the teams which represented Howard, they felt that they were entitled to a more active part in the athletic activities. Consequently, a petition was sent to the Board of Trustees in June 1915 and in the fall of that year seventy-five percent of all taxes paid by women was set aside as an appropriation for women's athletics. Second, we began to contend for representation in the Athletic Council, the body which the Trustees have invested with
complete control of all athletic sports of the University. We incorporated in our constitution an article making provision for two members of the Council to represent us; the Council, however, did not approve of giving the young women such representation. Therefore the constitution was returned to us and we were advised that we would do well to limit our request to one representative. Unwilling to act upon the advice of the Council, the Association returned the constitution several months later with the same clause. This time the Athletic Council determined that our demand was a just one and advised us to carry the matter to the Board of Trustees for their official ratification. At both of the meetings of the Board last spring the matter was brought to their attention. To date, we have received no reply. But, the present administration is undaunted. Before another term has passed we expect to have from the Trustees their official approval of that clause of our constitution, which provides for representation in a body which has complete control over our activities.

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Second Lieutenants
C. S. Hough, Bush Hunter.

CAMP GRANT
First Lieutenants
Clifford Bruen, Jesse Green, Chesley Corbett, A. B. Koger.

Howard's Indifference

ALTHOUGH the great war has had its inevitable effect upon the esprit de corps of all institutions as their loyal sons go forth to battle for democracy, yet the war cannot be held responsible for the subnormal depression of our cherished Howard Spirit caused more or less by a flagrant and unwarranted indifference in which students and teachers stand equally culpable.

While in the case of the students we find that for reasons of immaturity and ignorance liberty is often taken for licence, opinion is gaining ground with the faculty that students can be better driven than led, a theory that has been disproved here as well as elsewhere. Hence we find an irreconcilable conflict of ideals, a woeful lack of co-operation, and a frictional revolution of our university machinery.

The "killing" of the class rush to which the undergraduates so zealously looked forward to doubtless had its desired effect of satisfying certain ones that they "put one over." But it also had the counter effect of nullifying that effervescent enthusiasm and university life. And we are led to wonder when and where this emasculating of the boys is to stop.

Perhaps nothing more clearly sustains the charge of indifference than the mass meeting last Friday night. Here the students cannot escape indictment in the first degree. There was gross mismanagement. The meeting was not announced till Thursday, and the Juniors and Sophomores had special class engagements which decorum dictated should be kept as against a higher duty to their Alma Mater. But what of the hundreds of others in the Freshman and Senior Classes, the latter of whom were scarcely represented? What of the "Preps" and Commercial students, the Theological, Medical, and Law students? On the eve of a game with a team that held us 7-7 last year, out of a student body of 1400 barely 75 attended the mass meeting. Such a meagre representation not only must have filled the team with chagrin and discouragement, but must have caused every honest student to hang his head in shame when it was announced that the visiting coach was in the house. The apathy of the whole situation can be better understood.

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when it is known that Coach Smith from West Virginia Institute came to Howard and told us how to help our boys by rallying to their support. "But if the salt hast lost its savor wherewith shall it be salted." If the faculty is indifferent, what will the students not do? To the best of my knowledge not a single male teacher was present, and only two of the female—last year’s graduates. In addition certain members of the faculty paraded the campus decrying the weakness of our team and extolling the virtues of our rivals, all of which however true, uttered at such a time, and in the presence of the men, is nothing less than ignominious indiscretion. The West Virginia men won a good, clean, hard-fought game. All honors to them and to their worthy little school, and above all their true spirit of sportsmanship. But God help us in our indifference.

And now we have had no water at the fountain for a month. Here it is plain, the students are free from blame. When the University failed to provide some suitable place for securing drinking water, the class of '11 with a wise and thoughtful spirit donated a fountain. It seems reasonable to ask, why the fountain is not running? If the authorities will or cannot keep the fountain flowing, then the class of '14 should be asked to do so, or remove the fountain.

The Dry Fountain

These words are written, not in a spirit of adverse criticism of any person here, but rather over regret of the University's apparent ungratefulness for the gift of the Class of 1914. This class has given the University the fountain on the Campus, which, after installing, the University has neglected to keep in condition for use. It need not be mentioned here that we all miss the pleasant drinks which the fountain used to afford, but one can not fail to notice the more hurtful aspect: The neglect of the fountain shows little appreciation of this gift by the Class of 1914, and may be pointed to by some succeeding class who wish to show a similar expression of their love for their Alma Mater. The striking little satire in the last issue of the Journal would bring this fact to the attention of any member of that class, who might read it, and certainly we here feel it, who appreciate that gift so much.

This lack of appreciation is ungratefulness, and ungratefulness has been termed one of the worst sins. The least we can do by this gift is to show that we are grateful for it. It is to be hoped, then, that the proper authority will attend immediately to the upkeep of our fountain.

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Friday, November 2, 1917

EDITORIAL

The staff of the Journal is undertaking a most difficult task, which can be successfully completed only with the whole-souled co-operation of the University. The staff feels that the Journal should be an expression of the entire student body. They regret that the professional schools have allowed themselves to feel that they are not an integral part of the University, and they feel it their proper mission to remedy this and give a medium for constant communication between the various departments. In this crisis, a oneness in every event is absolutely necessary. The staff earnestly asks for every effort and suggestion on the part of the Journal readers.

A Possibility

What will Russia do? That country is in a chaotic condition and the sixth convention since June has closed without finding the beginning of order. Korniloff and Kerensky both have failed. The future is in the hands of the workingman, for the rich and the middle-class have nothing to say.

We see the unusual spectacle—a working-man's autocracy. Government is a new thing to him and he needs time to learn it. In the meanwhile, Russia must go forward; of her own accord if she can, with aid if she cannot.

Russians have been asked if they want a foreign army. They do not. But if they ever should have one, they would prefer one from America. At present, however, they want money and supplies, sympathy and understanding, from the United States. This is the gist of the opinions of not only Rodzianko, former leader of the Duma, and Milyukov, first Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Provisional Government, but also of Tereschenko, present Minister of Foreign Affairs. It seems that Russia has tried and found wanting noble autocracy and would now give peasant government a chance. Some day she will be a Democracy—perhaps with the aid of the black Sammies.

Emmett J. Scott

Mr. Scott, who was the speaker of the evening at our reception to the Howard men commissioned at Fort DeMoines, has a unique and unprecedented position. After a conference which President Wilson held with Secretary Baker, and Mr. Moton, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of War. He will give his attention to matters relating particularly to Negro soldiers. Both the eyes and hopes of our world are on Mr. Scott, so we wish him unstinted success.

Some Interesting Books

Added to the Library

Braithwaite—Anthology of magazine verse, 1915-1916.
Old South Leaflets, Nos. 1-200.
Galsworthy—Plays. Series 1-2
Phillips, Stephen—Hered.
Phillips, Stephen—Ulysses.
Phillips, Stephen—Paolo and Francesca.
Quinn—Representative American plays.
Shaw, Bernard—Man and Superman.
Shaw, Bernard—Plays: Pleasant and Unpleasant.
Shaw, Bernard—Unsocial Socialist.
Bennett, Arnold—A Great Man.
Bennett, Arnold—Whom God hath Joined.
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Erckmann-Chatrian—The Invasion of France in 1814.
Fox, John, Jr.—Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come.
Galsworthy—Fraternity.
Galsworthy—Island Pharisees.
Galsworthy—Man of Property.
Galsworthy—Patrician.
Galsworthy—Freelands.
Hewlett, Maurice—Fores Lovers.
Hewlett, Maurice—Stooping Lady.
Kuprin—The Slav Soul.

### They Say

That no girl will lack an escort to the campus games since every girl has had to pay for her own ticket.

That there are men who get to every Miner Hall function because each season finds a new and gullible girl who knows “no one real well.” After the first year the runners for the invitation seekers are told.

“Deed no! He never does anything for me. Fair exchange, my friend, always.”

That Father Berry really believes three’s company.

That Cardom is raising its head again.

### We Heard

Notice—If the elevator to success is out of order; take the steps and climb; but keep going.

The Freshies sing—

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,
If mathematics doesn’t kill us,
Physiology must.

To morrow never comes, they say,
But all such talk is idle flurry!
For when we have Dr. Parks to pay
To-morrow gets here in a hurry.

A.( to M. C., who is writing at a terrific rate).

Why are you in such a hurry?
M. C.—I want to get this written before my fountain pen runs dry.

History Teacher—Can you tell me what the Zeppelins are?
Mr. A. L.—Yes sir. They are a new and savage tribe. I have just read it in the morning paper, they have invaded England.

### Calender of Events

#### October 21, 1917

**SUNDAY—**9:00 a.m., Y. M. C. A. Meeting
4:00 p.m., Vesper Service for officers
6:30 p.m., Y. P. B. of the W. C. T. U.

**TUESDAY—**6:00 p.m., University Prayer Meeting
WEDNESDAY—8:00 p.m., Dr. DuBois, addressed the Social Science Club.
8:00 p.m., First trial Freshman Debate.
FRIDAY—3:30 p.m., Pestalozzi Froebel Society.
8:00 p.m., Ira Aldridge Club.
Junior Class reception to officers.
SATURDAY—3:00 p.m., Football game.
West Virginia Institute and Howard University.

#### October 28, 1917

**SUNDAY—**9:00 a.m., Y. M. C. A. Meeting
4:00 p.m., Vesper Service.
Topic: The Fine Art of Living.
6:30 p.m., Y. P. B. of the W. C. T. U. Election of Officers.
MONDAY—8:00 p.m., Arts and Sciences Senior Class reception for officers.
TUESDAY—6:30 p.m., University Prayer Meeting.
THURSDAY—8:00 p.m., Kappa Sigma Debating Club.
FRIDAY—8:00 p.m., Alpha Phi Literary Society.
SATURDAY—3:00 p.m., Game between Lincoln and Howard at Lincoln.

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Howard's football eleven fought one of her greatest losing battles on the campus Saturday afternoon. It was the second time since 1908 that the great team has suffered defeat on her home grounds. In 1908 Annapolis turned the trick, in 1916 Hamp­ton proved to be the stronger team; and now in the beginning of the 1917 season West Virginia Collegiate Institute earns the long end of a 7 to 6 battle. It was a battle royal from the outset. Howard was forced to fight from the sound of the first whistle until the sound of the last one had died away. She scored the first touchdown and failed to kick the goal, but the visitors evened up the count and then broke it by kicking the goal. At the end of the first half Howard was on the five yard line. At the end of the second she was settled upon the one yard line fighting grimly with time; but time was too strong and as a result Howard's mad plunge for victory came too late.

The game showed that Howard is not near so weak as anticipated. The defensive although in danger several times always proved to be strong during critical periods. Other than the failure of the backs to cover up the forward passes the general defensiveness was strong. The offensive was not as strong as it might have been. Captain Pinderhughes is still suffering from an injury in his left shoulder obtained last year. This retards the great backfield man greatly and as a result the team suffered from the loss of his powerful line plunging. Coleman is in the best of condition and proved his value to the team Saturday by his long gains off the tackle and around the ends. Townsend played a game of ball that shows he will be of great value to the team this year.

West Virginia showed that she will have to be considered in the running for championship from now on. Under Coach Smith the team has developed into a strong aggregation, which was led by Capt. Hardy, who proved to be a powerful line plunger and an aggressive leader. West Virginia has produced an exceptionally good kicker in Holland, whose punts were always good for forty yards or more. The defensive was not so good as Howard's. The blue and white backs found a plenty of room for large gains. Time twice saved the West Virginian defenses not a little embarrassment. The visitors found all kinds of difficulty in stopping Coleman and the forward passes captured by Green.

Howard received the kick-off and began testing the opponent's strength. West Virginia held in all places and Howard was forced to kick. The visitors found that the Howard defensive was too strong to give in so soon. The two teams continued throughout the first quarter to test and feel for possible weaknesses. The quarter ended with the ball in Howard's possession. After failing to gain several times Howard was compelled to kick. Before the West Virginia back could set himself good, the fast Howard ends were upon him and in his fall lost the ball which Camper of Howard received. Howard's first drive started at this point on West Virginia's thirty yard line. Before the visitors could pull themselves together Howard was pushing toward her goal line. When Howard reached the twenty-five yard line, Coleman was given the pigskin and from that point he sped across the West Virginia goal line. Townsend's try for the goal was too low. About the middle of the second quarter Howard began another dash but one of her forward passes went wild at its march; and Hardy of West Virginia made a shoe string catch of the pigskin, and raced sixty yards for West Virginia's touchdown. Holland kicked the goal. Undaunted by this turn of affairs Howard again started to tear her way toward another touchdown. She made it to the five yard line but the half ended before she could cross the line.

The third quarter failed to change the results of the first half. Both teams fought up and down the field but neither seemed to get the advantage. The last quarter was filled with plenty of excitement. About the middle of the last quarter, West Virginia called all of her reserved strength after recovering a fumble by Howard, and marched steadily in the direction of another touchdown. Hughes and Hanis seemed to have found new life and registered large gains around the ends, while Hardy was ripping his way through the line. With three downs before them West Virginia was fighting on Howard's two yard line. It looked as though six more points were about to be made but Old Howard held fast. The line closed upon each plunge of the on-rushing backs like a steel trap closes upon a fox. Howard

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was forced to kick from behind the goal and when the ball sailed out of danger the spectators breathed a sigh of relief. In the last five minutes of the game Howard fought for a much needed touchdown. With twenty-five seconds to play Howard was on the seven yard line, with seventeen seconds to play she was on the three yard line, and with ten seconds to play she was on the one yard line but before she could get started again the time was up.

LINE-UP

W. VA. Howard
Vaughn R. G. Ross
Cunningham L. G. Camp
Gilmore R. T. Mathews
Brown L. T. Waters
Morgan C. Young
Few R. E. Green
Holland E. E. Skinn
Hughes R. H. Coleman
Harris L. H. Townsend
Hardy F. B. Pinderhughes
Bartlett Q. B. Fisher

Substitutions—1st half: West Virginia: Woodby for Hughes, Spigg for Bartlett. 2nd half: Jefferson for Cunningham, Hughes for Woodby, Woodby for Hughes. 1st half: Howard: Baylor for Ross. 2nd half: Lee for Camper; Cottin for Matthews, Downing for Fisher, Burke for Pinderhughes. Referee, Mr. Wilkinson; Umpire, Mr. Savoy; Timekeeper, Mr. Henderson.

The Howard Girl and Athletics

Although there are many opportunities for physical training at Howard, the Howard girl, as a rule, has shown no inclination to make use of them. Although she has shown her ability in many directions, she has not distinguished herself in the field of athletics. Perhaps one reason for this disregard of the athletic side of college life on the part of the girls is the lack of encouragement. Because there is no special person to urge them to take part in athletics, as in the case of the boys, they allow themselves to remain passive; and do not realize how much they are missing.

Physical exercise when not indulged in too strenuously is always productive of good results. It strengthens the body, making it respond more easily to the demands placed upon it. It stimulates the brain, making it more alert and more capable of enduring the strain of prolonged study. It tends to keep one in good spirits and promotes a feeling of good fellowship among students. All these advantages of athletics are well known. We are merely emphasizing them for the benefit of the girls who think that time spent in exercise is wasted; and who consider that indulgence in athletics at Howard is not worth their while.

But the purpose of this article is to promote the interest of the girls in one special phase of athletics—basketball. For the past two or three years our girls' basketball teams have been constantly improving. We have had several spirited games; and the girls have shown what they are capable of doing when they are properly aroused. But now, for various reasons, interest in the game has died down; and it will be exceedingly hard to convince the new girls the importance of maintaining a team, if the old girls fail to exhibit their former pride and spirit.

This season we are planning to have a number of teams, representing the different classes and departments. Besides this if satisfactory arrangements can be made, we would like to have a varsity team which will meet other contestants from different schools.

But we can accomplish none of these plans unless the girls stand together and give evidence of their interest by taking part. When the first practice is called, all candidates must come out, and be prepared to work faithfully throughout the entire season. It is only in this way that we can hope to build up a good team, and by so doing prove that the Howard girl is not inactive and indolent, but energetic and forceful. —Jennie E. Mustapha, R.B. W.
Senior Dental Class Holds Annual Smoker

The Senior Dental Class held its annual smoker at the X A M fraternity house Friday evening October 26th. The class assembled early in the evening and departed in the wee hours of the morning. The embryonic dentists discussed and settled all problems relating to the profession. "Doc" J. W. Lee in the fervor of his enthusiasm waxed eloquent.

He disclosed a great secret when he pointed his finger east and said: "young men, go west; there lies the Alps and success." The keynote of the speeches of the evening was unity and cooperation for the success of every member of the class of '18.

One of the interesting features of the evening was a short vivid comprehensive description by First Lieutenant Louis Middleton, a former classmate, of the four months Army life at Fort Des Moines. He disclosed the serious and comical side of life at camp.

Thoughtful of the evening of pleasure so well spent, yet mindful of the seriousness of the closing words of President Jervay, the class quietly departed and wended their way homeward, filled with the "Howard Spirit" and with the determination to work more zealously and more energetically for the progress of the Dental School.

Democracy

"A Democracy arises when the poor prevailing over the rich kill some and banish others and share the places in the republic and the magistracies equally among the remainder; and for the most part the magistracies are disposed in it by lot," says Plato. And time seems partly to bear him out. Not only in long past centuries, but in recent times, the birth of Democracy has given rise to the same evils. Out of murder and bloodshed, out of the rise and fall of men and parties, out of the apportioning and re-apportioning of offices, the Republic of France evolved. Out of quarrel and war, out of hate and fratricide, out of tears and struggle, these great United States saw light. Based on these things, is Democracy desirable from a moral, a social, and a political standpoint?

A number of opinions are held as to the moral side of republics. The ancients said that democratic lack of restraint allowed liberty to become licence and put no check on the youth. Present day writers say there is a tendency for the multitude to act with unthinking passion and then relapse into apathy. So arise the financial and labor evils. Trusts and monopolies hold full sway until the mob is stirred, then burst out murder and arson and East St. Louis. On the other hand, free schools, inexpensive literature, and an unmuzzled press give forceful impetus to higher living and better thinking. No man is inherently inferior to another. Each one may hope to reach the highest pinnacle; and hope always leads to better living.

Better moral living, however, is dependent upon the social atmosphere. If, as in America, there is even a possibility of social advancement, no normal man would seek to be in or remain in the gutter. Yet the man who rises from the gutter may bring a solemn influence and contaminate each stratum he reaches. The sensational society scandals of the day rarely come from the aristocracy of this nation. The parvenus ape the ancient rich and mistake their independence and mastery of convention for licence. The saving grace seems to be that public opinion, which reaches its highest development in a republic, restrains the reckless few and leavens the whole mass. And public opinion must also determine the political situation. A government of, for, and by the people must be maintained by opinion well expressed. Such a government is self government, the highest type, and therefore most to be desired. The world is believing this one thing. The war is bringing it to fruition. Autocracies and monarchies are fading into nothingness. Democracy means the world, material and spiritual, for the people. It is a foretaste of heaven, for "consciously to accept Democracy and its manifold experiences is to anticipate that peace and freedom."

DeReuth Irene Byrd, '18.