College Men at Howard from a Different Point of View

In the last issue of the Journal there appeared an article entitled "College Men at Howard." The writer advances three propositions: first, the influence of college men does not entirely predominate; second, college men do not lead in athletics; third, conditions from 1895 to 1905 were better than at present.

Will these propositions stand examination. Let us see. First, as to the influence of college men. The College Department is smaller than the Medical, Law, or Preparatory; yet it exerts a greater influence, for so far as real college life is concerned it exists mainly on the "hill," whereas college men, almost without exception, are at the head of organizations. For the college man to dominate down at the Law School, or at the Medical School is not to be expected; but where his realm is, there he stands predominant. That conditions are not ideal, it must be admitted, for there is always room for improvement; but the college man is steadily rising with the steady growth of the school.

Again the plain statement is made that college men do not manage athletics. Football is managed and captained by college men. The working committees of the Athletic Association is composed of college men. The College Department has its basketball team. The tennis Club is managed by college men and successfully, too. And yet the writer denies that athletics are managed by college men.

But the last statement that conditions were better from 1895 to 1905 than at present reaches the height of absurdity. In the first place, the present Freshman classes are larger than the entire College Department of those days. A few days ago an alumnus of 1901 discussing conditions from 1895 to 1901 stated that the college men were older men than the average at present. Furthermore, they stay in their rooms refusing to lend aid either in a financial or any other way. The writer refers to the over-crowded literary societies of that period. In an editorial appearing in the Journal of Nov. 15, 1903, the deplorable condition of the literary society is pointed out from 1900 to 1903. And yet we hear of the prosperous condition of the literary societies. Within the last three or four years two literary societies have been organized, a track team, three basket ball teams, and a Greek letter fraternity. College men have been drawn together by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity more than by any other agency in school. How, in the face of this great array of facts, one could write an article of that character is hard to understand.

Evidently the writer's mistaken ideas came from a change of view points. When he was a "paene" prep he thought that besides college men and college affairs there were no men or affairs; but after having reached his Senior College year, what was great seems common-place.

D. W. BOWLES

Several of the students of the French classes have formed a club for the study of Conversational French. The club meets twice a week in Miner Hall and is becoming quite popular.

Philadelphia Musical Festival

We take pleasure in printing here a clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer, relating to a remarkable musical festival held in Philadelphia last week under the direction of Madame E. A. Hackley, and in which our own Miss Childers was one of the star attractions. We feel that it should be of special interest not only because of the part taken in it by Miss Childers, of whom we are justly proud, but because of the object of the entire entertainment, as stated in the article, "to encourage the serious study of music among the colored youth," an object which we consider worthy of the efforts of all.

We of Howard should, and do, feel happy that through Miss Childers, whom the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin characterizes as a "contralto of rich, melodious voice and artistic training," we could have some part in so great a work. The extract follows:

"A remarkable musical festival was given at the Academy of Music last night under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Hackley and G. G. Williams before a large audience. Its object, it was stated, was to encourage the serious study of music among the colored youth of the city.

"All of the artists were colored and it is said that a performance so pleasing from all standpoints and so brilliant has been rarely given here.

"Prominent on the program was the Peoples' Chorus of Philadelphia consisting of 250 voices. This was under the direction of W. H. Wright, and the singers were received with hearty ovations.

"The artists who appeared were Miss Lulu Vere Childers, contralto, director of the vocal music at Howard University; John W. Johnston, cornetist, director of the Detroit City Band; and Richard B. Harrison, dramatic reader of Chicago. They were assisted by Miss Nollie Moore, pianist of Brooklyn; Miss Marie E. Burton, soprano of Chicago Musical College; Miss Virginia Moore, violinist of Oakland, Ca.; and Clarice C. Clarke, baritone.

"Miss Childers and Mr. Harrison's renderings were especially pleasing, and the contributions of the remainder were also notable successes."
The students. Since this is such an important phase of university life, the Alpha Phi should be crowded on Friday nights. The programme of the society ought to be interesting to every member of the University. Secondly, the Alpha Phi promises to all visitors a pleasing programme. The society will attempt to arouse the best talent of the University, and there is plenty of it here on the hill. Soloists, orators, and debaters are here in abundance. Come out and see what the society is attempting and doing. Thirdly, the society will try to arrange for a convenient meeting hour. It will not be hard to do this for the young men. What we strongly hope for is the cooperation of the young ladies. The hour has been convenient for them in the past, and there is no obvious reason why it should not be so this year.

This year the literary life at Howard will be strongly emphasized. The students ought to be aroused with enthusiasm for this kind of work. In this particular field, the new year reveals to us a dazzling wad full of unmeasurable opportunities and illimitable possibilities. The hopes of accomplishing great things drives us on to redoubled efforts. The literary activity of Howard must be kindled. Once started this activity will produce men who will be well able to scatter the glories of Howard by tongue and pen.

E. M. Pollard, Vice Pres.

Halloween Bazaar

Come and Bring Your Friends and Their Friends.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary to the Athletic Association has planned to have the Bazaar on Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m. There are to be several booths and tables at which different articles are to be sold. The girls are making an abundance of Howard pennants, sleeve bands, and bows for canes, and are expecting to sell every one. They are to be arranged in one booth and sold at different prices under the charge of Miss Alice West. Misses Kilbreth and Watson clad as Japanese girls will dispense tea at three cents a cup, two cups for five cents. Miss Gilbert will have charge of the candy table. Here is your chance to get home-made candy under strictly hygienic conditions, guaranteed under the Pure Food Laws at purely nominal prices.

Miss Antoinette Clark will serve lemonade at 3 cents to those who do not care for the fragrant leaf of Cathay. Last, but not least, here is a great opportunity for looking into your future. Of course, you have to cross the seeress's palm with—well copper this time. Fortunes told by cards, palm, coffee grounds, or tea leaves.

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The Kappa Sigma

The Kappa Sigma met Saturday evening. Because of pressing business the program was postponed. All who wish to contend for places on the Inter-collegiate Debating Teams should pass in their names by Saturday noon, Oct. 31.

The Alpha Phi Alpha

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is now considering applications for admittance to membership. Six members will be taken in and all desirous of applying must do so before Nov. 6.

At a recent meeting the Fraternity elected the following officers:

- George Lyle, President
- M. S. Walton, Secretary
- J. F. Dagler, Treasurer

Council of Upper Classmen

The Council of Upper Classmen will hold its first meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 8 P. M., in the Assembly Room, Main Building. Let every member be present.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday was addressed by Lawyer Toomey on the topic, "Dissatisfaction." The meeting was well attended and the lecture was both interesting and instructive.

The Young Ladies Culture Club

The Young Ladies Culture Club of Miner Hall expects to make its presence and influence felt in the Hall this year. It has gotten together already and the following officers have been elected:

- Miss E. O. Hedgemong, President
- Miss Sadie Brown, Vice-President
- Miss Winifred Wood, Secretary
- Miss Edna Cook, Treasurer
- Miss Jimmie Hugg, Journalist
- Miss Florence Payne, Critic

Alpha Kappa Alpha

At a recent meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, the following officers were elected:

- Miss Ethel O. Hedgemong, President
- Miss Sadie N. Merriweather, Vice-President
- Miss Carrie E. Crowden, Secretary
- Miss Harriet J. Terry, Treasurer

The society intends to do a large amount of work this year among the young women of the School of Liberal Arts and to make its influence felt.

The Middle Academy Class held its first class meeting, Friday, October 9. Mr. Harry Scott of the Sophomore College Class installed the following officers:

- Mr. A. H. Bristol, President
- Miss H. Heard, Vice-President
- Miss A. A. Adams, Secretary
- Miss M. J. Purvis, Treasurer
- Mr. V. T. Herring, Journalist
- Mr. B. H. Quarrels, Critic
- Mr. L. D. Turner, Serger-at-Arms

After addresses of acceptance by various officers, Mr. Harvey of the Middle Law Class gave a brief address.

Following are the officers of the Eureke for the ensuing term:


The Music Department has given three scholarships this year and the holders of them are now engaged in their work at the University. This certainly shows progress. Let us have more scholarships in all the Departments. They are great incentives to the worthy.

We have already in addition to the band, two good orchestras. Now let us have a good Mandolin Club and a College Glee and we will be getting somewhere near where we ought to be.
How We Dressed Them Down in 

Miner

We were charmed with the distant view of happiness, but the thing at hand made the joy less.

Mr. Editor:
At your request I have decided to attempt to give you a few points on the way we dressed them down last Friday night.

We were somewhat disappointed last year because of some little misunderstanding among the girls, we were unable to give the new girls the cordial reception due them, but this year we were determined to do our duty in a way becoming our dignity and position.

We held our meeting and agreed on a plan of action and then dispersed to do our out dress, the rooms were beautifully decorated, and the whole affair was a grand success.

One of the nicest and most unique affairs ever given on the hill was the "At Home" given by the young ladies of the college and senior preparatory classes on Wednesday evening of last week. The guests began gathering at seven-thirty and after being introduced to each of the young ladies who stood lined around the two rooms, were escorted to the dining room for service. At nine thirty there was one soft strain of "Home, Sweet Home", and ere it was completed the guests had cleared away.

Everybody appeared in full dress, the rooms were beautifully decorated, and the whole affair was a grand success.

Several of the professors and instructors were present. The special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Francis, Dr. and Mrs. Thirkield, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Moreland, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Waring.

The young men are very grateful to the young ladies and to Miss Jackson for this reception and hope to show their appreciation with a return reception in the near future.

Gladys

At Home With the Young Ladies of Miner Hall

What did I get? I got out of the way and enjoyed it no matter whom the fates favored. I don't mind getting a little fresh meat so long as I'm sure that I'm the subject and not the object, but when danger is nigh, I hie me thither. Oh, yes, we got the better of most of them in the end but I might say that I would have been much better off had I left my sheet on my bed instead of throwing it over my head to scare those new girls. They didn't appreciate our hospitality at all so we are going to give them another chance, and I sincerely hope they'll have more sense and gratitude next time.
A largely attended meeting of the faculty of the School of Medicine was held last Saturday at 8 P.M. The faculty has been greatly strengthened by the addition of new professors and lecturers. They are taking hold of the work with enthusiasm. The entering Freshman class now numbers 140, and breaks all previous records, the entire attendance two years ago being only 122 in all classes. Improvements in buildings and equipment are taking hold of the work to the amount of nearly $7,000 have been made during the past year.

The Dental College now has three times the space it formerly had, and has been equipped with a number of new chairs, engines etc. The new Vice Dean, Dr. Howland, is bringing intelligence and success to his work.

The campus misses the presence of a certain young man who was so much in evidence in Minier Hall affairs last year. It is a common report that a certain trip resulted disastrously for him. Poor fellow! Next time he will be more successful in his love affairs.

Through President Thirkield, Faith & Co. of Philadelphia have given a steam boiler worth several hundred dollars for the new building of the Colored Social Settlement. This is now under the direction of Miss Bibb, one of our graduates, who is bringing energy and ability to the work of this needed center among our people.

The following physicians, graduates of the School of Medicine, came from a distance to be present at the recent International Congress on Tuberculosis:

John H. Hopkin, Winchester, Ky.

Terry D. Robinson, Lexington, Ky.

H. R. Smith, Chicago, Ill.

These men are taking a deep interest in the fight against this dreadful scourge. They, with many others are determined to wage incessant warfare on this great enemy of mankind.

We wonder if the council of Upper Classmen is going to keep as long this year as it did last.

In a previous issue, we called attention to the fact that the Musical Department would render two oratorios this year. We are pleased to say that rehearsal have already begun on the Cantata of "Ruth," which will be rendered in costume by the students on Dec. 18, in the Chapel. The University is fortunate this year in having a large number of unusually good voices that will assure the success of this cantata. We shall have more to say about it in later issues of the Journal.

The members of the Sophomore class of the School of Liberal Arts were quite brave (?) whenever they could lay hands upon one lone Freshman. But when the chiefs of the Freshmen had collected together their forces, my! but didn't the scene change! Cheer up, Sophs. We fear the Freshies have sealed your doom.

This week, groups of students were busy discussing the article on "College Men at Howard" which appeared in last week's issue. The article has certainly produced a great deal of discussion. The President also emphasized the fact that the college men failed to predominate in every sphere of life at Howard. Slowly, but surely, a reform wave is creeping over the University. Discussions are always productive of much good. Any writer who provokes such a discussion is much to be congratulated.

The weekly concerts by the University Band on the campus is an innovation. These concerts are given Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock and are enjoyed by increasingly large crowds of students and friends from the city. The band is under the direction of Mr. W. D. Giles, Dent. '10, who deserves much credit for the standard to which he has raised the band, and the untiring effort he has expended in so doing.

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Miss Dr. Laura Penn of the class of '08 was married to Prof. Frank Kingsworth on October 9th. They leave for the sunny south this week.

In the High School game, Cook ran 70 yards for a touchdown at the south goal. He would like to make a touch back at the West goal in the Miner Hall game.

W. A. Carrington, a graduate of the Law School, is now a successful lawyer of Cristobal, Col. In a letter to a young friend who had just entered the University he writes wise words of counsel and gives high praise to the work of his former instructors. He says: “All the success I have attained is due solely to the inculcation of the principles of Evidence pounded into us by Prof. Richards, which at the time, I, for one, thought was very hard work but it...”

Among the new students in Miner Hall is Miss Helen Jones, who is the daughter of Rev. E. M. Jones, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools of the M. E. Church, who was one of President Thirkield’s early graduates at Gammon Theological Seminary.

Reggie, look out: They’re out for your scalp.

We hear that there may not be any calling on Monday. Mr. ’10, you’ll have to alter your course.

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