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# The University Journal

PRAESTANTIA NON SINE LABORE.

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## The Afro-American Plea

BY PROFESSOR KELLY MILLER.

O Thou who heard the wailful plea,
Of our forebears on bended knee,
And broke their bonds and set them free;
To Thee we pray,
To Thee we pray.

In broken words and wailing tone,
In deep, unutterable groan,
They made their tribulation known.
Hear us, we pray,
Hear us, we pray.

In this dark day of sore distress,
In deepest gloom of wilderness,
When threat'ning ills so hardly press;
Help us this day,
Help us this day.

If scorn and race disdain would seek
Its vial of wrath to venge and wreak
Upon this lowly folk and meek,
Spare us, we pray.
Spare us, we pray.

No people yet have fallen prey,
Who love Thy law, walk in the way,
When all the world could look and say:
"Behold, they pray,
"Behold, they pray."

But when we stray from Thy command,
And feel Thy sore afflicting hand,
We humbly bow; we understand
We must obey,
We must obey.

If some Thy saving help deny,
With wild, insane, distracted cry,
Like Job's wild wife would curse and die,
Forgive, we pray,
Forgive, we pray.

If time-taught wisdom nostrums find,
In cunning hand and knowing mind,
Show the blind leaders of the blind,
'Tis vanity,
'Tis vanity.

Thy righteous Law is all our trust,
Who builds on else but builds on dust;
The mighty should, the lowly must
Rely alway,
Rely alway.

And since of stone Thou raiseth seed,
As choice as any boasted breed,
Vouchsafe to us the larger mead,
We humbly pray,
We humbly pray.

Amen.

## Football 1906

Not since 1876, when first a squad of old Eli's most brawny sons met a hearty band of crimson warriors in English Rugby, out of which has grown the great American game, has there been a more remarkable football season. We say it was remarkable because it has never before reached such a high mark of skilled and scientific maneuvering; it has attained a popularity second to none in the world of college sports; it has been a topic of the broadest discussion of the day. In keeping with the great popularity and wide spread interest which it has now aroused throughout the country, football as it applies to dear old Howard is felt with no less keen an interest by all who are anxious that the glorious record which she has maintained in the past will be retained in the future. Let it be understood then that the season of 1906 will be a victorious one. To accomplish this there must be a singleness of aim and purpose on the part of the players, thereby making success inevitable.

The question of securing a coach for next season seems to be well accepted by all Howardites, and indeed, I would sanction it with a loud voice, but on one condition, namely: that we have more, and a better class of games. The cost of a professional coach is estimated at $300, including many other necessary additional expenses. Therefore it is needless to give the reason for this condition. We trust however that there will be a larger number of games scheduled for the 'Varsity in the coming season. But this will only be possible by the early action of the manager of 1906 who will be elected as soon as the present manager makes his report.

I have been asked as captain of the 1906 team as to the game for the future. There will, to be sure, be radical changes made. We can only hope that by such changes none of its strenuous and amusing features will be detracted from. If the ten yard rule and open formations are adopted there will be a little more work for the players and the spectators will get none the less of the enjoyment.

The fact remains, at any rate, that all Howard's football players are requested to appear on the gridiron early in the season to fully learn the game. We hope to have no less than three teams on the field

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**Washington, D. C., December 22, 1905.**


During the holidays the work of the University will cease. There will be no services in the chapel, as is in keeping with the custom heretofore. The Journal, too, will follow the custom. There will be no Christmas edition. It is hoped that some needed changes in The Journal can be instituted by the issuance of the first copy in January. Especially is it hoped that the readers of The Journal will assist us. The university that has a good student paper and good teams is the university where there is college life and enjoyment.

So deeply attached to the spirit of a great college or university is football that even though the season is past and activities are moving in other directions, comments on the game, its probable changes and their effects, still appear and will no doubt continue for some time in the future.

## Who Are They?

The Afro-American Ledger of Baltimore in a current issue has the following to say:

"A number of students from Howard University, Washington, are spending their Sundays in this city."

Wonder what it will say after the holidays.

### Football 1906

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next Fall, namely: the 'Varsity, scrubs and sub scrubs.

Howard expects all her athletes to remain faithful to this cause; she asks the financial support from all who are able; and she requests the loyalty of each and every one of her members. No one who has even slightly observed the situation can help seeing that we will need more players. Out of a student body of nearly one thousand fellows, many of whom are good athletes, we feel assured that Howard will have an invincible eleven next season.

As to the financial support, it is indispensible. This can not be too deeply impressed upon the minds of those whose purses are wont to be opened. We are proud to state that the distinguished Alumni of Howard have heard the call of the Athletic Association and will in the future no doubt rally to the aid of their dear old Alma Mater, which means we are getting in line for sure enough athletics,

There is one bright and consummate hope in the mind of every prospective player for 1906 With such determination on the part of players and with nine good "rahs" always ready for Howard there can never be defeated.

J. G. MOORE,
Captain, 1906.

A copy of Prof. Miller's "As to the Leopard's Spots," has been by special request sent, to be placed in the British Museum.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Journal invites communications but will not hold itself responsible for the sentiments therein.

To the Editor of The Journal:

Having seen your article on the gymnasium question, would request space for these few remarks. Howard is the only large school where physical training is not compulsory. Other schools and colleges of the country, realizing that a sound body is the first step towards a sound mind, compel all students, on entering the school, to undergo an examination as to their physical state. A standard is set, and those failing to reach this standard are outlined a course in physical training which is of as much importance as any subject in the curriculum. A satisfactory grade of percentage must be obtained. Should his lungs be weak, his shoulders round, or should he be below the normal point in any part of his make-up, these failings are given special attention. It is not my intention to deal with the wisdom of this plan, for that is a settled fact. Here at Howard, the absence of such a system is deeply regretted by the students as well as by those in authority who know the benefits to be derived from such. Our young men are lovers of outdoor sports, and take part in all, in season, but the girls are far behind. The winter is the season in which our vitality must be strongest, and as it is impossible owing to weather conditions to exercise in the open, the need of some sort of indoor recreation center is at once apparent. Let us try to arouse those interested in us, in the matter, also our friends, and perhaps some Croesus, or captain of industry, will give a helping hand.

A. E. THOMAS.

"What is it that will go down a stovepipe down and up a stovepipe down, but won't go up a stovepipe up or down a stovepipe up?"

"Give it up."

"An umbrella."

# A Gentile Offering

By Clement C. Gill.

[The following poem has appeared in print before, but as it is especially appropriate at this season, The Journal has obtained permission to publish it in this issue.—Editor.]

*"And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."—Matt 2:11.*

Hail, Infant Prince! to Thee in haste we come,
Led by Thy star. The far off East doth send,
Greeting sincere, and longs to claim Thee Lord,
And crown Thee King. We do not ask Thy name;
JESUS Thou shalt be called, for Thou shalt save
Thy people from their sins; but if, perchance,
Some crumbs shall from the Jewish table fall,
Grant these to us, that we may eat and live;
We bring our gold, our myrrh, our frankincense,
A Gentile off'ring.

We bring our gold; nor dare to think that we
By this do Thee enrich, or fill Thy need;
Such circling glory doth not beg of earth,
Nor ask of heaven; fullness is in Thyself,
Fullness of life, of light; we bring our gold,
In token of the sway which Thou shalt have,
The Lord of Life, upon our sin-cursed hearts,
And wretched lives; we come, we see, we fall
In humble adoration at Thy infant feet,
Thou Prince of Peace.

We bring our myrrh; no costly offering this,
No rich commodity; for this the world
Would offer naught, but what the world counts naught
Shall yet be precious in Thy holy sight:
We bring it, not for its intrinsic worth,
But in expression of our thought of of Thee;
Symbolic gift! better we cannot find,
Foreshadowing Thy great redemptive work,
For in "that day" wine shall be offered Thee,
"Mingled with myrrh."

We bring our frankincense; this valueless
Commercially, symbolic also this;
For as from altars its sweet savor rises,
Its smoke the symbol of ascending prayers,
So at this joyful time in ages hence,
Shall men lift up their hearts to Thee who art
At once the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God,
The Father Everlasting, Counsellor;
To Thee shall all their songs of praise ascend,
Their Lord, their All.

We bring that which we have—the best we have—
The products of our land; yet greater still,
Our hearts we yield, Thou Babe of Bethlehem,
And lay them at Thy feet; so shall the world,
Bring all their gold, their myrrh, their frankincense,
A precious offering—even humble hearts.
Blest with a mind to give, and hearts to love,
Men shall to men be kind, and passing not
The "least of these," shall bless less happier lives,
At Christmastide.

## NOTICES

Alpha Phi meets this evening at 8:30.

Regular meeting of the Eureka tonight.

# The Courage of "Red" Moore

(With apologies to "A Christmas Blessing.")

He undoubtedly had a handle to his name, but owing to the red hirstute adornment of his cranium, it was forgotten when he struck the campus, and he was known far and near as "Red" Moore. He was tall, well-built, and just the kind of a fellow to touch the love spot in Ann Jeela, who, in spite of her name, was pretty. Red was chosen by the professor in botany to find in the adjoining woods a flower that looked like a blonde rose. Not knowing the peculiarities of a blonde rose, or any other blonde, he was walking through the woods in search of that flower, when he heard a voice of angelic sweetness in the air, which later proved to be the voice of Ann Jeela, who was seated on a grassy knoll toying with a specimen of the flower for which Red was searching.

When Red realized he was not dreaming, he informed the daughter of Eve that she had the goods on her for which he was looking. The maiden blushed to her raven tresses, and pointed the way. Poor Red had it bad; he did not know whether he was looking for a blonde or a brunette rose; he found some of the former, but he constantly saw in his mind a rose that had black hair, rosy cheeks, dark eyes and a musical voice. He hastened to where he had left Ann, but she was gone; and he went home in a trance.

Day after day he hung around that spot, but he failed to see Ann until the day before school closed, when he was rewarded by finding her seated in the same spot. After the usual feinting on both sides for an opening, Red found one and told the old, old story. Ann countered, and after telling him she was the only daughter of a poor but proud family, they parted till the fall term should open. This continued for three school years, and at the end

of the third she promised to be his. Red Moore sprung this piece of news on Moore senior, and that gentleman decided that if his son did not marry Miss Gotrox, whom he had picked out for him, he would disinherit him.

It is Red's senior year, the eve before Christmas; as usual the snow is falling. Earlier in the day he had sent a special to the old man signifying his intention of marrying Ann Jeela, and we now find him looking through the window rapt in thought. In his hand he holds a telegram which reads:

All right, son. Bring Ann home for the holidays. Like your nerve. Married your mother under same conditions.

W. MOORE.

MORAL: Be sure you are right, then go ahead.

## Death of George Williams

There is perhaps no other case in all history where a movement instituted by any man attained to such enormous proportions and met with such world-wide acceptance, as that of George Williams, whose death occurred on the sixth of last month. It was on the seventh of last November that a cablegram was sent to America. Few of the papers took account of it. Thousands of young men continue to attend the Young Men's Christian Associations, distributed throughout thirty-nine countries. The work of the Y. M. C. A. goes quietly on. The death of its great founder may not be realized in its true sense until time has far removed him and his name from the memory of Y. M. C. A. goers. But it cannot always be thus. There must some day come the great awakening. And wherever lives a Y. M. C A. will live the name of George Williams. How fitting it would be if the Y. M. C. A. of Howard and of the other universities pledge themselves not to permit the name of their founder to lapse into oblivion, but even next year the anniversary of George Williams' death might be observed by them.

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## SOCIETIES

### The Alpha Phi

The Alpha Phi Literary Society met in regular session on Friday evening, 15th inst. After preliminaries, committee reports were heard. The Committee on Intercollegiate Debate submitted to the body for approval, the following articles: I. That the debate with Union University take place on the fifth of March at Howard. II. That the three following subjects be presented to Union for her choice of one: (*a*) Resolved, That Congress should provide for government regulation of railroad rates; (*b*) Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine is undesirable as a principle of international law; (*c*) Resolved, That municipal ownership and operation of lighting plants are desirable. III. That the speakers for Howard be Mr. F. Douglass Morton '06, Mr. A. D Tate '07, and Mr. C. E. Smith '08, with Mr. Herbert Marchant '09 as substitute. These articles were duly approved by the society.

The H. A. Brown Prize Debate Committee recommended that each disputant in that contest be allowed eighteen minutes Said recommendation was received.

It is expected that at least one debate between the law students and the students on the "Hill" will take place during the present school year, under the auspices of the Alpha Phi. The spirit of friendly rivalry runs high.

After the rendition of a good program, the society discussed the desirability of the pardoning power of State Governors.

### Eureka

The Eureka had an interesting meeting on last Friday evening.

### The Council.

Again the Council of Upperclassmen failed to meet on last Saturday as was announced. It is to be hoped that the members will get together and be ready to enter heartily into its re-organization after the holidays.

The Y. M. C. A. did not hold its weekly meeting as usual last Sunday. The report of the Greensboro conference which was heard in the chapel took the place of the regular meeting.

### C. C. H. D.

The C. C. H. D. gave a very enjoyable entertainment on last Monday evening at No. 1523 M street, in honor of Miss Brawley, a friend of the club, from Fernandina Fla. An excellent program had been arranged and refreshments were served in abundance. There was one feature other-wise than pleasant. The young ladies of miner Hall who were invited did not attend.

## THE ALUMNI

Miss Eva Johnson of the Commercial Department, who for the past three years has been enjoying remarkable success as musical instructor in Bennet College, will in the near future return to Washington to accept a similar position in the city schools.

Mr. E. T. Johnson, Prep. '02, has had wonderful success since leaving here. Locating at Blackstone, Va., he was soon made principal of the Harmon High School and continues to fill this position with efficiency and growing influence.

Mr. David T. Cardwell, Med. '05, successfully passed the Washington State Medical Board and is now located in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. E. F. Cantey, Phar. '05, has opened up a drug store in Seattle, Wash., having successfully passed the State Board.

The Senate in executive session last week confirmed the nomination of Henry W. Furniss as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Hayti, and that of Judge R. N. Terrell, to be a magistrate in the District.

Mr. Milton Auter, whose successful passing of the State Board was announced some weeks ago, has opened up and equipped an office in Evanston, Ill., and already has a good practice.

## PERSONALS

Mr. F. Douglass Morton, manager of the base-ball team, will spend a few days in Richmond, to make preparation for the extended trip of the team, this spring.

Mr. O. Benjamin Jefferson, of the Law Class '06, will spend the holidays in Baltimore.

Mr. Curl A. Young will leave tonight for his home in Cincinnati, where he will remain during the holidays.

Miss Lula Childers, instructor in music in the Teachers' College, will pass the holidays in New York in study.

Mr. G. L. Bayton will return to his home at Tappahannock, Va., a few days during the holidays.

In addition to the above the holidays will be spent by:

Mr. I. H. Carpenter, in Baltimore.

Mr. Francis Miller at his home in Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. R. E. Giles and Mr. H. T. Scott, in Baltimore.

Miss Ethel A. Carr, in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Miss Olive Houston, in Staunton, Va.

Mr. Ocea Taylor, in Washington, instead of in Tuscaloosa, as was announced last week.

## WIT AND FUN

FROM EXCHANGES

While Moses was no college man,
And never played football,
In rushes he was said to be,
The first one of them all.

Prof.—How did Andrew Carnegie make all his money?

Dick—Give up.

Prof.—By steeling iron.

The Secretary of Agriculture is the only member of the Cabinet who openly encourages grafting.