Christmas Bells
H. G. LOGAN, Col. '10

THE VOICE OF MANY CHIMING BELLS,
PEELS OUT UPON THE AIR.
The morning’s clear as crystal snow,
THE WHOLE WORLD’S GAY AND FAIR.

THE TINY SNOW BIRD CHIRPS ITS NOTE,
FROM WINDOW AND FROM TREE.
IT SEEMS TO KNOW OF CHRISTMAS TIDE,
THE SAME AS YOU AND ME.

THE CHIMES STILL ROLL FROM LOFTY TOWERS,
THROUGHOUT THE EARLY MORNING.
THEY SING THE LAWS OF ANCIENT DAYS,
WHEN CHRIST OUR KING WAS BORN.

RING OUT WILD BELLS ACROSS THE SEAS,
TO HEATHEN LANDS AWAY,
AND TELL THE HEATHEN CREATURE THERE,
The meaning of this day.

THAT EVER THIS EARTH SHALL DRAW ITS close,
ALL NATIONS AND ALL CLIMES.
SHALL KNOW OF HIM, THE CHRIST, THE KING,
THRO’ THY SWEET, CAROLED CHIMES.

LET ALL THE NATIONS HUMBLY BOW
BEFORE THE ALTAR THEN
TO PRAISE THE GIVER OF HIS LIFE
FOR PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN.

Song Service
The song service of last Sunday was a rare treat to all lovers of music as well as a beautiful devotional service. The admirable work of the chorus responding as with one voice to every slightest sign from the leader, thrilled their hearers in the stirring climaxes of the “Praise the Lord and Hosanna in the highest” no less than in the sweet solemn strains of the “Sanctus.” In rendering the solo of the “Sanctus,” Mr. Childs entered to a degree into the spirit of awe and grandeur so characteristic of Catholic music. The “Inflamatus Est” with its heavy demands on the technique of the singers, was sung with spirit, the soprano solo (taken by Miss Chase) ringing out with dominating force.

In so varied, and yet, uniformly excellent a program, it is difficult to choose the best. But perhaps the beautiful redemption hymn deserves this distinction. Miss Childers, ably supported by the choir, who sang without leadership, herself sang the obligato, singing with that highest of all art—the art which conceals art, and makes its appeal to every heart.

The Recessional hymn formed a fitting close for this sacred concert and the worshipers departed feeling that it was indeed good to have been there.

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Christmas of the Long Ago
BESSIE T. MCKINNEY

Christmas with its ice and snow—
Christmas of the long ago—
We could feel it in de air!
Christmas! Christmas! everywhere!

Windows decked up nice an’ prim
Santa with his jolly grin
Bringin’ toys an’ great big dolls
An’ all kinds of fa-la-roles.

Chil’en hurryin’ off to bed
Coverin’ up their little heads
Then amidst the rush an’ din
Christmas comes a-bustlin’ in.

With the early mornin’ light,
Chil’en with their faces bright
Go a-rushin’ in de street
Yellin’ at de folks “cheer, meet,
“Christmas gift! Christmas gift!”

In the homes are the brown oak bough,
An’ the red gemmed holly now
An’ here an’ there shines out
You know
The berries of the mistletoe.

Meanwhile the live long day is spent
In all kinds of merriment
An’ each an’ every one in part
Is full of Christmas in his heart.
Christmas Sermonette

By W. A. S. Wright, Col. '08

* * * * *

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." * * * * *

Once again Christmas, the great Christian festival, is here. In splendor and in light, with every form of pomp and ceremony, with every feeling of joy and gladness, the world celebrates the anniversary of the coming of Christ.

This festival of our Lord's nativity would appear to have been celebrated from the earliest times in the Christian church, though not every where on the same day. Clement of Alexandria, one of the church fathers, says that some kept it on May 20th, while others kept it a whole month earlier. The larger part of the Eastern church kept it concurrently, with the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6th) there being a tradition that our Lord was baptized on that day. In this double festival were commemorated our Lord's manifestation as the Son of God at His baptism. Theophania, as it is called, from Greek theos and phaino) and His manifestation as the Son of God at His baptism. The Church of Constantinople altered the day on which the festival was celebrated to Dec. 25, and was soon after followed by other churches, though to this day the American Church continues to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany on Jan. 6. The Apostolic constitutions probably followed some ancient tradition in saying, "Let the festival of the Nativity be observed by you on the 25th day of the ninth month," (i.e. reckoning from the vernal equinox.)

On this festival of our Lord's nativity millions of Christians of every sect and denomination feel one common thrill, realise their essential fellowship, and are as one in their chorus of praise in saluting the happy morn:

"Christians, awake salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which host of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's son."

Like the angel and the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," let us employ our grateful voices to proclaim the joy.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Yea, such was the triumphant rejoicing of the heavenly host, whose glorious appearance to the shepherds at Bethlehem is recorded by St. Luke (chap. 11:13, 14.) Such was the song with which a multitude of angels announced the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth. Such was the expression of their joy and delight when they witnessed the first beginning of that mystery of godliness by which God reconciled to Himself a guilty world, and ransomed lost sinners from the dominion of death and Satan. When the heavenly host beheld the beginning of the plan of mercy which had been foretold by the holy prophets of old—when they witnessed the actual commencement of these things, and saw the wonderful work of redemption in course of fulfilment— when that which for long ages had been but dimly seen—shrouded over with mystery—how and by what means the long promised salvation of mankind was to be accomplished—when this was now revealed, then indeed did they shout for joy. In admiration of the vision and mercy and love of God, they sang loud hosannas to the King of Heaven.

They rejoiced with exceeding joy. They congratulated the children of men and cried, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men." Over the manger, in the humble stable in Bethlehem, they gazed with the most intense interest and holy awe, for they saw God manifest in the flesh and assuming a human body, a body of mortality. They saw in the infant Jesus another subject of gratitude and praise to God; for although themselves blessed in the happiness of Heaven, they felt an increase of joy when they saw our lost and fallen race now through Christ restored to the favor of God.

The race having fallen short of original righteousness, those God-like powers that go to make up the "image of God" being inalienable were not completely lost but were impaired; the holy disposition however being mutable was completely lost, an unholy disposition, a depraved nature was thus imparted and the race brought under penal evils. But now the Bruiser of the Tempter's head was born, the Angels rejoiced to know that the gates of Heaven would now open to receive the once alienated and outcast children of Adam. Their breast became inflated with heavenly love when they thought of the millions of souls that would then be saved—yes saved from the wrath of God—delivered from the punishment of sin, and added to their own happy company, to be partakers with them in the glory and joy and blessedness of heaven.

Being assured of this they burst forth into a glad "allelujah" and sang in the ears of the wondering shepherd, "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to men."

Time and space would fail us to enumerate or to dwell fully on the blessed consequences of the good news (Gospel); but suffice it to say that the Prince of Peace was born to reconcile God and sinners.

There is something sublime in all this and the hearts of men are
moved as they pause to reflect upon its meaning.—Nineteen hundred and seven years ago was born one destined to be the victim of the greatest tragedy the world has ever witnessed. How sad! the loveliest character that ever trod on earth to be scorned and be rejected of men, to be lifted up on high as a felon, to glad tidings that all old things had dawned aud that there was a new passed away, and that a new day divine authority of His pure and the presence of the angels of God of the world, for He came with the live; but which has the better des­ Cirrus death—what more pitiful distinguish, and to die the most igno­ greatest tragedy the world has ever Men had before then stoned the prophets and what we were, not always, what we were partakers of the rich blessings of this redemption, will we not seek to have our hearts filled with gratitude and our tongues with praise?

Surely such ought to be—surely such will be the feelings of every heart that values rightly the blessed mystery of redeeming love. Mortals, your homage be gratefully bringing.

And sweet let the gladsome hosanna arise;  

Shout the gladsome tidings, exultingly sing; Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

The Formation of Habits

Science is just proving for us, what we were, not always, what we are today. It is boldly telling us that we have envolved from an organism which always was called man, but which was indeed not far removed in mode of action from certain species of the ape. Science has proved to us that our lofty palaces have succeeded the one room hut of our ancestry; that our language was once a crude imitation of the sounds of nature; for example, the word duck was called “quack,” and the word for sneeze was “haitsa” and so on—a mere imitation of the noise or sound of the particular thing in question. Like these I boldly as­ sert that there was a time when our habits were perhaps as crude, and that with civilization we are gradually evolving from animism to divinity. John Locke has well put it when he said that “A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world. He whose mind di­ rects him not wisely will never take the right way, and he whose body is crazy and feeble will never be able to advance in it. Youth is the seed time of life, the period of formation. As such it is highly important that the moulders know what they are about and the re­ sponsibility devolved upon them. There is not an hour in youth that goes unshaped to some destiny. Children like young animals imi­ tate their seniors, especially those seniors to whom they look for di­ rection; among these seniors we as teachers are placed, and if at all we have a duty incumbent upon us, that duty is to impress the young minds with habits as would tend to make them good and noble men and women. Virtue and vice can not be plainer, easier and more eff­ ectively put to be understood by little children than by setting be­ fore their eyes the examples of those things you would have them do or avoid. The more I think of it, the more I am convinced that teachers like spiritual leaders ought to be called.” Never en­ courage the telling of tales against each other. Bullying should be subdued with a firm yet humane hand; dishonesty and selfishness ought never to go uncensured; un­ truthfulness should never at all be con­ tented. The suppression of these habits makes for social, intellec­ tual and religious advance­ ment, which space will not allow me to discuss. Any way if we with some pains the habits that make for virtue and nobility can be engraved as part and parcel of the majority of the children, we shall add our quota to the virtuous par­ ents of the next generation who would improve upon our teachings, insist on the noble living which the world today so much needs and ultimately the divine state of man.

—Geo. DrYoung, Theol. '08
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Mr. Carnegie’s gift of $50,000 to Howard University for a library means much more than the mere gift. It means that Howard is attracting the attention of the prominent men of the land and may look forward to a bright future.

The fact that the government contributes toward the support of the school has in a great measure been the cause of its apparent neglect by donors. But there seems to be a gradual awakening to the fact that “we’re here.”

The collection of notable men that sat on the platform on Installation day means something to us. The newspapers throughout the land and even some foreign journals have had full accounts of the proceedings of that day. Howard’s alumni are getting before the public more than ever, and at the same time their Alma Mater is also coming into prominence.

And so this gift indicates, in a way, the beginning of a new era for Howard. We hope that other men who are interested in education will see the needs of Howard and respond accordingly.

Whittier’s Anniversary

Exercises celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the poet Whittier were held in the Rankin memorial chapel Tuesday evening Dec. 17. Dean William A. Wilbur, of the George Washington University delivered the principal address of the evening speaking in an interesting way of the life and works of “Quaker Poet.” Whittier’s part in the events leading up to the emancipation, and his anti-slavery connection which seemed to inspire his poetry were clearly presented by the speaker.

Pres. Thirkield gave a short address on “Personal Recollections of Whittier.” “More like a saint than man, with a face calm and tender — full of sweetness and light,” he described him. The following original lines were given by Pres. Thirkield:

Light, Freedom, Truth, be ever these our own,
Light to see Truth, Freedom to make it known,
Our work God’s Work, our wills His alone.

These lines stand now as the motto of Gammon Theological Seminary, of which institution Dr. Thirkield was at that time president.

Following these addresses a few selections from Whittier were recited by Mr. C. B. Washington, Miss Burner, Miss Mundy and Mr. C. E. Smith.

Prof. C. C. Cook, of the College of Arts and Sciences, presided.

In a General Way.

On the walls of the front hall in the main building hang three different pictures of the grounds and buildings of Leland Stanford University. The pictures were presented by the president of that institution, David Starr Jordan, to pres. Thirkield. They were nicely framed by Mr. Decatur of the Manual Arts Department.

In the President’s office is an old print of Howard in 1870 presented to Howard University through Dr. Elmer E. Brown, U.S. Commissioner of Education, by the Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Albany N.Y. This print is very interesting, showing the Main Building, before the tower had been added, standing on a bleak bare hill.

Quite a number of the young men in Clarke Hall have been initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of Pythias under the guardianship of “Preacher” Wright.

Howard’s educational exhibit at Jamestown won the gold medal in competition with all the university exhibits of the country.

Junior Law Class Election

When sudden storms are past and gone
Shall gentle calm succeed.

After a series of vehement discussions pro et con, the Junior Class has succeeded in organizing. The following are the elected officers: Pres., B. W. Payne, Vice-Pres., E. J. Graham; Sec., H. C. Caeser; Asst. Sec., C. Bush; Treas., T. C. Cobb; Chaplain, M. S. Cavier; Critic, J. B. Smith; Asso. Editors, J. A. Heywood and J. L. Williams; Hist., C. S. Williams; Ser. at Arms, J. W. Thomas.

Erratum
In Christmas Sermonette, first column, seventh line from the bottom, read Armenian instead of American.
Installation Echoes

Dr. Beard, Senior Secretary A. M. A., in American Missionary for December.

"Rev. Dr. Wilbur Patterson Thir- field was installed President at Howard University November 15th last. Not many institutions could command such a distinguished gathering as honored this reception.

The Chief Executive, the President of the United States, the British Ambassador James Bryce, Andrew Carnegie, James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Elmer E. Brown, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Henry G. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, were prominent with others in the exercises. Nearly all the speakers emphasized the remarkable progress which the colored race has made in the forty years since it enjoyed freedom.

"The President of the United States declared the platform that the progress of the race has been better than 'good.'"

Ambassador Bryce said that the progress sometimes seemed to be slow, but that "the upward movement of the race has been much more rapid, owing to the environment of an enlightened civilization, than that of the Anglo-Saxon race, which lived for centuries in a savage state in the wilds of Western Europe." He added: "Is it not a supreme necessity for the race that there shall be the best instruction provided for those who are to be its clergymen, its physicians, its lawyers, and—perhaps most of all—its school teachers? The men who fill these professions will very largely guide and mold the coming generations. Through them, and better, perhaps, through them than in any other way, the best American influences will find their way among the masses of the South."

Andrew Carnegie, in earnest words, declared the same confidence which Secretary Garfield, with the eloquence of his distinguished father, reasserted. Each one testified to the remarkable and hopeful advancement of the Negro since slavery, and pleaded for the higher education for those who could secure and use it.

Kappa Sigma Debating Club.

Every student who has spent four or five years around Howard University, is compelled to say that he is now in the midst of a great renaissance. So vast and far reaching are its influences that the life, habits, customs of the entire student body are tending toward greater service and usefulness for after life.

Paramount among these influences is the effort and determination on the part of the male students of the School of Liberal Arts to organize a Debating Club in above mentioned Department, for the purpose of cultivating the art of speaking and correct expression. At present the club numbers thirty representative College men who are eager to become proficient debaters.

All of those, then, who are interested in the various activities about the University, who admire football, in its season of enthusiasm, and who enjoy the spirit of wholesome rivalry need only turn their attention from the fierce contest of the gridiron and visit the spirited meetings of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club, quite as brilliant and interesting in its way as the contest of foot ball.

There is nothing which arouses so much enthusiasm in student life during the long interim between football and baseball as debating. This form of speaking appeals to the student most, perhaps, because it is distinctly American, as it receives little or no attention in the great European universities; while in the lives of the American people, it has always held a very high place, and if interest continues to increase we may predict that eventually it will become one of the foremost activities of the American institution.

The club is now doing great work. So far arrangements have been nearly complete with Shaw University for an intercollegiate debate which will take place at Howard in the near future. Arrangements are also being made with our old rival, Union but as yet nothing tangible has been agreed upon. Lincoln University has also been asked to put her strength against Howard on the rostrum. From the above our friends and admirers of forensics may well see that the debating club proposes to do a great work; a work which adds influence and brightness to the pages of history of every American school.

In view of the probable engagements with other universities, the Kappa Sigma Club solicits help and encouragement from all, especially from the faculty of the School of Liberal Arts. We believe that a strong debating club will add greatly to the influence of our school, and we further believe that in this project we will get help and encouragement from the faculty in accomplishing this great work. We note with some degree of regret, the place debating has held in Howard University, but we feel confident from the earnest and intelligent effort now being made on the part of the students, together with the aid and encouragement of the faculty, that debating at Howard will occupy a more prominent place. And when debating assumes a prominent place there will go forth from her walls men more completely equipped to follow their chosen vocations, men who will not only reflect credit and honor upon themselves but will add lustre and grandeur to the Alma Mater whose training they represent.

Appointed Assistant Attorney

Mr. J. A. Cobb, a graduate of the Howard Law School has been appointed Assistant Attorney in the office of the District United States Attorney. Mr. Cobb is a prominent member of the local bar, and his appointment comes as a pleasant surprise to his many friends, while it also reflects credit on the alumni of our school.
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Managers Elected  
At a special meeting of the Athletic Association Wednesday at 3 p.m., the following managers and assistants were elected:  
Manager of football team for 1908  
Mr. G. A. Kyle.  
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Mgr. track team, D. W. Bowles.  
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Resolutions
Of Senior College Class in memory of Herbert I. Scott

Whereas, an all-wise Providence, whose decrees are inscrutable has removed from our midst our beloved classmate and friend, Herbert I. Scott, whose sterling worth and character won for him the respect and esteem of all, both faculty and students, be it resolved,

That his death, coming almost at the completion of his course which had been pursued with rare ability and fidelity, is a severe loss to the College Department and to his lost of friends.

Resolved that we who mourn him cannot free ourselves from the sense of personal loss and sorrow, nor refuse to recognize the solemn and oft-repeated admonition of the uncertainty of life and the instability of all things human but in itself death need be no sombre spectre no inexorable foe, no relentless tyrant.

Resolved that the class in a body attended the funeral services at Baltimore, Md.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, that a copy be submitted to the University Journal for publication and a copy be kept in records of the class.

Done by the order of the Class of 1908 of the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University on this the second day of December, Nineteen hundred and seven.

Miss A. M. Powell
Miss B. E. Burke
Miss Julia Brooks
Mr. A. W. Morton
Mr. W. A. S. Wright
Mr. M. S. Bush
Mr. D. W. Bowles

Committee
Daniel W. Bowles, President

Resolutions
Of the Class of 1904 of the Colored High and Training School, Baltimore, Md., in memory of Herbert Irving Scott

Baltimore, Md. Dec. 4, 1907.

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and divine providence, to remove from us, in the midst of a young, active and promising life, our esteemed friend and classmate: one whose association was beneficial and whose life was filled with the achievements and successes of an earnest and aggressive young man; and

Whereas he had proven himself to be deeply concerned in his intellectual development, as well as in the elevation of humanity, having graduated from the Baltimore Colored High and Training School with distinction — winning a scholarship to Howard University where at time of his demise he was a student; therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of Herbert Irving Scott, the class of 1904 of the B. C. H. & T. S., has lost a firm and devoted friend and an inestimable classmate;

Resolved that we tender to the afflicted family our most profound condolences in this their sad hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved — that these resolutions be spread upon our journal and that a copy of them be sent to the family.

"Soldier rest. Thy warfare's o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking,
Dream of battlefields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking.
Soldier rest. Thy warfare done,
The battle fought; the victory won.

James L. Thomas, Pres.
Alethea H. Washington, Sec.

Resolutions
Of the Athletic Council of Howard University to the memory of Mr. L. O. Posey

At the last regular meeting of the Athletic Council, the following resolutions were passed:

Man's advent into life is uncertain, his exit is inevitable; yet the departure from this life of one who is an influence for good and whose energies are consistently expended in an effort to lift those around him to higher levels is a source of great regret and a distinct loss to the community of which he has formed a part.

In the death of Mr. L. O. Posey, Howard University lost a true friend, an earnest supporter, a consistent champion and a loyal alumnus.

In all matters where Howard was concerned he had one desire, viz. that the University should merit well and receive the reward of merit.

In the councils of the University, where he was always welcome, his voice was always heard on the side of progress and higher things and his interest manifest in the welfare of the student body:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Athletic Council of Howard University deeply mourns the loss of one of its most faithful members and will miss in no small way the ready help and wise counsel of our departed friend and brother, Mr. L. O. Posey.

The Heritage of Yesterday

The day is done, the shadows fall,
O'er land and o'er sea,
The time that was is past recall
By you, by me.
But could we break that fettered chain
That holds the now and then in twain
And wipe away some frightful stain
Of yesterday.

The time is gone that used to be.
It passed to-day.
Its splendor and its brilliancy
Were in its stay.
It's drifting toward that land of schools
Where rooms are filled with wooden stools
Where reign the many bygone fools
Of yesterday.

That time is gone that used to be.
It passed to-day.
Its splendor and its brilliancy
Behind it stay.
From fields of naught 'tis keeping far
But tends to "golden gates ajar"
Wherein all names immortal are
Of yesterday.

—H. R. Logan, Col. '10

Vickers Elected Track Captain

Mr. Thos. A. Vickers has been elected captain of the track team for 1908. Mr. Vickers gained several points for the school in the meet last May, winning the hundred, also the two-twenty. He has the support of the members of the team, and undoubtedly will make an excellent captain.
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