The Journal's "S. O. S."

VER land and sea, the call "S.O.S" is heard almost incessantly. The serious, merciless war conditions have caused many a ship to be torpedoed and sunk, many a business to be menaced and bankrupted, many an undertaking to be jeopardized and crushed. The apparent depreciation of money, together with the increasing cost of every necessary commodity intensify what now are considered perplexing matters and heap upon us more difficult and irksome tasks.

The University Journal, venturing to spread the Howard news and keep alive the "Howard Spirit," encountered many noticeables dangers and hardships recently, one of which threatened to destroy her without notice, but the ever-alert staff of The Journal hastened the call of "S.O.S." to the loyal Howardites and response was given soon enough to bring The Journal ashore, anchor, reconstruct, and begin another journey.

Anticipating danger, the staff of The Journal asked for aid in a very unique way. Internment was refused from all quarters save a temporary one by a friendly ally and were it not for the shrewd steering of the chief and the immediate response of the (Continued on page 2.)

The Winners, Singing

By Hugh J. Hughes

Our women have been loyal, so we men have trod the marges
Of many a distant shore and by many a chiming sea,
Where the foreman broke before us, left his spandart on our targets,
And behind him hands and waters and the wealth of soil and tree.

Because they were loyal we set aside our fears,
And through the demon-guarded deep we came to fairer lands;
And there we made them a place within the foible clearings,
And prayed to half-remembered gods by lifting up of hands.

Our women have been loyal, so for them we threw our arches
Across the evil rivers and chained them fast and still;
And built the city wall and gate and ceased our endless marches
And found the pleasant valleys that our servant oxen till.

Our women have been loyal beyond all praise or telling,
So, bit by bit, so, man by man, we struggled lest we fall;
And found at last a country and a city and a dwelling;
And, best of all, a woman's hands to turn the dipping scale.

Our women have been loyal, and, because that they were loyal,
We built the Law that shelters us, the Creed that scourges wrong;
Both the pleasant little cottage and the towered halls and royal,
And because such were our women came the debtless gift of song.

Our women have been loyal! So the fruitful land and pleasant,
The songs of seed and harvest-time and peace, enviraged years.
The love of little children and the toil of king and peasant,
And laughter of such happiness that sometimes it is tears.

Encouraging Words for the Race

From The Advocate

HE Courier-Journal, edited by the brilliant and versatile Henry Watterson, has some very nice things to say of the Afro-American as a soldier, and prospective army officer, which we are sure will be appreciated by the race. It is very seldom that a white journal can rise superior to his prejudice and speak like this. He says:

"In the war now in progress, the American Negro will make his first appearance as a commissioned officer in the United States army. Successful candidates at the Negro Officers' Training Camp in Iowa are receiving their commissions. They will be assigned to Negro units in the regular army, the National Guard or the National Army as the occasion demands. The mobilization of the Negro troops will begin within a short time under plans now perfected.

"The American Negro fights well when well officered, has been a familiar assertion, the inference being that white leadership is necessary. There is nothing in the history of the black races to warrant the belief that the American Negro must be "well officered"—meaning led by officers of another 'race'—before he can be depended upon as a soldier."
American countries are numerous, and many of them have been not only brave but also distinguished. General Maceo in the Cuban revolution was a recent example. Hamilcar, Hasdrubal, Hannibal and other famous North Africans were not of the race represented in America by descendants of Africans. This is true of Cetewayo in South Africa. The Zulus, the Swazi and the Kaffir tribes, distinguished in modern African warfare, are more akin to the natives of the Atlas Region and the Barbary Coast than to the progenitors of the American Negro, but the Sudanese are Negroes of the equatorial region of Africa. History contains an ample record of their military ability. The names of Sir Samuel Baker, General Gordon, Colonel Hicks, Kitchener and others who fought in the Sudan were made famous in military enterprises which tried the metal of the best European soldiers, with superior arms, acting against ill armed but fearless and exceptionally ferocious natives. Omdurman and Khartum are names familiar the world over as scenes of hard fighting. The Negro soldiers of the Mahdi and the Califa, in Gordon’s day and in Kitchener’s, lacked nothing in courage.

The Journal’s "S. O. S."

[Continued from Page 1] loyal Howardites, the only literary organ of Howard University would have gone down, helpless and unnoticed. Many students and teachers wore small white tags as an indication of her safety, rejoicing in the fact that THE JOURNAL had been rescued, and expressing by their actions the unfailing endearment for this most memorable, useful organ to the students and alumni alike.

Like any other undertaking, the University Journal faces the trials and difficulties of this critical, economical war period. Now that it is placed on a better financial basis, let not our loyalty and interest be less virulent or abated, but press on with a firmer and more fervent determination to publish a representative, instructive weekly journal; let not our pledged subscriptions and promises, moreover, be neglected and ignored, but give every aid to steer thru the “high seas and endure the “Storm and Stress Period;” let not the efforts of former loyal Howardites, finally, be conquered because of the slight change of conditions brought about by the “grim and world-wide struggle for de-

“Champions” vs Camp Meade

Teaming with anxiety to demonstrate to the “rooky” football teams of Howard, 1917, the spirit and “punch” of the good old days, willing and ready to assist the “Sammies” of Camp Meade in organizing a regimental band composed of forty pieces, the champions of 1914–15 have consented to stage the most spectacular football game of the season.

On the Fifteenth of December, the “Sammies” of Camp Meade will crowd Howard campus and attempt to divest the “champions” of their invincible record. It will be interesting to see Steele, “Buck” Hunt, “Fats” Johnson, Clayborne George and “Prep” Goodloe play against their Alma Mater.

“Coach Grinnage will try the “come back stunt;” “Pinde” to kick a field goal; Coleman to make a thirty yard end-run having McCain leading his interference. Of course, “Tubby,” Ralph and Waters will play their usual “star” game. “Doc” Johnson will be there too, to get the boys in “fine fiddle.” In fact, all the “champions” will be there save “Gilly” to contribute to this worthy war cause.

Surely, every loyal Howardite is anxious to see one interesting, well-played football game this season; surely every loyal Howardite is willing to contribute twenty-five cents to encourage the “Sammies” in organizing a wholesome amusement both while in America and “Somewhere in France.”

—A. G. L.
Football Situation at Howard

For ten years Howard had been champion on the gridiron among Negro institutions. The year 1915 witnessed a break in this chain of victories when Howard lost to Hampton on Hampton's campus. By the loss of that game, Howard went down one rung in the ladder of the football world; and Hampton became the undisputed champion of that season.

The football season of the year 1916 then rolled in with its incidents and eventualities, both favorable and unfavorable for Howard. First, Union fell. Then Lincoln suffered an ignominious defeat before the onslaught of the fast machine that ex-Coach Marshall had put together, and which was so carefully regulated, that it was almost perfect.

But, as carefully regulated as this machine was, it was too light for heavy duty, for as it lay siege to the impregnable Antwerp fortifications of Hampton it was unable to withstand the hardships, and finally crumbled before the return fire of the enemy. The 1916 season ended with Hampton first, and Howard second.

Father Time turned his sandy glass over once more and ushered in 1917. Howard's sons and daughters had again looked forward with eager expectancy, to that most beloved of all college activities, football. But instead of that democratic spirit which has been the secret of success of the Howard gridiron career, there had been infused, a spirit of autocracy, by some anti-Howard group, which has resulted in the most disgraceful and unappreciated football season that Howard has ever witnessed. Howard has lost games this year with institutions with whom it has been, heretofore, beneath the dignity of the varsity team to play. The fault is not with the players, for every Howard man and woman feels the highest respect and esteem for every member of the team. Nor is the fault with the student body, for after the first half, during the Howard-Union game, when the score was 10-0 in Union's favor, the rabble, att the command of the yell master surged forth with songs and yells, and the same morale was kept up during the second half and even after the game was over.

Men with the sacred Howard seal stamped upon their hearts, whose professional career was in jeopardy, fought for Howard that day. Should not the appreciation of these men's services, be manifested by encouraging them instead of setting stumbling blocks in their path?

"I enjoy seeing a game of football, and besides it develops one morally and physically, but if you play today, I shall have to deduct the absences from your general average."

"You can't play because you did not go with the baseball team on its southern trip last spring."

Such remarks are made to students when they seek legitimate excuses, and permission to play football. Are they very encouraging? Can you work as well when your mind is burdened with the consequences that will follow your actions. as you can when your mind is free from care and you know you will be commended for your actions. These are some of the handicaps placed before the football face of such handicaps men have taken their chances and played.

Then again, men who have been accustomed to practice at their own convenience, will not practice regularly unless persuaded to do so, and unless rules are made by which they may be regulated and restricted. A penalty should be established for the breaking of these rules. To bring about such a condition an efficient coach is necessary, one who knows the game, who is interested in his men and their immediate welfare during the season. He should set a certain time for practice and every man not present at that time should suffer some penalty, unless he has a plausible excuse. There should be some system of exercises and practice and every man should be placed according to his showing. There is in the northeast corner of the gridiron a contrivance on which to adjust a tackling dummy, but strange to say, that has seemingly gone out of date and has been relegated to the background.

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Fri., Dec. 7, 1917.
The Sophomore Program

Last Friday evening the Alpha Phi Literary Society presented the Sophomore Class, which rendered a very excellent program. In the introductory remarks, S. P. Brown, who presided in the absence of the class president, Norman L. McGhee, expressed the appreciation of the class for the opportunity offered it by the Alpha Phi to display its talent and ability. The class of '20 may well pride itself on its talent—especially in music. Every number on the program was a vocal solo with the exception of Miss May Miller's well rendered recitation, and even this had a musical accompaniment. The soloists were the Misses Arliner Young, Artoria Williams, Isadore Williams, Florence Murray, and Helen Lawrence. All of these young ladies exhibited great power of expression and interpretation as the vociferous applause testified. The program ended musically, for at the close the class of '20 rose in a body and sang with great fervor and emotion their well rehearsed class song.

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Alumni Notes


Hattie Beatrice Mitchell, Normal 1917, teaching in public schools, Washington, D. C.

Samuel Marcellus, B.S. 1917, principal public school, Delaware City, Del.

Tessie Rheta Greene, Normal 1917, principal of graded school, Berwind, W. Va.

Anna Coleman, Domestic Science, 1916, teaching domestic science in public schools of Winchester, Ky.

Grace Violet Gordon, Domestic Science 1916, teaching domestic science in public schools of Tulsa, Okla.

From The Athenaeum of Morehouse College we learn that Miss Agnes Heard '18, former member of our class of 1918 is one of its Associate Editors.

Love

Love cometh to the proud as a strong wind upon little ships, Confounding them; Unto the meek it cometh as April to the wayside, Scattering joy.

'Soldiers in petticoats.' That is the name for the women employed in British munitions factories, for they are as much subject to military discipline as is Tommy Atkins.
ATHLETICS
Melvin Davis, Editor

Howard 0 Hampton 37

Hampton's powerful machine trampled over Howard's game, fighting eleven like the great war tanks of today force their way through and over all types of defence. Only once did Howard make a strong attempt to cross Hampton's 20 yard line. Downing received a punt on Howard's 20 yard line and tore off sixty yards behind a perfect interference. At no other period of the game did Howard have a chance but always the fight and spirit was present. As each Hampton play was directed with relentless force through the Howard defence, the loyal sons of Howard gritted their bleeding teeth; clenched their torn hands; threw precaution to the winds and vainly tried to break it up. After the game not a Howard man who had participated in a part of the game was free from the noble blood of Howard's gridiron warriors spilled on the field of battle. Each man, after the game, washed from his body the blood sacrificed to the overwhelming score of 37 to 0. Such was the spirit of Howard’s football men on that memorable Thanksgiving Day of November 29, 1917.

Football Situation at Howard [Continued from page 3]

With all due deference to the head of the system of coaching for the season which has just come to a close, the method was faulty, the attitude indifferent, and the results shameful.

Then too, a training table is established for the purpose of giving players select food, such as will augment their stamina and place them in a condition to better withstand the knocks and bumps of the game. If it does not meet these requirements, then why have a training table? There is no virtue in the word training table, but there is virtue in what it means. Practically the same thing, if not identically the same thing was served at the so called training table that was served at In summing up the whole football situation at Howard for the season that has just come to a close, it is just this: Lack of efficient coaching; failure to establish and enforce such rigid rules as will govern the men correctly; lack of encouragement and cooperation on the part of the faculty; and a training table in reality and not in theory.

It is earnestly hoped that these faults be amply corrected before the dawn of another football season, or that football be suspended rather than have a repetition of such a shameful and disastrous season, which has placed Howard University at the bottom of the ladder of the football world.

The Freshmen Entertain

The Freshmen are nothing if not versatile. On last Friday when bad weather prevented their going on the long anticipated ‘hike’—instead of becoming discouraged they arranged at once to hold an entertainment in Miner Hall. The Assembly Hall was prettily decorated, and an impromptu program made up. Refreshments also took shape in the form of fruit salad and wafers. The evening was spent pleasantly in song and games; and in getting better acquainted with one another.

"People Worth While"

To day our minds are so filled with questions of war, momentous inventions and political intrigue, that we have very little time for anything else. Yet, there will come moments for leisure, which could be spent in lucrative reading. The lives and works of important characters in the history of the Negro Race in America afford a great deal of interest. I will begin a series of sketches on this subject by giving a brief account of the life of Myrtilla Miner.
The first Seminary and Normal school for colored girls was begun in Washington by Miss Myrtilla Miner. This great philanthropic woman was born in Brookfield, Madison County, New York, in 1815. She was handicapped in the beginning by ill health and small means. Determined to make her mark, Miss Miner succeeded in gaining admission to a Manual training school in Clinton, New York. Her health would not permit her to stay, so she went to the Seminary at Chester, New York. In the Rochester school, were two free Negro girls, and this association was the first circumstance to turn her thoughts to the work to which she gave her life. Later, Miss Miner went South to teach.

After Miss Miner's return from her work in the South, she started her work to better the condition of the colored people. The District of Columbia was selected for the field of her efforts, because the laws of the District gave her the right to educate free colored children.

In the autumn of 1851 Miss Miner commenced this remarkable work in a small room about 14 feet square, in a frame building owned by Mr. Edward C. Younger, a colored man, on Eleventh Street near New York Avenue. Although she opened the school with only a few girls, she soon had a room full. When her quarters became too small, she moved to F Street between Eighteenth and Nineteenth. The persecution of her neighbors was so bitter, that Miss Miner was compelled to seek refuge in the home of a German family on K Street.

The success of this school was so rapid, that only a large building could accommodate the pupils. In the summer of 1851 a three-acre lot was bought upon which to build a new school. The buildings put upon this lot were small frame dwellings of two stories, with three small cabins which served for the seminary and the homes of the teacher and her assistant. The poor whites continued to molest her, but when they threatened to burn her house, she laughed at them and said a new one would rise upon the ashes—a prophecy which came true in 1860 when the buildings were set on fire.

The course of instruction was indeed of the highest order. Lectures on scientific and literary subjects were given by professional and literary men. There was attached to the school an excellent library, which was filled with fine books, pictures, paintings and leading magazines.

In the height of her success, the health of Miss Miner completely failed. Early in December, 1866, she returned to Washington from a trip North in a dying condition. On the tenth of the month she died in the home of her friend, Miss Nancy M. Johnson. Her remains were carried to Oak Hill Cemetery.

No elaborate marble marks the resting place of this truly wonderful woman, but buildings have been erected to her memory. We are ever mindful of the sincere efforts of Miss Miner, when we behold the Girls' Dormitory of our University, and the magnificent Normal School for Negro youth on Georgia Avenue of this city.—M. T. Burnside
Of Interest

New York City's Woman Suffrage Party contributed $10,000 for the Y. W. C. A. unit of the colored troops at Camp Upton, New York.

Critical music directors have claimed that the Fifteenth Colored Infantry, N. Y. N. G. under Lieutenant J. R. Europe, has the best army band in the United States.

Mr. H. T. Burleigh's song, "Deep River," has become so popular that the Zoellner Quartet, A. Walter Kramer, and Richard Keys Biggs have written transcriptions from it.

Six hundred and seventy eight colored men at the Seventeenth Provisional Officers' Training Camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa have received commissions as follows: 160 Captains, 330 First Lieutenants, and 198 Second Lieutenants.

Professor L. B. Moore, Dean of Teachers College, Howard University, is the first colored man to be elected a member of the Executive Committee of the American Missionary Association, which controls forty educational institutions in the South.

Y. W. C. A. Notes

If Thanksgiving signifies anything at all to us, it should be the expression of our thanks to God for his wonderful blessings to us. This can only be done by our sharing what he has given us with some one else. This spirit of Thanksgiving has permeated the Y. W. C. A. this year, and through the cooperation of its members and friends, it has brought much cheer and happiness to others.

A special meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Nov. 25 at which was received many contributions of money, fruits, and vegetables. On Thanksgiving morning, a large number of young ladies visited the Old Folks's Baptist Home, where they sang several songs and left a basket of provisions. From there they went to the Eight Street Center, where they were taken through the whole building. After talking to the children and hearing them sing they left a bag of fruit, and visited the Howard Temporary home. There they were entertained by the singing by the girls and in return sang Howard songs for them.

Never before have we felt such joy from giving—in feeling that others were benefited by the little we could do. Everywhere we went, the welcome was hearty, by which we know happiness was brought to all.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held Dec. 9, at 6:15. There will be a round table discussion from the letters, Y. W. C. A. Good music is planned for the occasion. All are invited.

They Say

That the probable departure of our soldiers in the near future causes more than one feminine heart to quiver.

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