Dr. Thirkield's Address before the Y. M. C. A. of Washington.

One of the local papers giving the gist of an address, "The New Man" which was delivered by Dr. Thirkield before the Sunday afternoon meeting for men in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association building, quotes him as follows: Dr. Thirkield insisted upon the training of body, mind, and spirit. "Let a man be so trained," he said, "that even if cast, like Robinson Crusoe, on a desert island he will have gumption, sense, and skill enough to dig out a living from the earth and to build a covering over his head.

"The mind and spirit must be developed. Herbert Spencer, after his visit to America, said that the neglect of moral education is the most glaring defect in our progress of education. In Massachusetts, with its high pressure system of education, crime among youth is increasing alarmingly.

"If the child is to be trained to the full stature of a man, and that is the measure of an angel, too, says Mrs. Browning, he must have the upward look. The dower of a lofty and unselfish ideal gives wings to purpose, and a man without purpose does not walk straight and erect, but he wabbles, and should be classed among the invertebrates.

"The true law of self control is not suppression but expression; not throttling and killing those pleasures, powers, desires and imaginings that flame thru our being, but governing them in the interest of the higher man. The man of passion is the man of power; but passion should be under the control of conscience and reason.

"These powers should be developed by a rounded culture, and these must be brains. Education is life's unfolding. It is teaching man how to live completely. It has to do with hand, heart and head. The crown of creation is a man. Perfect man was not given of the Creator. Adam was perfect as a child is perfect. Manhood was to be worked out by his own free agency. So now, manhood is a thing to be achieved. God gives the pattern, the inspiration and the power of achievement; each man for himself must work out the result.

Commissioner McFarland.

The Hon. Henry B. F. McFarland, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, paid the University a visit on Tuesday and addressed the faculty and students. He is the head of the district government. He was received with hearty applause.

He expressed pleasure in the visit and proceeded to a discussion of the education which fits one for service to society. He gave due emphasis to the education of the head and advocated also the education of the hand where such is possible. But, of prime importance to the community is spiritual education—that training which develops the spiritual side of man and renders him a blessing and help to his neighbors. The great universities of the world were founded on a spiritual basis, even tho some of them have deviated from their old mottoes. The truly well educated man is the man whose moral faculties are trained to act for the good of his fellow men.

Commissioner McFarland is not only a public servant of marked ability, but a citizen who shows himself deeply interested in the moral development of the community. His talk must have come from the heart because his deeds exemplify his words.

Gridiron Gossip.

Fine weather prevails.

The squad under the efficient direction of the coaches, is rounding rapidly into shape.

There was no game scheduled for last Saturday so the afternoon was spent in a most profitable practice.

Every one was glad to see Shorter Brownley and Bailey back again on the field.

The proposed game with Fiske University on Thanksgiving day did not materialize and in all probability our old rival Shaw University will play here that day.

About four young men have been detailed to keep the spectators from behind the wires every afternoon. They are doing quite efficient work, and also furnish no little amusement by their maneuvers. The company is composed entirely of officers.

The practice Monday afternoon was one to test the "wind" of the players, and was a good test, too. This practice was also full of hard, clean tackling, and furnished much interest to the "side-liners".

Washington High School plays the Howard Second Team, again, on the Campus at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. A good game is expected. The score was 6 to 0, the last time these two teams met, in favor of the Second Team.
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Foreign Missions

We heartily approve of the work of earnest and conscientious foreign missionaries. To the spirit of gospel carrying is due largely the splendid conquest of the most enlightened parts of the world by the Christian religion. And we do not question the fact that the spirit of the holy apostles is still alive in some missionaries to day.

But the behavior of some of the missionaries of the present time has made us question their good intentions. There is a decided tendency to go to China and Japan, places where there are already established religions of merit, unless those who go there show higher moral qualities than do the people to whom they intend to minister, their time would be better spent at home in charitable work. It is no secret that rum dealers and unscrupulous traders follow directly in the paths blazed out by the missionaries, especially in China and Africa, and the little good they do is more than subverted by the evils which follow in their train. The Boxers' outbreak in China was due in no small measure to the indiscretion and arrogance of the missionaries.

In Africa the missionaries were accompanied by adventurers and land hunters. The unlearned natives accepted all that was tendered them including religion and whisky. Behind these missionaries were blindly implanted the whole fighting forces of their several governments. Africa has been partitioned until no part remains under the sovereign authority of the natives. The 'Christian' nations are doing much in that hitherto land to hinder the growth of true Christianity. The Dutch and the Belgians are infamous in their ill treatment of the aboriginals, and the English, French, and Germans, are far from guiltless in this respect.

When the churches look more closely into the quality of persons going out from them as missionaries and control their action, keeping them from evil contact, we shall see happier results and greater safety to the missionaries themselves.

The Elections

The Republicans will maintain their political supremacy by a slightly reduced majority. The people seem resolved to let well enough alone. In view of the fact that the Rep. party has stood for liberty, progress and prosperity, this is well. But, the existence of a vigorous and strong minority is a necessity in such a government as ours. It serves to check and restrain the dominant party and to keep them solidly in the lines along which they secured the ballots of the people.

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Societies

The Alpha Phi met in regular session on last Friday evening. The unfinished business from the previous meeting was disposed of. The report of the committee on the annual debate was adopted in toto with the exception of the exact date which will be decided later.

The subject for the Alpha Phi Prize Debate is: Resolved, that strikes are productive of more harm than good to the working classes. The disputants on the affirmative side are Messrs. H. W. Dade, '07, J. F. Dagler, Col. '09, M. S. Walton, Teacher's Col. '08, and on the negative side Messrs. S. D. Me Cree, Teacher's Col. '07, C. C. Sanford, Col. '09, and F. D. Whitby, Col. '08. This debate will occur in January and the prize will be a fourteen karat gold medal. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum time of seven minutes.

The program consisted of a declamation by Mr. Butts, a reading by Miss Jones, a recitation by Mr. Coyan, a paper by Mr. Hayson and the critique by Miss Bibb.

Mr. Hayson presented a well written article on "The Negro as a Poet." His paper was very well received.

Christian Endeavor

The meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society was largely attended last Saturday evening. President Thirkield dropped in and said a few words on the topic of the evening. These occasional visits of the president are appreciated.
Use and Abuse of Time.

By Miss A. I. Powell.

Time is said to be the stuff out of which life is made. Every one has the same amount of it in a year, and we must expend it in some way. Since our lives depend on time, it is for us to say whether we will use or abuse it.

The moment time does not seem to be vital to us, then it is wasted, and, worse than that, abused. If we have no system of working, but just take things as chance gives them to us, and work indifferently, we are very likely to lose interest in everything in the world, and cause our lives to count for very little.

To use time advantageously is to develop the powers of body and soul. Youth is the time to implant spheres of greater usefulness—and not forgetting the duties owed to our God, country, society and ourselves. It is to this end that the prizes of life are placed before us, and something more worthy rises to incite us to harder and higher achievements.

Cricket.

There will be a meeting of the Howard University cricket club at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Saturday, Nov. 10th at 12 noon. All members of the club and lovers of the game are invited to attend, by request of the captain, J. C. Van Loo.

A Lesson for Young Men

How surprised was Charlie Come when he came from his day's work and found a letter addressed to him from his sweetheart which contained the following statement:

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A Broken Engagement

"It is the cause, it is the cause, my soul,—

Let me not name it to you; ye chaste stars"—

this done in her rich contralto voice of velvety resonance. This voice had a peculiar tendency toward a musical swell and to drop to a deliciously low pitch at a sentence's end—a trait in her positively unique. In an off hand manner, she was wont to make the most pro-

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(To be concluded in next issue.)

Mr. Julius H. Moore.

Mr. Julius A. Moore, ex-student of King Hall, who was appointed late July by the Department of Justice as special agent for the United States to collect evidence against the Bitter Root Development Co., District of Montana, has returned home and entered the Medical Department of Howard University.

Mr. Moore is the first and only Negro ever appointed to do work of this nature; and although having never made a specialty of law, he did this work with such efficiency as to have received the personal compliments of Asst. Atty.-Gen. Birch, who has the case in hand.

Mr. Moore's ideas of Montana are express in the following verses composed by himself while camping on the west side of the Rockies at the foot of Mt. Trapper:

Montana.

There may be dawns as bright,
But none are brighter;
There may be hearts as light,
But none are lighter Than in Montana.

There may be fields as fair,
But none are fairer;
There may be days as rare,
But none are rarer Than in Montana.

There may be skies as blue,
But none are bluer.
There may be hearts as true,
But none are truer Than in Montana.

Beautiful valleys and mountains towering high,
With majestic peaks that seem to reach the sky;
Wide, wide stretches of level land;
With peace and plenty on every hand— And that's Montana.

Over all the canopy of the bluest sky,
And loving winds that sigh and sigh and sigh;
Here and there is a little town;
And silver-crowned river flowing down— And that's Montana.

Miscellaneous.

Constancy in Fashion.

For three years have the brown hues and the brown wool held their places.

A maiden from the sunny south looks best in curls.

Miss H. was awakened by a sweet strain from her room-mate—it is another Caedmon.

What of this?

A promising dentist of the senior class claims it is a hard task to get a woman to keep her mouth open.

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The afternoon library hours will be from 1 to 4 instead of from 2 to 5, as was stated in our last issue.

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