Debating at Howard

The football season at Howard closed with the Thanksgiving game and the attention of the students is now directed to another form of intercollegiate contest—debating. Debating has taken on a new life the last few years at Howard and a larger number of students has engaged in the "try out" for places on the debating team. This year should find even a larger number trying to make the team, for two debates have already been arranged and others may follow.

The second annual inter-class debate between the freshmen and sophomores will take place Friday, December 17, and much enthusiasm is being manifested already by the underclassmen in this debate. The sophomores won last year, this is no reason, however, why they should do so again this year. We hope that each class will equip itself well and be prepared to give the public an interesting, instructive and well rendered program.

—Scribe

HAD IT OCCURRED TO YOU

That the Morgan-Howard Rhetorical Contest, that occurs December 11th at 8 o'clock in Rankin Memorial Chapel, promises to be an auspicious occasion?

That The English Chautauqua will award $10.00 in gold to that contestant who is awarded the highest average by the judges?

That The Morgan-Howard Contest is the first intercollegiate contest between college women in the history of Howard University?

That the entire program of the Morgan-Howard contest will be rendered by women?

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That all of the judges of the trial contest were women?

That all of the judges of the Morgan-Howard Contest will be women?

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Ruth E. Weatherless, Chairman of Executive Committee
Hampton Wins the Thanksgiving Day Game

N last Thursday as the sun slowly sank behind the western hills, and the shades of humid night began to gather, Howard's sturdy gridiron warriors surrounded by their loyal followers sullenly wended their way from Hampton's football field. There the proud supporters of Howard saw their team overwhelmed by the more powerful Hampton eleven.

Although Howard fought with unflinching courage from the opening of the fray until the time-keeper's whistle sounded the end of the battle, the struggle availed nothing against the mighty power of the Hampton attack.

The irresistible charges of the Hampton back-field could not be stopped, and time and again it pierced the first and second lines of defense, until Howard was bent and exhausted in its efforts to ward off defeat. Five minutes after the first kick-off Hampton had scored a touch-down, and it was apparent that Howard had met her master.

The day was an ideal one for the staging of this classic event. A crowd of five-thousand people witnessed the game, and the sight was made more imposing by the large number of women present. The Hampton rooters, twelve hundred strong with their band occupied the west side of the field. The Howardites together with the New Port News band were stationed upon the east side of the gridiron. The continual cheers by the followers of both schools; the enlivening music of both bands; and the waving sea of blue and white on both sides of the field, made the occasion a typical college event.

Howard appeared on the field at 2:15 amid the hearty applause of her supporters. A short snappy practice took place. At 2:20 Captain Gayle led his team upon the gridiron and received a mighty welcome from the Hampton rooters. Both Captain Beamon and Captain Gayle were brought together by the referee to choose the field and kick-off. Howard won and chose to defend the south goal.

Pinderhughes kicked off at 2:30 P. M. to Hampton's 30-yard line where Atkins returned the ball 10 yards before he was downed. The Hampton backs now began their slashing charges through the Howard line. The ball was brought to Howard's 20-yard line, where the Howard defense for the moment held Hampton at bay. It was now Howard's ball. Brice gained 5 yards around left end. On the next two plays Howard lost ground and Stratton punted to Hampton's 30-yard line. In four charges the Hampton backs advanced the ball 35 yards, but Howard standing in the shadow of her goal again held for downs. After endeavoring to pierce the enemy's defense by means of varied trick plays and end runs Howard lost the ball on her own 12-yard line. Dorsey gained 10 yards around left end and Atkins then carried the ball over for the first touch-down. The quarter ended just as Atkins ran back Stratton's punt 20 yards.
In the first part of the second period the Howard back-field showed a flash of its old brilliancy. Receiving the ball on the 40-yard line Pinderhughes made 6 yards through right tackle and 8 yards through the opposite tackle. A trick play around left end netted 7 yards more. The Hampton rush line now held for downs and there was an exchange of punts between Stratton and Atkins. Hampton recovered a fumble on her own 35-yard line and again began her march towards Howard’s goal. Meadows made 10 yards through right tackle. Gayle made 6 yards around left end and Rigney added 4 more through right tackle. Hampton on the next play fumbled and Howard recovered the ball on her own 10-yard line. Stratton punted 60 yards and thus put Howard out of a dangerous position. The half ended with the ball on the 55-yard line in Hampton’s possession.

There was no change in the teams when they came on the field for the third period. Gayle kicked off to Matthews who was downed in his tracks. On the next play Williams made 12 yards around right end. A fumble then forced Howard to punt and again Rigney, Dorsey, and Meadows ripped Howard’s line to shreds and the ball was brought to Howard’s 2-yard line. The quarter now ended with Howard’s line tottering from the fierce bombardment of the Hampton backs.

In the fourth period Hampton uncovered her famous open style of play. Harvey, who took Atkins’ place at quarter, carried the pig-skin over on the second play for the second touch-down. Again Gayle failed to kick goal. Howard now began to fight savagely for at least a touchdown. Gayle again kicked off to Brice who ran 20 yards before he was downed. The Howard backs were unable to penetrate the impregnable Hampton line or skirt the ends and Stratton was forced to punt. Harvey caught the ball on Howard’s 30-yard line. On the next play he dodged the Howard forwards and hurled a pass to Gayle who ran 30 yards. Mundy then made 7 yards through center and catching Harvey’s pass picked his way through the Howard team for the third touch-down Gayle failed to kick goal. Gayle again kicked off to Brice who gained 10 yards. Williams again made 12 yards around left end. The next two attempts were futile and Stratton again putted to Hampton’s 40-yard line. On the first play Dabney was put out of the game for slugging and in addition Hampton suffered a penalty of 25 yards. Harvey immediately punted. A forward pass Fisher to Pinderhughes netted 20 yards. Two more passes were made in rapid succession and the game ended with the ball in Howard’s possession on her own 30-yard line. Score 18 to 0 in Hampton’s favor.

The Hampton team was not only heavy but fast. The line was superior to Howard’s both on the offensive and defensive. Harvey at quarter and Captain Gayle played a star game for Hampton.

The Howard line as a whole was erratic both in the defensive and offensive tactics of the game. The punting and running back of punts by Stratton deserves great praise. Williams also played a great game. The defensive work of Young, Bagley, Matthews and Crawford was very noteworthy. Pinderhughes at full as usual played his great offensive game.


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Candidates for Public Speaking Contest

The successful competitors in the try-outs for the Morgan-Howard Public Speaking Contest were as follows: first team, Miss Alice Turner, Miss Rosa Coleman, Miss Alice Yancy; second team, Miss Jean Snowden, Miss Bessie Nelms and Miss Pearl Adams. The contest will take place December the eleventh in Rankin Memorial Chapel and promises to be an interesting one. This is the first time the young women of Howard have engaged in an inter-collegiate contest. The English Chautauqua, a club of young women, who have arranged for the contest, deserves great credit and praise for providing such an entertainment. We hope that the students will show their appreciation of this effort by coming to the chapel in large numbers.

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Juniors Hold Class Meeting

The Juniors of the Teachers College held their annual “Get-Together” meeting last Friday evening at the home of Miss Lillian Quarles in French Street. The former part of the evening was devoted to class business while the latter was spent in amusements. A very delicious luncheon was served which had been well prepared by the young ladies of the class. — S. M. B.

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TUESDAY
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The importance of attaining a high scholarship was dwelt upon at length and the members were urged to do all in their power to keep every phase of the University upon a high plane. Expressions of resolution and purpose were voiced by every man present. The whole affair was charged with earnestness, zeal, and fixedness of purpose. Such meetings do much toward accomplishing that which fraternities at Howard stand for.

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Even as most men do:
So he told of powerful deeds of men
And their wonderful reasoning powers, when
The ladies weren't present, alone in a den
And most men tell this too.

But we who watch and think and know
Of things this man has done,
We say, as he said, "'Twas all for show
And all was said in fun."
For as he told Dorothy, after the speech,
"I never practice the things I preach"
These are the ideas Luther shan't teach
Oh no! not a single one.

A man there was, and he wanted to tell
Some facts he thought he knew
So he spoke in accents clear as a bell
These facts, he thought he knew.
He quoted the law and made it show
That women don't know even what they know,
That they should better sit and sew,
For originate, they can't do.

Yet we who ponder other questions grave,
We tell another tale,
We know of a woman so very brave,
She couldn't ever fail.
To be rated with the wisest of men
Who ever originated, by hand or pen,
The things to which the ages attend
'Tis Adam's Eve we hail.

And isn't it queer the way men speak
And how they say they hate—
And how "ubiquitous" the freak
Who wants merely to debate?
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