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President Newman at Fisk and Meharry



A DISTINCT epoch in the history of Fisk University was the inauguration of Dr. McKenzie as president. There was a notable gathering of educators and men of note to assist in the inaugural ceremonies. Men who are actually accomplishing things in the world were present. Among these were Governor Rye of Tennessee, Rabbi Rosenwald, the philanthropist, Dr. F. A. Stewart of Meharry Medical School and many others. To my mind, however, one of the brightest stars amid that galaxy of representative men was Dr. S. M. Newman, president of Howard University. His versatile manner, fluency of speech, and depth of thought radiated wherever he addressed an audience. His address at the inauguration was powerful, earnest, and noble; but it was at Meharry Medical College, Sunday, November eighth, where he struck upon chords that shall not soon cease their vibration, when he spoke from the deep intellectual recesses of his mind on "The Higher Education of the Negro." His logical treatment of the term imagination as the only means by which a race can have depth of thought and browse in the intellectual fields of higher education, readily converted us to his way of thinking.

It is needless to say that this intellectual treat was pleasing to the entire audience, especially to those of Meharry College, who have grasped the higher ideals of their intended profession. The

students of Meharry will ever appreciate Dr. Newman for his imparting to them his broad conception of "The Higher Education of the Negro."

—A. Lee Spaulding, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

Lest We Forget

"Oh, there it goes again, 'Come in more quietly!' There's not any use, we'll never learn to enter chapel quietly and reverently."

Merely a passing remark but a world of truth in it. The task is not a hopeless one, it is merely one which is seemingly taking a long time to reach any stage of perfection. And the reason why we enter our chapel as if entering a more secular gathering may be summed up in one word, thoughtlessness. In reading words of graduates from various colleges we find, "Among my pleasantest recollections of my college life are these of the daily chapel services, which were to me, always, a source of inspiration for my daily tasks." This is the ideal service when every moment counts for real help to the students whose hearts are ready to receive it.

Thoughtlessness, a rather serious charge, for are we not at Howard to think? To learn to think, if we do not know how; to think more deeply, more completely, is this the ultimate end of an education? Haven't we here our opportunity to put our thinking to practical tests? Self-control in a small matter like this is needed in our development and must be employed, however hard the task is, if we are to get the greatest good from our chapel

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"Pushing Back the Sky-Line"



PUSHING Back the Sky-Line" was the theme of President Newman in his talk in chapel Sunday. The theme came from the inauguration of Dr. McKenzie as president of Fisk University, which occasion was pregnant with encouragement and hope for a more friendly understanding between the two races. Prominent white and colored men met at the exercise in pleasant relationship. Southern white homes were thrown open hospitably to the delegates to the inauguration. Everywhere was the indication that the horizon was being extended more and more.

A personal experience which will be of interest to the students of Howard was related by Dr. Newman. The proprietor of the hotel in which he was stopping, on finding out that Dr. Newman was the president of Howard University, was anxious to talk with him about Negro education. He had heard that the colored man can be educated up to a certain point and then was incapable of further advancement. Dr. Newman was glad of the opportunity to give him facts from the store of his experience. The influence of that personal enlightenment may have untold value in spreading a better understanding of the race.

Dr. McKenzie and the students of Fisk have the best wishes of Howard University for many years of useful service to the race and to the world.

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THE month of June marked the closing days of our various colleges and universities, and soon this busy and intensely practical country of ours must experience a stronger and speedier pulsation of its powers, made stronger and quickened by the infusion and the infiltration of the new and latent ideas, the buoyant hopes, and the ever-broadening aspirations of the young collegian, who, having fulfilled the standard requirements of his college and having received at the hand of his Alma Mater her highest insignia of merit—the coveted degree, and who having grown restive under the passivity of his fathers, confident

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They are cosmopolitan, college-bred Americans, the advance-guard of civilization, who are marching to the front, with their country's standard unfurled to the breeze—the standard of freedom, the standard of culture, of political and religious liberty, the standard of Christ, all marching to the beat of American freedom.

Among the mighty horde are to be seen the swarthy Negro Collegians who, through years of unrequited toil and self-sacrifice, have at last reached the goal of their youthful ambitions, being graduated from the best Colleges which America affords, amid the plaudits of parents and friends, and to the wonder and chagrin of a doubting and scoffing world. "Soul-hydroptic with a sacred thirst," they have "sucked at the flagon" of knowledge till now they stand joint-heirs to all the learning, wealth, power and influence which all the races of the world have for centuries been husbanding. For them, the battle of life is, indeed, just commencing. A task far more compelling than the compelling tasks imposed by Homer, Cicero, or Goethe confronts

them; a problem more perplexing than the problems of Calculus awaits them for solution, a burden heavier by far than the weighty financial burdens which they have borne upon their stooping shoulders since first they aspired to become college graduates, drops suddenly upon them. It is the task which society has imposed upon them to sound the clear clarion note to ten millions of their race, awaken them from their lethargy, and by precept and example point the way to the light of everlasting truth. It is the problem of balancing their racial

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Their college career is ended and only echoes of assignments in science, in art, and in literature can now be heard in the dim distance of the fast receding past. Free at last to—no not free! With this new situation and recognition there come concomitant responsibilities. Browning thus points them out:

"Grant I have mastered learning's
crabbed text,

Still there's the comment."

Yes there's the comment of truth, and of an abiding justice which a demolished past sanctions and which a far-seeing future demands in the interest of humanity.

With the advent of these 1915 Collegians, we are face to face with a new day for the Negro in America. With their advent begins a change which, though slow, is, nevertheless, sure to shake the conscience of America to its foundation. "The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small." Yes, a new day is breaking over the horizon of racial prejudice in America. We walk forth in the freshness and the fragrance of its morning air and we are conscious of firmer resolves, newer hopes, and broader aspirations for each and everyone of us, whose aims are high and visions broad. Thank God for such a day. It's the day we have longed for and prayed for. Many are the martyrs who now sleep beneath the sod that it might be possible. Justly should this be so, for we have taken upon ourselves a task, a duty from the performance of

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¶ The step taken by the Kappa Sigma and the Alpha Phi Societies in conducting a joint discussion of athletics at Howard University deserves favorable comment. The football season at Howard did not close with the glorious, auspicious climax for which we had hoped and expected, and these societies have set to work to hear from the students and determine the cause. There are some, of course, who have already rested the blame. The team has come in for a good deal of criticism, the directors of athletics have had to share a portion of blame, the Athletic Council has not escaped censure, and even the students are not held wholly inviolable. This is always

the case when a school meets with a defeat. The sane method would be, however, to conduct an impartial investigation of the whole matter, if it is thought that there is something fundamentally wrong with the system of athletics. Discover the evil and remedy it—if the evil exist. The Kappa Sigma and the Alpha Phi have taken a step toward this by creating an interest in athletics through discussion.

One thing we would like to call attention to in this connection: the danger of attaching too much significance to victory or defeat.

In every contest there is compelled to be a victor. Even in contests in which a draw or tie decision is rendered, one side, in some way, outpoints the other. In the Hampton-Howard game our boys, though out-played, fought gamely to the very last; and they ended the game with the "Howard Spirit" of fight to the bitter end. Now we hope that because we were defeated, we shall not become discouraged. It is better to be defeated in a manly, fairly-fought battle than to be victors in a contest in which undue advantage of the opponent is taken. The immediate aim of athletic contests is to win, but the greater and more important aim is to develop self-control, loyalty, self-sacrifice, whether in defeat or in victory.

Freshmen and Victory

Last Saturday afternoon the Sophomores went down into unlimited defeat, on the gridiron, and bowed their necks to the yoke of their masters—the victorious Freshmen. The Freshmen stood like a massive stone wall against which the Sophomores struck like a baby child with a toy hammer. The Sophomore's rabble stood with pressed lips and cold feet when they saw their "eleven" slaughtered by the Freshmen at the command of Booker. The

Freshmen charged, the gridiron quivered, and Sophomores fell before their victors like grass before a lawn mower in the hands of a hen-pecked husband.

—J. S. Heslip

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Enters a New Field

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has recently established a chapter at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas. This is the first chapter of a colored Greek Letter Fraternity to be established in the far South which, owing to the feeling against fraternities, is a difficult field to enter.

The establishment of a chapter in Wiley University is a signal triumph for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity which is not yet two years old. This is the beginning of the extension work which will be continued until the Fraternity is established in the principal colleges of the country.

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of international fame. It is quite unbelievable that lectures from such speakers, the worthiness of the cause itself, and the appeals made by various other methods, will be utterly lost in their immediate effects upon the intelligent Howard student. Yet it is regrettable that students, as is shown by efforts in former years, have the habit of procrastination, of pledging themselves for the last months in the year, and then, in many cases, neglecting to make good these pledges. This practice it is hoped, will be abandoned this year. It is necessary that the students find means to pay their membership fees during this month that our Chapter may report, soon to be held in New York, a large membership enrollment.

Again, our Chapter is asking for immediate memberships in order to carry out effectively its own particular work. We have planned for our year's work of symposium discussions of the economic, political, and social conditions of colored people in the various states of certain sections of this nation by students from these states. In meetings following such discussions a typical state in the section discussed is to be thoroughly worked up by students who will present well prepared material on these subjects. Such material, we hope, will then be put in pamphlet form by the organization and preserved as the particular contribution of our chapter. We feel that such work will have a three fold benefit. It will benefit our students who are here to learn and should learn of such conditions; it will benefit Howard by aiding it in teaching students facts about ourselves as a people; and will benefit our Chapter in giving to it some definite and profitable work to do for the years to come. To make such work a success, (printing in particular), student co-operation, membership fees, and donations are immediately necessary.

Notes from The School of Law (Miss Carrie E. Hall, Reporter)

The success of those who have already entered upon their professional life is of untold service in encouraging undergraduates.

In this connection should be mentioned Mr. W. H. Drewry and Mr. D. C. Coleman, Law '14, who are turning their talents among other things to journalism. The West Virginia Tribune, which they are editing jointly, is in every way a creditable sheet, newsy, progressive and clean.

The Langston Debating Society has been organized and the following officers elected:

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which, God grant we shall never shrink, the duty of preserving and making inviolable the integrity and liberty of our race; that higher duty to all men in our endeavor to lift the shadow, awful and portentous, which now hovers over humanity and prepares the way to civic betterment and lasting peace; that still higher duty to our God. Remember, fellow-

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comrades, that you hold the key to the situation. You are the elite of the race, the chosen few. The eyes of fond parents are upon you; the hopes of a race are in you; and a world of opposition not unmixed, however, with "the milk of human kindness" is before you. Fail, and an ever-loving mother hangs her head in shame; fail, and the hopes of a race are blasted; fail, and teeming millions yet unborn will hold you up to the public scorn of future generations as the ones who wasted their substance in "riotous living," thus making them "hewers of wood and drawers of water." From this Scylla of the past and Charybdis of the future, there is but one escape—utter disgrace! and who courts this! Fellow-comrades, with such duties to perform; with such obligations imposed; with the heritage of a race entrusted to our keeping; with the advancement of humanity as our slogan; with the cardinal principles of American democracy to uphold; and, finally, with Him who guides the planets in their course as our guide, we cannot fail! Under the standard of the advance guard of civilization let us march boldly to the front and do our duty, and all will be well.

—Frank H. Wimberly

Howard Academy Wins from Baltimore High School

With fortune casting her smiles in the main on the opposing team, Howard Academy played true to form last Thanksgiving and had no difficulty in defeating Baltimore High School, 25 to 14.

Baltimore was completely outclassed, and the score does not

indicate the real strength of the Academy eleven. In the first half the Preps scored 19 points, and offered such a stubborn defense that Baltimore could not get within striking distance of her own goal. Baltimore scored a touchdown in the third and fourth periods. One was the result of an Academy fumble, and the other due to a long forward pass which bewildered the Preps for a time.

The Academy eleven showed a versatile, slashing attack, and quarter-back Jackson ran the team with splendid generalship. The defense of the Baltimore team was erratic and her backs could not pierce the Academy's line. By this victory the Preps established their claim to the interscholastic football championship for this section. —Athletic Editor

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The "dents," meanwhile, enjoyed themselves with games, music, and other amusements. This ceased, however, when "doctor" A. D. Stone signaled the visitors to proceed to the dining hall. When this signal was given a charge was made, a commotion followed, and every embryo doctor became a full-fledged practitioner and proceeded to fill not only his teeth but his mouth as well.

Short speeches were made by the class officers and others present, and at a late hour the mem-

bers of the class withdrew to their respective homes happy over the evening's pleasure.

Senior Pharmaceutic Class Elects Officers

The Senior Pharmaceutic class announces the election of the following officers for the session 1915-16: O. F. Valentine, President; E. P. Mullon, Vice-President; E. Fowler, Secretary; R. L. Jernigan, Treasurer; J. B. Clark, Chaplain; E. W. Priestly, Sergeant-at-Arms; T. H. Garnett, Business Manager.

Professor Guillot Entertains

Professor Guillot, ably assisted by Mrs. Moore, entertained his three classes in French last Saturday evening at the home of Dean Moore. The evening was spent in a series of interesting activities. Two charming French songs were sung by Miss Rhodes, after which several French games were engaged in by the twenty-five or more students present. Two beautiful French books were awarded to Misses Caine and De-Freese, who were victorious in the games. Refreshments were served while French music was played on the victrola. After the entertainment a French Club was organized with the purpose of

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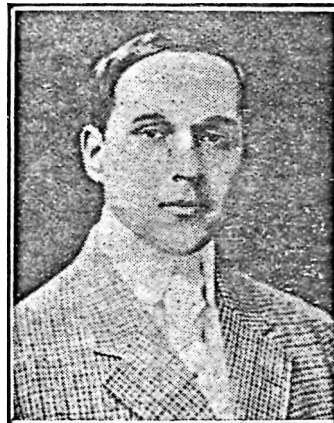


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Freshmen defeat Sophomores 12—0

Presenting an offense that was formidable at all times and an almost impregnable defense, the Freshies won over the Sophs, their bitter rival, last Saturday, 12 to 0. The Sophs were outclassed in every department of the game by their lighter foe. The game was full of life from the very start, and the Freshmen's powerful combination worked with machine-like precision, gaining in power as the game progressed.

In the first period the Sophs after three attempts failed to gain, and lost the ball on a fumble, when Hawkins tried to punt. The Freshies at once got busy. Coleman made 20 yards off left tackle and Tulane made 13 yards more. The ball was gradually worked down to the Sophomores 10-yard line when the quarter ended. In the second period the Soph's offense lacked driving power and the backs again failed to penetrate the Freshmen's defense. As soon as the Freshies gained the ball Tulane and Coleman again battered their way through the Sophomore's line for long gains. The ball rested on the Sophs' 1-yard line as the half ended.

On the kick-off Tulane raced 70-yards with the pigskin before he was downed. Coleman then carried the ball over for the first touchdown. The Sophs now began to fight desperately to ward off defeat, but time and again their line melted before the savage attack of the Freshmen backs. With the ball on the Sophs 35-yard line Tulane caught Coleman's pass and sprinted 30 yards. The period ended with the ball on the Sophs' $\frac{1}{2}$ yard line in the Freshies possession.

Davis carried the ball over on the second play for the second touch-down. The Sophomore backs now began a slashing attack. Hunter and Hawkins tore through the Freshmen line for great gains, but their efforts were in vain, as the game ended with the ball on the 30-yard line in the Sophs' possession.

For the Freshmen, Rily, Tulane and Coleman played a star game. Coleman was a power to use off-tackle, and Tulane shot through the line like a cannon ball on trick plays which completely baffled the Sophomore defense.

For the Sophomores the line plunging of Hunter, and the punting of Hawkins were features of the game.
—Athletic Editor

Doctors Please Take Notice

The first year class in medicine of Howard University held its first "smoker," Tuesday evening, December 7th. The evening was very pleasantly as well as profitably spent. These embryo doctors have had only about two months in the study of medicine. From the subjects discussed at the meeting, however, one can readily see how their youthful ambitions soar. The following are some of the subjects discussed and decided on in this meeting:

"The Granulationes Arachnae in the Brain of John on the Island of Patmos."

"The Encystment of the Gastro-Coelacio-Mesentary of the Whale which Swallowed Jonah,"

"The Neuriarrhadium in the eyes of the Blind Man that went to Jesus."

"Maemaperitonorrhagia— and its use in delivering Jonah."

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