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Annual Statement of the Work of the Settlement
The Settlement a Beacon Light to Southwest Washington

The existence of a well ordered social settlement in a suitable community needs neither defence nor apology. It is an institution that is as old as Bethlehem; for when the angels first sang, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," there was born in the city of David the first great Social Worker. Every social settlement established since that time has been founded upon humanitarian principles enunciated by the lowly Nazarene. Such a settlement is not a charity, although it may be supported by its friends. It does not offer alms, but opportunities. It is not a means of patronage or condescension; instead it is a level bridge between different people or classes—a common meeting ground. It is not a mission or a church, it does not seek by preaching or other distinctively religious methods to convert people to any creed or doctrine, although it humbly strives to work out in very practical way that great commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The first colored Social Settlement established in this country is located at 18 L Street S. W. It is striving daily to become the very embodiment of those lofty sentiments and ideals toward which the human race is struggling. Housed in a substantial brick building, containing fourteen rooms, the settlement is endeavoring to make it, in its neatness and physical appointments, an object lesson, by which the ideas and ideals of the community may be elevated. That the intellectual life of the community might be quickened, a branch public library offered last year opportunities to more than eight hundred people. Realizing that a strong mind should be in a strong body, the settlement (Continued on page 3)

Memorial Meeting to the late Dr. John R. Francis and the Annual Meeting of the Colored Social Settlement

On Monday evening, November 24th, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, a great Memorial Meeting to the late Dr. John R. Francis was held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Colored Social Settlement. Appropriate music was excellently furnished by Professor Wm. Braxton, Dr. C. S. Wormley, Miss Lola Johnson and Miss Charlotte E. Wallace. Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce presided and Mr. William L. Washington, Head Worker at the Social Settlement, Professor George W. Cook of Howard University, Dr. William M. Davidson, Superintendent of Public Schools, Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, and Dr. Thomas Jessie Jones took part in paying tribute to the late Dr. Francis and in considering the interests of the Social Settlement.

Superintendent Bruce spoke of the educational value of holding up before children and youth concrete examples of serviceable men and gifted women. He said: "It is easier to respond to the courage, the sense of justice, the magnanimity, the devotion of an actual man who but yesterday walked the streets of our city than to imitate the sanctities of the shadowy saint of a thousand years ago." He said, also, that great good may be derived
from holding up before colored children and youth the careers and personalities of the many worthy colored men and women. At other places in his address, he spoke as follows:

It is with these ideas in mind that I say the personality of John R. Francis is an educational resource. It was but yesterday that he walked and talked among us. We saw him but yesterday working and planning and attaining. The wise and kindly physician was but yesterday ministering to the sick of our household. But yesterday we noted some token of his devotion to his family and the traditions of his hearthstone. At the height of his health and prosperity, and despite a full measure of service already rendered to our public schools as a member of the Board of Education and to the interests of higher education as a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard University—but yesterday we saw Doctor Francis turn the ripened wisdom of his years, his splendid energies, his immense personal influence to the humble cause of The Colored Social Settlement. What an inspiration that act of his to the development of public spirit in our youth! We do well to gather here in commemoration of such a man.

But, we are here to do something more. We are here to register our solemn determination to support The Settlement to the full extent of our abilities. This great community, with its 300,000 souls, is no mere collection of disparate human units; it is an organic whole. Rich and poor, white and black, we are all bound together for good or ill. Tuberculosis in the alley means tuberculosis on the avenue. Beastiality anywhere in this entire community is a threat to the welfare of us all.

Is South Washington grievously in need of the facilities of modern municipal hygiene and sanitation?

Is premature death (due to insanitary conditions, to lack of hygienic knowledge and habits and to down-right poverty) terribly prevalent among the masses of the colored people who live in the streets as well as among the 10,000 who inhabit the alleys?

Are saloons permitted to invade colored residential districts?

Are houses of prostitution allowed to flaunt themselves before the homes and the schools of the colored people?

Are the wages of cooks, washwomen, and laborers dissipated in exhorbitant rents and in preposterous prices for such necessities as coal?

Are the housewives failing through lack of proper knowledge and skill to secure reasonable nutritive values out of the foods which they purchase so dearly?

Are the homes of the humble without the inspiration of intelligence and taste and the proper standards of comfort and efficiency?

Have hard-working mothers no day nursery in which to leave their babies during the long day of labor?

Is the improperly evicted tenant at an immense disadvantage in maintaining his legal rights as against the landlord with his well-paid attorney?

Are colored men and women arrested for absolutely trivial causes when a word of warning would suffice, and then thrown into court without proper legal protection?

Is it not vital to a community as large as this to provide employment bureaus where the honor of the poor country girl is a sacred thing—employment bureaus of the modern type to collate opportunities for employment and to offer them conscientiously and systematically to the seekers for work in accordance with their talents?

If crime is not committed by men and women who aimlessly loaf, is it not essential for a well-ordered community to provide wholesome recreation for those of its people who cannot provide for themselves?

If the saloon is the only club the poor man has, must we not provide another club and safety?

To these questions can any
good citizens be disposed to an-
swer with that other, "Am I my
brother's keeper?" I would have
you remember that cleanliness,
decency, a well ordered life in
Goat Alley are not without ad-
vantage to Connecticut Avenue.
Immorality has its myriad un-
seen germs no less than small-
pox; the homes of the good are
no safer from the one than
the homes of the healthy from
the other. Every influence that
tends to impair the energies of
body or mind, to disintegrate
the morails, to embitter the
hearts, to impoverish the lives of
any section of the city's popu-
ation—every such influence lowers
the level of life throughout the
community. Against every such
tendency the whole community
must fight as one man. For such
warfare there is no better instru-
mentality than the Colored So-
cial Settlement.* * * * * * 

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Washington

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provided during the past
year a wholesome, nutritious
diet to forty families. An ex-
tention of this project is greatly
needed and desired. To encour-
age industry, thrift and frugal-
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hood were induced, by buying

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three hundred dollars. That
higher standards of living might
be introduced into the home-life,
classes in sewing and cooking
received valuable help and in-
structive lessons. Under the in-
spiration of efficient and enthusi-
astic physical culture teachers
nearly a hundred boys and girls
learned something of the need
and possibility of growing
strong, vigorous, and graceful
bodies, with which to bear the
unseen struggle of existence. In
instrumental music, twelve girls
under the sweet influence
of a cultured and refined teacher

who inspired them with a desire
for the beautiful, the excellent,
the sublime. Too much attention
cannot be directed toward the
great good and boom which the
George M. Oyster Milk Station
has been to the Settlement dur-
ing the past two years. In
eighteen months, 96,000 bottles
of milk were dispensed at the
Settlement. Over three hundred
babies receive this milk—27 per
cent paid and 73 per cent free.
By the use of this pure, pasteur-
ized milk the death rate among
infants has been materially re-
duced. Out of 153 babies that
were fed on this milk last year
only two died. Although it is not
a charity, the Settlement never
turns a deaf ear to the cry of
help. Over fifty persons were
given last year temporary relief
either shelter, food or raiment.

Thus the Settlement stands
a beacon-light sending out its
rays of cheer, of hope, and of love
into the lives of those in whose
life little light comes.

W. L. Washington
Resident Worker

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House

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verson a new Social Settlement
House that commands our atten-
tion. It is a large, new, brick
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University. It has two resident
workers. The House is in charge
of a talented woman who has spent
fifteen years in religious work
in Scotland. She has become
famous all over Europe as a Fisk
Jubilee singer.

This house is young and strug-
ging. It needs our help. We as
students can volunteer to take
classes there as some of our stu-
dents have already done and in
many other ways use our talents
for the uplift of humanity that
stands waiting immediately with-
out our door.

Remember that you and I owe
a duty, which we cannot honor-
ably escape to our less happily
circumstanced neighbors. How
can our lives be really happy un-
less we do (and keep on doing)
something to make their lives
sweeter and more wholesome?
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EDITORIAL

While the Journal Company has received many congratulations on the Football Number of last week, we feel that the little attempt to do honor to the football squad bears no comparison to the merit of the squad; for, with all odds against us, and then suffering no marked or big defeat, the squad of 1913, from the plucky second team men, who helped to make the Varsity men, up to Captain Clelland deserve praise and honor beyond the power of the Journal to give.

In this rendering honor to the squad, we are glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. James S. Thomas have contributed a little important quota. At their home on Fairmont Street, on last Saturday evening, they honored the team with an excellent entertainment. Indeed, at every stage of the football season, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have exhibited interest in the team. If there were a prize to be awarded this season to members of the Faculty for having interest in the team, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas would be the victors.

It is with pleasure that we devote a part of this issue of the Journal to a consideration of the Colored Social Settlement of Southwest Washington. President Newman is on the Advisory Board, and Mrs. L. B. Moore, Dr. E. L. Parks and Professor George W. Cook are on the Board of Trustees of the Settlement. Also, Miss Julia H. Parks and Mr. Leonard Morse are volunteer workers at the Settlement. It is hoped that the students and faculty of the university will join in with these present workers and lend a greater help to the Settlement.

Activities of the Settlement

On Tuesday and Thursday a branch of the Public Library is open at the Settlement House to the neighborhood, under a well trained volunteer. This work and the opportunity that the neighborhood boys and girls have to use library as a study room supplement the work of the Public School.

On Friday night the Head-worker and his wife give a reception for amusement and general recreation. Social clubs of young men and young women of Washington have helped, and can further help to make this night really beneficial by contributing to the wholesome and uplifting entertainment.

Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock the Southwest Washington Choral Society meets in the assembly hall for singing under a trained leader. There are classes in instrumental music on Saturdays.

Needs of the Settlement

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Howard University and Social Service

The place of a university in the life of society has hardly been filled unless it aids society in supplying its needs. One of these needs that everyday grows more urgent and more striking is the need of social uplift. Perhaps the University cannot fill every demand made upon it but it is certain that if it has any function at all in society this function is the cleansing and the purifying of society. Many universities of the country have felt their calling in this direction and have nobly responded.

The medium through which the college responds to the call of needy, suffering humanity is through the Settlement House. For a number of years we, here at Howard University, have felt how far behind we have been in grasping the opportunities for social service that Washington offers.

Last year we were successful in putting into the Y. M. C. A. a new department known as the

Southwest Civic Association

Closely affiliated with the actual work of the Colored Social Settlement House is the Southwest Civic Association. Composed as it is of a band of twenty men or so, its works is really heroic. Its President, Rev. Van Leo, a graduate of Howard University is making this Association felt not only in Southwest but even in the board of commissioners and other legislative bodies in Washington.

This Association is struggling hard to prove to all that South

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And so both the Social Settlement House and the Southwest Civic Association have set their faces toward the struggle. We as a company of young men and women of opportunity should feel, and I believe we do feel, a slight sense at least of obligation on our part to assist in this great work of our race. The work of such associations scattered as they are over Washington commend our attention, our sympathy and our cooperation.

Correction

In the Synopsis of Gridiron History, which appeared in last issue, substitute, in points concerning the season of '06, Whit Bruce for Brice.
Missionary or Social Service Department. It is through this department that Howard University has this year become definitely linked to the Social Settlement work of Washington. It is hoped by the Director of this department and by the Y. M. C. A. as a whole that more individual students will launch themselves into this work by their personal service.

At present our work is being concentrated in the Colored Social Settlement House on 18th Street S.W. This House is becoming more and more the beacon light of a number of people in Southwest Washington. Its library, gymnasium classes, cooking classes, choral clubs, and mother’s club are all having a telling effect upon the social life of the colored people of that community.

In speaking of Howard University linking itself definitely with the social service and settlement work of Washington, we ask what can we do? What can westudents with limited time and limited finances do with any effort towards alleviating sin, vice, and ignorance among the people of Washington? In the first place the Social Settlement house doesn’t need a great deal of money to do effective work. What social settlement work needs is a band of sympathizers who will be willing to spend a few minutes weekly in talking to some unfortunate soul that would be uplifted by knowing that someone was interested in him, or to spend an evening or afternoon of each week in teaching cooking, sewing, folk-dances, singing, games or gymnastics. As most Settlement Houses are not charitable institutions yet receive most of their support from private donations, any financial aid however small is always very helpful.

A few days before Thanksgiving Howard University responded bravely to the call for collection to defray the expenses of a Thanksgiving dinner for poor children and widows. The amount received was taken to the Southwest Social Settlement House and aided materially in making many needy ones enjoy a brighter and happier Thanks-giving Day than they would have enjoyed had we not been so active as we were. The Director, Mr. W. L. Washington is very much pleased and wishes to publicly thank the student body and the faculty for their service.

Plans are in formation for Christmas along the same lines but with a different procedure and a different method. These will be laid before the university student body in a few days.

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The Y. W. C. A. Favored with Talk on Mission Work

Before an appreciative audience on Sunday evening, November 23, in the assembly room of Miner Hall, Miss Hilda Ubrickson, a member of the City Y. W. C. A. on F st., gave a most interesting talk on mission work.

She said in part: "Prayer is the watchword. It is the only method that gives strength not only to those in domestic work but also to those in foreign work.

The College girl must be the leader in this kind of service. She is most capable for carrying on the Christian cause successfully. Because of her broad knowledge she is able to see the need from every angle.

The field is broad and the College girl's duty demands that she should perform a part of the work laid out by the Divine. Now is the time to do this work. Do not wait until the future. Although you may not be able to go to foreign lands, you will find plenty of opportunity to serve right in your own little sphere."

Miss Chase, the president of the Association and Miss Oberg, the chairman of the Religious Meetings Committee worked very hard to make the meeting successful as was proven by the large number of young ladies present.

This meeting is the first of a series which will be held from time to time. Through the kindness and interest of Miss Florence Brown, General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. on F street, these meetings are to be made possible; and the Howard University Y. W. C. A. is grateful for such assistance.

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A Young "Grad" Making Good

In a letter to Prof. Tunnell several weeks ago, from Principal T. S. Inborden, of Joseph Keasbey Brick A. I. and N. School at Bricks, N. C., the following statement was made concerning Frank Coleman, of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1913:

"I think I should add a word relative to Mr. Frank Coleman, a product of your school here. I have not known him before this school year and from my month's work with him I think he is going to make a very excellent helper. He has started off in a very pleasing manner. He comes in my office almost daily to tell me that he is here to be used and to ask if I would like to have him do anything in the office or outside. He is a real help to me. I would rather have a man of that spirit than to have a head-heavy fellow whom you can not tell anything, who knows everything. I am praying that I can say this at the close of school if necessary without being asked to say it."

Coleman is a typical example of the college bred man. Let us have more Colemans.

The Tibbs Recital
A Grand Success

The Second Annual Recital of Mr. Roy Wilfred Tibbs, Head of the Pianoforte Department of the Conservatory of Music of the University, was in every way a brilliant event. Although the size of the audience was reduced to a large extent by the inclement weather and the juxtaposition of the Thanksgiving holidays, it was nevertheless a brilliant gathering, and individuals prominent in all walks of life in the Capital were numbered among those who were the recipients of a rare musical treat which makes a red letter event in the history of the Conservatory.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Tibbs in his first recital were unanimous in the opinion that his playing could hardly be improved upon; but those who were still more fortunate in having heard both steadfastly maintain that the work of the artist in his second recital was still more remarkable.

The program was very evenly balanced, the initial number was the XII Etudes Symphoniques of Schumann and the closing number, the Fantasie in F Minor by Chopin. Between these two intricate numbers were three lighter selections which were the Prelude in G Minor by Rachmaninoff, the Lento by Cyril Scott and the Prelude in A Minor by Debussy.

These numbers formed a delightful contrast to the initial and closing numbers.

The work of Mr. Tibbs in each one of these numbers was extraordinary. It is seldom that the XII Etudes Symphoniques is
played in full at a recital, not only because their technical intricacies but because their length is a severe tax upon the memory. Mr. Tibbs triumphed in this number at the outset. He shaded the different parts of the number with a fineness that appealed to the most critical of his auditors. The heavy passages were played with a distinctness of genius and the lighter phrases were played with a delicacy that showed the artist to be a master of touch.

The rendition of the Prelude in G. Minor of Rachmaninoff was noteworthy given from the standpoint of intelligent interpretation. The "Lento" by Cyril Scott was highly appreciated from the standpoint of its beauty. The "Fantasie in F Minor" was a fitting climax to a splendid program and Mr. Tibbs played like one inspired. Overcoming the technical difficulties which awaited him in almost every measure, he gives us an interpretation of this number which could hardly have been excelled.

The achievement of the mastery of the program rendered at his Second Annual Recital was a distinct triumph for Mr. Tibbs who labored assiduously night and day to delight his audience.

The recital was an artistic and personal success. That it was a financial success is due to the efforts of the Director of the Conservatory who, with her characteristic energy, succeeded in turning what seemed to be an inevitable failure into a glorious triumph.

There is one very important feature of the affair and that is the failure on the part of the faculty members to respond to the efforts of the management. The number of professors and instructors present at the Tibbs recital could have been counted on one hand. It would seem, and from the part that an appreciation of the higher class of music is supposed to be a mark of culture, that they would feel themselves obligated to honor a fellow member by their presence. It is to be hoped that the next venture will meet with a better response from the faculty. B. C. Terry

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