EUREKA BANQUET

The Eureka Literary society gave its third annual banquet in Miner Hall, Friday evening, December 3.

The President, Mr. J. R. Davis, delivered an address in which he put special stress on the importance of members, being loyal to the society.

The guests of honor were Prof. C. S. Syphax, Mr. E. P. Davis, Misses Annie R. Barker, and Miss Hardwick all of whom gave the society some encouraging remarks. After this the society indulged for an hour in social pleasures and then retired to the spacious dining room where a sumptuous menu was served. At 11 o'clock the banquet ended and all withdrew expressing themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening.

AN OPEN FORUM

The competitive debate held last Saturday night, by the Kappa Sigma debating Club was typical of an old Roman forum. The contest was the best of its kind ever witnessed in the history of the University. At eight o'clock a string of eighteen contestants led by Miss Sadie B. Davis filed into the Memorial chapel and formed a semicircle upon the platform; prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Parks and the struggle for places on the intercollegiate debating teams began. The crowd was large and was anxiously waiting to hear the eloquent arguments which by thorough preparations were in readiness for the occasion.

The subject for the contest was: Resolved That in the conflict of the expressed opinion of a national legislator with that of his constituents in matters of legislation, the opinion of the legislator should be subordinated to that of his constituents.

Mr. Julius H. Love, the first speaker on the affirmative side, rose amid a shower of applause and began the struggle which lasted until somber night was well nigh on to the crossing of the line. But the battle was kept up with never lagging interest to the finish, and when the smoke cleared away Butts, Pollard, W. A. Love, Scott, Jackson, McMorris, Terry, Neely and Washington alone were left to carry away the White and Blue on to victory in the coming intercollegiate combats.

NOTICE

The annual announcement of the Council of Upper Classmen has been issued expressing briefly the aims and intentions of the Council for the present year. The first function announced is the Annual Open Session of the Blackstone Club of the Law School on Saturday evening December 18th, in Andrew Rankin Chapel.

The second function will be the annual holiday reception on Monday evening December 26th, at Odd Fellows Hall. Persons desiring invitations to this affair should send name and address to the Invitation Committee of the Council of Upper Classmen, not later than December 15th.

Every student should subscribe to the JOURNAL, but by all means, after subscribing, pay.

THE HOOK-WORM

Dr. Stiles, president of the Rockefeller Fund for the investigation of the hook-worm lectured on that subject last Tuesday evening before the faculty and students of the Medical school. The lecture was exceedingly interesting and instructive.

The hook-worm according to Dr. Stiles is a slender parasite having its habitat in the highlands, the sandy lands and clay lands of the southern states, principally the sandy lands. It is an African disease and has effects on the poor whites and Negroes of the south particularly. Its spread is due largely to the lack of sanitation, and effects the whites more severely than the blacks. It may be taken into the system by water, or it may come through the feet as ground-itch, toe-itch, frost-bite, etc. This disease has become very wide-spread throughout certain sections of the south and a strong plea is made to wipe it out and stay the ravages which it is making.

SORORITY BANQUET

On Saturday evening, November 27th, Miss Alice Murry entertained the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at her home 1216 U Street. The hostess had cleverly arranged to render it in every way an enjoyable occasion for the guests. Much pleasure and interest were involved in several contests which were introduced during the early part of the evening. At the close of these and after dancing the young ladies were summoned to the banquet. Baskets of pink carnations entwined with green ivy adorned the long
table and made evident the colors and the emblem of the sorority. Speeches were given by the hostess, the president and other members. The menu as served, was:

- Consomme en tasse
- Salmon Salad
- Potatoes Paisienne
- Turkey Sandwiches
- Orange Salad
- Neapolitan cream Pansie Cakes
- Sorority Ade

**Y. W. C. A.**

One of the nicest times you ever had—Where—? At the bazaar on the 18th, December. Look in next week’s issue for some of the main features.

Miss Lucy Morten addressed the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. The address was a rare treat to all who were there. Much is to be gotten from the inspired thoughts of one so noble in character, so well versed and intellectual. We feel indebted to Miss Hitchcock chairman of Religious Committee for bringing to us some of the best speakers of our race.

**THE GLEE CLUB**

Howard University night at Bethel Literary was an interesting one from every point of view. But it was of especial significance to the Glee Club, which made its first public appearance for this year, on that night, and which had every reason to be proud of its reception by the large audience present.

It must be said however that the members of the club were somewhat embarrassed by the expression from the rostrum of its policy to make a specialty of plantation melodies. While that is doubtless the policy which some of the members of the University would map out for the club, it is just the policy which the club has not mapped out for itself. On the other hand the expressed plan of the management and of the club is to foster the rendition of popular college glee songs with the aim of creating life and interest around Howard, and for the development of its members.

An occasional jubilee will be sung to add variety to a program, just our line of work must be a different grade of music from that, something that will interest and please the students and faculties of the university and the community at large, and so we will endeavor to render a high grade of glee club music at all of our entertainments.

We hope that this brief statement will serve to reassure some of our anxious patrons.

**NOTES FROM PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS**

In line with other improvements now in progress around the University, Dr. McNeil, secretary of the Medical School, has made a number of improvements in the secretary's office. Two new desks have been installed, which make quite an addition. The faculty room adjoining the office is soon to be adorned with portraits of the "famous nine" members who have contributed so much to the building up and success of that department.

**Y. M. C. A.**

Prayer meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlor Sunday morning at seven o'clock.

The Bible groups were well attended during the week. We hope that the young men of every department will enroll in some one of the several groups.

Professor Joiner addressed the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon from the subject "I hate him". The address was one of the most practical and inspiring that has been delivered to the young men this semester.

The Y. M. C. A. room will be renovated this week. The floor will be painted, the walls will be tinted and even the organ will be repaired. In face of these splendid improvements we shall no longer speak of the Y. M. C. A. room in Clarke Hall but of the Y. M. C. A. parlor.

Mr. B. L. Marchant, our delegate to the Louisville Convention will make his report Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A special musical program has been prepared for the occasion. Let all of the friends and members of the Y. M. C. A. be present to hear the report of our secretary and to enjoy the excellent music which shall be rendered.

**PERSONALS**

Nixon is putting.

H. L. Scott did come back to form.

Wanted: Some one to make a fuss over me—N. L.

The mighty Logan has forsaken the hill for the city.

Lost: An opportunity to star in Miner "Halliness"—Stbst.

Miss R. G. shows great determination in her missionary work.

Everybody thinks he is that "certain college man" spoken of in this column last week.

We wonder what fair damsel is it who is very anxious to take Mrs. A. C.'s seat in the choir.

"The Call of The West," a novel by Garvin, is on sale at the JOURNAL office, price, observation.

Dan Bowles, the only survivor of a forgotten generation, is still at the old game at the same old place.

McMorris tried to kill two birds with one stone Saturday night—win a place on the team and win back Miss—

We wonder why did Ed. Gray leave Saturday night as soon as "Tabby" came in. Christmas is coming I guess.

The silver tongue orator of the Senior College class says there can be a French table in Miner Hall so long as the Sophomore class is represented.
LAW NOTES

It is the opinion of the higher classes that all efforts that tend to raise the standard of the law department will be proper steps toward their personal success. This feature was developed a few evenings ago when some of the influential Seniors were standing in the lecture room after class discussing this question.

The Seniors seem to be determined that each Friday night the Moot Court shall have a case ready for trial.

The trial calendar is now crowded and the several participants are having a friendly and gentle contest over what case shall next be called for trial. We are endeavoring to make the Moot Court an excellent success.

The great question which almost stigmatizes the minds of the candidates for graduation is, how can we increase our recognition at the bar? This question was answered properly by one gallant Senior when he remarked, "Gentlemen, I offer this as a solution to any problem which may retard the progress of men in all avenues of labor; thorough preparation, and rigid examinations in class-rooms taken honestly." This was followed by an applause from all the students in the room. The noted subject that has confronted the minds of students in all professions for more than a half a century is, after graduation, what? The class of 1910 say after matriculation, what? and the graduation "what" will work out its own destiny.

Every student who has been wont to look down upon the Law Department with contempt, on the ground that the students of that department exist simply as an absolute novelty so far as university life and college spirit are concerned, had to sit up and take notice at the Thanksgiving game on the "hill." The junior barristers came up in royal style. They had engaged the largest omnibus in town and had it appropriately decked in Howard colors. On reaching the "hill" they abandoned the bus, mingled freely, and yelled consistently for the winning team. Between the halves they "bus attracted great attention as they rode around the campus yelling and singing. After the game the whole bunch filed into the omnibus and resumed their jovious shouting. Followed by a large crowd of youngsters they went down town singing that old familiar air, "Hail, hail, the gang's all here," without omitting a single word. They halted for a little while at the "College Inn," and after giving a number of roaring cheers and a few songs, continued on their way singing and yelling.

We heartily commend the excellent spirit shown by the junior Law class and do hope that this feeling for a general university spirit may increase and spread to all departments.

THE IMPOSSIBLE

Here is a parable by Miss E. Fox Howard, which was taken from the "Friends' Fellowship Papers."

"A dog tried to open a door. He scratched it, threw himself against it, struggled to get his nose under it, and burrow his way out, but at last he decided that the door would not open, and never could open, so he lay down before it and went to sleep.

A child was watching the dog, and he laughed and turned the handle with his small fingers, and the door was open. Then he took a book, and, sitting on the floor, he turned over the leaves one by one and gazed at the queer black marks upon them without knowing what they meant, for he was a very little child and he could not read. As there were no pictures to be found he tossed it away.

But a boy picked up the book, and laughed and read page after page of a wonderful fairy tale. Then he went to school and puzzled his head over a sum, which had to be brought to the class that morning. Try as he might the sum would not prove, and the boy said: "I can't do it. I am sure it can't be done. There must be a mistake in the book."

But the pupil's teacher laughed, and, taking the book from the boy, he quickly worked out and proved the sum. Then he turned to his own studies and went into the laboratory, for he was learning chemistry. All the morning he labored among the gases and the acids, but he could not get the right combinations and only succeeded in making a loud explosion. "It's all rubbish to say that potash and carbon form potassium," he said, "they simply explode, and I defy any one to say they don't!"

But the master, who had heard the noise, came and took it into his own hands, and soon the metal was dropping from the condenser. After school was over the master, who was getting an old man, sat in his study reading a paper on modern scientific thought. As he read his brow darkened, and at last he flung it down and said: "It is a monstrous idea. How can the creation of the world have taken millions of years? The good old Bible account of the six days of creation is good enough for me." And he wrote an angry letter of remonstrance to the great professor who had sent him the paper.

But the professor only smiled, for he was a great geologist and had read the message of the rocks. He himself, one of the deepest thinkers of the day, sat late into the night among his books, trying to fit some newly discovered law of physics into his scheme of things and to bring his mind nearer to a solution of the great why of the universe. At last he bowed his head and said: 'It is impossible. Facts are too conflicting. I cannot explain them, and I doubt if there is any explanation.'

Just beyond the limit of our own understanding lies the impossible.
Students and Alumni of the University are invited to contribute. Address all communications to
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EDITORIALS

† Miss Francis Jenkins, who was a member of the faculty of the Teachers' College last year and made such a deep impression by her personality and work, is now Assistant Supervisor of the system of schools in Decatur, Ill. She compliments the Journal as having "improved much since last year," and says "I am glad to get into touch again with your splendid work."

This is a good hint to the alumni and former students. Through the columns of the Journal, they can keep in close and living touch with the spirit and work of Howard.

† There seems to be arising in the University what might be justly called a true college spirit, not prompted by folly and fashion but by a sense of dignity and distinction. This spirit has manifested itself very distinctively during the present year on several occasions, and we are indeed proud to witness it. The most pleasing thing that can be said about this new coming spirit is that it seems to have taken its rise among the fairer sex of the University and the other sex which is by no means quite so fair is gladly taking hold of it.

Until the present we have gone along as sluggards and day dreamers thoroughly contented with being a part of the University, but now that the awakening has come let us all join in and give a big hurrah for that spirit that will typify us as true college men and women.

† "Those who intend to study medicine are advised by the Medical Faculty to pay special attention to the study of Natural History, Chemistry, Physics and the French and German languages, while in college."

This sentence of advice is contained in the catalogue of Harvard University issued in 1874. Thirty-two years later, at the dedication of the new buildings, it found more vigorous expression in the address of President Elliot.

Medical students should therefore have studied zoology and botany before beginning the study of medicine, and should have acquired some skill in the use of the scalpel and microscope. It is absurd that anybody should begin with the human body the practice of dissection or of surgery; and, furthermore, it is wholly irrational that any young man who intends to be a physician should not have mastered the elements of biology, chemistry and physics years before he enters a medical school. The mental constitution of the physician is essentially that of the naturalist; and the taste and capacities of the naturalist reveal themselves, and indeed, demand satisfaction long before twenty-one years of age, which is a good age for entering a medical school.

† Many men fail in life because of a lack of the knowledge of how to succeed and not for lack of ability. They fail to learn one thing while in college, though found on the pages of no text books, which is just as truly a science as is chemistry, physics or biology and, that is, how to make yourself felt among your own associates. 'Too many, this seems of little or no importance, or whatever importance it is may be easily acquired, when they have finished their courses in college and have taken up their life's work. Too often has this mistake been made but to be discovered when opportunity is gone. As a rule the most successful men in life are those who made most friends in school. And there is no better way to make friends than to take part in some form of student activities.

Athletics offer the best opportunity to study the natures and characteristics of men. The man who can vie with his fellow student and suffer his defeat good naturedly or bear his victories manly is a valuable friend.

We often hear it said by some of our students that because they are in certain departments of the
University: they are frowned upon with scorn, but that is a gross mistake. Whenever anyone entirely isolates himself from everybody else he cannot help thinking that everybody is against him when it is he that is against himself.

There have been students even in our time from those same departments who were as popular and whose friendship was as eagerly sought as any others in the University, simply because they mixed with the mass and became a part of it and they were none the worse for it, for they copied the virtues of the mass and not the vices.

PRESIDENT THIRKIELD IN PITTSBURG

Last Monday night, December 6th., the Warren Street Methodist Church of Pittsburg was filled with an appreciative audience composed of some of Pittsburg’s best citizens, many of them graduates of Howard University, to listen to a most practical and instructive lecture delivered by Dr. Thirkield, President of Howard University. His subject was “The making of a Man.” It was a magnificent address. For more than an hour the Doctor spoke eloquently and logically upon the essential-necessary to the making of a true man, scaffolding his argument upon four great and necessary requisites, namely, a realization of one’s personality, according to God’s plan; secondly the necessity of proper self control, in governing the will, the appetites and the passions; thirdly the indispensability of a broad and liberal culture, combining the training of the head, heart and hand; his fourth and last thought was the need of courage and purpose, in order that a man should reach his highest destiny here on earth. The lecture was one of the best we have ever had the privilege to listen to. The illustrations were all apt, happy, pointed and created a profound impression upon the representative audience that greeted, the Apostle of higher education for the Negro. At the conclusion of the address the graduates and friends of the University pressed close around the President and heartily thanked him for his timely and helpful words. At the banquet he was surrounded by several of the graduates and members of the church. It was all in all, a happy event. At ten p.m. the President of our Alma Mater was sent to the Union Station in an automobile owned and driven by one of Pittsburg’s wealthy colored citizens. Dr. Thirkield made a host of friends here. And we are inclined to the thought that it is disparagement to none to say, that Howard University has the best President since the days of the late and beloved General O. O. Howard.

The graduates of Howard University who are located in Pittsburg, have arranged to hold a memorial meeting on January tenth, 1909, in honor of late General O. O. Howard. The following graduates will take part in the exercises:- Mr. J. W. Holmes, Attorney at Law will preside. The Law and College Department will be represented by Rev. Scott Wood, Rector of St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. The Theological Department by the Rev. I. S. Lee, pastor of the Trinity Congregational Church, Dr. J. N. Page will speak upon the life and works of General Howard, and the Medical Department will be represented by Doctors J. B. Shaper and J. S. Beckett. At this meeting the graduates will organize a local alumni to work for the Alma Mater, which is so rapidly coming into her own under the wise administration of her present magnetic President.

“The sleeping Beauty and the Beast” were seen in Chapel on Saturday night, the only difference was that the beast was asleep. Mr. B. H. L. took the part of the beast.

The basket ball season is on and the coach has ordered all men out for practice.

DON’T

Every day you meet men and women who have some hobby or habit with which you disagree which grates on your nerves; some action or mannerism that makes you say or want to say, “For goodness sake—don’t.”

Write in a single brief sentence your favorite “Don’t” on a slip of paper, sign your name or initials, and give to N. P. G. Adams.

Don’t wear four faces under one hat.—Hipo.

Don’t wear your feeling on your sleeves.—P. B.

Don’t miss the Junior Class reception.—S. I.

Don’t advertise yourself through the mail.—G. O. P.

Don’t get in the band wagon unless you can blow a horn.—L. S.

Don’t criticize an idea unless you have a better one to offer.—J. D.

Don’t live by yourself when you are surrounded by thousands of individuals.—Selah.

OFFICERS Elected

On Monday night the Athletic Association met for the annual election of officers.

The meeting was well attended and everyone seemed satisfied with the results.

An amendment was offered, creating the office an advisory manager of the football team. The duty of this manager is to advise the active manager and give him the benefits of the advisory manager’s experience.

The manager of the cricket team was not elected at this meeting, but was deferred until later when the members of the cricket team could be present.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. C. McKelvie; Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Howard; Secretary, Mr. M. L. Crawford; Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Marshall; Custodian, J. W. Duncan; Council Representative, H. L. Scott, W. H. Bruce, S. D. McCree; Manager of football team, C. B. Curley; Assistant Manager football team, J. W. Parker; Advisory Manager, W. H. Bruce; Cricket Manager.
A REPLY TO CLASSICS AT HOWARD

Editor, Howard University Journal,
Sir:

Bearing the spur, by no means improbable, of being antiquated, if not quite a fossil—having been identified with the University's life in a generation now forgotten—the writer hereewith begs permission to venture word on "Classics at Howard", written by Mr. H. L. Cox, appearing in your issue of November 26th.

I congratulate you upon its appearance, and I most heartily congratulate Mr. H. L. Cox, inditer of those classic lines upon the superlative advantages of classic learning. His points are argued so incisively and beautiful as to make me feel the deep obligation to which he has subjected me in saving me the effort of an exposition along the same line.

Adopting, then, all he has said as my own, permit me to add my earnest protest against the engulfing utilitarianism which threatens our institutions of learning today. And here I make bold to speak with particular reference to Howard University, even after an absence from her pillared halls a score of years and more.

Is culture a subordinate consideration in life? Are the refinements of the soul the praise of mind, and the symmetry of thought which helps us to an appreciation of the eternal fitness of things, to be discarded because bread and butter—essential as means—are, by a present day guidance, exotoled as the supernal end to be attained?

If so, let us get down to bread and butter, and begin by eliminating grammar. That is logical, we are told, by means of "Terrible" Terry which was recalled by the referee because he stepped outside the line. So great was the enthusiasm that neither side kept the ball down because of the inability to make downs. Both teams resorted to open play at times and Lincoln was more successful in the attempt but on the whole the local team was superior. Lincoln's line was good.

If mental discipline and the power of command that come with the knowledge and proportion are the unimportant things let us start with the casting off of grammatical structure.

The import of Jerry's queries under his select phraseology was just as intelligible to me as any thing I ever read from the master hand of Nathaniel Hawthorn or Washington Irving.

For purely utilitarian purposes Jerry's grammar is as good as theirs. The man who sees in grammar only conventional speech, and not the mental training implied in the mastery of its finer variations, is he who, unless otherwise trained, stands in society as the machine in industry—he is directed, he does not direct.

We deplore most profoundly then the spirit which takes hold of our men every where—a spirit which, for the sake of gain, bows its head to an apostolate of subserviency now stalking through the land.

—George Frazier Miller
Brooklyn, New York,
Nov. 27, 1909.

NEW SYSTEM

The elective system instituted at Harvard by ex-president Elliot and copied throughout the country by colleges and universities has been smashed.

President A. Lawrence Lowell is responsible for the change, and the faculty has approved his stand. Those men now in college, are not affected.

Strict adherence to at least one subject and proficiency in at least one line of study are the keynotes of the new system, which may take its name after the new president.

If a freshman elects to study a language, he will under the new system, be unable to give up that course, and get a smattering of another at the end of the year, but he will have to stick to languages, so that he may know something about them. The same rule will apply to literature, mathematics, philosophy and practically all courses.

The freshman year will determine, except in special cases, the course a man is to follow all through college.

SOCIETIES

The members of the Puritan Club, an organization among the girls of the Academy and Commercial Departments, met last Wednesday afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Maud Wilson; Vice-President, Miss Ethel Cuff; Secretary, Miss Nellie Hargraves; Treasurer, Miss Ada Saunders; Journalist, Miss Harriet Heard; Critic Miss Marie Purvis; Chaplain, Miss Major Jones.

ATHLETICS

The game between Howard and Lincoln on Thanksgiving last was without doubt the greatest game in the history of Negro schools and would compare favorably with any game of football on record. Fully 1800 people witnessed that great game. Enthusiasm ran high and the game was full of excitement at every stage. Upon the game depended the championship in foot-ball among colored institutions.

The teams rushed on the field at 2:45 until cheering and loud hurrahs. Lincoln won the toss, chose the north goal and the contest was on. The first half was a fight to the finish, the sensational play being an 85 yard run for a touchdown by "Terrible" Terry which was recalled by the referee because Terry stepped outside the line. So great was the enthusiasm that the crowd covered the field, mindful of the fact that no touchdown had been credited to Howard. Neither side kept the ball long because of the inability to make downs. Both teams resorted to open play at times and Lincoln was much more successful in the attempt but on the whole the local team was superior. Lincoln's line was good.
The work of Bullock in guard and Norris on end showing up at every stage of the game. The team outweighed its opponents.

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