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A Mississippi Bubble

We note with some displeasure the tendency on the part of a few Southern pseudo statesmen to indict, upon the most unsatisfactory evidence, all the members of an unfortunate race. We will not do them the injustice to believe them sincere; for, in seeking a motive for their idle jabberings, we conclude that some are moved by their inherent cussedness, a result of long-continued adverse environments, and others by a desire to drag their dwarfed forms before a curious public. To this latter class belongs Governor J. K. Vardaman, who, in a recent message to the legislature of the State of Mississippi, makes the following contribution to the literature of fools:

"Certainly the education suited to the white man does not suit the negro. It has been demonstrated by forty years of experience and the expenditure of nearly $300,000,000.00. It is your function to put a stop to the worse than wasting $500,000 annually—money taken from the toiling white men and women of Mississippi and devoted to trying to make something of the negro which the Great Architect of the Universe failed to provide in the original plan of creation."

Such statements we will not dignify by refuting them, for none take him seriously, save perchance some of his ignorant and vulgar satellites who but reflect his asiminity. Without admitting the truth of his statistics, it is too obvious that were they true his arguments might be based upon the logical fallacy of false cause rather than on the principle of cause and effect.

While we deplore the attitude of His Governorship on this subject, for we feel that he is an object of pity and not censure, yet we do not anticipate any dire results from his harmless and inessential chatter. He has sought unpleasant notoriety with no little success. To look at him from the most charitable point of view, he is a bubble composed chiefly of two gases, vanity and a desire for notoriety.

Dangerous Reactionaries

We can no longer doubt the need of missionaries in Africa. We readily see now how it is indeed the benighted land, "darkest Africa."

The following from the Washington Post of the 30th inst. confirms the rumors that have been rife on the Hill since New Year:

Five students at Howard University who came to this country from Africa to be educated will present to Dr. Gordon, retiring president, a case to show their kindly feeling toward him. "For," said one of them, "he has been like a father to us." Dr. Gordon is preparing for a trip to Africa. After visiting all points of interest in that country he will go to Jerusalem, Switzerland and points in Europe. Dr. Gordon's resignation followed a revolt of the negro students of Howard University, who about two months ago at chapel exercises became boisterous and demonstrated their dislike for the president.

Even for the sake of peace and harmony this insurrection spirit, which by being made public, strives to belittle and subvert those just and honorable and unselfish motives; which constrained the alumni, the faculty and students to protest and which actuated the trustee board to remove the cause of our complaints is hard to be overlooked.

If, as individuals, these students wished to repay Dr. Gordon for personal favors received at his hands, is it not either ridiculous or significant that they should be so Pharisaical?

If ridiculous, does not the publicity tend to cast odium on our efforts, and, if significant, could there be any other purpose than to condemn the action of the authorities?

And again arises that painful necessity of emphasizing union even among such a heterogeneous student body as ours. We do not mean that freedom of thought should be destroyed, that men are to be compelled to act contrary to the dictates of conscience, a normal conscience, but if the conscience of the one differ from the conscience of the ninety and nine, is it not reasonable to suppose that his conscience is not normal but misguided and perverted, and is it not justifiable for the ninety and nine to gently or otherwise, persuade the erring one to think as they do?

Alma Mater or Xoverea?

From that time when first the universities of Oxford, Paris and Bologna, to which the world is eternally indebted, sent forth with their benedictions men whose mission it was to disseminate that wondrously mighty truth which should eventually dissolve that terrible institution of feudalism, shatter that bond of superstition which bound men's immortal souls to their mortal bodies, and conceive a Martin Luther, there has existed a certain mutual attachment and affection between a university and its graduates. Indeed the very rich and connotative phrase, "Alma Mater," has been chosen to express this relationship of the school toward its undergraduates and alumni. The relationship, then, corresponds to the auctories and pietas that exist between parent and child.

The university develops what is in the man, initiates him into the institutions and culture of society and then sends him out into that

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Cribbing

To see him enter dressed so fine
You may be sure 'twas "quizzing" time,
By looking in his hands, he's ready
To answer dates from Noah down to "Teddy."
His cuffs, that once were purely white,
Are striped with Laws of Shadow and of Light.
To lift his tie and peep beneath
You'd think it made by Ginn or Heath.
His passing scheme is quite complete,
He means to never know defeat.

This is the man with whom all colleges have to contend. The man to whom were it even insinuated that he would steal his neighbor's purse or tell a lie, would recoil as if stung by a serpent, aye, and even strike his would-be accuser, so high is his regard for honesty and truth; yet counts it nought at examination time to use any unfair method to pass successfully, seemingly entirely oblivious of the fact that stealing is stealing—whatever form it may take, whatever name we may give it to appease conscience, whatever vindication we may make for it.

Stealing in exams, or "cribbing," as it is called in college phrase, is practiced most in schools where there is less freedom of choice in subjects, rigid curricula and high standards for passing. The student, in these schools, unless he be initiated with the desire to obtain all he can during his course, that his education may be broad, will, probably fail to discern the efficacy in his proscribed work and will, since it is required, get thru by any means available. This evil is more prevalent in professional and technical schools than in colleges. In the former the student's fees are large, his chief object is bread-winning; too often his time and means are limited; failure in a subject would mean additional expenditure of time and money, losses he cannot sustain; he thinks any preventative justifiable.

As a preventive for "cribbing," many colleges have instituted the Honor System, which requires the students to write at the end of examination papers:
"I, — — —, do hereby certify on honor that I have derived to assist me during the time of this examination from any source whatever, whether oral, written, or in print, in giving the above answers."

In the South, where this system originated, it has been used most successfully because of the spirit of chivalry, which, tho not as predominant as formerly, has not faded entirely. This system is faulty, in that there is no fixed way to distinguish between the reliable student and him who cannot be trusted.

Would we not be proud if our University could be assured for each member a code of ethics so truly genuine that "cribbing" would be obliterated?

Communications

The Journal invites communications, but will not hold itself responsible for the sentiments therein.

EDITOR THE JOURNAL:

Howard University stands for liberal education and it, to day, is the chief institution of training in the liberal arts for the Negro—tomorrow it may be the only one.

We believe the intention of its founder, that gallant veteran, Gen. Howard, was that the University that bore his name should, despite its limited resources, be in truth, a university; offering the very best training in all those things that form the very best conception of the term liberal education. We believe that members of its Trustee Board and Faculties feel that Howard ought to stand for broad culture.

If this be true, why not make it exclusively and primarily so? Why not introduce more of Liberal art studies and less of manual training—aye, even abolish the latter? Industrial schools there are in abundance, and it is meet that these schools should exist, but we do not believe in the plan of combining the two. A university to be a university must surround itself with an atmosphere from which emanates honour but that which (Continued on fifth page.)
Alma Mater or Neverca?

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society to pursue and realize his ambitions. The alumnus ever cherishes the fondest hopes for and the fondest memories of his alma mater.

But it is not with that fostering spirit that our quarrel is. It is with that tendency toward the alienation of the alumnus from his university. We grant that in the modern arrangement of things the alma mater spirit has been lost in some cases because many college graduates take their degrees but to go into positions prepared for them, positions that have been waiting for them in banking houses, partnerships and such lucrative places, and that in many instances it seems to have been replaced by the prestige of the university.

But we of Howard were neither born with silver spoons in our mouths, nor does Howard overburden us with prestige. And though we realize that merit and not prestige is the thing sought after, and appreciated yet merit and even genius without influence to place it may, yet often does, "perish, unwept, unhonored, unsung."

On occasions have additions to the teaching corps of the University been made in recent years and on each occasion Howard graduates have been assiduously forgotten. If our alumni are unfitted, where lies the fault? If they are worthy, why are they never appointed here?

Surely there is something radically wrong either with that grocer or his groceries who leaves his store in the busy part of the day to buy groceries for his family and, who recommends only, under pressure, his commodities to prospective purchasers.

That parent, to all intent and purposes, is no longer a fostering one who nourishes others to the detriment of her own offspring. Then is that University an Alma Mater in the sweetest significance of the term when her own alumni are for ever and anon neglected?

If it were not so that we believe earnestly and fervently that each graduate of Howard, and especially each college graduate, had a mission to fulfill, it were not so that we are entirely persuaded that each manly man of liberal training must needs be a factor in that divine equation in proving as false the attacks of those who in their perversity and hatred, go beyond the portals of the grave and invade the silent precincts of the sleeping dead, to destroy us, we would also naught of our school, though we know that independence ceases to be a virtue when its price is failure for ourselves and continued calumny for ours.

Events in Educational World

In the Burlington (Vt.) High School, the principal and teachers finding that 4© per cent. of the boys used tobacco habitually, and desiring to reduce the practice, have agreed that after Feb. 1 no pupil who uses tobacco can hold a school office, or be a member of any organization, including athletic and social clubs.

President Faunce of Brown University announces that Andrew Carnegie has given $150,000 toward a new library at Brown, to be known as the John Hay Library. An additional $150,000 is to be raised by the graduates and friends of the University.

Dr. Henry S. Pritchett has resigned the presidency of Mass. Institute of Technology to become president of the Carnegie Fund for pensioning college professors.

For and Against Football

Close on the heels of Harvard's decision to banish football as played at present, her traditional athletic rival, Yale, has come out in defense of the game. President Hadley, at the recent dinner of the New York alumni, said that football was bound to be played if properly modified, and among all major sports, it has for the student "the double advantage of being the most democratic and the least dangerous. Played by rich and poor alike, it claims fewer victims than the sports whose successful pursuits are confined to the rich alone." He referred to frequent deaths from hunting and sailing, but said that during the thirty years that Yale had played Rugby football, no death or permanent injury had resulted to a Yale man.

President Faunce says that the faculty at Brown is wrestling with the subject, but he fears that the public has become hysterical over it, and that the sins of all sport will be loaded on football. After all, he thinks the physical danger is of far less importance than the social and ethical side of the game. The real danger in all games is when deceit occurs.

At Chicago the representatives of the "Big Nine" Western colleges have decided upon many radical changes for football and other college athletics, with the purpose of curbing professionalism. It was agreed that unless football were modified so as to prevent brutality by the rules committee, the "Big Nine" would discontinue the game for two years. It was decided that in future the college faculties should have charge of the gate receipts. One rule proposed would bar all graduate students from the matches. A player must have as many recitations during the football season as at any other time of the year. The students shall have nothing to do with the securing of tickets and the coach must be a member of the faculty. The committee would limit the number of intercollegiate games in a season to five and limit the admission fee to 50 cents.— North American.

While doubt stands still, confidence can erect a skyscraper.— Saturday Evening Post.
Some Facts about Some Senators

Senator Gallagher of New Hampshire is a doctor of medicine.
Rayner of Maryland is a Jew.
Burkett of Nebraska is the youngest member.
Tillman of South Carolina is one-eyed.
Depew of New York is in his seventies and is as spry as a youth.
Allison of Iowa wears a farmer’s beard.
Money of Mississippi has very poor sight.
Platt of New York cannot walk and needs an attendant.
McKinney of Louisiana is deaf.
Morgan of Alabama is an octogenarian.
Cullom of Illinois is said to look like Lincoln.
Berry of Arkansas has only one leg and uses a crutch.
Clark of Montana, the “Copper King,” is the richest man in the Senate.
Beveridge of Indiana looks like an actor.
Blackburn of Kentucky loves horses.
Geurin of Oregon is said to be the poorest man in the Senate.
Penrose of Pennsylvania is a bachelor.
Spondler of Wisconsin is a great constitutional lawyer.

NOTICES

Alpha Phi meets this evening at 8 o’clock.
Regular meeting of the Eureka tonight.
Vesper Service as usual on Sunday at 4:30. Dr. Moore will preach.
Y. M. C. A. meets on Sunday at 6:15 in lower Chapel.
Regular meeting of the Athletic Association at noon on Monday.
Rehearsal for Elijah Chorus this afternoon at 3 o’clock.
Band rehearsal, 3 o’clock today.
Special meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. in Andrew Rankin Chapel Saturday evening at 7:30.
Meeting of Council of Upper Classmen Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
in room 34, University building.

If there is a dollar in your pockets dishonestly gained; if the blood of youths or orphans or spoiled years of precious life stick to your millions if your wealth has left others poorer if you have robbed another of opportunity; if you have cramped, dwarfed or minimized the chances of anyone in life, in amassing your wealth, then you are a failure instead of a success, although you have millions.—“Success.”

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Communications

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portends to the highest intellectual
development. If it include under
its management all which precedes this highest development, it
follows as night follows day, that
the university must degenerate. If Howard is to present a truly lib-
eral education, we pray her watch
zealously the growth of her Manual
Training Department.

We wonder too since the recent
meeting of the Economic Associa-
tion at Baltimore and its statistical
accounts of the Negro's incompeten-
ty as comparable with Italian
laborers, whether 'industrial train-
ing' is producing the best results in
the Negro, and whether it may not
be eventually universally recognized.

Thinking of these things, we
hope and pray that Howard will
ever continue the foremost advo-
cate of a liberal education for the
Negro.

SOCIETIES

The Alpha Phi

The debating teams of the Inter-
collegiate and the Henry A. Brown
soror product in the regular
curriculum work that tend more
towards the individual develop-
ment of those who will enter into
the spirit of the society with ear-
nestness. Therefore we hope that
those who may from time to time
be placed on the program will feel
it their duty to appear, not only for
the entertainment of the audience
but also for the good that each may
derive from it.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Special exercises of the Y. P. S.
C. E. will be held in the Andrew
Rankin chapel on February 3d, at
7:30 P. M. All are cordially in-
vited.

PROGRAM.

Selection

Devotional Exercises, H. A. Pettus
Vocal Solo, Miss Pearl E. Barnes
Remarks, President
Paper, "Friendship,"

Miss Maud B. Kennedy
Mandolin Solo, F. E. Butler
Paper "Women's Influence
in Religion," Miss O. Burt
Vocal Solo, A. B. Washington
Address, Rev. J. W. Smith A. M.
Duet, Messrs. Butler and Goggins

The Sermon

At the Vesper Service last Sun-
day, the preacher was Dr. John L.
Bewell, Prof. of Hebrew Exegesis
and Church History in the Theolo-
gical Department. Dr. Bewell is
a scholar, but differs from many
scholars in this respect: many
scholars speak from their heads;
Dr. Bewell speaks from his heart
—the greatest eloquence. The text
was Psalm 107: 30: "So He bring-
eth them into their desired haven."
The substance of the sermon was
as follows:

"The Bible has a flavor of the
sea which is especially evident in
the revised version, and even more
in the original than any translation
can show; for example, in the He-
brew, the book of Proverbs is said
to be designed to teach the young
man how to steer (his vessel.) The
nautical imagery of the Scriptures
has found a ready response in
Christian hearts, one reason being,
perhaps, that the uncertainty and
the mystery of ocean travel make it
a fitting type of the voyage of life.

There are three important fea-
tures of a voyage: 1st, the start;
2d, the course, and 3rd, the finish
or end.

1. At the start the voyager must
have a destination, else he must be
considered a lunatic; but many a
voyager on life's sea has no destina-
tion. "Choose ye this day whom
ye will serve."

11. Having chosen the right des-
tination the voyager must stick to
the course. What would be
thought of a captain who went
north or south of his course, or
turned back, to suit his own plea-
sure? But many a voyager to etern-
ity, forsakes the course of prayer,
and Bible study, and a clear truth-
ful life, through love of this present
world.

111. Then there is the end. If we
choose the port of heaven, and
stick to it, God will take care of the
end. As the pilot climbs the
bridge of an ocean steamer nearing
her port so there will come a time
when we can cease from all our
toil and conflict, fall asleep in Jesus,
and awaken in the celestial haven,
for 'so he bringeth them into their
desired haven.'"

The speaker illustrated his points
from his own experiences at sea,
having more than once crossed the
ocean on voyages to Europe and
the Holy Land.

Vincent Stevenson Dropped from
Penn

Philadelphia, January 30.—Vin-
cent M. Stevenson, captain of the
Pennsylvania football team and
one of the best quarter backs that
ever played football, has been
punished out of the University of
Pennsylvania. The fact that he
has been "dropped from the mem-
ership roll," as the action is term-
ed at the varsity, has been kept
very quiet and has been known on-
ly to a few besides the members
having disciplinary matters in
charge.
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