able friend who would have you spend a great sum of money to buy him or her a Christmas present. Christmas comes so often—every three hundred and sixty-five days—that we can not afford it. Remember that, although you may have a few extra dollars which burn your pocket, you shall have need of it some rainy day. Both giver and receiver remember this.—We smile when Yuletide rolls around.

The fir-tree rich in gifts abound;
But though your costly gift be rare,
"The gift without the giver is bare."

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ALUMNI

Miss Ethel Thomas has been called to Trento, N. J., to establish kindergarten work among the colored people of that city. The Superintendent writes, "The Board of Education has confirmed her appointment, she has started off well, and is making a most favourable impression."

Mr. Geo H. Hines a graduate of the Teachers College of last year is head of the Business Department of Western University, Quindaro, Kansas. Acting President, Elson French, writes Dean Moore that Mr. Hines holds a high place in the estimation of the authorities for his activity and devotion to his work. He says Howard University is making good through all Hines.

Dr. Whethers College '89, Medical '93 is doing excellent work in Louisville, Ky. During the recent conference of the Y. M. C. A., at that place it was the privilege of the delegate of Washington, D. C., Secretary J. E. Johnson, and the Howard University delegate, Secretary B. L. Marchant to stop at Dr. Whethers. Both report that they were cordially received and made to feel perfectly at home.

Dr. Whethers is in charge of the Red Cross Hospital of Louisville and is doing excellent work, it being the only, one for colored in the city.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Officers of the Athletic Association for the ensuing year were installed at a called meeting of the association Friday, December 10. Only a few members were present but the occasion loss none of its meaning and significance. The installation services were conducted by Mr. Harry L. Scott, who has served in such capacity quite often.

Although no great work has been accomplished by the retiring administration, special mention should be made of the efforts and enthusiasm manifested by the retiring President, Mr. W. E. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has been closely connected with the inside of the Association for two years, serving one year as Vice President. It must be admitted that Mr. Wilson has not had the support of the student body, although the students have good ground for hesitating in account of such loose methods that have existed in times past. However, I venture to say that Mr. Wilson would have been far more successful in his attempt had he had the faithful support of the students. He retires with the esteem of all the members of the Association.

As his successor comes, Mr. Julius C. McKelvie, a man of administrative ability and bearing. Although he is practically new among us, he has been very active in the work of the Association and very studious of its needs. He has plans on foot and expects to begin active work at once. Mr. McKelvie pledges himself to be a President in the true sense ever mindful of his responsibility and ever ready to do the bidding of the body and all he asks is the hearty co-operation, loyalty and support of the Association.

Equally as important as the Presidency is the office of Vice Presidency. Although some of the labors of that office have ceased because of the active work of the Athletic Council, still much devolves upon Mr. J. C. Howard who succeeded C. Benjamin Curley to that office. Mr. Howard realizes this however, and is actively engaged in drawing up plans, the result of which will bring funds into the treasury. To him is entrusted the devising of ways and means to augment the financial side of Athletics, a responsibility by no means unimportant and we believe that the Association has made a wise choice in Mr. Howard. Let us all rally to his call and aid in lifting athletics to a higher level.

As Mr. J. T. Warrick retires from the office of Secretary there comes in a well known capable man in the person of Mr. M. L. Crawford. The recording of minutes of an organization is very important since they must be referred to so often in after times. Mr. Warrick has acquitted himself creditably and equally as much interest will be manifested by Mr. Crawford, I am sure.

As successor to Mr. E. E. Just, Treasurer of the Association comes Mr. E. J. Marshall, a man well known although he has been here but a short while. We know Mr. Marshall has athletics at heart and will work unceasingly for their support. Mr. Just found it impossible to serve another year and in fact finished this term at a handicap. He is much interested in athletics, however, and his advice will be highly appreciated at any time.

The Association realizing the loyal spirit and willingness of Mr. J. W. Duncan unanimously elected elected him Custodian in the Association. This position really means more than the name would imply at first glance. This officer is responsible for all goods belonging to the Association and is required to make a report of the whereabouts of all goods entrusted to his care. All of the students have heard of the work of Mr. Duncan on the night before Thanksgiving game and he stands out as a model of loyalty and sacrifice to all Howardites. The Association indeed
ley, president; J. C. Ellis, Vice president; G. H. Haskins, Secretary; J. R. Barrett, Treasurer; C. M. Roucolac, Journalist; T. R. Lowrie, Sargeant at Arms. The new officers were installed at once, each one promising his best services. The men showed unusual interest in the success of all and Mr. Allen and others encouraged the organization of a club among the members of the class the object of the club being to discuss at different times such subjects as would be of interest and helpfulness to the members. This was applauded by all and the new president was then empowered to appoint a committee to present the idea to the class in script. Mr. Allen was chairman of the committee and in a few days the class was called together and a club (the Purvis club) was organized with Mr. A. C. Allen as President; J. H. Roberts, Vice-President, W. A. Barret, Secretary, H. A. Cuff, Treasurer; H. C. Rominy, Critic and Dr. "Bill" Little, Chaplain. The club is to meet each Saturday evening from 7 to 8:30.

**BIG BANQUET**

Our pennant winning foot-ball team will be tendered a banquet by members of Alumni Association, Friday night, December 17 at Martin’s Cafe. Efforts have been put forth to make the occasion one of special note, since all of us believe that too much appreciation cannot be shown the team for its creditable work during the past season. While in session many propositions will be considered that will be beneficial to the athletic side of the University. The Captain for the foot-ball team for 1910-1911 will be elected by the squad at the banquet.

**REMINISCESCES OF FOOT BALL**

The manager has appealed to the association and to the Council but has received no orders and he makes it understood that the delay in basket ball is not due to neglect on his part. Among the men who have joined city teams are Nixon, the "Preps" reliable forward who was slated as a member of the college squad this season; Curtis formerly with the Medics; Gray who was an M Street terror, but now a Howard med; M. Clifford, Med; Oliver of the Smart Set, New York City, now in the Medical School. These men are bringing funds to somebody while they are playing primarily for the sport. We should consider this and provide for these men that they may represent Howard when they play.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Seventh Annual Open Session of the Blackstone Club of the Law School will be held Saturday evening, December 15th, at eight o’clock in Andrew Rankin Chapel.

The current year marks the eighth and, we believe, the most promising year of the Council. The co-operation of every man who is entitled to membership in the Council is urged to the end that the high standards and the dignity of the organization may not only be upheld, but strengthened and enhanced.

We believe it will be gratifying to all who revere the memory of the late General O. O. Howard, to know that one of the posts of the memorial gate to be erected by students and alumni subscriptions,
MEETING OF UPPER CLASSMEN

A regular meeting of the Council of Upper Classmen was held last Thursday night in the assembly room of the main building, a fairly large attendance was present and matters of great importance were discussed.

The business standing over from the last meeting was first disposed of report of auditing committee on the reports of Secretary, treasurer and chairman of executive committee. The care exercised in preparing the report reflected the greatest amount of credit on the work of the committee and its substance in the main was unanimously adopted.

It is very gratifying to note that the Council is taking cognizance of things other than social functions, especially with reference to matters effecting the discipline of the University, which with sober, honest and unbiased action on the part of the members of the Council, will be productive of much good.

It would however, be somewhat of an improvement if some of the excessively delicate and technical parliamentary usages and customs were forgotten once in a while in the discussion of these important subjects.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Christmas presents? Yes, come and get one for the folks at home and your other friends at the Bazaar, Saturday evening, December 18th, 1909 at Miner Hall.

PLAN TO ENTERTAIN DOCTORS

At a meeting of colored citizens held at Lincoln Memorial Church, last Saturday night, a committee was formed to conduct the colored physicians of Washington entertain the convention of doctors that will meet here next August.

Physicians, pharmacists and dentists of the colored race will be present from all parts of the country.

Officers of the citizens' committee were elected as follows: Judge R. H. Terrell, chairman; Prof. Kelly Miller, vice chairman; Charles F. M. Brown, recording secretary; Shelby J. Davidson, financial secretary; Daniel Murry, treasurer.

APPLICATIONS.

Successful application of newly gathered knowledge leads out into the clean sunlight of conscious power.

Whosoever acquires knowledge, and does not practice it, resembles him who ploughs but does not sow.

Knowledge is treasure, but practice is the key to it.

It is for want of application rather than means that men fail of success.

Application is the ally of genius.

It is not a question of how much a man knows, but what use he can make of what he knows.

A CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE RIGHT

Dr. G Cook, Secretary of Howard University.

Last year it was my happy yet unfortunate lot to find, in Professor Lightfoot's room, on first floor of main building, one dollar. I did not try to return it neither to its owner or the authorities. Kindly read this note in Chapel for one week in order that its owner may regain this loss. Enclosed you will find the dollar. If no one claims it, may it be given by you to some needy person or institution.

Please remember to state that it was found under the last bench of the row of seats near the windows, and not the row of seats near the doorway.

The unseen thought not seen by mortal eye
Is always seen by God above.

What sins Great God do we not do.

Unconscious of thy presence.

Lord God of hosts, be with us still, lest we forget, lest we forget.

WHAT NAP SAYS

WATCH THIS SPACE

THEOLOGICAL LITERARY SOCIETY

The Agin Ward Literary Society of the school of Theology, had a very interesting program, Saturday night, December rith, when the following officers previously elected were duly installed.

S. A Perkins, President
A. H. Whitfield, Vice-president
E. C. Young, Secretary
S. W. Warner, Assistant Secretary
G. U. Dickens, Chaplain
W. L. Rhodes, Critic
J. H. Perdue, Treasurer
D. O. Walker, Marshal

The President in his inaugural address impressed upon its members the primary aim of the society which he said, as expressed, in its motto, was the making of true men.

We understand the society is to enter into a debate with the Law Department, and we wish them every success in their endeavors. A preliminary contest will be pulled off in the near future for the selection of the representatives for public debates.
made a wise selection in Mr. Duncan.

The representative to the Athletic Council must be statesmen in every sense of the word, must be quick, accurate thinkers and doers and capable of representing the interest of the Association intelligently. Such ability of the men who are retiring viz. Messrs Pagler, Warricks and Morrison, Messrs H L. Scott, W H. Bruce and S. D. McCree succeed these men and possess all the above mentioned requirements.

THE CUSSING HABIT

The Jackal is a beastly beast and when it hankers for a feast it has no use for nice fresh meat; the all fired fool would rather eat some animal that died last year; and so the Jackal, far and near, is shunned by self respecting brutes, and shagged with rocks, and bricks and boots. And men whose language is decayed, who make profanity a trade, are like the Jackal of the wild, that haunts around for things defiled. In all your rounds you'll never find a healthy, clean, and gentleman possessed by any son of wrath whose language needs a Turkish bath. On great occasions there's excuse for turning ring-tailed cuss words loose: the Father of His Country swore at his enemy and we make a hero of him; but at our coming of age exercises, a vision of perfect usefulness and service for the future. He laid great emphasis on the need of unselfish and devoted home mission work, and this, as strange as it may seem, because there was brought to his attention in that city, conditions, comparing sadly with those in heathen Africa.

We are sure that all present found the meeting helpful, and we pray for the society, new enthusiasm and interest, for future activities in view of this inspiring talk.

PERSONALS

Miss Lula V. Childers is still very sick.

I. R. Berry has finally filed his application for admission into Miner Hall social circle.

Mr. B. L. Marchant returned from the Y. M. C. A. Convention and report a glorious meeting.

A few of the seniors were the only college men who attended "The at home" Saturday evening.

"Terrible" Terry, the foot-ball hero is still undecided as to where to hang up his affections. Probably he will decide after Christmas.

The question as to the rightful claimant of Miss Miss M. T. H.'s affection is still a matter of controversy between Messers J. S. B. and J. H. L.

Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday the Y. M. C. A. meeting had a representative audience, and the hour proved a very profitable and interesting one.

After the Devotional Exercises the music committee rendered a very helpful and inspiring program blending the soulful music of the great classic masters with the best and the most impressive in sacred song.

In harmony with this also, came the report of our delegate, Mr. Marchant, to the Louisville Convention. It was not only very detailed, but also very attracting as the speaker seems to have been in all the exercises, a vision of perfect usefulness and service for the future.

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A PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Get up at three o'clock and go to prayer meeting; stay until five. Then go home and give your classmates, sweethearts and friends gifts. Eat a light breakfast at eight, consisting of three eggs, six biscuits, two cups of coffee, one half gallon bowl of oatmeal, one three pound sirloin steak, half peck of white potatoes, and incidentally a little fruit if you like. After which take a few minutes vigorous exercise and then go to church somewhere if you care. At one o'clock eat a good hearty dinner of chicken, turkey, roast pig, etc., etc. Then call on your sweetheart for a short time not more than six or seven hours and then spend the rest of the day in your room. Be sure to do no dancing.

A certain junior, of great renown in social circles, is now substituting as a lover in the city, since his all on the hill has gone.

I wonder why when Myers and Clifford are at the table, that Stratton is compelled to take a back seat. When you want to get news please go to a certain table in Miner Hall.

PESTOLOZZI-FROEBEL ENTERTAINED

Last Friday evening the Pestolozzi-Froebel Literary enjoyed a pleasant gathering at the home of Dean and Mrs L. B. Moore, 1813 Thirteenth Street.

Host and hostess had made all preparation for the coming of the guests who consisted a holly of members of the Teachers' College. The evening was full of pleasure and no one can regret having been present.

The only number in the way of a program was a parlor romance rendered by the young ladies of the society, after which the rest of the time was given up to purely social enjoyment in which all participated freely.
Mr. P. V. Carr, who has been spending some time in this country in careful study of certain phases of the problem of the races, came bear a letter of introduction from Ambassador Bryce to President Thriftield, and has had important conferences with him and also with Dr. Kelley Miller. He has been deeply impressed with the work of Howard University, and its strategic position as an international institution for the higher training of the colored peoples. Eighty subjects of Great Britain were registered in the several departments of the University last year.

Many students make a great mistake by not taking the proper amount of exercise. To confine one's self to his class room work with no kind of exercise, serves to impair not only his physical condition but even his mental capacity. The brain like all other organs of the body, to do its most effective work must at all times be in the best of condition, which is beyond all possibility when it is never given a rest. The student who takes a good vigorous exercise can accomplish more after immediately done that he could have otherwise done in two hours; that it he is constant in such habit. Many school authorities have recognized this and have made physical culture a requirement. But in our case, deprived of a place in which to play that is suitable for the sport but has met with no success whatever, so we are forced to let our invincible teams rest through this season unless something unexpected happens shortly.

The game of basket ball is one of the most popular college sports and one that furnishes much valuable exercise and immense amount of worthy discipline; and then to let go such a sport seems to be passing up one of the most essentials pastimes of college life.

Love for the sport is not at all wanting but is for the lack of sufficient place in which to play that makes the game seem hopelessly abandoned for the present season. Our energetic manager has exerted every possible effort to secure a suitable place for the sport but has met with no success whatever, so we are forced to let our invincible teams rest through this season unless something unexpected happens shortly.

Basket ball sport for the present season is a matter of very great concern to the students. In former years we have played the game in connection with the I. S. A. A., but under its present organization we have deemed fit, (and it is well that we did) to dissolve relationship with them.

Notices from Professional Schools

The senior medical class met a few days ago and organized for the year. Mr. C. W. Brent, president of the class for the scholastic year 1909 called the meeting to order and after a brief announcement of the purpose of the meeting declared the meeting open for the election of officers for the coming year. They were elected as follows: — J. C. Bag.
A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

You have already been informed that I will not be at home this Christmas but I shall look for you over here but I will not expect you to bring me as much as you would if I were at home. So I will tell you just what I need most. In the first place I need a very good set of books, a lunch of application, a basket of determination, and a few packages of wakeful drops in order that I may be able to keep up with my class. I have not failed in any of my studies yet for we haven't had our semester examinations yet. I am not doubtful about anything but Mathematics, English, History, Latin, German, Physics and Greek. I don't care for any toys except a little pony, as I enjoy horseback riding so much.

Now I hope you will not fail to be on time with what few things I have asked for, because I feel that these are some of the things that I need in order to study well.

Now I go to sleep and hope you will not fail to find my stocking filled on Christmas, but I shall look for you over here.

Freshman

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

As this is the last issue of the Journal in the present year we take great pleasure in wishing to our subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are as one in wishing you a very pleasant vacation and many pleasant hours with your friends and loved ones, but we ourselves must sit at home with no one to give us any consideration because we are broke.

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