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Science Hall Dedicated

THE dedication of the new ninety thousand dollar Science Hall is another milestone in the progress of greater Howard University. The Science Hall has been in use since the beginning of the school year but was not formally dedicated until last Tuesday. It is the second of the three new buildings added to the campus in the last three years, the first being the Carnegie Library and the third, the Manual Arts building now partially completed. The services were held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, the president of the University presiding.

After prayer by Dean L. B. Moore, of the Teachers College, Secretary Richard A. Ballinger, who in the absence of President Taft, represented the government, gave utterance to the following remarks which have characterized his actions while head of the Interior Department; "Any encouragement I can give to these great incentives for higher education among the colored people, I will give gladly."

Following Mr. Ballinger, Dr. Henry S. Prichett, President of Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning spoke on

"The Aim of Scientific Investigation." "Science is not mere technical knowledge, its greatest expression is not in terms of industrial activity but in diffusing, scientific spirit and method among the people—the attitude of the open mind—the love of truth."

Dr. W. H. Welch of Johns Hopkins' University, President of American Medical Association,



NEW SCIENCE HALL

spoke on the relation of the science hall to the medical school. He said that the favorable report of the Carnegie Foundation upon our Medical Department had drawn attention to Howard University and that the Science Hall merely affords greater facilities for the carrying out of larger and better work in medicine.

The "Wizard," Dr. Booker T. Washington, Principle of Tuskegee Institute, and member of the Trustee Board, made the concluding address of the afternoon. Critics of Dr. Washington often remark that he made "that speech

of his." This time, however, he made his other speech—a plain, ordinary, every-day talk delivered in an out-of-the-ordinary manner. He spoke of the need of scientific men to diminish the mortality of the Negro in the District of Columbia. "The death rate in Washington is twice as great among the Negroes as among the Whites. We all look to Howard University. As

soon as you get to work and change conditions here, we will do the same thing down South. Forty-five years ago it was debated as to whether the Negro should have any education. As I look at this Science Hall, the gift of the Government, I can

but regard it as a most hopeful sign of race progress. As yet, we are a new, a youthful, pliable race having our future before us rather than behind us."

There were several selections by the band and orchestra. The choir sang Gounod's, "Send out thy Light" and "Sanctus," the latter number being especially well rendered.

The Vesper Service next Sunday will take the form of a special service of "Christmas Praise and Song". The choir will render several beautiful anthems.

PESTALOZIE-FROEBEL SOCIETY NOTES

Friday at three o'clock in the Library Hall the Pestalozie-Froebel will resume its meetings—which were abandoned during the cold spell on account of the low pressure of heat.

We are glad to announce for this meeting the reappearance of Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, a graduate of Emerson's School of Oratory and the Directress of the School of Expression of Washington Conservatory. Mrs. Cook will read a paper on "Dumas, The Elder."

Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Robert Pelham and Mrs. Lewis B. Moore may be truly called the mothers of our society, they are all very busy women, but they always contribute their service to the society in some way every year.

It was due to the assistance of Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Pelham, through the untiring efforts of our present President, Mr. R. G. Doggett, that we were able to present such an array of distinguished speakers a few years ago. Mrs. Moore will always be remembered for her work along dramatic lines, the assistance she so willingly rendered Mr. Oliver Morrison—the pioneer of the drama around Howard—contributed in no small degree to the first successful presentation by society of a play of any merit at the University.

Mrs. Cook is well known as a literary worker and reader, but for the benefit of some of the new students who may not know her work I append a few testimonials from her large basket of laurels.

"Mrs Cook possesses the characteristics of the great teacher".

E. W. Emerson, founder of Emerson College.

"I have never seen any one who had greater power over an audience."

Susan B. Anthony.

"It is a pleasure to speak of the work of Mrs. Cook, for members of this department, in Oratorical

Expression. I regard her as especially efficient and I am well pleased with the results she obtains."

George J. Cummings, Dean of Academy, Howard University.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The nations are moving steadily and surely toward Universal Peace, settling all their disputes and controversies through International Arbitration. The mighty questions are being solved in the simple and elemental way. The world seems to be ripe for peace. The peace sentiment is expanding within an irrepressible growth. It is the sentiment that wills that universal peace must be legislated by those who have authority to establish universal law—the great nations of the world.

The Hague Conferences have produced the sentiment, but the world wide sentiment for the peaceful settlement of disputes between nation has produced The Hague. This year we have witnessed the settlement of two important international controversies before The Hague Tribunal. The great fisheries dispute between the United States and Great Britain, which has been before both nations since 1818, has been settled satisfactorily to both nations. The case between the United States and Venezuela has been settled.

The great work of the Hague was commented upon at length by President Taft in his annual message to Congress.

It is not too broad a prediction to make, that what started as The Hague Conferences will in the near future develop into a National Tribunal that will be a kind of Supreme Court of the nations, whose determinations shall not be advisory, but judicial.—C. H. G.

Do you subscribe for the JOURNAL; if not, why not?

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

A most suggestive, scholarly, and able address was delivered before the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday by Mr. Dyson. His text was, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." But unlike most speakers, Mr. Dyson emphasized the last part of this text, taking as his subject, "Thou shalt love thyself."

With force and persuasion, a wealth of facts and illustrations, he impressed upon all the necessity of self-love, self-respect, self-confidence. "Go not through life cringing and bowing and scraping and grieving, with hat in hand apologizing for your very existence. Be proud! Remember always that we are the sons of God, created in His image, but a little lower than the angels, crowned with honor, glory and majesty, and given dominion over earth and sea and air and all things contained therein." "Be not slavish therefore! Be proud."

The musical program rendered by the Lyric Orchestra was well rendered. A rising vote of thanks was extended the men for the excellent music.

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TO COLLEGE MEN AND WOMEN

You are urged to contribute to the fund for the erection of a suitable memorial to the memory of Prof. C. C. Cook. The presidents of the classes have charge of the contribution from the several classes and with a few other form the committee who have the affair in charge. With the view of facilitating the erection of such a memorial, make your contribution of 25c. as soon as possible.

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CHOOSING ONE'S WORK

WHEN a man gets to be a Senior, here is a question he must answer seventy-three times every week, "What are you going to be?" A professional student can more nearly guess what he is going to be, but many times he is mistaken. He who is now dissecting "stiffs" may next year be dissecting pork chops in a butcher's shop, he who graduates in jurisprudence, may consider it more prudent to devote his time to agriprudence next year. "Many are called but few are chosen."

This matter of choosing one's life's work is one of the severest tasks a person has to meet. Many men do not find their spheres of usefulness until middle age, while others never find them. Education ought to help a man to find his true sphere. The great difficulty with so many people is that they show an adaptability for too many things; they become versatile. Versatility is often a foe to success. The versatile man is a "Jack of all trades," he can do many things fairly well and spends his time doing many things instead of concentrating on one object, a single purpose, and learning to do one thing better in the aggregate than the other thousand and one things he fumbles over. The man who, with a bent for music, can play half a dozen instruments, is not nearly so likely to play as well as the man who becomes expert in the use of one. The versatile man is seldom more than an amateur, being kept out of the professional class simply because he has never learned to concentrate his full powers on one thing. Young men and women must look out for these pit-falls. The only talent that ever accomplishes any thing worth while is that which is trained along some definite line.

Some people seem to fit in anywhere and make good, others can do well nowhere. The only thing to do in such a case is to get busy,

do something and stick there. If you are finally convinced that you are a misfit try the next best thing and stick to it. If there is no place for you, make a place. After you have made a place for yourself, let it be your purpose to excel and thereby to succeed.

PHYSICAL JOURNAL CLUB NOTES

The meeting on Friday, December the ninth, was given over to a review of Journal articles by Mr. J. G. Logan, Instructor of Physical Chemistry in the Academy. The review consisted of three articles—the first technical article being a discussion of the Roth Safety Apparatus for gas stoves and burners. It was shown that with this apparatus any leak in a gas tubing will cause the gas to be cut off, thereby preventing asphyxiation. In the case of the gas burner it was shown that by the expansion and contraction of the rod within the gas burner, any escape of gas caused by the sudden cutting off of the meter and then opening it again before the gas can be turned off, would be avoided by a valve attached to this rod. Such devices have been used and found to work well.

The second article was a rather pedagogical one. It had to do with a new apparatus for linear expansion by which the pupil gains a more real and definite idea of the coefficient of linear expansion by being able to use various lengths and different material in the same laboratory period.

The last article reviewed was one of purely physical research. It was the review of an article by Professor E. Gebrecke on electrical radiations in nature—the electrical phenomena of the sun and stars. Mr. Logan first reviewed Cathode, Anode, canal, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Lenard, and Rontgen rays. He then took up the review of Professor Gebrecke's article showing that the

sun, because it is an incandescent body in a partial vacuum that coronal streamers observed during eclipses of the sun appear to be Cathode rays. He also showed that because the protuberance appear to be Anode rays, the sun is a source of these rays.

The meeting on Friday, December 16th will be carried on with a journal review by D. Forbes.

—J. A. Crampton, Sec'y.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The organization of the University Commercial Club by the students of the Commercial College is a manifestation of spirit and endeavour which is the starting point to put the department into the prominence which the course of study merits. This age is a commercial one and therefore commercial training is fast becoming the most needed branch of American education. The students have come to realize more fully this fact and have laid aside sloathfulness and banded together that they may inculcate more fully the value of commercial education by arranging lectures, debates and programs with a business trend. The existence of the club stimulates to no small degree class pride and class spirit, for competitive debating between classes is a special feature and function of the club. After the installation of the officers several weeks ago on which occasion Mr. Marchant delivered an address on "Departmental Pride," the officers and members settled down to business with a spirit and enthusiasm previously peculiar to them—the members showing signs that they will succeed and the officers declaring that they must succeed. Since its organization the club has purchased a large eight-foot banner. Meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. The attendance is generally large and the programs interesting.

R. B. Greene

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EDITORIALS

Now we have two debating clubs, the Kappa Sigma and one more. Last year the Kappa Sigma did great work in giving us four winning teams, a phenomenon that caused enthusiasm to run to its high-water mark. The club received the support of the entire University. This year when the club ought to be doing its best work there comes a split and the splinters have been recognized by the authorities, have been given permission to organize and to carry on business. It is an unfortunate state of affairs. It would be

far better to have one debating club well supported than to have two with each one seeking the destruction of the other. And what was the cause of the split? The immediate cause is too insignificant to mention. What the real motive was for such action is difficult to determine, but there was probably involved some great imaginary "principle" involved.

The dedication of the Science Hall was indeed an impressive ceremony. The addresses of the speakers, Dr. Henry S. Prichett, Dr. William H. Welch, and of Dr. Booker T. Washington gave to us great lessons we shall never forget. They presented to us the many opportunities afforded here for scientific work and development. Last year we lacked facilities, and now although we have this magnificently equipped building the great number of students pressing down upon us makes it still a task to accommodate them.

It is to be deeply regretted that educated young men do not use some discretion, display some initiative and demonstrate their manhood. The recent election of the athletic association was a farce. The policy of "You vote for me and I will vote for you," "You give my man a vote and I will vote for your man," thus sacrificing the best and most efficient candidates, was the order of the day. The Preps and Medics carried the election getting nearly all the important officers.

The Prep department is a large department of this university but that a Prep should be a representative to the highest Council to which a student can belong, or hold any high office which represents the whole student body, is absurd. They clamor for rights which have never been taken from them or trodden upon. Clamoring for representation, in fact they ought to be apologizing for their very existence in this growing university. We have all been preps, but it was our greatest

ambition to work and look forward to the time when we might hold high office. Howard is the only large school having a prep department, that gives the preps so many privileges. That college men, upper classmen, yea, even alumni should insincerely cater to the preps, for no other reason than for personal aggrandizement is disgraceful and below the dignity of any college or college-bred man.

Professional students in no other university in this country have such full sway. They control nearly every thing and try to control more. The college men should predominate. They should take active part in all the student activities. Those who take interest in the affairs are continually fighting among themselves.

We firmly believe that the most efficient, most energetic men, and men having the time to devote to the activity to be managed, should be placed in office. The medics have energetic men and perhaps a few efficient and business-like fellows but they lack the time, which is a potent factor.

A few unknown ambitious fellows, who have in no way demonstrated any executive ability, canvassed all day, made large promises and carried the election.

—C. H. G.

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of the Athletic Association the following officers were elected for the school year of 1911-12:

Julius C. McKelvie, President.
A. Alleyne, College 1914, Vice Pres.
Chas. Shaw, College 1914, Sec'y.
P. G. Carter, Academy 1911, Asst. Secretary.

Prof. E. J. Marshall, Treasurer.

Council Representatives:
W. H. Foster, Academy 1911.
F. A. Taylor, College 1914.
T. C. Downing, Medical 1912.

The following Managers were elected:

Frank Coppage, Dental 1912,
Manager of Foot-ball Team.
Howard Stratton, Academy 1912,
Assistant Manager.
Perry Bell, Medical 1913,
Manager of Base Ball Team
T. C. Brown, Academy 1911,
Assistant Manager.
Clayborne George, Academy 1911,
Manager of Track Team.
Henry Quarles, Academy 1912,
Assistant Manager.
V. De Tuze, Law 1911, Manager
of Cricket Team.

The largest number ever present at an Athletic Association meeting was out. They were unruly and oftentimes noisy, but all of the offices were filled. Department rivalry ran high.

CAMPUS JOTS

Mrs. Booker T. Washington visited us at chapel last Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Calloway.

Twelve were recently initiated members of the Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. They were Floyd Terry, Ed. Gray, Hudson Oliver, Julius McKelvie, Warren Logan, Clyde Donnell, Leo English, Frank Coppage, Henry Nixon, Reginald Beaumont, Calvin Chase, jr., and Felix Butler.

The general organization of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will

meet in Philadelphia on December 27, 28, 29, for its annual convention. The Beta Chapter sends Chas. H. Garvin and Daniel W. Bowles as delegates. Grand treasurer, Numa P. G. Adams and Grand Vice-President, Dr. Wm. Thorn of the Freedmen's Hospital will also go.

City Girl: "They tell me your fellow played on the Varsity Football team this year."

Minor Hall Girl: "Yes, Indeed!"

City Girl: "Do you know what position he played?"

Minor Hall Girl: "I ain't sure, but I think he was one of the drawbacks."

VESPER SERVICE

The regular Vesper Service last Sunday took the form of a meeting "For Peace and Arbitration" under the auspices of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration. The address was delivered by Hon. John W. Foster, former Secretary of State. His subject was "War not Inevitable." His address was a masterly plea for the abolishment of war and for peace and arbitration.

The University Orchestra of twenty pieces was present and rendered several beautiful selections and accompanied the singing. The choir was at its best, bringing out clearly every note of the beautiful anthems which they rendered. The service was a most inspiring and impressive one.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Under the auspices of the Alpha Phi Literary Society there will be held a Young Ladies' Oratorical contest on January 13, 1911. The speakers chosen include:

Freshmen 2 yrs. Normal, Miss M. I. Forest.

Freshmen 4 yrs. course, Miss O. M. Wells.

Sophomore, Miss Ruth Tuell
Junior, Miss B. Richardson
Senior, Miss Ella V. Albert

A NEW DEBATING SOCIETY

Sometime ago a number of members of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club objecting to a ruling of the majority of that body caused a rupture which is likely to prove a serious menace to successful debating in the University this year. Failing to come to any agreement, the minority withdrew and formed a new debating society. Their action was sustained by the President and a committee of the faculty before whom the matter came for final settlement.

The controversy spread rapidly among the students and waxed so warm that practically every college man has taken a decided stand either for or against the formation of a new society. Petitions were drawn up protesting against the action of the faculty committee and asking for a reconsideration of the matter. Many regard the whole affair as an echo of the controversy in the Alpha Phi Literary society last year when the same minority kept things in turmoil during the second semester.

The whole affair is unfortunate and it is to be regretted that it should come before the President and faculty for adjudication. The fact that the leaders on both sides are Seniors and Juniors mainly makes it all the more lamentable.

No matter which side is right, looking at the affair from a utilitarian point of view, in what way are the best interests of the university in debating conserved? In having two distinct societies? Then let each get together and in its own way work toward the goal. In having one society? Then let both sides bury the hatchet, agree to abide by the will of the majority, submit when necessary to arbitration, subsume individual differences and give us here at Howard the best debating society possible.

Keep posted on what's going on, read the JOURNAL.

THE HORRORS OF WAR

War - what desolation, what grief, what heart pangs are evinced by this word of just three letters. Man's passions are given full sway, and we realize after viewing a bloody field the horrors of war. The powers declare war; the rights of nations must be upheld, but at what a sacrifice, only those who have had some loved one ruthlessly torn from them by the hand of war can tell. Christianity teaches us to be charitable and kind even to dumb animals, and much more so to our fellow-men, but after nineteen hundred years of war and bloodshed we feel almost justified in believing that the life given upon the cross for us was in vain, for instead of promoting peace and kindness towards one another man devotes much time to the development of machines, which in one moment will wipe out entire families, machines which tear God's masterpiece and leave in its stead a bleeding mangled corpse.

There are but few who in time of war escape its horrors, for not only those who go, but they that stay, suffer. How many an aged head has been bowed in grief! How many sad, weeping eyes watched for the faces that never came! How many a happy home has been made desolate through the loss of him who was its sole support! Truly does war bring to us the full meaning of Burns's lines:

"Man's inhumanity to man
Make countless thousands
mourn."

—C. DYER, Acad. '12

Y. P. B. OF W. C. T. U.

Because of the action of the National Convention, in a recent meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U., the name of that organization has been changed to Y. P. B. of W. C. T. U., (Young Peoples Branch of the W. C. T. U.), young men eligible now to vote and hold office.

Mrs. J. B. Bruce was the speaker for the evening. Indeed, a very interesting talk was made by Mrs. Bruce. Mrs. R. C. Williams, Abeville, S. C., whose husband is president of Williams College, was present and also gave an interesting talk. Miss E. J. Wormely, District Superintendent of Y. W. C. T. U. work was present and made a very touching appeal for volunteer help in alley work.

The meeting was interesting and enthusiastic throughout. Mrs. R. E. Lawson, the national organizer, was present and reorganized the Y. W. C. T. U. according to the new laws. Sixty-two young men and women signed the pledge.

The following officers were elected:—

Miss Lottie Gatewood, President.
Mr. Dennis Forbes, Vice President.

Miss Mira Davis, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Clayborne George, Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. James A. Wright, Auditor.
Miss Ida M. Allen, Treasurer.

The meeting was inspiring and prophets of greater things.

Officers Elected

The election and installation of officers of the Junior Medics of Howard University was held recently. In nominating Mr. Jones for the Presidency, Mr. J. K. Polk delivered quite an eloquent speech. He also spoke of the good work of the retiring president, Mr. L. C. Downing.

The results of the election were as follows:—

President, T. E. Jones.
Vice President, C. T. Hayden.
Secretary, T. A. Fletcher.
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The black an' trackless skies;
Once mo' I heah the owls call
Deep f'om the darksome wood—
So mighty all, these wurks o'His.
So wonderful an' good.

I see them pesky bats fly roun'
An' dive an' dart about;
I see them g'os'ly fire flies
Blaze up an' then go out;
I hear a screech owl down the fiel
(Somebody's bout to die);
When mahster wupped me yeahs
ago

That's how I uster cry.

Why does old dreams come back
to you

When darkness gathers roun'?
An' why each hantin' memory
Set lightly like a crown?

When we have fought, an' lost or
won,

An' pass, where all must go,
It may be then we'll understand
The dreams we uster know.

—Eugene F. Gordon.

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President Wilbur P. Thirkield,
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My dear Mr. Thirkield:—

I was sorry not to have a chance to meet you while at the Institute, but enjoyed the days at Howard University thoroughly, and was very much pleased with the way in which the students took hold of the Bible study work. I do not know that I have ever had a Bible study class which I have enjoyed as much as the specimen class which I conducted Saturday morning. The students took part in the discussion most freely, and the concise, thoughtful suggestions which they made to questions raised in regard to the lesson were very interesting.

I saw Mr. Marchant at Toronto, and he reports that the work continued to grow. I am praying that it may be a year of real victory in Bible study, and in other lines for the Young Men's Christian Association at Howard University.

Yours sincerely,
Harrison S. Elliott.

Rev. Bird of Rochester, a graduate of Princeton was present at chapel last Thursday and gave us a short and inspiring address.

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