Team's Tour a Grand Success

MANAGER Logan and his band of "Goal Tossers" just returned from a most successful tour of New York City and several adjacent towns.

On Christmas night, before an audience of over 2,500 people, which crowded every available inch of the spacious Manhattan Casino, the Varsity met the Alpha Physical Culture Club, the fastest and heaviest team of New York, and succeeded in taking them into camp by a score of 41 to 21. The game was marked with much brilliant playing on both sides but the college boys, having an advantage in weight, swiftness and machine-like uniformity of action, had no trouble in taking the lead early in the game and could not be headed. The work of Oliver, Gray, Sykes and Gilmore was especially noteworthy.

The following Wednesday night the team traveled to Orange, N. J., and met the Imperials. Having the handicap of a slippery floor, the Varsity barely nosed out a victory. The contest was more of a skating match than a basket ball game.

Friday night the fast Mozart Team of Jersey City was met and defeated. "The Rah, Rah Boys," sore because they could not stand up in the Orange game, went prepared to prevent a second skating performance. Before the game, by a sleight of hand manipulation, they succeeded in sprinkling powdered rosin over the floor and "presto change!"

Precocious Pedagogy

CHILDREN who can read and write before they have passed their third year, and others who master the whole curriculum of arithmetic, grammar, geometry, physics, chemistry, mechanics, political economy and history before they are 12, are not infrequently reported. One child was so advanced at 11 that he could give lectures in higher mathematics to the professors, some of whom have grown gray in the unsuccessful attempt to solve complicated problems which the child solved with the greatest ease.

Results like these have led to the suggestion that children should enter school two or three years earlier than they now do and that boys could easily be got ready for college at 10 or 11. But a Wisconsin University professor, after a study of infant faculty and child prodigies, offers some countervailing facts well worth attention. He finds that most of the so-called reading at an early age is little more than
ability to spell and pronounce, with no grasp of the meaning; that the speaking of languages is largely a mechanical manipulation of phrases, and that children may perform arithmetical operations without having any true arithmetical images or concepts. What such performances indicate is "simply that the mind of the prodigy has been stimulated in these particular directions." And the conclusion is reached that the vital knowledge of living and inanimate things which the non-precocious two-year-old possesses is far more wonderful than a knowledge of the forms of words, or operations with numbers, or even applying geometrical formulae to particular problems.

All of this is consistent with the view that the intellectual powers develop in a definite order, and that the materials of instruction, as well as its method, should be adapted to the faculties as they appear. The contact with the realities yielded by every-day life has played a larger part in human evolution than either books or teachers, and it would be costly economy to sacrifice this means of securing the proper adjustment of children to their social surroundings in the interest of precocity. Our educational system is certainly not all wrong because some children have been forced by abnormal development of their powers in the pedagogical laboratory or in the hot-house of parental care.

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Notice

Competitive Debate tomorrow night, Jan. 13th, in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. All are welcome.

The Carol Singers

On Christmas Eve about eleven o'clock a group of students chaperoned by Dean G. W. Cook, left the campus to go into the streets and alleys of the city to proclaim with song the birth of Christ. Special songs such as "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," were rendered effectively by the singers. The soloists, Misses Jones and Thomas deserve special mention. Mr. E. C. Terry quoted the biblical announcement of our Savior's birth.

VIVIAN JOHNSON

The Commercial Club

The students of the Commercial College witnessed one of the greatest treats of the season recently when they were entertained with a scholarly lecture by Professor Claman of the Teacher's College, on "How to Study."

The address from beginning to end was a group of psychological theories made practical by actual experiments. Time and the proper use of time is the best asset the student has. This he proved by showing how a man increased his work from 12½ tons to 47½ tons of work a day and how eighty movements were reduced to six in brick laying, and how the canning industry had grown, by limiting the movements, with an increased amount of work as the result.

He further showed that in order to bring about these results, one must first of all conform to the workings of the nervous system. Secondly, one must have a definite purpose or idea. Thirdly, one must know how to apportion time. With these fundamental principles, he showed what the student could accomplish through study, association and application of ideas.

Chapel Notes

Friday, Jan. 5, we were favored with a brief talk by Dr. Bass, traveling secretary of the University of Vermont. That institution is the Alma Mater of Miss A. R. Barker, of the Department of English and History in the Academy. When this fact was mentioned from the platform, a prolonged applause was given Miss Barker.

On last Thursday, Mrs. and Miss Armstrong, wife and daughter of Gen. Armstrong, founder of Hampton Institute were with us in chapel. They were received by the students with the applause and cordial greetings that should meet the wife and daughter of that great hero and devoted man to the cause of the Negro race.

Competitive Debate January 13

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Facilities of Engineering Courses Enlarged

The School of Engineering is keeping abreast with the spirit of enlargement and development. Recently, through the courtesy of George Otis Smith, Director of the United States Geological Survey, its facilities have largely been increased with seven-inch alidade, a twelve-inch telescopic alidade, a Berger level, plane table boards, a twenty-foot leveling rod, three hundred feet of steel tape, a Theodolite complete, a Young and Son's Transit complete, and numerous books and pamphlets on Technology. Among the equipment already on hand may be found range poles, an aerocin barometer, a transit, a level and leveling rods, polar planimeter, hundred foot Chicago steel tapes, model steel tapes, a model vernier, set pins, drawing instruments, etc. The respective professors are losing no time in putting the School of Engineering on a correct basis; and with an interested student body it is only a matter of time before Howard's School of Engineering will be abreast with the best in the country.

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Last scholastic year showed a marked increase. The number of borrowers were 796 students and 56 teachers. They borrowed 16,196 books for use in reading rooms or over night, and 4941 for two weeks time. Ninety-six Theological loan books were drawn by the Theological students. This makes a total of 21,230 books borrowed for the scholastic year 1910-11.

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The Carol Singers

Beyond a doubt, the most beautiful and effective custom around Howard University is the singing of Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve night by a band of selected singers. The custom was originated some years ago by Professor George William Cook and seems to grow in favor with each succeeding year. The idea involved in the singing of these Christmas Carols is not to afford recreation and pleasure to a band of university students but on the other hand, the intention is to celebrate the advent of the Christ-child with a religious service of song.

The singers are very carefully selected by Professor Cook and after one rehearsal in which the carols are sung and a program outlined, they go on their journey leaving peace and goodwill in their wake, affording happiness and joy to all classes. It is erroneously supposed that this band of singers is the University choir. Even though this is the highest tribute that could possibly be paid this group of unselfish young men and young women for their welcome strains of sweet music, yet it is by no means true. Many of the members of the chorus are identified with the University choir; but this group of singers is selected once a year by Professor Cook and has no connection with any other University organization.

As has been stated, the movement of the singers is to carry a message of peace and goodwill to people of all classes. The residences on the campus, Freedmen's hospital, the several orphan homes, the dwellers in the alley and private residences are visited and cheered by the carols floating on the midnight air; and after two or three hours of religious serenading, the company repairs to the home of Professor Cook where they are served with light refreshments and the organization disbands to meet again the next Christmas Eve.

The movement is in no sense a University movement; it emanates from the large heart of Professor Cook who in his love for humanity uses this method in the dissemination of happiness and joy to all people. It is the intention of Professor Cook to perpetuate the custom in the sense of religious service. E.C.T.
Friday, January 12, 1912

EDITORIALS

It is a mistaken notion to imagine that strength of character is denoted by inexorable hate or unyielding vindictiveness. They are the signs of a weak character, of a small soul. How can elements that corrode and burn and disintegrate at the same time build up? That is what the elements or the passions of revenge and hatred do. They leave the life that harbors and nurtures them bereft of substances that were essential to growth and development.

Lofty ideals cannot live in an atmosphere that breathes the incense of sordid purposes. Deeds worth doing never come from a hand that devotes to such connivance. The student who can not rise above personal injury, to say nothing of peevishness, is too lame a creature to reach a high round of usefulness.

To grow and advance we must act. In his New Humanism, Mr. Griggs says, "when any phase of life ceases to advance, it begins to deteriorate." There is no standing still, no "soul, take thine ease," in the economy of life. The man who is no better, no wiser today than he was a year ago, is worse off than he was then. In this time and civilization there can be no standing still. Whatever is not going forward is going backward. The spirit that doesn't gain looses.

That hackneyed return to a solution, "Oh, I'm holding my own," is not a hopeful one. When a man says that to us we know he is slipping backward. There is not a star or a soul standing still. So the truth of life is growth.

Neither religion nor education will allow a person to sit still. The essence of both is the spirit. If there is no spirit there is neither of these. Possession is not the end of heroism, that is pursuit. Each victory makes room for another.

There is no summit in life, for if one could reach that, the next step is downward. But it is everywhere, "move on" "higher." Let us keep the good work up, and go higher and higher each year into the realms of human endeavor.

Finding one's way is the ever present task of the student. There are city born students and those from the rural districts and there are adventurous ones who would call all places home. Let one find his own way of life and let him live it. Surely life were something of a travesty if not one carry in himself some clue as to where he should be and what he ought to do. The wisest men hold that the clue is here and that we miss it by trying to follow others' clues. The needle on our life's compass is deflected from its true north by the magnetism of our vain imaginings that another's lot can possibly be ours. Let us consider the case of the two unhappy boys on the road that day—one on the fence and one in the automobile; each was unhappy because he envied the other his lot. But what shall we say to both? There is nothing to be said except the age old injunction, "Look for the gleam within," and follow that to your career—follow your gleam. But of the many it may be said as the ancient wise man said to the youth who consulted him about marriage: "Whichever course you take you will regret." And there

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Foe of Colleges Takes the Count

R. T. Crane, Millionaire, was Opposed to Higher Education

Mr. R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer, whose contention that the education and training given in colleges and universities is of little practical use to the students had made him a target for the heads of almost every college in the country, died suddenly last Monday.

Mr. Crane, who was nearly eighty years old, died a few hours after the issue of his last attack on schools, in which he repeated his saying that the universities ought to be burned down.

Of his two sons, the elder, Charles R. Crane, who was appointed Minister to China in 1909, but who resigned before leaving America after his recall to Washington, like his father, was not a college graduate. He worked in his father’s mills and learned engineering in the drawing rooms and at the lathes.

Richard T. Crane, Jr., was a product of the Chicago Manual Training School and the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University.

A grandson, Richard T. Crane, 3d, is now a student in an Eastern University, the views of Mr. Crane, Sr., not being held by Richard T., Jr.

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DuBois on Black Durham

Any one who has made a careful survey of the World's Work magazine for the month of January cannot but be impressed with the notable article by Dr. DuBois on the "Upbuilding of Black Durham." This article is not only notable for its content as to the progress of the colored population of that city, which is remarkable indeed, but is the more remarkable on account of the source from whence it came. Should one glance over the content without noting the author he would think it the product of some great industrial leader, but such is not the case. It is the product of one of our most noted scholars and advocates of higher education, who has stopped to consider the industrial achievements that constitute the foundation which underlies the future of any people.

Dr. DuBois attributes the existing friendly relationship between the white and colored inhabitants of Durham, not so much to the high intellectual status of the negro, but to the factories, insurance companies, and other industries, comprising the valuation of more than half a million dollars, which are operated in that locality.

This truth does not detract in the least from the brilliancy of higher education, but it shows that it should be allied with the great industrial pursuits. Not only would the race question of Durham, N. C., settle itself but the whole country would be rid of a question which cannot be settled by conscious efforts, but must be settled by the industrial revolution which is invading the country for this last time.

Books and Happiness

Of the things that make for happiness, the love of books stands first. A book, unlike a friend, will wait not only upon the hour, but upon the mood.

Howard Alumni Notes
Bulletin No. 2

The following letter dated December 30, 1911, received from the Corresponding Secretary of the local Alumni Association of a certain city, is published for the information of all concerned: "To the General Alumni Association:—At a meeting of the branch Alumni Association last week I was asked by the Association to write you concerning getting a dentist here.

"We have over 6000 colored people here, without one colored dentist. The people are so anxious to have a colored dentist here that they are making great inducements to have one come.

The Howard Alumni Association of this city has already picked out a splendid location for a dentist. Rent is very reasonable. The dentist will only have to furnish his office. Bed room and waiting room are already nicely furnished. The rent for these rooms, together with use of kitchen and dining room if dentist is married is only $20.00 per month.

"Another feature is that a dentist can practice in this state one year on a temporary license without taking any State Board examination. We are keeping the place open for a Howard man, and would be pleased to have you put us in touch with a number of dentists at once."

The above letter speaks for itself. It tells of a sterling opportunity for a Howard dental man. Any Howard dental man who is prepared to do a No. 1 dental work and who will go into this

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hustling community with a mind made up to exemplify in his life the ideals of “Energetic Excellence,” can reach these people by addressing a note to J. C. Waters, Jr., 1339 T. St., N. W., Washington, D. C. So far as the Secretary of the General Alumni Association is concerned no man shall be introduced to these people unless he gives reasonable promise of making good.

On Oct. 27, 1911, upon motion of Mr. Assistant Attorney General Thompson, Jas. C. Waters, Jr., (Law ’11) was admitted to practice before the U. S. Court of Claims. A few days prior to this, McCoy Hanson, Esq., (Law ’11), upon motion of R. Webster Ballinger, Esq., was similarly admitted. With the exception of Mr. Assistant Attorney General Lewis who practices before the Court of Claims by virtue of his office, the above named alumni of Howard are said to be the only colored men admitted to practice before this court for many years.

Len. Barnhill, (Phar., ’11), is receiving the congratulations of friends upon being one of the few men who successfully underwent the recent gruelling conducted at Pittsburg, Pa., by the State Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners. Besides the large number of white contestants, there were three other colored boys representing Iowa, Michigan, and one of the New England colleges. Barnhill was the only one of the “brethren” who passed. In consideration of his experience in the Dispensary at Freedmen’s Hospital, Dr. Barnhill was immediately made assistant manager of the leading colored store in Pittsburg.

—James C. Waters, Jr.

Just a Little Personal

“A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men.”

I wonder why no one disturbs Brice?

Remedy for the “blues”—Ring up Pittsburg.

Some people mistake rain coats for over-coats.

Watch out Hanna, Crawford is coming home.

Some people don’t care who they associate with.

Billiken says she’s going home to care for pa-pah.

Dr. Beamon is certainly shipping rags down home.

W. P. Tucker is tolling the bell (Bell). Perry is dead.

If Miss N. L. catches a “rat” will Big Chief Narka?

Which one will “Lovie” take—“Bishop” or the Doctor?

Miss L. D. P. says—“No body but a preacher for mine.”

Who makes the more noise “one night Bill” or Frank Forbes?

Braggo fell in love with a certain heart (Hart) from Georgia. I wonder does K. C.

At the poverty reception of the sorority the shortest man in the university was the most ragged. Now “Hat Pin” Logan is expected to be the best dressed.

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International Secretary

Addresses Y. M. C. A.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. David C. Jones, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave a very strong talk to our Y. M. C. A. The speaker chose as his subject, “The Opportunities of College Life.” The subject of the speaker was well chosen. Mr. Jones’ treatment of the subject was very clear. He said in part, “If the question was put, ‘what opportunities does the college afford,’ one might answer, college affords me the opportunity of having a big time, it affords me the opportunity of social life, of becoming a social star. Another would answer, it affords me the opportunity to become a great athlete.

With neither the first nor the second young man will I quarrel, for I myself believe in both these ideas as a part of college life, and especially do I believe in the making of a strong body. Yet, when these ideas supercede the true object of college, they have run their course.

Another young man would answer, “College Life affords me the opportunity to work.” This is good and true. This opportunity comes every day, it comes with every class, with every lesson, the opportunity to put one’s strength, and courage and life-blood into his work. Just so far as we do this,
do we succeed. Francis Parker says, "A man should work so hard that to all idle workers he should seem insane."

Still another would answer, "College affords me the opportunity of forming friendships, of making friends for life." He is correct too. It is one of the opportunities and it behooves us to choose as our companions, those persons who stand for truth, righteousness and honesty in everything. College Life affords us the opportunity in the time of all times when we should endeavor to become the friend of Jesus Christ. College Life affords us the opportunity to decide whether or not we should give our lives unreservedly to the service of Jesus Christ. Many men I am sorry to say do not think very much about Jesus Christ, but they think largely of their own good, their own material well being. We should think to be men after Jesus Christ. We should serve him to the service of Jesus Christ. We should give our lives unreversed to the service of Jesus Christ. Now is the time to give yourself and service to Jesus Christ. Now is the time to take Jesus Christ as your pattern. Seize the opportunity and live the life that you know Jesus Christ would have you live.


Political Economy

"Father, what is political economy?"

Patient Papa—"Political economy, my son, consists of not buying votes unless it is absolutely necessary."

Mrs. Balloch told her his God did not wish such a sacrifice, then he passed on his way. Later when he returned, he learned that mother had cast the beautiful child into the river. The missionary had told her it would have been better to have cast the diseased child into the stream. The woman's reply was, "I know not what your God demands, but my God demands the best." Then Mr. Jones said, "The thought that our God demands the best is the thought that should dominate our lives. We should go before God and vow we are going to give him the very best there is in us. I know no better way of giving God the best there is in us than by thinking well, and giving God our best service.

Fellows there are temptations in this College Life, in the lives of men with whom you come in contact. There may be a tendency to lie or to steal. There may be a temptation to crib in order to score a point. Now it is time to overcome it, not when you are in business, not when you are otherwise engaged in the world, now is the time when your burdens are few. Now is the time to give yourself and service to Jesus Christ. Now is the time to take Jesus Christ as your pattern. Seize the opportunity and live the life that you know Jesus Christ would have you live.

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Team's Tour Grand Success
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to save the Mozarts from dis­
grace, but they stopped not and ran the score from 38-2 up to
59-20.

On Saturday night, the famous St. Christopher team locked horns
with the varsity and for a time things looked pretty close. St.
Christopher scored two free bas­
kets before the "College Lads" could get over the reminiscences
of a tea party which they had just left: but when the crowd com­
menced to yell, ring bells and wave pennants, their fighting spirit
arose and they proceeded to
spank the St. Christopher boys
unmercifully. When the smoke
and noise of battle had ceased
and cleared away, "Snake" Sykes
had dropped thirteen more bas­
kets and St. Christopher had
been beaten to the tune of 47-14.

The trip was not marred by a
single mishap. The manage­
ment and team received the glad
hand at every place they went
and they were made to feel at
home. Cheer up Gotham! No
need crying. We'll wallop you
again. The line-up is as follows:

Nixon, Right Forward.
Sykes, Lewis, Left Forward.
Gilmore, Sykes, Center.
Gray, Whinthrop, Left Guard.
Oliver, (Capt.), M. Curtis, Right
Guard.

With the team were Coach Mar­
shall, Casey Jones, Jimmie Mc­
Lendon, A1 Howe, Stephen Burke
and O. Gittens.

—Enicko

College Notes

The University of Pennsylva­
ia has enrolled over 5,700 stu­
dents this year.

The average yearly expendi­
ture per student at Princeton is
estimated at $919.

American literature will be
taught for the first time in South
America, at the University of
San Marcos, Lima, Peru.

A medical college and college
of physics, with French instruc­
tors, is planned for Tokio by the
International Education Associa­
tion.

A campaign has been started
at the University of Pennsylvania
for a fund of $5000 to be used in
the erection of a Medical school
in Canton, China.

The Tennis Association of the
University of Pennsylvania has
decided to flood the tennis courts
with water in order that they may
be used for skating.

To obtain a degree from Prince­
ton University hereafter under­
graduates must be able to swim
at least 220 yards, and pass a
physical examination.

The Dartmouth Faculty has
made a ruling whereby any stu­
dent having an average of 85 per­
cent for the previous semester
may cut whenever he desires.

A Vassar girl "who devoted
more time to athletics than to
study while in college" has won
$70,000 by a foot-race. We men­
tion it merely to suggest that in
the interest of higher education's
future it be kept dark.

It was announced recently by
Princeton University that Joseph
H. Choate, of New York, former
United States Ambassador to
Great Britain has accepted the
position of Stafford Little lecturer
of public affairs. He will succeed
ex-Mayor McClelan, who becomes
a professor of public affairs.

Denouncing colleges as "old
maid factories," and blaming
women for being so fond of soci­
ety and automobiles that they
cannot find time to raise families,
Dr. R. J. Sprague of Amherst
has found what he considers one
of the big causes of race suicide
in America. He blames the great
middle well-to-do class, finds
fault with women in professions,
sees danger in the threatening
movement for women's emanci­
pation, and, in fact, decrees al­
most everything modern about
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