Bishop Thirkield Presides over the Central Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church

To the Editor of the Howard University Journal,

My Dear Sir:

Will you allow space in the Journal for the following:

The Central Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church held its annual session in this city from December eleventh to December fifteenth, with Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield presiding.

To say that it was the most successful and interesting session in the history of the conference is but putting it mildly. The members of the conference and the people of Gadsden are loud in their praise of the greatness of the man who presided over the conference.

The climax was reached at 11 A.M. Sunday, when Bishop Thirkield preached one of the greatest sermons of his life. His text was: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself," his subject, "The Supreme Duty of Life". The bishop seemed at his best. He expounded the word of God with such force and simplicity that the smallest child could understand and grasp its meaning.

He said that he longed to see the time come when the great M. E. church South would join hand with the great M. E. church North and get under the colored people, so to speak, and raise the masses up to a higher life of usefulness and christian morality. In the vast audience there were half a dozen white men and when Bishop Thirkield said, during his sermon, that a great deal of the friction between the races in the South is due to a lack of brotherly love and neighborly love on the part of the whites toward their colored brother, two of the white men present left the church.

The bishop asked them to remain but they would not. Bishop Thirkield left a lasting impression upon the colored people of Gadsden as is his wont everywhere he goes.

Among the visitors present at the Conference were Doctor I. L. Thomas of Baltimore, Maryland, Secretary of Missions and Church Extension, Doctor Bowens of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and Doctor I. Garland Penn of Atlanta, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Bishop Thirkield left Sunday night for Atlanta where he will deliver an address to the students and faculty of Gammon Theological Seminary.

Thinking that the students and alumni of Howard would be glad to learn of the favorable impression made by our ex-president, Bishop Thirkield, in Alabama, I take this opportunity to write these few lines.

G. W. Coffey, M. D., '03

Assistant Professor Gregory will address the Bethel Literary and Historical Association on Tuesday evening, January 14th, at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, 18th street between L and M streets, N. W. His subject will be "Stupidity the Negro's Missing Virtue."

Professor Gregory will also address the Baltimore "Forum" in that city on Sunday afternoon, January 19th.

Alpha Phi Alpha in Convention

THE Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has just closed its Fifth Annual Convention and First Alumni Reunion at the seat of the Kappa Chapter, Ohio State University. This is the first and only Negro Greek letter fraternity national in its scope. Although it has been established only a few years, it has grown until it now has chapters in thirteen of the largest universities in the United States and Canada, a graduate chapter in Louisville, Ky., and an alumni chapter in New York City. The Fraternity was founded at Cornell six years ago and the last chapter was established at Wilberforce University on December 14, 1911.

The Convention was a great success in every particular, the largest and grandest ever held. The delegates' and officers' reports showed that the chapters were in a flourishing condition; many had secured or were contemplating the securing of chapter houses.

In connection with the Convention was held the First Alumni Reunion. Many of the alumni members were present and took an active part in the proceedings. Mr. Moses A. Morrison, D. D. S., the first General President and an alumni member of Beta Chapter at Howard and Nathaniel A. Murray, one of the founders and George B. Kelly, Chairman of the Alumni Committee, Dr. A. S. Brock and J. T. Clark of Louisville, Dr. W. G. Capel, Huntington, West Virginia; Attorney W. O. Stokes, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. J. C. Kingslaw, Blue Fields, West Va.; Dr. L. W. Hatchcock, Dayton, Ohio and others.
The officers elected were: Charles H. Garvin (Howard) re-elected President; Vice President, Raymond W. Cannon (Minnesota); Secretary, Henry L. Dickason, (Ohio State); Treasurer, William P. Merriem (Michigan).

The delegates were entertained royally by the Kappa Chapter and the citizens of Columbus. The Convention closed December 28. The 6th Convention convenes December 29, 30, and 31, 1913 at the seat of the Beta Chapter, Howard University.

Beta Chapter was represented by Julius C. McKelvie as delegate.

Fifth Annual Informal Reception of the Council of Upper Classmen

The fifth annual informal holiday reception of the Council of Upper Classmen, held on December 27th, in Odd Fellows Hall was a brilliant affair. This occasion, as all others under the auspices of that strongest and most far reaching organization of the student body, is always looked forward to as one of the grandest social functions of the season. In consideration of the fact that the date set was one on which many things apparently of equal interest were scheduled, a small attendance and meagre success were expected, but other things seemed not to affect the results very much; between one hundred and fifty and two hundred persons were present.

Besides the local friends of the council and the students, who always lend their aid and support, there were in attendance visiting friends from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. The patrons and patronesses present were Miss Marie L. Hardwick, Professor and Mrs. George W. Cooke and Dean L. B. Moore. Professor and Mrs. Cook led the grand Prom.

The large hall was beautifully and artistically decorated with pennants of the leading colleges of the country and the various organizations and classes of Howard University. The orchestra, hidden behind the imposing palms skilfully arranged around the edge of the platform, rendered such delightful music as to evoke the favorable comment of all. The affair in toto was an unusual success and one that reflects credit upon President Butler and his administration.

The Council wishes to thank, through the columns of the Journal, its many friends for their support and especially those who have been present from time to time at the functions given by the Council of Upper Classmen.

O. J. Cooper,
Council Reporter

Reunion of Class of 1912

A partial reunion of this class of the School of Liberal Arts took place Thursday evening, December 26, when the members in the city were entertained by Miss Nellie M. Quander at her residence, 2435 Georgia Avenue. Plans were made for a general reunion on Thursday, June fifth.
Johns threw many interesting side-lights upon the Roman Saturnalia. This is a festival which corresponded very nearly to our Christmas holiday and which was held in commemoration of peace and prosperity. Upon this occasion, slave and master, those of high estate and those of low estate, all enjoyed a common level and celebrated the event with great merriness. The courts were closed, all temporal power suspended, and entire freedom prevailed.

"The Roman Slave," a theme at once attractive and inexhaustible, was rendered by Mr. J. E. Rose. It may be surprising to note that the price of these serfs ranged anywhere from 80 cents to the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars (28,000) which Pliny tells us was paid for one. The "familia" or house-slaves were often very valuable assets since there were among them scribes, bookkeepers, teachers and even bankers. Many other facts no less interesting were enumerated, the contrast of which shows the former American traffic to have been an incipient enterprise.

Mr. William Pollard presented a review of the month, of current classical literature; this being a digest of criticisms, suggestions and investigations regarding the study of the classics, taken from several classical journals. It was very carefully deduced and offered many helpful suggestions to the student.

The "Carmen Saeculare" of Horace was sung by the club and the meeting closed with remarks from Professors Lightfoot and Little, of the departments of Latin and Greek.

R. McCant Andrews.

Howardites in Louisville, Kentucky

Doubtless one of the most unique entertainments given among Howardites during the Christmas season took place on New Year's eve, in Louisville, Kentucky. It took the form of a card party and supper given by Prof. Wm. Gilbert, College '12, better known as "Bill," in honor of his Fraternity brother, Griffith C. Brannon, Class of '14. All of the Howardites who could possibly be reached were present.

The guests commenced to arrive at about 8:30 p.m. and after several games of cards were invited to the dining room at 11:45 where, just as the whistles began to blow out the old, and in the New Year, the first course of the supper was served. The long table in the center of the dining room was handsomely decorated with cotton to represent a recent snow-fall. In the center of the table was a large punch bowl the stand of which was decorated with beautiful ferns and delicate cream-pink rosebuds. The menu, as served, consisted of the following:

- Raw Oysters
- Olives
- Eucherie
- Horseradish Sauce
- Socko Salad
- Fraternity Punch
- Cheese
- Crackers
- Fruit
- Mints
- Bon-Bons

The most enjoyable and most unique feature of the occasion was that the entire menu from beginning to end was prepared by the host. Among the distinguished guests present, was Mrs. Anderson, the noted soprano of Chicago, who sang the soprano part in the "Messiah" last year. The guests departed about 2:30, New Year's morning.

Another very enjoyable occasion took place at the suburban home of Miss Josephine Lawrence, Teacher's College, Normal '12, which was in the form of a dinner, given in honor of the visiting Howard students. Many elaborate dishes were served and the occasion was indeed enjoyable. Miss Lawrence is teaching Domestic Art and Science in one of the Louisville Night Schools and is doing honor to her Alma Mater.

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Editorial

I. The Journal wishes a happy and prosperous New Year to all.
II. The man who can never be wrong is more than likely to be one who is never right.
III. Howard is gradually bursting out of her confines. The question with her is no longer where she shall get students, but what we shall do with the large numbers now bowing at her shrines. We are just beginning to see the pressing need for a large amphitheater.

January first of this year, was a significant day to Negro America, as it marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, fifty years of Negro freedom. What does it mean beyond mere words? It means, too, fifty years of progress, fifty years of survival of Anglo-Saxon Civilization with indications of continued growth, despite the almost overwhelming tide of prejudice, suppression and opposition in every way.

There appears in the Southern Workman for this month, an article entitled "Fifty Years of Negro Progress," in which the progress of the Negro educationally, economically, and religiously is reviewed and in every case the rapid strides are amazing. The Negro really has that for which he may rejoice on the advent of this new year, which should mark a new era, an era of even greater things for him.

Howardites Heard From

A. M. Gilbert, College of Arts and Sciences, '11 is head of the Agricultural department of the Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute.

Louis H. Russell, College of Arts and Sciences, '12, writes that he is enjoying a profitable course in Mathematics and Physics in work for his Master's degree at Cornell University.

It is reported by friends of Dr. McGill of the Dental College that he has built up a very lucrative practice in Charleston, South Carolina, and that he returned to Washington during the holidays and claimed for himself a bride.

Augustus Stanfield, Medical, '12, passed the highest of 45 in the examination of applicants for license to practice Medicine and Surgery in New Jersey, before the state Board of Examiners at Trenton, October 15 and 16. Dr. Stanfield expects to practice at Morristown, N. J.

Telegram from Ex-President Thirkield

The following telegram, expressive of his continued love for Howard, and his heartfelt wish for her continued success, was received from Ex-President Thirkield to be read at the inaugural exercises of the President. Some hitch delayed the dispatch, which was not received in time for the inaugural, but was read before the student body and received with much applause.

To Chief Justice Peele,
From Gadsden Ala.:

Plentiful good wishes for Howard University and its new president on the inaugural day. May it mark the beginning of a new and larger era for the university which still holds my affection.

With blessings and benediction on the President, Trustees, and Faculty, and cheers forever for the victorious "White and Blue" team.

I remain,

W. P. Thirkield

Professor Lightfoot Writes

Professor George M. Lightfoot has contributed a paper on the "Value of Classical Studies in Modern Education" which will appear in an early number of the Classical Weekly, the official organ of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States.

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Howard Wins Basket Ball Game
Defeats New Jersey Team in a Sensational Contest by Score of 46 to 20

In a very fast and classy game the Owl Field quint of Jersey City was defeated December 27th at True Reformers' Hall by the Howard five by a score of 46 to 20.

This classy aggregation from Jersey State gave the Varsity the best game of many seasons. They are a speedy bunch of goal tossers and well versed in the fine points of the game, which made the contest far more interesting. They have defeated Alpha Physical Culture Club of New York and claim the championship of New Jersey and New York.

The team work of the Varsity seemed at its acme in this game. Never before have they showed such versatility in the art of the game. Sensational tosses were made from time to time through well guarded positions. The defense of the Varsity was impregnable which gives much credit to Captain Gray and his quint. It is worthy of note that Howard is rapidly allying itself with the circle of the undefeated.

LINE-UP
O. F. Club Position Howard
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Professor Houston Addresses the Alpha Phi

On last Friday evening, Professor G. David Houston, head of the English department, favored the Alpha Phi Literary Society with an admirable address on Phyllis Wheatley, the great negro slave poetess. The address gave in a forcible and peerless style the life and true worth of Phyllis Wheatley as a poetess and the fame that she enjoyed in her day both in America and London. One of the prime objects of his address, Professor Houston stated, was to inspire in the students a greater zeal for searching into negro literature, and for securing a wider acquaintance with negro literary characters.

PERSONALS

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

The holidays were certainly strenuous for some folks.

The most lonesome man during the holidays was "P. B." Lennox.

What would Beamon have done had the folks from Raleigh come up.

No wonder Texas did not see his Pearlie at the station. She says she saw him first.

Has Perry Bell got 'em? Does he seem to have 'em? Do you think he ever will have 'em?

Little Jimmie McLendon has driven Forbes entirely out of the latter's pen (Penn) in the city.

Crawford says he and his madame will be home after January 15th, at (Station) House No. 8 N. W.

Poor Nieko! We felt sorry for him during the holidays. Baker had him in the city while Collins killed him on the hill.

At a special meeting last week every one voted that when it comes to the latest dances, Felix Butler doesn't hold 'em.
On Sunday afternoon, January 5, a goodly number of young men, hailing from every class and department of the university, assembled in Carnegie Auditorium, entered heartily into the singing of good hymns, and indulged fervently in heart-uttered words of prayer. Dean Kelly Miller, Messrs. J. G. Logan, T. H. Randall, and H. C. Stratton sat on the rostrum. It was the Freshman’s Day at Y. M. C. A.

Immediately, the charge of the meeting was given over to Mr. Stratton, President of the Freshman class, who, in touching remarks, expressed his deep regret that a greater number of the host of Howard men do not take interest in the association and gain the valuable experience of Christian work. After this, the program, consisting chiefly of Freshmen, followed:

Mr. “Doc” Ward appeared in a piano selection, “The Butterfly” by Edward Greig; Mr. A. P. Champion gave a five minutes talk; Mr. L. F. Morse spoke five minutes upon the “Relation of the Y. M. C. A. to the young man at Howard” and Mr. Stratton sang “Hold Thou My Hand,” by C. S. Griggs.

Dean Kelly Miller furnished the main speech. He spoke on the subject, “A Lesson in Moral Arithmetic,” as suggested in the passage, “Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”

The gist of the Dean’s address is just this: Faith, belief in one’s self, humanity and God; plus virtue—activity, energy, pluck and that moral power which guards one against degrading temptations; plus knowledge—a clear perception of truth and beauty, a clear grasp of principles and duty; plus temperance—self-control, self-restraint, moderation in every possible regard; plus patience, for “It takes time to be holy;” plus godliness, for “Godliness is profitable in all things;” plus brotherly kindness—kindness to those who are nearest to you; plus charity—universal kindness, gives culture, self-respect, reverence for personality and love and service for others. The Dean’s arithmetic was simple and easy; and the lesson was clear and valuable.

Notes

Begin the New Year right by paying your subscription to the JOURNAL.

At the last chapel exercise of the old year an excellent musical programme was rendered by the students of the music department.

The last vespers service of 1912 took the form of a song service. The choir rendered in its usual excellent manner several of the choruses from “The Messiah” of Handel.

The last meeting of the Y. M. C. A. before the holidays was given over to the students of the law department. The programme took the form of a general discussion of the topic, “The Law in Relation to the Religious Life of the Community.” The embryo jurists discussed the subject in a masterly way. Attendance and collection were on this day the largest of the season.

Correction

The name of the contributor of the poem, “The Dying Year,” which appeared in the last issue of the JOURNAL, was through mistake left out. This poem was contributed by Mr. Richard A. Tucker of Norfolk, Va., a Howardite of the early seventies.

Despite the cold and snow of Christmas eve night, members of the choir and others of student body, under the direction of Miss Childers and superintendence of Professor Cook, made their usual serenade tour throughout the city, bearing first tidings of cheer and gladness to the rich and poor of the city alike, through the medium of Christmas Carols.
Sophomores Hold Stag

As a final tribute to the year 1912, a number of the Sophomore fellows of the school of Liberal Arts, on December 19, gave a stag. Of course it had to be given at the “Palace Royal”, 320 Elm St., N. W. They gave themselves to enjoyment, forgetting lessons and all other evil thoughts of the general routine.

Everything was carried out according to program. The menu was good, and the courses were served while the fellows were engaged in the amusements provided by the master of ceremonies. The toasts made on the occasion were very appropriate, and gave evidence of the fact that everyone was enjoying himself to the fullest. The event will be long remembered by those who attended.

Social Science Club

On Wednesday evening, the Social Science Club was addressed by Mr. R. M. Williams, reading Clerk, of the House of Representatives on the subject, “The Single Tax.” The stirring and interesting address was very much enhanced by the fact that this question is growing more and more in the thought of statesmen today and gradually gaining public prominence.

Mr. Williams advocated strongly an adoption of the single tax, that is raising the tax on all personal property of every kind and the levying a tax on landed values exclusively. This method of taxation, he claimed would lay heavier taxes on the rich and do away with private monopolies. His theory of taxation is predicated on Henry George’s philosophy of political economy, that whatever is produced by the individual belongs to the individual and whatever is produced by the community belongs to the community.

The single tax as Mr. Williams presented it is a utopian theory for doing away with the vast accumulation of wealth and for the checking of land holding; and in fact, for getting at the roots of most all our social evils.

The address was simple and lucid in style, but forceful in effect and replete with brilliant wit. When the address was concluded, about an hour was given over to questioning of the speaker.
Alpha Phi Alpha House Party

The new year was welcomed by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity with a pleasurable greeting. At nine in the evening, when about twenty-five beautifully attired members of the "fairer sex" accompanied by the same number of members of the Fraternity had gathered, the formal arrangement of the Chapter House at 2347 Georgia Avenue was disturbed. The musical program then started with Mr. J. T. Layton, Jr. acting as "pilot". From then on, even until after the "slowest" clock had struck a "dozen," the "15" hoodoo found no awe among these young people, for they proceeded to respond to the melodious strains with levity of toe as well as of spirit. Only one intermission broke the routine of the evening and this took the form of an appropriate conviviality.

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Capt. Ed. Gray of the local quint took his second squad in against the visitors and cinched the game by a 20 to 6 score before the regulars took the field. The keenly aroused interest generally accompanying a contest was lost at the beginning of the second half when the Varsity began playing for a record displaying its efficiency in team work and technique of the game.

Union deserves great credit for its nerve and tenacity, but it was outclassed at every point of the game.

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