A Tribute
To the Memory of Robert B. Warder,
Late Professor of Chemistry and
Physics at Howard.

The memory of Robert B. Warder through a theme long neglected is not unfelt. It is difficult for men to place a proper estimate upon one who labored among them, in haste. Though no tablet marks the scene of his years of toil, though no service has been held in his memory, it lives. Nay, it increases with the distance to which he is removed by time. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should honor and cherish the memory of such a character. With what freedom he mingled with his students! What a warm feeling of interest, what generous sympathy to help, over perplexities! What devotion, what patience for the work of his life and the objects of his instruction! Saturdays as well as schooldays found him in the laboratory, and not infrequently did darkness overtake him there. His life, his time, his labor, all were his students. He was always one of the first to enter the Main Building at morning and the last to leave it at night. Even now those who knew him can see him, his arm laden with books as he measures with even pace, down the broad gravelled walk, the distance from home to duty. His head is lowered in meditation as he walks. Nature seemed to be his companion, and the very rocks to contain sermons for him. He sought not notoriety but rather inclined to usefulness. It is said of him that he refused a position at Georgetown University, which offered more than twice the salary he received at Howard and honors in proportion, with the answer that money there might procure an able man; and with Howard he remained till his death.

It is especially in the capacity of teacher that we are concerned with the character of Robert B. Warder. In him were all the elements of the perfect teacher, happily compounded. He not only was not harsh, but he never even became angry. Not only were his lectures and explanations intelligible to a child, they were appreciable to a sage. In this capacity he knew how to appeal not only to the senses or intellect but to the deeper conscience as well of the student when discipline was necessary. A single incident will illustrate his keenness of insight into human nature: An examination was being held. There was one who yielded to the temptation. He opened his book. Prof. Warder saw him. No abusive words were uttered. The unfortunate student was not sent abruptly from the room to lose hope and in despair fall into other errors. Quietly Prof. Warder approached, removed the book from his hands, calmly and meaningly said: "Will the class give attention?" He was standing over the young man. When the class looked up these unusual though instantly significant words were heard: "Let us pray." No student afterwards was ever known to cheat under him, and that young man emerged from the room that day a changed being.

Such a character, such a life! What needs there be a tablet to the memory of these? What form of memorial would be fitting? Oblivion has not marked his memory for her own. He erected to his own memory monuments whose dimensions will ever increase. As often as one of his many students, now teaching, teaches the lessons taught by him to hundreds of coming men and women, monuments shall rise to his memory. With him was a loss to the students, to Howard and to Science, destined to be felt and appreciated: for "In his duty, prompt at every call, He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all; And, as a bird each fond endeavor tries To tempt its new-fledged offspring to the skies, He tried each art, reproved each delay Allured to brighter worlds, and led the way."

THE SEASON'S FORENSICS

Five Contests in Which Twenty-eight Speakers Will Compete

Those interested in the various activities about the University, who admire football, in its season of enthusiasm, and who enjoy the spirit of wholesome rivalry, need only turn their attention from the grid iron to the rostrum to realize that a season, quite as brilliant in its way as that of football is, upon us.

There are those who do not realize the effort, the thought and the time being silently and unnoticeably expended in the preparation for the coming debates. The archives of the University, Carnegie and Congressional libraries are being sedulously explored; dust covered books are being removed from their wonted shelves, and their contents carefully sought; the unsecured leaves of newly bound works on Political Economy and important questions of the hour are being cut; and over two dozens of sleepless lovers of the forensic art are projecting their studies far into the smallness of morning despite the sweet, warm summons of Morpheus, (Continued on third page.)
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Washington, D. C., February 9, 1906.

The first half of the year is over. The examinations have all been held. Some have made brilliant marks, many good marks, some failed. Be the result of the first half year and the examinations what it may, we have done our best and we are all, teachers and students alike, glad that they are over.

No mid-year holiday will be observed at Howard. A day or two to mark the middle of the year would not hurt.

The editor of this edition of The Journal thanks heartily and publicly all who assisted in making this Mid-Year Edition possible.

The Alumni constitute a part of the modern College and University equally, and in many regards, far more important than the students. In most Colleges a special organization is in effect which links the Alumni inseparably to their Alma Mater, and she knows of and enjoys their successes and laments their failures with them. We are in want of some definite and recognized medium of communication like this at Howard. We do not know what each other is doing. We should know. Each Alumni should at times write back to the University. His successes will inspire and encourage the students and his misfortunes, if any, may warn them.

We condemn Governor Varndaman for his many false and groundless arguments, recently uttered, but we feel constrained to praise him for the effort he put forth last week in saving the life of a human being from the torture of the infuriated mob.

The Lyric Orchestra, organized some years ago, has won for itself the reputation of being the leading orchestra in the city. Its managers deserve praise.

The Lyric will furnish music for the "Informal Prom," under the auspices of the Council of Upper Classmen.

Treat for Clark Hall

Gradually, for the past few years Clark Hall has been being equipped with modern improvements and conveniences. Some years ago the stove gave way to steam, and the old bins at the rear which marred the view were torn down. But the view was not improved. Recently the last remnant of them has been removed, the ground cleaned and made bare for a fresh growth of grass and a beautiful, though small lawn. It was during the past summer that water was placed on each floor. The wires for electric lights were put in, but for some reason the system was not completed. In a few weeks, however, the work will be completed and the student in Clark Hall will have another comfort added to his domain.

Communications

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

EDITOR THE JOURNAL:—

It was my great pleasure to visit the Sunday afternoon services in the Andrew Rankin Chapel some Sundays ago. I was surprised to see such a deplorable falling off in the music since my last visit there sometime last year. Howard University should have as good a choir and as good music as any church in Washington. I even learn that the best musical talent at the University is enjoyed by the city congregations, while not all of the few members of Howard's own choir are students.

Is this true? It is not possible for you to answer me directly, but I shall look in the columns of your paper for some light on this question. As an alumnus I am deeply interested in all that concerns my dear Alma Mater, and hope some good may come from this letter.

AN ALUMNUS.

On Hearing Tschaikowsky's Symphonic Pathetique for the First Time

But soft, the solemn chords of sonant strings,
To which the wind's bland their weird tone,
Commence the Hymn anon the gorgeous noon
Through horn and drum increasing grizzly rings
With all the Master's savage grief.
The Springs
Of Song, till now methinks have never flown
In sound so tragic sweet: for Song hath seen
Its seeds in strange and mighty throats
—thus sings

Upon the coral heights of supreme art
The Slavic Eagle as he poars again
The tuneful might of his luxurious woe.
Of how he lonelv soars pierced by the dart
Of keen oppression, aye his country's bane.
And leaves the weaker wings here far below.

MAXWELL HAYSON, '07.
THE SEASON'S FORENSICS

(Continued from first page.)

Hence the Maynard Prize Debate. It should be added that there has been no failure in Mr. Maynard's kind remembrance. This New Year's gift for 1906 has been received.

The question for this year is: "Is the Denomination Spirit a Hindrance to the Christian Religion?"

Messrs. C. E. Harper, of Lincoln, L. R. Nichols Jr., of Atlanta University, and E. E. Tyler, the three affirmative speakers are all new men at Howard, but have distinguished themselves already in the Department as debaters, as has Mr. C. W. Jordan, of the negative, another new man.

Mr. W. E. Spratley spoke in the contest last year. His ability is attested by his second appearance.

Mr. C. C. Gill, who many thought won the prize last year, will appear again. Mr. Gill has a smooth easy flow of language, and a good command of himself on the stage.

Henry A. Brown Prize Debate

The Henry A. Brown Prize Debate bears the name of its founder, Mr. Brown is an alumnus of the Law Department and a very successful attorney of Boston. Each year Mr. Brown gives a gold medal to the best individual debater, so while the speakers are on different sides the decision is not based on that fact.

This contest will take place on the 9th of March, this year. The subject is: "Resolved, that the amount of wealth transferable by inheritance should be regulated by statute."

Six speakers will participate, each of the four classes in the College of Arts and Sciences having one representative, the Teachers' College and Theological Department having one each.

Mr. E. H. Oxley, speaking on the affirmative, will represent the Senior Class. Mr. Oxley is also pursuing a course of study at King Hall and bears the distinction of being one of the most forcible and fluent speakers connected with the Divinity School.

The Class of '07 has chosen as its representative Mr. H. P. Davis, who has a brilliant scholarship in college, is a clear thinker, and stands among the first in his class in argumentation. Mr. Davis tendered his resignation, but the Alpha Phi almost unanimously rejected it. He argues the negative.

Mr. D. W. Bowler will sustain the honor of the Class of '08, as affirmative speaker. He entered College last year, a graduate from the St. Louis High School. On the floor of the Alpha Phi he has proved himself a speaker of no mean ability.

The fourth speaker from College, Mr. C. S. Cowan, who possibly won the honor of being standard bearer for the class of '09 by his speech at close of his Preparatory course last May is on the negative side.

Mr. J. Francis Vanderhorst, Theo. '06, is the selection of his Department. His ability as a debater is well known and recognized. He bears the extreme honor of representing his department in this contest for the second time.

Mr. S. D. McCree, T. C. '08, who hails from the State of Vardaman though not so well known as a speaker, argues with Messrs. Davis and Cowan the negative side of the question for his Department.

Intercollegiate Debate

The third contest is the Intercollegiate Debate under the auspices of the Alpha Phi. This from its very nature promises to be the most interesting of all the contests. While debating has heretofore been fostered at Howard it was not of this character. This year Old Howard will meet on the rostrum, her famous adversary of the gridiron. Virginia Union against Howard in debate is scheduled for April 2nd. The price of admission is not yet fixed but it is thought it will be 25c.

The question for discussion is: "Resolved, that the effect of industrial corporations known as trusts is detrimental to the best interests of the wage earning classes."

Howard had the choice of subject and Union of side. Union selected
the negative leaving Howard affirmative. Six speakers will take part. Howard's team is made up of her most experienced men. Messrs Morton, Tate and Taylor have been entrusted with the defense of Howard's case.

Mr. F. Douglas Morton is too well known to need comment. He was one of the speakers at the Prep class '02, where he first distinguished himself. During his Sophomore year he represented his class on the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate and added new lustre to his name as a speaker.

Mr. A. Delaney Tate '07, who is endowed by nature with force and eloquence of expression, who has had large experience at Howard, having won the first Preparatory debate, represented his class on most occasions and was acknowledged in many regards as the best speaker last year on the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate, will no doubt give Union some trouble.

The third representative from Howard is Mr. Osea Taylor, '06. Though he has never won a debate at Howard his ability to speak is recognized.

Mr. B. L. Marchant '06 is the alternate for Howard. He comes from Ohio and speaks with ease and effect.

With this team Howard may hope to win, the three main speakers having added to their natural powers and experience the training of a year in argumentation.

The Preparatory Debate

In 1901 the Athletic Association being very much in need of means to carry on the athletics, as is always the case, organized what is known as the "Prep Debate," a contest limited to the four classes of the Preparatory Department. The institution has proved a success not only for the Athletic Association, but even to the department. This debate has by practice become an annual affair, and each year it gathers about it more and more interest. The coming debate, which is to take place April 27, 1906, will undoubtedly be the most interesting one ever held. The subject to be discussed is: "Resolved that the Municipal Government should own and operate the Street Railways." Each class has chosen the best man in it to contest for the honors. The Senior Class is to be represented by P. I. Mullins. It cannot be doubted that Mr. Mullins will make a good showing for his class, for he is well versed in the art of composition and rhetoric, and he is one of those fellows who always goes at anything with his whole heart.

The Middle class has as its representative the well known H. L. Scott, who carried off the honors of last year's debate. You who heard him know that he is not wanting for any of the qualities of an orator. His fame has been hurled abroad and there is nothing left, but to retain it.

Mr. T. B. Neely, the defeated in the last contest, comes representing the Sub-Middlers. Mr. Neely is a brilliant young man, a graduate of Tuskegee, and one who gave Scott a close rub for the money last year. Since every prize, with the exception of one, has been won by a Sub-Middler, be not surprised if you should hear the judges say "Neely."

The Junior Class has for its advocate, the calm and sedate Mr. W. C. Chance; tho a new man he has shown many evidences of his ability to handle a question with intelligence; he has been given a chance.

The prize is to the best individual speaker and is a five dollar gold piece, awarded by the Athletic Association.

Case of the Blackstone Club

Last of the series of contests is the Annual case of the Blackstone Club of the Law Department.

This is an organization of Junior Law students and is presided over by Prof. Geo. Francis Williams. For the past two years six speakers have been chosen to represent the Club in a public exercise in the chapel, and arrangements are now being made for the third. A actual case is argued by three at
come cries for peace. But there was no peace. "Had Zimri peace who slew his master?" Certain acts have a natural and logical sequence. The result in this case is that the upper classes in a body, (with the possible exception of one or two members elected to office at the last meeting) will not attend meetings of the society during the next regime. It may be asked: If this matter is of so much importance why is the constitution silent on it? The answer is that no Junior class has ever been sufficiently discourteous or regardless of the claims of Seniors and the wishes of upper classmen as to challenge the custom. Such a spirit is to say the least, undesirable, and must be changed if for nothing else but the good of the society. The following officers were elected: Pres. E. E. Tyler, Vice Pres.; T. A. Morton; Sccy. Jas Ellis; Treas. Dr. Woodbury, Critic, Dean Clark; Serg-at Arms, L. R. Nichols, Chap. C. W. Jordan; Librarian, F. F. King.

THE ALPHA PHI

On all sides there is evidence of improvement in the Alpha Phi. An excellent program was arranged for Friday and it is to be regretted that the piano in the chapel was out of order, so that the musical part of the program had to be omitted. A well written paper was read by Mr. B. L. Marchant, and was heartily applauded by the admiring audience. The debate too, was good. Speeches of Messrs. Jordan, Roker, Tate, Randolph, Oxley and Morrison were especially interesting and showed a keen grasp upon the salient points in the question. The question discussed was: "Resolved that there should be some restrictions placed upon the conferring of honorary degrees in American Colleges."

Y. M. C. A.

All friends of the University are cordially invited to attend the special service under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at 4:30 o'clock P. M. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. Delightful music and address by Rev. M. W. Clair, Ph. D., Pastor of Ashbury M. E. Church, are the special features.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Athletic Association very cordially invites you to attend its dance and evening social in Miner Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 21, '06, at seven. Also its matinee dance at the True Reformers Hall on the 23d. Good music assured.

AROUND HOWARD BY NIGHT

By STYLVUS

If thou would'st view her Howard aright, go visit her by the pale, gentle moonlight!

The campus is sleeping, peacefully. Her bosom seems to heave as if tired from the ceaseless turmoil of the closing day.

Clark Hall and Miner Hall are dazzling with a hundred brilliant lights, but in bold contrast to these the tall gray form of the Main Building stands wrapped in the garb of night; as if a fortress and not a University building. Across the campus sweep the cold bleak winds murmuring their weird and lonesome tunes. The student in his room hears the sound and instinctively draws his chair closer to his friendly radiator. One feels the awful stillness here as the curtains of night begin to fall, though broken by numerous sounds. In the distance is heard the noise of the car rattling o'er the stony street; the moaning of the trees as they bend to the stern command of wintry wind; the measured beat of the town clock as it strikes the evening hour; the occasional bark of some faithful watch dog; and the firm tread of some industrious student returning from his evening work. These are the only sounds that break the awful stillness of this early evening hour.

But you are not to believe that this stillness is to remain through-out the night. No, no, gentle reader, the "Preps" are out and will soon come in. Hark! In the distance the sound of voices singing in long drawn out notes that old familiar tune, "In Dear Old Georgia." Now the tune changes and the words "Weep no more my Lady" float clearly o'er the moonlit campus. Sentimentalism gives way to rag time. Now we are being treated to some of Cole and Johnson's latest productions. Listen carefully, you will soon recognize the voices.

These are the voices of the "Preps;" noisy "Preps;" happy "Preps;" for the Howard "Preps" are as happy a horde of youngsters as ever slept on a college cot.

Slowly these fellows come with their "tramp, tramp, tramp," down the long shaded walk, the historic, the picturesque, the tree flanked gravel walk, that leads to Clark Hall, singing the songs and yelling the yells that we love so well and have heard so often.

They pause for a short moment at the steps of their dormitory in order to get a good night glimpse at Miner Hall; to think a good-night thought of the "dear girl." Then swinging open the ponderous door, they stroll one by one to their rooms, there to fight in the legions of Caesar, to burn with the eloquence of Cicero, to "proceed thence a days journey" with Xenophon, to be "tossed about on land and on sea" with the "Pius Aeneas" or to sing with Homer.

Some "hunt old trails" in science, some tackle quadratics; while others pace the floor murmuring as they go, "hic, hacc, hoc;" these go mad with their "a, a, m. m."

Thus they keep up these "Prep"-sounding, hum-drums noises to the delight of the Freshmen and Sophomores, and to the disgust of the Juniors and grave Seniors. But these "Preps" go on trying to capture the shadowy forms, the phantoms, as it were, of lore and of learning till Morpheus summons them to the land of sleep and of restful dreams.
Dangers of Self Examination

Self-examination usually results in self-deception. As a rule, the more we study ourselves the less we understand ourselves; and at best we do not understand ourselves as well as our fellows do. In self-examination we see things either better or worse than they are, and are self-deceived accordingly. In judging our motives we are too harsh or too lenient with ourselves. We condemn ourselves so that we are disheartened for future efforts, or we excuse ourselves so that we are ready to persist in a course that is unworthy of us. Indeed, there is rarely an act of which we have deliberately been guilty that is so mean or so unjust that we cannot lead ourselves, by self-examination, to believe that it was prompted by noble or praiseworthy, or at least by tolerable, motives. Better than self-examination is the study of outside ideals, or the study of the sharper criticisms of our own course by an enemy, or by an over-frank neighbor.—Exchange.

PERSONALS

The wishes of Prof. Moore's many friends have been realized. After a severe illness of more than a week he is able to be about his manifold duties.

Mr. Maxwell Hayson, formerly of Oberlin College, has matriculated at Howard and is a member of the class of '09.

After a severe illness of several weeks Miss Charlie Jones has returned to Howard. She will resume her studies in the Preparatory Department. We gladly welcome her back and wish her success, the remainder of the year.

Prof. Kelly Miller delivered two addresses in New York City recently. One last Sunday at the Epiphany Baptist Church, where he met and shook hands with Thos. Dixon, Jr. The Guardian, of Feb. 3, gives a full account of the speeches.

NOTICES

Regular meeting of the Alpha Phi this evening at 8:15.
Vesper Services as usual on Sunday at 4:30.
The Eureka meets in Mock Congress this evening. All invited.
Rehearsal for Elijah Chorus this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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"Well, good morning, Uncle Jasper."

"For de laul's sake, whar hav yo bin, Daniel Webster No all? I ain't seed yo sense der woods wuz on fire."

"Uncle Jasper, I have been around observing and noting the activity of men and the progress of things."

"Dere you go! Come down whar der ole man kin understand you."

"I am turning my attention toward Congress and the discussions of the railroad rates."

"I heyar dey gwine ter hab liber-ly times dere."

"Oh yes, I perceive in the present condition of affairs apprehension for a fierce struggle between the supporters of the President and those who favor the railroads."

"I guess so, Daniel Webster No-all."

"Of course, Uncle Jasper, I know it is too early to suspect you of having formed any well developed ideas as to the propriety or benefit of such a bill as the President desires."

"Well, I tell you, Daniel Webster No-all, I keeps mah eyes open an my thinkin faculties bizzy an taint never too soon fur me to stress mah pinion on mattahs uv dat kine. Wy, mah boy, dat ain't no new quishum, aldo its bout new things. Cose I'd neber hab that dat men wid der great telligence an bril'nt intelleck uv Sinaters an Congressmens wud stan pon der fles uv Congress ter tawk bout baggage, fee dey riggilate der com-merdashun fur passangers. Dere dey be, perharperin ober ekul an jus rates, wen we wants ekul rights—fur der railroad people am a-runnin Jim Crow kwyars ter der berry dows uv der capital. 11ts high time dey look away from rate an git one backard gaze pun der paw trol-down tabbribler, wat pays fuss-class fare ter ride in one smoky corner in der hind part uv a kwyar box. Man an der one day sent dere ter nek laws fur, an not things. As I once heered hit said, 'man's more portant dan boxes uv goods an bales uv merchandises.' Mah blue books wen I think on hit. Den ter imagine dat Teddy, sich a good man, is mix up wid em too! I knows he mean good, but all men nek mistakes. Aftah all he's only a man. Jis see how he stan by dat rate bill! Wen he see ot rate aint handled ter sute 'im, how quick he fine out der President got some rites dodah der constitution, at one rite is to nek Congress see dat rate is carried cheaper an der same rate fur all, an dat it can un-dah der controle uv der President an his cabinet. But you jes speak ter yer honorable servant der President bout dem folks dat rides in der smoky kwyar box from der orange groves uv Florida ter der city dat lies beneath der berry dome uv der nashun's captle fur fur same price dat dose wut ride sunk in velvet an splendid, an His Exlence vill sho nek it plain dat dat am a liber-wire an he aint gwine ter tech it. Howsoever some uh dese days things'll change. 'M en'll rise wut stan fur rite uv justice in all things. Den ken cease goin round 'zerhin an notin', but ress contented in de security uv yer rites."

"Well! Why, Uncle Jasper, I have never viewed the subject in that light before."

"Suttinly not. Boy, I tell yer der better kills, but der speerit quickens."

S. N. Y.

Baltimore no longer sees him. Brightwood Avenue has lost its charm. What "Powers" can hold him?

Wanted—a good camera to take an interior scene of Miner Hall during calling hour.

'Twas night. The pale moon peeping through the windows of a Hall on the Hill, cast a weird shadow over the ghost-like scene. Nothing could be seen but two phantomy figures, gliding noiselessly from place to place. Presently the pursuer seized the victim. A short struggle. All over. Victim vanished.

Prof. (in Latin, Pyrampus and Trisib) —about what are we reading now, Mr. J.—, the man or the woman?

Mr. J.—The—the lady.

Young Man (making his debut in the Sunday Procession) Have company? (meaning: "Will you have company?")

Young Lady (thinking he meant: "Have you company already?")—"No, Thank you. (meaning: "I have no company, thank you.")"

Young Man (coming home alone) —Dog — —! I cut a hog.

Wanted—a hero—at Miner Hall.

Proud Prof. (to little son)—What did you learn in school today?

Little Son— I learned what a lake is.

Proud Prof.—How many kinds of lakes are there?

Little Son—Natural and artificial.

Proud Prof.— (looking at reservoir) —Is the reservoir natural or artificial?

Little Son.—Artificial.

Proud Prof.— Why is it called artificial?

Little Son (altering)— "Cause it's got fish in it.

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MISCELLANEA OF THE CAMPUS

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