How We Spent Christmas at Howard

We feel safe in saying that never before in the history of the University did the students spend a more pleasant week than they did during the past Christmas season. It has been the custom, during the writer's time, for the students who spent their holidays on the hill to look forward to the Christmas week with dread and despair as a week of loneliness, isolation, and imprisonment. Little or no effort was made to cheer the weary sojourners and the restraints and circumscriptions imposed always added substantially to the cheerlessness of those who happened to be so unfortunate as to risk their lot for better or for worse on Howard hill. But this year things were entirely different. Every effort was made by those in charge to make these holidays cheerful and joyful for those who remained with us. And instead of those old dreary, long, darksome days and nights, we saw cheerful, short, merry days and evenings, and sweet, restful nights.

We feel that a great deal of thanks and praise are due Mrs. and Miss Jackson for their very successful efforts in Miner Hall. All the young ladies and quite a number of the young men are indebted to them for a most pleasant Christmas week. Prof. Geo. Cook also aided in cheering the days of those who remained on the hill.

Some Events of the Week

Dec. 24. In the early part of the evening the young men and young ladies dressed a Christmas tree in Miner Hall. At midnight Prof. Geo. Cook led a band of serenaders to the homes of the different professors. This was a novel idea and well received by all.

Dec. 25. Morning prayer meeting at 6 o'clock. Santa Claus in Miner Hall at 7 o'clock. These two events served to put all in the proper spiritual and mental attitude for a merry Christmas. In the evening Miss Mary Clifford entertained a number of students at the home of Prof. Geo. Cook.


Dec. 27. Song service at Metropolitan Church.

Dec. 29. The young ladies of the College Department gave a Flinch Party from six till nine. The Alpha Phi Banquet from nine till two.

Dec. 30. Miss Virginia Williams gave a dinner in honor of her many friends in Miner Hall, in the afternoon. The Council of Upper Classmen held their first Annual Holiday Reception at Odd Fellows Hall in the evening.

Dec. 31. Watchmeeting, led by Prof. Geo. Cook, after which hot cocoa was served in Miner Hall.

Jan. 1. A celebration of Emancipation Proclamation under the auspices of the Freshman Medical Class was held in Andrew Rankin Chapel from eight till ten and was in every respect one of the nicest affairs of its kind ever held on the hill.

The Journal wishes to act as spokesman for the student body in extending thanks to those who added so much to the enjoyment of those who spent their holidays at Howard.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Convention

The Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity located here was the host of the General Convention, Dec. 28 to 31. This was the first meeting of the sort since the founding of this great colored fraternity at Cornell University in 1905. Delegates and visitors were present from Cornell, Virginia Union, and Howard. The general organization was perfected, the constitution revised, officers were elected, and several important measures passed.

The honor of selection as the first president of the Fraternity fell upon Mr. M. Alvin Morrison, a member of the Beta Chapter and one of the most popular men at Howard. He is one well capable of upholding the purpose of the organization as expressed by Mr. Geo. Lyle, President of the Howard chapter, in his welcome address: "to have the influence of the Alpha Phi Alpha reach every Negro college and university in the land, to bring together under one band and with one bond of fraternal love all the worthy leading college men wherever found—to form, as it were, a link to bind them together."

Detailed reports of the proceeding may be had by consulting the daily papers of December 29, 30, and 31.

The Convention was tendered a Banquet at Murray's on Tuesday night by the local chapter, and attended the Reception at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday night. The delegates and visitors were loth to leave and expressed great admiration for Howard hospitality.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Banquet

The Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha entertained the General Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha at Murray’s Cafe, Tuesday night, December 29, 1908. The reception in every way accorded all previous banquets given by the society, which is indicative of the progressive spirit of the organization.

The long table was beautifully decorated and heavily laden with all good things that go to make a banquet enjoyable. Among them gathered the fraternity men consisting of the entire membership of the Beta Chapter and the delegates from Cornell and Virginia Union University. The following menu was served:

Mashed Potatoes
French Peas
Ice Cream
Cake
Cocoa
Coffee
Cheese and Crackers
Alpha Phi Alpha Punch
Fraternity Smoke

After the dinner, Mr. George Lyle, Toastmaster of the occasion, delivered a welcome address and the following responded to his call for toasts:

The Alpha Chapter, H. A. Callis.
To promote a more perfect union,
C. A. Boogs
The Gamma Chapter, S. S. Booker.
The Beta Chapter, J. R. Hunt.
The Negro in the large Universities,
R. C. Giles.
Our future, R. V. Graves.
Our outlook, Arvie Fleming.
After the list of toasts were delivered, the toastmaster called for remarks from the following who readily and ably responded: C. S. Cowan, M. A. Morrison, R. E. Giles, and W. R. Wilson.

The affair was a grand success and a good strong feeling of fellowship and good will is sure to spring up between the three colleges represented.

Howard College Loses to Crescent in Basket Ball

The I. S. A. A. pulled off a fine series of basket ball games last Saturday night. The leading game was between Howard College and the Crescent Basket Ball team. The Howard team had the Crescent outclassed from the very beginning, but on account of the many fouls by Coleman, the lanky Howard center, the Crescent won the game on free goals.

The joke was all on the losing team. Capt. Fleming, believing that his team had actually won, called his men together and gave a rousing cheer for old Howard, but he found out that the score was 8 to 7 against him.

The star playing of the evening was Fleming for Howard, and Johnson for the Crescents.

Dr. Gregan Speaks at Howard

Dr. Gregan of the American Missionary Board delivered a most interesting and instructive address to the students of Howard on the progress and development of Japan. Among other things he said that although the white man started the flame of progress and culture in Japan a century ago, they have much to learn from the yellow man of today in thrift, in ambition, and in hospitality and courtesy. He also said that the American farmer might learn lessons in intensive farming and forest restoration. The feeling prevailing in Japan toward the United States is of the best and kindest, and with them there abides absolutely no idea or thought of the American Japanese war of which we hear so much nowadays.

Plans are on foot for the proper observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It is hoped at that time to unveil a beautiful tablet containing Lincoln’s Gettysburg address. This address is displayed on the wall of Oxford University as an example to students of how much can be said in the fewest possible words.

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The Freshman Banquet

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, 1917, the members of the Freshman Class of the School of Liberal Arts met in the Assembly Room, Miner Hall, to begin the enjoyment of the Christmas holidays. At eight o'clock the guests began to assemble and by nine-thirty all had arrived except the President and Secretary. Many reasons were given for the President's failure to appear; some going so far as to believe that the Sophomores had caught him and locked him up. But at ten o'clock all fears were banished when the President and Secretary arrived.

The first part of the evening was very pleasantly spent in various kinds of amusement until the party was called to the dining-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent. The following menu was served:

- Chicken Bouillon
- Fried Oysters
- Saratoga Chips
- Pickles
- Rolls
- Chicken Salad
- Ham, Quin Ice Cream
- Assorted Cakes
- Coffee
- 1912 Punch

After the supper, the President in a few words, introduced Mr. Thomas Neely, the toastmaster for the occasion, who presided until the close of the evening. Mr. Neely, in a most pleasing manner, introduced the speakers of the occasion. To say that Mr. Neely presided is sufficient proof that the task of toastmaster was properly executed.

Mr. Charles Sedgwick, the first speaker, spoke on the "College of Arts and Sciences," giving a brief history of the growth of the department and its outlook for the future.

After Mr. Sedgwick, Miss Beatrice Richardson responded to the toast, the "School teacher." She spoke of the responsibilities and desires of the ideal school teacher. Having taught school for a few years, Miss Richardson was well qualified to do justice to her subject.

Mr. George Mowbray, representing the Teachers College, responded to the toast on that subject. He spoke on the work of Teachers College in fitting men and women to be ideal teachers, and assured the class of the support of the members from that department.

Mr. Neely next introduced Mr. Benjamin Locke who addressed the class on the subject, the "Freshman Boys." He told of the experiences and embarrassments of Freshman boys and to some extent touched on unity in the class.

Mr. Charles Washington spoke on the subject, "Our Constitution." Mr. Washington spoke on the importance of having a strong constitution and the necessity of living up to its requirements.

Miss Agnes Davis responded to the toast, the "Freshman Girls." Miss Davis briefly, but in a very pleasing way, told of the intentions and desires of the Freshman girls and assured the class that the girls were ready and willing to lend their assistance to any class movement.

The President of the class, Mr. William Gilbert, responded to the toast, "Our Class." Mr. Gilbert dwelt principally upon unity in the class and referred to some of the movements of the class to encourage unity. He ended by urging the members to be present at the weekly meetings, to keep in touch with all that the class is doing and to be present at all class functions.

Prof. Ernest Just, the guest of honor, was next introduced. His remarks were general and he ended by giving the class some sound advice which, if followed, will be a means of making this the most glorious class of the school.

After a very pleasant evening, at one o'clock, the guests parted for their homes.

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Personal

Rev. J. W. Manoney, Edisto Island, S. C., one of the strongest debaters Howard has ever had, having won the three debates in which he was a contestant, forwarded his subscription to the Journal a few days ago. We can always depend on Rev. Mr. Manoney for a blue slip of paper every year. Why not others?

Miss Osceola Burl, T. C. '06, now teaching in West Chester, Pa., spent the holidays in D. C. and attended the Reception of the Council of Upper Classmen.

Miss Bertha Monday, T. C. '08, was a pleasant visitor in Washington during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Laura J. Thomas, T. C. '08, passed through Washington on her way home to Bellefonte, Pa., to spend her Christmas vacation. Miss Thomas is teaching in Baltimore.

Miss Ethel W. Turner, T. C. '08, came home from Atlantic City where she teaches, to spend her holidays with her parents. She had as her guest Miss Oxley of the West Indies, a sister of Rev. Oxley, Col. '06.

"Reggy" Sanford, Col. '09, made a flying "business" trip to Baltimore during the holidays. "Reggy" is a great business man—in a way.

"Dan" Bowles is the new "hello girl in the office, good job for "Dan"

The ladies of Miner Hall made their annual "swoop down" on the young men's dormitory on the 2nd. They were making calls but some of the boys were in their rooms but failed to make answer.

Mr. Roscoe Moore, Med. '11, spent his holidays in Lynchburg, Va. He is somewhat interested in the "Rose" fields of Virginia.

Mr. C. S. Cowan has been unjustly accused of being a "singer." He wishes it clearly understood that he is a "Wheeler and Wilson."

Mr. Geo B. Overton, better known as "Scud," although he has not as yet learned the art of typewriting, has one of the best "typewriters" on the hill. Bully for "Scud!"

"Weggie," the Chancellor, is after "Peter Paragraph's" scalp. If the holidays had lasted just one more week, no doubt the watchman and janitor would have taken up enough ten cent fares to buy an automobile.

Dean Moore was absent during the holidays lecturing in Kentucky and conducting a Teacher's Institute in Frederick, Md.

Where they Spent the Holidays

Miss Lulu Vere Childers, with Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Alexandria, Va.
Miss Beatrice Lewis, Nashville, Tenn.
Misses Mabel E. Gibson, Ellen Combs, Helen Monday and Simms, in Baltimore.
Misses Jimmie Bugg, Ellen Morris, Rosa Vassar, and Edna Stephens, in Lynchburg.
Miss Lilian Jones, with Miss Bugg, Lynchburg.
Misses Ruth Gilbert, Florence Payne, and Mabel-Raines, New York City.
Misses Blanche Watson and Graham, Richmond.
Misses Alma Peters and Olie Houston, Staunton.
Misses Langston and Wood (called home on account of illness of her mother), Orange, N. J.
Misses Rust and Cuff, Wilmington, Del.
Miss Mary Franklin Clifford, with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Cook, D. C.
Miss Hilda Cunningham, Philadelphia.
Misses Higgs and Pitts, Raleigh.
Miss Harbrace, Davenport.
Misses Alice and Rosa West, Charlotteville.
Miss Anna Brown, W. Orange, N. J.
Miss Zelda Anderson, Norfolk.

A Card of Thanks

Miss Esther W. Turner wishes through the Journal to express her thanks to the Council of Upper Classmen for their kind invitation for herself and her company to attend their Holiday Reception, but regrets that the illness of her friend, Miss Oxley prevented their attending.

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Forever, therefore
Let never more delays divide us from
The glorious grace, but let
Let Thy commands appear to be by none,
But Thy good pleasure and
And let our promptings to obey be ever;
The very same
Thou art in Heaven,
For our souls, 0 Lord, we also pray
That thou wilt pardon us
That love teaches as we forgive those
Let that love teach us
To pardon all
And though our sins, 0 Lord, we have sinned
This love to Thee, yet keep
Through soul and body, we want to despisation
Nor let our gain drive us
Let not the soul of any true believer
In the time of need
And save from the nettle of the devil.
And with the faith and doth keep
Thus we pray, Lord, for that of Thee from above
This may be had.
This world is of thy word; its wounds and story,
To Thee belongs
And all Thy wondrous works have stood forever.
But will remain forever and
To us we poor creatures; would our soul remain, and thus
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Prom

In spite of the inclemency of the weather the attendance at the C. U. C. Prom., last Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, 1908, came almost up to the expectation of the members, and the Prom. itself seemed to have pleased everyone who attended.

The executive committee went the full limit to make the event an enjoyable and satisfactory one, and from all appearances and (aftermath) remarks their efforts and labor were not in vain. For the whole affair was gay and brilliant, which, compared with the ugly weather without, formed a marked contrast. And to increase the brilliancy of the Prom., the ladies were most handomely and gorgeously dressed in varied styles and colors of gowns made especially for the occasion.

The hall was most beautifully decorated with palms which, together with brilliant lights upon them, gave a very charming effect. The music furnished by the Lyric orchestra was especially suited to the occasion: so dreamy, charming, fascinating, was it that it received encore after encore.

Among our patronesses, were present Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Jennie Jackson, and Mrs. Dr. Curtis, all of whom were well pleased with the affair.

Sophs Defeat Freshies in a Post-Season Foot Ball Game

In a hard fought battle, Saturday, Dec. 19, 1908., the Sophs defeated the Freshies by a score of 5 to 0.

The score was made within the first 20 seconds of play. Captain Warricks kicked to the Freshies' 5 yard line, where the ball was fumbled and bounded behind the goal line. "Funeral face" McKelvie was on it like a flash, thus gaining a touchdown for the Sophs. Warricks failed to kick goal.

After this the Freshies rallied and although they continually threatened the Sophs' goal, were unable to score.

The second half was a see-saw up and down the field with no score for either side.

The work of "Tallbie" Howard and "Rab" Roberts, was exceptionally good. The Sophs worked like veterans, but were outplayed by the Freshies in every stage of the game. The work of Captain Warricks and "Senator" Jackson, and the Sophomore backs was especially worthy of comment.

"Preacher" Wright and "Merry" Coleman played a great game with their mouths.

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