ALPHA PHI ALPH A IN
CONVENTION

HE second annual conven­
tion of the College frater­
nity of Alpha Phi Alpha
met in Richmond, Va., Tuesday,
December, twenty-eight at three
thirty p. m. The work of the first
session consisted of the welcome
address by Mr I. A. Hill, presi­
dent of Gamma chapter, enroll­
ment of delegates and appoint­
ment of committees. There was
no night session, but the entire
roster of delegates and frat men
was royally entertained by the
Coronella Club at the home of Mr.
and Mrs Cursey, 100 W. Leigh
Street.

The Coronella Club is composed
of thirty-five of Richmond's best
young ladies most of whom are
teachers in the public schools of the
city. The evening was one of
great pleasure, because of the
warm heartedness and congeniality
exhibited by the members of the
club. No frat man who was pres­
cent can ever forget that occasion
nor can he refrain from speaking in
highest terms of Richmond's cri­
terion of society.

At nine o'clock Wednesday
morning the convention resumed
its duty and did some very effec­
tive work. The committees on
ritual and constitution did some
very much needed work which will
serve to make the fraternity an im­
portant factor in shaping the lives
and character of its members who
are compelled to live up to certain
standards. Wednesday night Gam­
ma Chapter of Union University
entertained the convention in a
royal banquet at Miller's Hotel.

Thursday morning as we were
just beginning the final session, a
telegram was received which made
it necessary to transfer the seat of
the Convention from Richmond to
New York City and prolong the
time for two more days. During
the stay in New York, the younger
chapters which were in session in
that city joined in hearty accord
with the work already done by the
other ones at Richmond, thus form­
ing one general convention. The
following general officers were
elected at the final session: Roscoe
C. Giles of Alpha Chapter, Presi­
dent; E. Thorne of Epsilon Chap­
ter, Vice-President; S. S. Booker
of Gamma Chapter, Secretary; and
Numa P. G. Adams of Beta Chap­
ter, Treasurer.

The Convention adjourned Satur­
day evening to meet the 27th of
next December, in Philadelphia.

QUESTIONS

Why does a lady most admire a
man in uniform?

Why did not Nature give man an
eye in the back of his head?

Why is a girl of thirty summers
rather slow about telling her age?

Why will a man eat too much at
Christmas time when he knows very
well he is running a painful risk?

When a person slips down on an
icy side walk why does he turn all
around to see who he held his grace­
fulness?

Why will a fellow continue to
smoke cigarettes when he knows he
is sitting on his coffin and playing
with the screws?

Which will attract the greater
crowd in the shortest time, a fire
alarm or a brass band playing a
genuine Afro-American Rhapsody?

A BIG BANQUET

THE Local Alumni Associa­
tion of Howard University
showed their loyalty to
Alma Mater again, by tending the
victorious football squad a royal
banquet at North west Cafe, corner
of 14 and U streets.

At six o'clock about one hundred
men gathered around the tables
which were arranged in the shape
of an H decorated with palms and
many gay lights. Dr W. Tunnell said grace and then they were
seated. The squad sent up a round
of cheers in honor of the alumni
which almost made the walls of
that old building groan.

Suspended between the ceiling
and the tables just above the heads
of the attendants, was a real foot­
ball gridiron with two teams lined
up ready for a grueling contest.
The walls were the sidelines
crowded with pennants, banners
and flags of Howard and the vari­
ous schools which went down in de­
feat before our squad.

The delivery course of the menu
was ended with the soaring cheer of
H-O-W-A-R-D.

The first departure from the re­
gular course of things was made
by Mr. J. B. Allen, toast-master of the
evening, who spoke of the success
of the recent passed season and the
appreciation of it on the part of the
alumni, not so much because it was
a financial success but because the
team defeated Lincoln and because
of the manly spirit which they
manifested throughout the entire
season. Coach Marshall to whom
much credit is due, was next intro­
duced. He said the men played
the game this year because they
were encouraged and they were en­
couraged because the faculty and
alumni were taking some interest in the sport.

Captain Lawrence the Napoleon of the gridiron was given an opportunity to speak. He told at length how the men sacrificed to prevent the opponents from crossing their goal line, he conceded by saying that the present team is the greatest one that ever represented the Blue and the White.

The alumni association was largely represented, and in addition there were other distinguished guests such as Major General Davis, Mr. Rosco C. Bruce and the Honorable John Dancy.

The University Glee club added much to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering two beautiful selections.

At 12:05 a.m. Mr. Pelham secretary of the gymnasium fund changed the course of things somewhat and gave every body a chance to subscribe to the fund. It was well nigh two o'clock when the crowd dispersed, but no one left or even thought that it was past eleven.

When manager Bruce announced that the election of captain for the next year's squad would be the order of the day the entire varsity bench began to wonder. No nominations were made but each player wrote the name of his choice on a slip of paper and deposited it in the hat as it was passed around.

This method proved to be a satisfactory one, as all seemed to have practically the same choice. C. Eugene Allen of the Junior Dental class was elected.

It was in the early hours of the morning when we took our departure, but as we went every one was expressing words of praises for the alumni association for their deep interest in the team and their loyalty to Alma Mater. Too much praise cannot be given J. B. Allen for he worked like a Trojan day and night to pull off this banquet.

Don't sit up all night to keep from sleeping and sleep in class to keep from reciting.—Teacher.

ATHLETICS

THE new year dawns upon the athletic arena and finds managers and players hard at work. The thing occupying most attention at present is basketball. Howard has two teams playing under the auspices of the I S A A, this season and the first game is scheduled for January 22. The teams are late entering but with hard, consistent practice the coach and manager hope to have them in readiness in a few weeks. The teams are seriously handicapped on account of having no one place to practice. However, the manager hopes to get a convenient place nearby in the near future.

The manager has been restricted somewhat in his attempts to arrange games with out-of-town teams because the Athletic Association was not decided with reference to entering teams this season. The manager will gladly consider any dates and communications hereafter and give them quick response. Cordial invitation is extended to all students and friends of the University to witness our first game for the season, January, twenty-second.

The two teams are Howard Varsity and Howard Academy. The Academy team will play any academic team or club. The Varsity however, composed largely of college and professional men will arrange dates with colleges and clubs considered first-rate in their life. The manager is very anxious to arrange out of town games.

Mr. Taylor, manager of the track team, is actively engaged in arranging a cross-country run and extends a special invitation to all schools and clubs. He intends to make track sports felt about the University this season. Colored athletes in all sections of the country are making rapid progress in basketball and track work and one has but to notice an athletic hand book or guide and colored faces loom up quite frequently. Just in athletics as in other walks of life, you can not keep a good man down, so we urge you to equip yourself well, build for the future because you do not pass this way but once. A "man" is the crying need of the hour and ever remember that in athletics the opportunity is more or less always equal. You are in school to learn, it is true, but it is just as essential that you learn how to out-run some one as to prove the "square on the hypotenuse," etc. A sound body is necessary to a sound mind and we earnestly hope that the colored schools will pay special attention to such lines of development.

Base ball has never stood out prominently about Howard but it is generally believed that the present manager, Mr. J. F. Dagler, has a surprise in store for this season. Mr. Dagler's ability is known and recognized by all the students and he does not believe in failure. He is busily engaged in arranging a schedule and hopes to have it completed very soon. There is some material lurking about here and the manager has his eye on it, Mr. Dagler has been connected with baseball here as an umpire and was at one time an aspirant for the team. He follows the game throughout the country and pays close attention to baseball secrets and inside work.

NOTICE

All sophomore young ladies of the College of Arts and Sciences or of the Teachers' College who desire to become members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will please have their applications on file by January 15th.

President Thirkield has received the following notice that shows that the Howard spirit is extending to Greensboro, N. C. "My boy is five weeks old today. May I name him Thirkield? He is a Howardite." Of course permission was given, and this brings the President's list of reported namesakes to date up to seventeen, most of them in the south.
THE MORRILL FUND

The proposition to have the Morrill fund apply to the District of Columbia as well as to the states has just been presented to Congress. The purpose of this fund is to encourage the several states to prosecute the scientific study of agriculture. For geographical purposes the District of Columbia has a distinct position on a footing with the States and Territories. In population and general importance, it is by no means the least among the grand divisions. There seems to be no good reason why it should not share equally with the States in this provision to promote the application of science to agricultural pursuits. The fact that the District has little agricultural area is hardly an effective argument against the proposition. The apportionment is not made on the basis of agricultural area; if so, Rhode Island and Delaware would not receive the same amount as Texas and Pennsylvania. The incidental advantages of Washington are superior to those of any state for the location of an agricultural college. The Department of Agriculture, with its great facilities, easily accessible, would enable the student to perfect himself in this branch of practical knowledge to a degree that would be impossible elsewhere.

In states where the two races are taught in separate schools, the Morrill fund is distributed between them on the basis of numerical strength. The equitable principle will, of course, prevail in the District of Columbia.

The George Washington University and Howard are the institutions for the racial allotment of this fund. This work to be accomplished should be of the highest scientific character.

Agriculture today furnishes the most fertile field for the application of science to the practical affairs of life. Aside from its purely utilitarian value, there are few fields that arouse so deep an interest on the part of the student or quicken such enthusiasm, or offer so wide an opportunity for originality and research. There is certainly much quickening power in the living roots of growing plants as in the dry roots of a dead language. The allotment of the Negro’s share of this fund to Howard University would be of the greatest significance to the colored race. This institution stands out conspicuously in the eye of the nation as the national university for the colored youth. Congress has just established here a science hall at a total cost of ninety thousand dollars which will shortly be completed and equipped with adequate facilities for up-to-date work in physics, chemistry and biology. The first outlet of these sciences is in the medical department. The next natural step is scientific agriculture.

Statistics show that eighty-five per cent of the negro race derives their living directly from the soil. Although there are agricultural schools in several of the states built upon the basis of the Morrill fund, still there is no such institution in all the land with adequate scientific equipment and a competent student body to pursue agricultural science of collegiate grade.

In this respect an agricultural department at Howard would answer the needs of the whole race. A goodly number of colored men trained in the principles of agriculture will: exact knowledge and methods who might serve as teachers and general directors of the race in agricultural pursuits throughout the South, is one of the great demands of the situation. This demand Howard University is prepared to supply. Independent of this fund, the authorities of the institution are planning to enlarge the scope of the University by establishing a department of technology and a department of agriculture which together with the medical school will furnish ample scope for the application of exact scientific knowledge to the practical pursuits of the race.

The unique relation of Howard University to our national race problem and its peculiar preparedness to render this high-grade scientific service to the nation is by all odds the strongest reason why congress should extend the application of the Morrill fund to cover the District of Columbia. Kelly Miller

THE NEW MONITOR SYSTEM

We are glad to see that our faculty is waking up to the fact that they should become interested in the students. The mere giving of instructions in class room work is the smallest portion of interest that teachers are expected to take in their pupils.

The monitor system which has just been established will undoubtedly prove very beneficial in many ways. The students will come in direct touch with members of the faculty in ways other than class room work. Each student is assigned to the case of a professor to whom he may go for advice in any matter whatever. Heretofore the student body and the faculty have been so far apart and the latter has seemed to be so little interested in the students until they were almost afraid to ask their assistance in making out their schedule of studies.

This is the first good fruit of the new year and we hope that 1910 will continue to bear such until we have such a close interrelation between student and teacher that it will be hard for a stranger to distinguish which is teacher and which is student when they are seen together outside of the class room.

NOTICE

On account of some unpreventable breakdown in the motor last week just as we were about ready to print, the Journal was compelled to be delayed until to-day. And since this has necessitated a considerable lot of crowding the work, this will be the only issue for this week. Next week’s issue will come out on schedule and we hope to have no more disappointments during the year.
Professor Schulte is recognized among specialists in this country and Europe as having a wide knowledge in certain botanical groups, notably, the Algae.

Lately, in response to a request from the Royal Biological Institute maintained by the German government at Helgoland, he has loaned them plants of which he is the discoverer, and which could be obtained from no one else in the world. They are notable, since they open up an entirely novel division in the group to which they belong.

- Many of the students went to their homes to spend the holidays, but we doubt very much whether they could have spent a more pleasant time there than did those who remained here.

Miss Hardwick, our motherly matron, took great pains to make it as pleasant as possible for the young ladies of Miner Hall. They were allowed to visit and to receive callers every day and all other privileges that might serve to make life pleasant and cause one to forget solitude and loneliness of being away from parents and loved ones at home.

- The paying of an annual fee by the young ladies of the University is indeed a good idea, for it causes some of the fellows to give their rooms a general cleaning. Last Saturday clearly demonstrated this to be a fact. Some did not stop with a thorough sweeping and dusting but even scrubbed their floors.

This is a policy that should be encouraged in order to remind some people that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

There were many surprises when the young men threw open their doors to admit those most critical inspectors, for they seemed to have been expecting to find the rooms in a shabby condition.

Miss Hardwick was very much delighted to find such neatly kept rooms by people who are supposed to have but little or no conception of house keeping.
The vacation has passed now and all the good things have been "destroyed" and the students have begun the new year with hard, strenuous work. They realize their missions at Howard and their duty to the world. Therefore they hail each day as it passes and they are marching on to higher things, ever mindful of our President's food expression "culture for service."

The holidays have been enjoyed for the most part, by all the students on the hill. Prof. George W. Cook began the onslaught Christmas Eve night. A number of students began serenading about 12 o'clock at night. They visited both halls, the professors' houses, the hospital grounds and sent forth their praise on a clear harp but in divers tones. Dean Cook chaperoned a bunch to "watch meeting" services at Rev. Norm w's Church and took a party to Metropolitan A. M. E. Sunday night.

About fifty young ladies of Miner Hall paid the usual New Year visit to the young men of Clark Hall, Saturday afternoon. They expressed much surprise at the usual attractive quarters of some of the bachelors, including the Devil's Inn of Messrs Dagler and Wilson, Den Chautauqua of Messrs Adams, Butler, and Curley, the Bachelor Apartments of Messrs Crawford, Lynch, and Parker, and several rooms occupied by Theological and Academy students.

After visiting these rooms, the young ladies were entertained by the Y. M. C. A. in its reception rooms in Clark Hall. Mr. Bert Marchant, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University, assisted by the fellows, spared no pains in making the occasion pleasant and agreeable for the young ladies. Refreshments were served and general conversation engaged in.

The fellows, however, are deeply indebted to the young ladies 'or the series of entertainments they have given us and shall gladly assist them in any social function.'

The young men spent a pleasant afternoon during the holidays visiting the rooms of Miner Hall. The young ladies' rooms were neatly and tastefully arranged and the fellows were busyly engaged in taking notes to apply to their rooms.

The work, care, and thought of Miss Hardwick, the preceptress, shows itself very plainly in every department of the girls' home. That she has the welfare of the young ladies as well as their social functions at heart, cannot be doubted in the least. She has the love and confidence of the young ladies and is exerting every effort to make Miner Hall an ideal home.

The parlor has been beautifully furnished. A set of oak furniture sets the room off very much and two beautiful pictures, presented by President Thirkield and Miss Hardwick, attract very much attention. In addition, the ladies have a study room, sitting room, and assembly room. Their every want is provided for and the home has taken on a new aspect under the wise guidance of Miss Hardwick.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

At the call of the two o'clock bell on Christmas Day we repaired to Miner Hall dining room where we found carefully prepared a gorgeous dinner that would have made the Epicurians smile behind their ears. The poor turkey gobbler that had strutt ed around with pride felt a victim to our ferocious appetites.

The cranberry tree had been shaken with such vigor until what few were left were ashamed and even afraid to stand alone. We had no 240 pound mince pies such as President Taft had, but such as we had served the same purpose and very probably rendered more satisfaction than his.

Another Christmas day would meet a warm welcome if for no other reason than to feast sumptuously from Miner Hall's mahogany.

THE WRIGHT CASE

It was all about a book called "The Rights of Man." It came out anonymously, but it was learned that a man named Wright wrote it.

Thereupon—not wait, I'll hand you the dope:

Three Wrights figure in the writings concerning the rights to Wright's "Rights of Man." The first Wright writes, but he has no right, then the second Wright writes, and he, too, has no right, but the right Wright never did write. At last after writing and writing on the rights of the Wrights in which no righting of the Wrights' rights occurred, we are able to say as to the real rights in the case, that the right Wright writes to-day.

Of all the writings the Wrights ever did write, the "Rights of Man" stand first (And right here you will observe a suggestion of Verc e e k's "Vampire." ) The Wrights, by the-way, all write. One day the first Wright saw the right Wright writing his writing rightly called "The Rights of Man." Later, the writing being published and the rights being involved, the first Wright—did you ever see the like?—claimed the rights to the "Rights of Man," which he knew wasn't right because he saw the right Wright write "The Rights of Man," whereby you are shown that neither the first Wright nor the second Wright can have a right in the right Wright's right to his writings.

Thus you can see that of the three Wrights claiming the writings of Wright only one of the Wrights was the right Wright. So the first Wright's rights and the second Wright's rights as opposed to the right Wright's rights, when they came to adjust all the rights of all the Wrights, were found to be based on no right and all that remains of all the rights of the Wrights is the right which the right Wright claims. And this, I ween, is quite right.

The Journal is dependent on you for your subscription.
WHAT NAP SAYS

Speaking of base ball, there is one fellow in Howard that is a recognized authority in the settlement of disputes between the fellows. Whatever his other virtues may be, Mr. Chas. T. Lunsford can be relied upon to set one right in matters about base ball. He has been highly recommended to Manager "Jeeves" Dagler as an able adviser during the coming season.

Naps' voice is growing weak and feeble from yelling to you about the JOURNAL, he has just a little energy left and wishes to say just a word. The University Journal is a student enterprise exclusively. It is dependent solely upon advertisements and subscriptions for its maintenance. Several complaints have been entered because the Company does not have more pictures in the paper. It must be remembered that the members of the staff are students in school also and none of us are rich. We have no money to invest in this paper and are forced to rely upon ads and subscriptions. Furthermore we do not feel disposed to lose time from studies and other opportunities for self-help and then end the season in debt and no fair minded person could expect it. We have a long list of subscriptions but very few paid up ones and as a student enterprise we appeal to and beg the students and alumni of the University to take some interest in our undertakings. The members of the staff work hard to give a good interesting paper and would always keep you posted concerning the leaders both among students and alumni of that spirit and love for your Alma Mater burning fervently and unceasingly in your souls. We have but to refer you to the lasting and everlasting devotion and loyalty of the many and staunch Lincolnites. Although a true Howardite and one ever mindful and considerate of her interests and welfare, I certainly envy but admire that Lincoln spirit. I am forced to the conviction that there is something deep rooted and firm in Lincoln soil and in the atmosphere of the Lincoln campus that follows a Lincoln man down to his grave. So let it be with Howard! As a last resort for the enlargement and support of the JOURNAL, we shall try this project.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

The new year 1910 has been ushered in with all one ceremonies and solemnities. On the last night of the old year, we all made our confessions, in which we enumerated our sins of commissions and of omission and took an iron clad oath that by omnipotent guidance we will do better during this year, than we did last year. We cried the old year out and prayed the new year in; we made resolutions miles long and before this year dies doubtless we shall have smashed them all just as we have smashed them last year.

A resolution is of no more value than an addled egg unless the maker has a will to carry it into effect. What we need is not a volume of resolutions but an iron will to do what is best for us and what is helpful to others. Decision with out action is a gun without powder. Some men have wills like whippoorwills; others have wills like men, to which class do you belong? If you wish to stop smoking make no resolutions but stop. If you wish to correct your bad habits show your manhood, your self-control and stop today, but make no feeble, sheepish resolutions. You say you have the habit and cannot break off? If so, relegate yourself to that kingdom of animals to which you belong. They have no will and neither have you, they are dangerous to society and so are you. Indulge yourself no farther, but begin now to act with a will. "Slow delays they breed remorse, Use thy time while time is lent thee, Creeping snails have weakest force And lingering labors came to naught."

ALUMNI

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

The New York branch of the Alumni Association has recently been revived, and it is the earnest hope of those interested that the interest may spread and find a responsive chord in every former Howardite now resident in or near New York.

All the notable colleges of the land, with few exceptions, have New York Alumni Associations. Howard should follow the rule and not be an exception.

If you are sensible of the fraternal pulse, if there abide with you a lingering love of Alma Mater, if you appreciate the advantage of association of those whose lives are knit in a common bond, the beneficial influence which such association might reflect upon the institution of our love, and the power of concerted action, then join us in the effort to establish in this community a strong and earnest society of Howard men and women, which we hope to see an instrumentality of great and permanent usefulness.

The shame is upon us if we falter in this matter.

We venture the assertion that only Washington and Baltimore lead New York in the number of Howard representatives, considering then, our numerical strength and the splendid opportunity afforded us, otherwise, for vigorous and successful endeavor, we should feel the moral obligation resting upon us to put forth a united effort, in the cause of our Alma Mater, for the benefit we might reap and the good we might confer.

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Why does not woman woo man?
PERSONALS

Norwood has discovered Cook.

Miss Lula V. Childers is steadily improving.

Deane has sworn eternal vengeance against Norwood.

If you do not believe there is a Santa Claus just ask R. L. L.

Donnell put out every day of the Christmas vacation at Miner Hall.

Not one of the royal sextette attended the Upper Classmen's ball.

W. C. C. Jr. used all five of his call permits and applied for a second set.

Miss Sadie B. D. says there is a kind of assimilation between Walton and Wilson.

Mr. Reginald L. is the most popular man in the senior class so says Miss Lillian J. T.

We have learned that there is another College Inn besides the one on Georgia Avenue.

LeRoy Jones is preparing to make a dash for the south pole now that Christmas is passed.

Poor Myers had to vacate his seat at that table but he is still looking towards the West.

Chief Chandler made many calls to Miner Hall during the holidays, he certainly had more than his five.

While Miss M. T. H. was at Raleigh Mr. J. S. B. never even looked towards the Hall. Rather strange.

Messrs. Numa P. G. Adams, M. A. Morrison and J. F. Dagler attended the Alpha Phi Alpha convention in Richmond last week.

Misses Perry and Burton and Mr. Summers attended the student voluntary movement convention in Rochester, N. Y., during the holidays.

The young men of Clarke Hall were permitted to visit and inspect the young ladies' rooms in Miner Hall Wednesday during Christmas week.

Several young men forgot the number of their rooms and the name of their roommates when the visiting party arrived in Carke Hall.

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