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WILL the alumni hearken unto our cry or will you stand and look listlessly on? We realize that great heights are not attained in a single bound but we also realize that every alumnus is not toiling upward during the night. It shall be our endeavor to keep the "Gym" before you ever and anon. The age is growing and advancing and it is absolutely necessary that we move with the times. To do this we must be prepared in both body and mind.

Gymnasium work when properly carried out can hardly fail to be beneficial. In addition to bettering the physical condition of the students, the "Gym" will almost invariably be instrumental in raising the general standard of scholarship. A sound mind is dependent primarily upon a sound body. The strenuousity of modern business demands a maximum of physical strength and endurance, as well as a healthy source of nourishment for the brain. If the brain's source of nourishment be imperfect, we cannot expect the best work from the mind. Science has clearly proved that a normal and reasonable condition of the mind rarely prevails when the body is not free from abnormal conditions.

Physical training is as important as the training of the intellect in any growing boy or girl. The best trained mind rarely possesses its full efficiency when handicapped by poor health. The pleasure derived from all prosperity and contentment is directly in proportion to the health of the body, and we strongly urge the alumni to follow up this project. Take our welfare to heart. You do not have to wait until alumni reunion to give money. The Secretary of the University will receive all money for the "Gym." Ever remember that "tempus does fugit".

Then in words of the New York branch, "If you are sensible of the fraternal pulse, if there abide with you a lingering love of Alma Mater, if you appreciate the advantages 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 let every alumnus awaken, shoulder his gun and answer the call for now is the appointed time." — Naps.

UNIVERSITY BAND

The University band is now arrayed in bright new uniforms and presents the appearance of a real band. Prof. Brown and W. D. Giles have spent much time and patience to give the University a band that would reflect much credit upon the institution and now that they have succeeded it remains for all of us to show our appreciation of their earnest labor by attending their concert which will be given very shortly. We can boast of having the best colored band in the city, but what good will empty boas do the men towards paying back the money they have invested in equipments.

The men who compose the band are not beginners nor inexperienced in that kind of work, but men who have been tried and proved their merits, so if you are a lover of good music you will do well to hear them.

Keep a lookout for the date and be sure you are on time and get your ticket early.

THE STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

The Student Volunteer Convention met in Rochester, N. Y., on the afternoon of December 29th. Nearly four thousand delegates were present. These delegates represented seven hundred twenty-two higher institutions of learning, forty-nine states and provinces and twenty-nine different countries.

The purpose of the students volunteer movement is to recruit missionaries for foreign fields of Africa, China, India and Japan. Large numbers of young men and women, consecrated their lives to this service during the convention. Ninety-two will sail to the countries of the far east before the last of January. There they will spend their lives spreading the light of intelligence and Christianity among the heathen people. Can such devotion fail to uplift degraded humanity? Surely not. Such sacrifice, the sacrifice of the noblest men and women of Christendom cannot be made in vain, and if young men and women of training and Christian devotion will continue to enter the field of labor and consecrate their lives to the glorious service, the world will be evangelized during this generation.

The colored institutions that were represented at this convention were Howard, Wilberforce, Fisk, Lincoln, and Atlanta Baptist College. The following delegates were sent from Howard; Miss Ida Hitchens, Miss Clara Burton, Miss Phoebe Perry and H. H. Summers.

Why hesitate? Pay now.
PRESTENT THIRKIELD IN THE SOUTH

President Thirkield is in the South for a few days. He will represent the University at the Tuskegee Conference, and remain to the teachers convention. Besides visiting other schools, he will also spend a day or two at Kowaliga Institute, and look over the large plant of the Dixie Improvement Company, the capable head of which is Mr. W. E. Benson, of the College class of 1895.

On an invitation of the President, Bishop J. W. Smith will speak at Veseyers on Sunday the 23rd inst.
Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron, of Shiloh Baptist Church, this city will lecture before the School of Theology at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 20th and 27th, on the practical side of a pastor's life.

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE BURNED

On the 11th of this month the Morris Brown College an institution for the education of colored youth located in Atlanta, Ga., was burned to the ground.

Morris Brown was a school under the supervision of the A.M.E. Church and was the second largest of the connection. It had an enrollment of one thousand pupils, all of whom escaped the burning debris except one who sustained serious injuries.

THE WEEK OF EXAMS

Next Tuesday we begin the week of semi-annual exams which will tell what you have been doing during the first semester. The monitor in Clarke Hall will have but little trouble during the next eight or ten days for those who are accustomed to going out every night and staying till twelve and one o'clock will be compelled to stay in now for a few nights to cram up and get things in readiness for examinations.

WHAT NAP SAYS

Alumni, don't wait for yourself or anybody else. Walk in and get to work. Keep going. Hustle! Get there early, keep at it and we will have a GYM.

Don't ever think that you know it all. Education ends only with life. Always be ready to learn. In the language of our Tentonic friend. "The longer we live, the more we find out, by golly."

Speaking of noise, there is one fellow in Howard who has the rare honor of being in a class by himself. Whatever his other virtues may be, Mr. "Preacher Right" can say more about nothing than any body living.

Just Our Luck

Editing a newspaper is not a nice thing. If we publish jokes, people say we are rattled brained. If we don't we are fossils. If we publish original matter, they say we don't publish enough selections. If we give them selections, they say we are too lazy to write.

If we don't go to church, we are heathens. If we do we are hypocrites. If we remain at the office, we ought to be out looking for news items. If we go out then we are not attending to business. If we wear old clothes, they laugh at us. If we wear good clothes, they say we have a pull.

Now, what are we to do?

Just as likely as not someone will say that we stole this from an exchange. So we did.

VESPERS

The services last Sunday was conducted under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. I. Z. Johnson of Baltimore delivered the address, on the subject "Fitness for Leadership." The lecture was one of rare value and exceedingly well presented. The necessity of an absolute trust in the Almighty was clearly shown.

The choir rendered some excellent music, in which the audience seemed to take much delight.
MEDITATION

Oh! could I pierce the gloomy veil of time,
And see what how to the invisible is—

What joys and sorrows stored in the future holds,
Or light or burdensome the task I'll have?

It is the human nature—always

Paints to our minds

The images of the past made

Glories more

Than what they really are by memory dear.

What bliss? Some paradise unmarked, unknown,

Some glorious picture drawn by human mind.

The like of which is only found in dreams.

The past made

More glorious

Than what they really are by memory dear.

How oft one sits and longs to be in bliss

What bliss? Some paradise unmarked, unknown,

Some glorious picture drawn by human mind.

The like of which is only found in dreams.

Thus too imagination always paints

Some vivid pictures like, some greater than

The scenes we left behind us many a day—

New objects from the dimly lighted past.

And will be so till time on earth shall end;

What now exist, though small

Indeed it seem

Will look sublime far in memory's eyes,

And form the basis of some happy thought.

And so, in truth 'tis sweet to sit and dream,

But sweet seclusion, of the things we'd be;

'Tis better still if after dreaming to we

Would strive to reach the goal

Our thoughts have reached;

But even then, the outcome will be.

That which for a long time was considered impossible has proved easy for the old north state beside;

"L'amour est un tyrann qui n'épargne personne".

J. S. B. our great orator and debater is showing his merits along another line. He has recently got into the society world and is now making a great hit. He is always among the theatre goers and never misses the Sunday evening tea and the weekly prayer meetings.

Bramon, Stratton and others are conducting, a sweep stake race, it is pretty classy when all parties are considered, a Freshman, a second year prep and others etc. We are watching with interest to see what the outcome will be.

A revolution in the society whirl of our limited domain has been set in motion. Our old friend Donnell who led society with such a rapid pace has been buried from his throne. He still possesses the dignity of a monarch as he strides upon the front porch of Miner Hall every evening after dinner trying to regain his lost kingdom.

The teachers bureau, an institution organized by Dean Moore of Teachers College, for the purpose of aiding superintendents and principals of schools throughout the country, is meeting with great success. There seems to be a greater demand for competent teachers than the supply in store can fill. Just this week several calls for teachers were received, but there were not enough available persons of the type wanted to supply the demands.

THE KAPPA SIGMA DEBATING CLUB

The Kappa Sigma Debating club which was organized some two or three years ago has on its calendar this year the largest schedule of debates ever presented by any organization in the university. For the first time in the history of the institution the Kappa Sigma will have two teams debating the same subject on the same night. Aside from the Triangular League of Howard University, given under the auspices of the Kappa Sigma, there will be the Wilberforce debate which promises to be very interesting to all parties concerned.

Our three teams are now beginning to get themselves in shape and it looks very promising for Howard this year.

Conversational Spanish will be offered during the next semester. Those wishing to take it will do well to consult Miss E. A. Cook. Miss Cook has spent considerable time in Madrid studying Spanish and is thoroughly conversant with the language to give one a good working basis of it.
Editorials

- Practice what you preach and we will follow your teachings.

- Howardites will be glad to read the following editorial from the current Twentieth Century magazine in praise of the literary ability of Maxwell N. Hayson, a Washington hoy and once a Howard student. In the same magazine an extended article appears from the pen of Mr. Hayson. "Maxwell N. Hayson," the editor says, is one of the most discerning. If he had not been a Howard student we should not have noticed how well he writes. The scientific course which will be offered by the University next year will see the pendulum swing back toward the old Greek and Latin idea.

The new science hall will furnish us with the proper facilities for scientific study and the pursuance of the degree of Bachelor of Science. In that event those who are not scientifically inclined will be left to pursue the classical course in which Greek or Latin will be required.

- We are certain glad to see this trend of things, not so much because we think that Greek and Latin are so essential in practical education, but because we believe that there is another sphere in the study of these classics which space will not permit us to speak of, but those who have made wonderful careers as educators must admit that no time spent in the study of Greek or Latin is wasted.

Wednesday at noon while Mrs. Mary Church Terrell was lecturing to the young ladies of the University in the assembly room of the Main building, Dr. Moreland, international secretary of Y. M. C. A. and our staunchest friend, was delivering to the young men in the Chapel, the best lecture that has been our pleasure to hear for some time. Dr. Moreland did not tell us how we could solve the race problem in a day; neither said he the world nor force ourselves as great giants upon a society that stands agasp to behold our gigantic deeds. His speech was plain and simple and full of instruction for every day living. He appealed to the young men to live ideal lives so near us is possible and stand pat for those principles when strive for the making of a race.

If the University would arrange for more of such lectures we venture to say that far better results would be obtained than from listening to speeches which tend us to the skies and show us none of our faults. The time is at hand when we don't need so much praise as we

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need our faults pointed out to us
and he told us how to remedy
them.
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definite plan to carry out. The
life that is spent in a careless and
haphazard way, never produces
many fruitful results. Consistency
and determination are the only
ways by which a man can impress
himself upon the society in which
he moves, and when one fails to
make an impression there is no
hope for success.
We often hear it said that some
men have not been given a fair
chance to show themselves. Just
how far this is true we dare not say
but, there is an old saying, "that
opportunity presents itself to man
but once," which has come down
to us through so many ages that we
are almost if not entirely persuaded
to believe that it is true. The fact
that many of us, even while in the
preparation of ourselves for useful¬
ness, form the habit of looking at
things so carelessly that we fail to
see the opportunity when it is pre¬
sent.
Now let the Journal drop a few
hints for your consideration and if
they are worth anything try to fol¬
low them.
Have a definite purpose for every¬
thing you do.
Put your best effort in every¬
thing you do.
Take a thorough retrospectiv¬
 view of yourself in order that you
may find your place in life, and
then keep an eye open for every
opportunity that will tend to help
you toward that end.

NOTICE

The new Carnegie Library will
soon be completed and ready for
occupancy. It is hoped that we
will be able to move into it by the
first of February. President Thir¬
kfield has made arrangements with
the Honorable William Howard
Taft, President of the United States,
to be present on March tenth, at
which time the library will be dedi¬
cated.

ATHLETICS

Princeton will make cross-country
running compulsory for candidates
for 1910 foot-ball team.

BASKET BALL

We are off. All students and
friends are invited to attend How¬
ard's initial game for the season at
True Reformer's Hall Saturday
night, January 22. The Crescent
team is in good condition and Capt.
Nixon of the H. U. Varsity is
working his men hard. They
are in good shape and he promises all
a winning team. Such well known
names as Capt Nixon, "Skilbo"
Young, Winthrop, Gowens, Me.
Morris, McKelvie and Morris will
be seen. "Snake" Sykes will
make his initial appearance, before
a Washington audience but is
known by the dopers and consid¬
ered a valuable addition.

Basket ball is under the direct
control of the Athletic Council and
the manager is very desirous of
having a successful season finan¬
cially as well as with the quilt.
your presence is earnestly solicited
at our games and we assure you
good, clean attractive games. Come
out and show us you are with us.
Students' tickets may be pur¬
chased in advance for 20 cents
from Curley or "Terrible" Terry.

BASE BALL OUTLOOK

All candidates for the base ball
team are requested to hand in their
names to the manager at once.

The season for base ball will soon
be at hand and it is the hope of the
management as well as the wish of
the student body at large to have a
successful team this season. In or¬
der to bring about such it is neces¬
sary to begin preparation early.

We are trying to arrange a good
schedule, which if carried through
will mean much to our ath¬
etics.

The prospects for a winning team
look good. We have some of the
most promising material that has
been seen around here for several
seasons. That Texas aggregation
will we believe, prove a great strengthen¬
ing power to the team, if they can
only be induced to refrain from strenuous practice during these cold
rainy days.

It is quite unfortunate that there
has been no captain elected yet who
would take the over sight and con¬	rol of the men, but this defect will
be remedied within the next week
and all will be well. A call has
been issued for all of the last year's
team to meet at one o'clock next
Monday for the purpose of electing
their captain, at which time the
manager hopes to give some out¬
line of the schedule, and some
other essential points concerning
the coming season.

Baseball, unlike football, has
never proved to be a self-support¬
ing proposition, but it is our one
great hope to make it support it¬
self this year.

Howard has never stood in the
front rank in baseball as she does
in other branches of athletic sports
but with this promising team, we
hope to make this season a test.

The manager is now negotiating
for an extended trip through the
south but unless the team develops
into what looks like a winning ag¬
gregation no attempt will be made
to go on such a trip.

POCKET TESTAMENT

LEAGUE

The Pocket Testament league is
attracting a great deal of attention
on the part of our students. Thurs¬
day at noon we spent practically
the whole hour listening to the his¬
tory of the movement by an inter¬
national Y. M. C. A. worker.
Quite a number signed the pledge
and many purchased bibles. There
are still some more pledge cards on
hand for those wishing to sign.
Secretary Marchant would be glad
to have every student in the Uni¬
versity put himself on record as a
member of this league.

Did you ever stop to think that it
costs money to publish paper?
THE COUNCIL P.Area

The Council made Upper Classic during the holiday from December 21 to January 1. There was large and general interest in the play which was given on Friday, December 20th at 8:00 p.m. The audience was large and the curtains started and as one gazed upon the scene he would have been astonished. Dr. M. C. Hayson, in the picturesqueness of the court of the Longs XIV, Mr. M. C. Hayson, the promoter of the Athletic and Gymnastic Carnival, is well known among the colored athletes of the District.

He attended the M Street High School and also Howard University, where he took an active part in athletics. He is sparing no pains to make it a success and is deserving of the support and patronage of his many friends.

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Don't lock your door and jump out the window when callers are in the hall.—W. L.

Don't get mad with everybody because—did not take you to see Hamlet.—U. C.

Don't make any more resolutions until you have carried out those you made last year.—H. P. O. T

Don't ask too many questions about the Senior League if it will meet by—and by.—R. K.
A DISAPPOINTMENT

The Bethel Literary Society was very greatly disappointed last Tuesday night. The Honorable J. Douglas Wetmore of New York, who was to address the society on Negro leadership did not arrive. There was a great crowd of eminent men present to hear just what the speaker was going to say.

Many of the so-called politician leaders of the District went prepared to attack Mr. Wetmore in case he said anything contrary to their preconceived ideas.

After the president notified the society that Mr. Wetmore would not be present, the house resolved itself into open discussion upon various practical questions. Some who spoke took advantage of this opportunity to express what they had in mind to say had the speaker from New York put in his appearance.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Secretary George W. Cook celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday last Friday evening by having a dinner party in the dining room. The party consisted only of members of faculty and administrative officers of the University.

SOCIETIES

The Alpha Phi Literary Society is preparing to pull off an oratorical contest between the young ladies in the school of Liberal Arts. The Kappa Sigma Debating Club is undertaking an awful task for this year, in the way of inter-collegiate debates. Four in one year is beyond the president of any school in the country.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is coming more and more into the limelight every day. The securing of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell to deliver an address especially to the young ladies is quite a feather in the Sorority’s cap.

Athletic Director, Marshall, will address the Y. M. C. A., Sunday, January, thirteenth. Mr. Marshall has never spoken to the Y. M. C. A. before, but it is universally said by those who know him, that he will say something which will interest all who hear him.

The Alpha Phi Alpha is secretly planning to pull off a big surprise pretty soon. Just keep on the look out.

Miss Emma Williams is improving very nicely.

Rev. C. C. Dunlap, of Harrisburg Penn., was on the campus to see his son Edward.

DIRECTORY

Editor of JOURNAL, J. F. Dagler, President Y. M. C. A., J. H. Summers, President Y. W. C. A., Miss Phoebe Perry, President Athletic Association, W. R. Wilson, Captain Football Team, C. Eugene Allen, Manager Football Team, C. R. Curley, Captain Baseball Team, Manager Baseball Team, J. F. Dagler, Manager Basket Ball Team, C. R. Curley, President Alpha Phi, Wm. A. Love, President Upper Classmen, W. J. Harvey, Jr., Manager Track Team, F. A. Taylor, President Alpha Kappa Alpha, Miss H. J. Terry, Director of Band, W. D. Gies, Director of Gym Club, Prof. A. H. Brown, President Athletic Council, President W. P. Thirkeld.

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