President Thirkield Lectures on "Sunny Athens and Southern Greece"

On Friday evening, in Rankin Memorial Chapel, the Y. M. C. A. rendered a public program of the very highest order. The chief feature of the evening was President Thirkield's admirable and instructing stereopticon lecture on "Sunny Athens and Southern Greece." Slides were shown of the natural beauties of Athens, of Greek architecture, Greek costumes, Greek pastoral life, and Greek institutions. The Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, theatres cut inside of rocks and capable of seating 15,000 people, the scene on which the plays of Euripides and Aeschylus were acted, at a time when Greece was at the very apex of her civilization, the Aeropagus on which Paul once stood, the Daemon of Demosthenes, and the coast of Maecenas of Homeric fame, with many other views of classic importance, were shown and they served to make vivid and impressive the classical wonders which the students know only in the intellect.

President Thirkield, in the course of his lecture, said that to the traveler, modern Greece is not very impressive, slavery, and other sins have made it degenerate. The Greeks now, however, it was brought out, are great traders. They are showing a spirit of intellect and beauty; they are born free and are showing great enthusiasm for their city of world renown and ancient fame. Seeing the excellent slides that President Thirkield has got together is next to taking a trip through this historic country.

Other numbers on the program were: Instrumental solo, Miss Olive Jones; violin solo, Professor Joseph Douglass; vocal solo, Miss Malone Thomas; remarks by the President of the Y. M. C. A. President Thirkield was introduced by Dean Lewis H. Moore in a speech that gave a biography of the President's useful life.

This marks an epoch-making night in the history of the Y. M. C. A. It means that the Y. M. C. A. is beginning to wake up to its possibilities and that it is making a beginning toward exerting a wide and strong influence on all the departments of the University. This has been the long standing weakness of the association. In the other universities, the Y. M. C. A. not only holds the first place among the university organizations but exerts the greatest influence for good. With the support of all, this awakening of the association will mean stable success.

The Primitive Egyptians

A Phase of Race Tradition

A recent number of Sir Gaston Maspero's Recueil de Travaux contains an interesting and important article by Dr. Edward Naville on the primitive inhabitants of Egypt. After remarking that the supposed Asiatic origin of the Egyptians is now given up by all scholars save those German ones who think Egyptian a Semitic tongue which, oddly enough, begins by decomposition, Mr. Naville goes on to show that before any possible invasion there must have been a paleolithic population in Egypt which was probably autochthonous. The prehistoric people descended from them he believes to be distinguished by burial in the crouched position, by pottery, and particularly by paintings like those on the Nagada vases showing the so-called boats, which he, following therein Cecil Torr, holds to be representations of stockaded villages. But he thinks that this race was spread over the whole of Northeast Africa, that they were of Hamitic blood, although certainly not Negroes, and possessed a relatively high neolithic culture. They were, according to the same authority, conquered about the beginning of dynastic times by other Hamites, who came from the Upper Nile and were of the same race as the conquered, but were distinguished by the possession of metal weapons and instruments. These gradually became merged in the autochthonous population, but towards the end of the Third Dynasty a change took place in the beliefs of the people which led to the introduction of burials in the extended positions and eventually
The Freshmen’s Waterloo

Saturday afternoon, January twentieth, fourteen fair damsels of the Sophomore class gathered in the Penn, Cargile, French apartments in order to give vent to their happy souls, by eating, and singing college songs. Each came with her spoon, plate, and cup, tripping, and full of glee.

Before the sandwiches were tasted, the suggestion came from one pert little Marie, who chimed out from among the sofa-pillows, “Girls let’s have our pictures taken.”

“Alright,” was the immediate cry.

The photographer was immediately sent for. Books and papers found their ways into each girl’s hands. The preparations were almost completed when a loud bunch of green Freshies, led by their Ben Tillman, L. D. P., came dashing across the back roof. The Sophs eyes grew larger and larger. Afarwheel the window-sash in the next room went up with a Bang! Each Soph rose to her feet to see what was the matter. There they found the bunch of green Freshies, each with a broom in her hand, climbing in.

The Sophs, because of their wisdom, didn’t loose their heads, but went immediately about their task of pounding the Freshies.

The noble Buffie, better known as the Sophomores’ Joan of Arc, when she saw that the Freshies were trying to overpower her classmates, came bursting through the bunch of Sophs with a large spoon raised up in the air in one hand and the other hand resting firmly on her hip, saying in a very demanding tone of voice, “Let me get to them.”

In a very few seconds every little Freshie was seen scampering to her own room leaving her broom behind.

The Sophs were then able to make their beautiful study hour pose for the first picture. Then the dainties were passed and each ate and drank to the bruises of the little Freshies.

After the spread, another beautiful pose of the young ladies was made for picture. Then the evening ended with the young ladies paying their respects to Terpsichore in the assembly room.

H. G. H. ’14

A New Phase of the Howard Spirit

Quite frequently we hear a good bit of talk here about the “Howard Spirit”, but it is with little pleasure that we note the drift of this idea of the so-called “Howard Spirit”. It impatiently threatens to become boisterous. Even boisterousness has its place. When, however, this element of boisterousness supervenves the student body that decorum is threatened it is about time to “sit up and take notice.”

This unpleasant element is in a small way ever present in the class room. Let a student make an ambiguous statement and up goes an unnessessary "guffah". But what I would chiefly call to your attention is the lack of order in Chapel and in our own Carnegie Library. Perhaps the disorder in Chapel is due to thoughtlessness and an inability to adapt oneself readily to environment or the inability to decide just when oneself should laugh or remain quiet. There can be no excuse for disorder in the library—in the presence of Books, for the thoughtless offenders are reminded on the spot. Some, however, have a tendency to persist in their disturbance and discomfiture a hint to come to order. Oh, yes, they finally get down to business after some persuasion and reasoning. I believe, however, that a single appeal of this kind will have its reward. — C. S. S.

A Daily Thought

[NORMAN]

The normal man with his clear mind, logical thought, sound judgment and strong will sees where the degenerate only gropes. He plans and acts where the latter dozes and dreams. He drives him without effort from all the places where the life savings of nature bubble up.
Just a Little Personal

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

Lessons given in French by well known linguist—Carey.

Nicko says it was too breezy for him; now he is taking music.

As luck (Luck) would have it, zephyrs (Zephyr) are blowing his way.

If a fat spring chicken were to fall in the fire would Leroy Baker?

W. A. Pollard says he is going to spend his evenings as a porter (Porter).

"Mutt Jaso" says: "On account of other important engagements, he must suspend business next week.

"Dope" Terry says his next semester will be devoted to playing whist and giving lectures on Shakespeare.

A young lady said recently, "I would like Beamon but he is too old."

Take note everybody, the races come off next week. Everyone should get his or her ponies and horses in good shape.

The most loyal Howardite: "Mr. Dozier, where is the Suez Canal?"

Mr. Dozier: "The Suez canal is between North and South America."

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SUNDAY
Prayer Meeting, Clark Hall, 7 a.m.
Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a.m.
Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p.m.
Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p.m.
Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p.m.

MONDAY
Athletic Association, Library Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Bible Class, Life of Jesus, Mr. J. G. Logan, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Class, Men of Old Testament, 8:30 p.m.
Bible Class, Life of Paul, Prof. Dyson, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Rev. O’Connell, 8:30 p.m.
Teacher’s Training Class.
Professor E. L. Parks.

FRIDAY
Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p.m.
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:30 p.m.
Mont Court, Law School, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Blackstone Club, Law School, 8:30 p.m.
Regular Chapel Exercises daily at noon, except Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Van Schoick Addresses the Y. M. C. A.

Would that all Howard had been at the Y. M. C. A. on last Sunday afternoon to hear the address given by the Reverend Van Schoick, pastor of the Church of Our Redeemer. In his discourse the speaker dwelt upon the vision of Elisha, “The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”

He spoke first of the many difficulties which the young men of Howard must confront. But said he “when you confront these difficulties, ‘fear not for they are with you are more than those who are against you.’” The speaker then emphasized the value of vision, and urged the young men to pray for the experience of vision. He said, “Visions give us a sense of duty. If we could only see the ways, how gladly we would walk in them. But how few of us recognize the fact that the mountain is full of horses and chariots.”

Reverend Van Schoick spoke last, of the sense of duty which the young men of Howard must have. He said, in part, “I rejoice in human brotherhood. There is only one thing different about us. Life has been so shaped that the things which you have to do are more difficult than mine. You are to answer to your God for your work even though it is hard.” He then spoke of the forces of the Almighty which are at work for the good of humanity and brotherhood, and said further, “The remedy for discouragement and gloom is to go on and to stick to your duty. Never be swerved from the path which you have marked out. Do not even be beaten down from your duty. The greater the difficulty the more you should stick to it.”

The address, from the first word to the last, was broad, sympathetic, and encouraging. It was an emanation of the fact that Reverend Van Schoick is a man who not only has power and influence, but also who unflinchingly advocates and puts into practice the fundamental principle of Christianity, the brotherhood of man. It was indeed an incentive to all who were present to see that the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher still lives.

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EDITORIALS

* Interruptions in themselves do not cause us so much annoyance, as does our manner of accepting them. If we take them philosophically and do not allow ourselves to be unnecessarily affected by them, knowing that they are but a part of what we may expect in college life, they will not disturb us greatly and after awhile they will lose much of their unpleasantness. If there is any more to be gained than lost from such interruptions; or if we would idle away as much time in one way or another, then the reasonableness of such interruptions can hardly be questioned.

* President Thirkeld's illustrated lecture on "Sunny Athens and Greece" last Friday evening was indeed an inspiring and intellectual treat. It was an example of what might be expected of the several professors in their respective fields if they use the time to put to the necessary preparation for such occasions. But as long as we have an overloaded and overworked corps of professors, they will find little time for research work and little time to satisfy requests from other colleges to the glory of Howard. Then too we might encourage a lecturer by procuring a good projecting lantern, a necessary asset to successful illustrated lectures.

* In the efforts to give better training to the minds of the present generation of students than their parents received, there is real danger of brain forcing. The mind has nothing to do with it. It is purely a physical matter, this matter of education in its primary effects. There is a nervous system that must co-ordinate and work with accuracy; there is a central seat of intelligence. The brain, that is just so much plastic tissue; there is a set of functional effects that are brought about through the utilization of blood stores in the building up of rapidly fashioning nerve tissues.

All this comes in a time of life when the student is maturing. The subtle material substance that is worked over into the various coordinations and responses that form the basis of thought is easily injured and the student may be ruined for life if the brain is unduly forced in the work of education. Educators the country over are holding up the warning signal of premature brain fag. Monday the semester examinations begin. They afford us a diversion from our customary way of studying. Instead of studying in our usual manner, at this time of the scholastic year, as a change from the monotony of the past semester — we cram. This is done merely for variety’s sake, though. We don’t have to do it. Cramming produces in us such love for the subject studied, that we feel “chaired up” for the next semester’s grind. A day of examinations and a day of cramming, paradoxical as it may seem, produce in us a “chaired up” feeling and nervousness. This “chaired up” feeling and nervousness reaches such a state that we cannot talk when the examination is before us. In final examinations the cranium best fitted for cramming and memorizing stands the best chance. It is a well known saying that “Every dog has his day.” Exam days are the crammers days: the steady plugger has his as he goes. A motion to abolish semester examinations, as relics of yore, is in order.

Professor Brawley at the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday week Professor B. G. Brawley addressed the Y. M. C. A. on the subject, "A Rock in a Weary Land." His remarks, taken from Isaiah, were indeed forceful and instructive. The members greatly appreciated the good and reliable advice which characterized Professor Brawley’s discourse.

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What Cranks these Mortals be

From the land called "Bam," a la common parlance, came a certain man whose name was "Weems." He was of the class called "mutts" or "muchers," yet he thought himself a knowing man, and when he first came he went about slapping the Seniors on the back and saying, "Old fellow, I am one of the boys." "He is a freshie," was the universal comment, and a worthy successor of celebrated Dwight Holmes prevailed upon him to join a social club called "Tau Epsilon." Habited with the alacrity with which a duck takes to water; very extensive preparations were made by his fellow-students to get even with this "quixotic" character who became so bold on such short acquaintance. The night was fixed and on the afternoon that "Rome was about to howl," the man from "Bam" went to the post office and received a letter from home advising him not to join any secret societies. He took the advice and the fun for the evening was about to be ended but "Deacon" Terry, with his Ciceronian eloquence and "Snake" Sykes, with the same smile that paralyzed the maidens of Miner Hall, contrived to induce one J. R. Berry to take the place of the aforesaid "Weems." "Twas 8 o'clock; place, Spaulding Hall; and a merry band of masqueraders, all clad in angelic garments of the night were assembled there. Every face was hidden, no one knew his neighbor; and "Charlie" Garvin, "Enicko" and Capt. Gray might have been called handsome in such a collection of physiognomies. As the time passed by infinitesimal moments as "Old - " (the faculty won't allow me to say it) would say, anxious inquiries were made as to the coming of the new brother. At last the trumpet blasts broke the stillness, the fun was about to begin.

"Let the brother enter," came in sepulchral tones from within, and in came he between his two best men.

He was marched around the room several times to the melancholy accompaniment of "March, brother, march." By a hundred throats he was started up the "Holy Rod" to the tune of "Climb, brother, climb!" The Gauntlet was prepared and "Chief Grand Mogul" Lenox, chief cook and bottle washer thusly spoke as the neophyte prepared to enter that terrible place on his knees: "E pluribus unum, multum in parvo, veni, vidi, vici, crawl, brother, crawl! Lebon garcon, macenas atavis edite regibus," which being translated means: naked thou comest into this world and naked also shalt thou enter this mystic circle; disrobe thyself, my brother. "Disrobe——!" came in thunder tones from the candidate, "I'll blow the brains out of every man here, and jerk out a glistening 38 and snapped it in all directions. Then how they scattered. Some went one way, some another, but all bound for the same place—room enough to run. "P. B." went under a bench and an hour later when some fellow went back to get his hat he poked his head out and whispered, "Is he gone yet?" "Landsberry" Lundsford went out the window with the sash hanging about his shoulders like a collaret. "Martin Luther" jumped into the library and yelled, "For heaven's sake somebody come and help me hold it." "John Wesley" let himself out of the back window by a rope and was last seen mak-
ing it in 10 seconds flat for the LAKE. "Pup" Shaw—Well, Shaw says he didn’t bat his room mate swears he did. "Huddy" forgot to laugh. Kyle stood on the landing prepared to run down the one side if the terror came up the other. "Hat Pin" paced over the back fence, with his gown flying out so loose that you might have dealt a poker hand on it and did not return until chapel next day. "Cappage" put his head behind "Reggie" and like the ostrich thought that he was safe. "Cuckold" started home and "Bone Head" was about ten yards in the rear, coining at full Guns, Ammunition, Fishing T’ackle, Koo.

The Interscholastic Championship

Last Saturday night when the Armstrong five nosed out as victors, by a score of 10-8, over the M. St. quintet in the most hard fought and interesting game that has been played during the season, the Academy chances for winning the Interscholastic Championship were increased manifold. It has been a settled fact for some time that the only teams that had a chance for the championship providing some misfortune or miracle didn’t turn up were the Howard Academy, M. St. and Armstrong teams, and now, as it was supposed, these teams are fighting it out among themselves for the honors.

Judging by present form, they appear to be the strongest in the league. They gave Armstrong an awful wallop ing the other night, and Armstrong in turn administered a crushing blow to the M. St. aspirants. To win the championship, the Academy boys must get a victory over their High School rivals. From the past records, it seems a cinch for our boys, but we are looking for a hard game, and Manager Nixon is not going to be fooled by past records or overconfidence.

Manager Nixon has built up a powerful team for the Academy. The team is well balanced; their team work is far superior to any thing in the league; their speed is remarkable, and in Valentine and Lafayette, it has two forwards with few equals. We feel safe in predicting that our boys will return from their coming battle with M. Street, once as Interscholastic Champions.

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Notice

There will be no issue of the JOURNAL during the examination week, the week of January 29th.

News From Other Colleges

At Cambridge, four out of five seniors are in favor of the honor week, the week of January 29th. The largest university in the entire world is the University of Calcutta, at Calcutta, India.

The largest university in the United States is the University of Princeton has decided to continue as coach for the next two years.

Fifty percent of the undergraduates at Syracuse are wholly or partly working their way through college.

Coach Yost, of the Michigan football team, has signed a contract to continue as coach for the next two years.

The English Dramatic Association of Princeton has decided to present Marlowe's "Jew of Malta" as its offering.

As a result of the organization of a swimming team at Annapolis, there are less than one hundred midshipmen who do not take part in some kind of organized sport.

Two of the most prominent leaders of the Chinese revolutionists are graduates of West Point, their names being Ting Chia Chen and Ying Tsing Wen. They are both in the class of 1909 and were leaders of the Chinese revolution.

Turning Back the Clock

"I am 35 years old" announced a woman of 56 at a tea last week. "And I am 26," said a woman of 45. Then turning to a girl of 17, who stood near by, she asked: "How old are you Ethel?" "Oh," replied Ethel, "according to the present reckoning I'm not born yet."

Day of Prayer for Colleges

Within the next fortnight the numerous colleges of the country will observe the day of prayer for colleges. The day of prayer for colleges is an annual sacred affair among the respective colleges of the nation and has come to mean much in present day education. The occasion, besides being self-explanatory, gives opportunity to those who have not concentrated their efforts in Christian endeavor as well as they might have, to renew their efforts along the lines of moral uplift among the student bodies and amongst humanity in general. It is hoped that the coming day of prayer will be the most fruitful of all similar events and especially so at Howard and that all will make use of the opportunity afforded.

Schedule of Examinations

College of Arts and Sciences

Week of January 29th

**Monday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
  - French I A, German I A, International Law, Latin IV, Philosophy, Roof and Bridge Engineering.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - Argumentation, Botany II, Chemistry I, French I B, Masonry and Concrete, Physics III, Plane Surveying, Zoology III.

**Tuesday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
  - Drafting, French IV, German I B, Mathematics III, Public Speaking, Physics II, Sociology I.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - Architecture II, Mathematics II, Engineering; Mechanics, Sociology A, Spanish I.

**Wednesday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
  - Astronomy, Greek I, History IV, Latin II and III, English Literature II.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - Engines and Boilers, French II, Greek II and III, Geology II, Logic—Ethics.

**Thursday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
  - Latin I, English II, Chemistry IV, French III, Geology I, German III, Highway and Rail Road Location, History II, Political Science.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - History I, Zoology IV, Zoology V.

**Friday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
  - Architecture I, Economics, Drawing, English Literature I, German II, History III, Mathematics I, Engineering; Mathematics I, Physics IV, Spanish II.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - Botany I, Chemistry III, Forge and Machine Shop, Testing Laboratory, Chemistry II.

**Saturday**
- 9 A. M. - 12 M.
- 1 P. M. - 4 P. M.
  - English I.
A Step in the Right Direction

A few weeks ago it was announced by the president of Virginia University that a gift of $12,000 from the Stokes Fund had been made to that University as a permanent foundation for the endowment of a fellowship in Sociology, for the study of the Negro. A similar fund has been given to the University of Georgia. These Universities are among the leading schools of the South, and on account of their great power and influence the results of these gifts will be felt in many ways.

This is the most encouraging undertaking which has arisen for a number of years. It shows that the more intelligent class of southern people are beginning to realize that the problems surrounding them are their problems and that the problems will always be theirs if some step is not made to do away with them.

The results will not be very evident at once, but in the long run they are sure to tell. In the study of any condition there will be some who are sure to see the good qualities; and in the study of conditions by the University students many will rely on facts and not fancies. There will be a cooperation of intelligent white people and intelligent colored people both making for the same goals.

Let it be hoped that other institutions of similar rank may commit themselves to this important proposition; then the colored man's hope will have been realized, that is, that he is seen, "as he is," and not "as he seems to be."—P. B. L.

Athletic Association Elects Officers

On last Monday night at 8:00 o'clock the Athletic Association met and elected its officers for the ensuing year. In the absence of the President, Mr. C. B. Curley was chosen by the body as temporary chairman.

The officers elected are:

President, "Big Chief" Chandler.
Vice President, P. B. Lennox.
Secretary, Clayborne George.
Assistant Secretary, Mortimer Harris.
Treasurer, Jas. D. McLendon, Jr.
Custodian, George Washington.

Representatives to the Athletic Council: F. H. Wimberly, College; Fred Durrah, Med.; C. Benjamin Curley, Law.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Value of College Education

There are said to be 5,000 College bred Negroes now in the United States. About 85 percent are following the professions of teaching, preaching, medicine and law; and all are for the most part making good. The total valuation of their wealth is placed at $15,000,000.00, showing conclusively the value of education among our people, and forever answering the critics who would decry a college education for the Negro.—East Tenn. News.

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