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MRS. Alice Dunbar's lecture last Saturday evening on "The Suffrage Movement" deeply interested a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. Dunbar was an active worker last fall in the Suffrage campaign in Pennsylvania. Her experiences there, her knowledge of the subject, and her trenchant manner of presentation gave an added interest to her subject.

The center of Mrs. Dunbar's speech was the importance of the ballot to the Negro. The "trite, worn-out, pure white" excuses used as arguments against woman suffrage can not be applied against the Negro woman. The Negro must not allow his best interests to suffer because of his acceptance of the narrow excuses put up by the white man about the sphere of woman.

The excuse that woman is not ready for the ballot will not hold since readiness can only be determined by her actual use of the ballot. If Negro suffrage had been determined on this basis it is hardly likely that the Negro ever would have received it. Men cannot represent women as the diversity of opinion among those he must represent is too great. The criminal vote will not be increased as criminals cannot register and immorality among women is twenty-seven per cent lower than among men.

The Negro woman since emancipation has never been able to remain at home. She has been compelled to go out and do all kinds of manual labour. Her

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## A New English Club The Stylus Issues Call for New Members

The Stylus of Howard University was organized shortly after the beginning of the school year to promote original literary expression by associating students who have shown literary promise and interest. Thirteen undergraduate members were chosen by competition, and a second contest and election for a limited number of additional members is announced, according to the following regulations. Manuscripts, in the form of Short Story, Verse, Essay, or Criticism, are to be submitted on or before February 22nd. All persons wishing to continue work beyond and different from formal course work in composition are urged to compete. The object of the club and conditions of membership follow.

"The purpose of The Stylus is to encourage original literary expression among students of the College of Liberal Arts of Howard University \* \* \* and the development of productive authorship within the race.

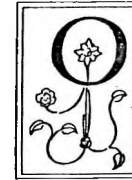
"The work of the club shall be carried out in definite literary forms, such as Short Story, Verse, Essay, Criticism, and the Drama, the specific forms to be decided upon by the club each year.

"Upon admission, each member shall elect a major form, in which, if prose, he must submit three original manuscripts and a critical study, and if verse, work in at least six forms and metres. Each member must in addition submit at least one manuscript in each of the other forms chosen for the year.

"The Stylus will specialize each semester upon a research problem with the aim of a definite contribution to literary scholarship."

The first publication of The Stylus comes from the press in May,  
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## President Newman Delivers Lecture on Greek Culture



ON Wednesday, January 19th, President Newman delivered a lecture to Professor Dyson's class in Grecian History. The lecture, the title of which was "The Influence of Grecian Culture," was delivered in the speaker's own characteristic, illuminating, and interesting manner.

Using a rectangular diagram to represent the relative position of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Greece with regard to the Mediterranean Sea, he impressed indelibly upon the minds of his hearers the limited area of the early culture of the Old World. The reasons for the Greeks' reaching such a degree of perfection in architecture, sculpture and literature he said, was the fact that the Greeks unlike other ancient peoples were comparatively free and this freedom led to the development and expression of their individuality. That culture is manifested in the architecture and sculpture of our finest public buildings and monuments.

This lecture was a fitting close to the class's study of Grecian History and served to impress upon the minds of the students, in a way that reading cannot do, the reasons for the artistic development of the Greeks and the lasting influence of their culture upon the world.

—Class Committee.

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### Scholarship in School of Liberal Arts, Howard University 1914-1915

FRATERNITY	1st SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
Alpha Phi Alpha	75.32	74.60
Omega Psi Phi	73.37	75.22
Phi Beta Sigma	67.19	73.65
Alpha Kappa Alpha	75.98	77.84
Delta Sigma Theta	76.82	79.90
GROUPS	1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
Fraternity Men	71.25	74.49
Non-Fraternity Men	63.66	65.40
Sorority Women	76.42	78.74
Non-Sorority Women	72.15	74.00
Greek Letter Average	73.50	76.24
Non-Greek Letter	67.13	69.70
All Men Average	65.54	69.94
All Women Average	73.14	76.37
General Average Men and Women	68.74	71.35

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Alpha Kappa Alpha	8	34.78	11	50.00
Delta Sigma Theta	13	56.52	20	64.52
Non-Fraternity Men	13	5.75	18	9.68
Non-Sorority Women	39	30.00	37	35.92

\*Per cent of members of respective groups.

Note.— This report is based upon the scholarship record of students in the School of Liberal Arts as follows:

GROUPS	1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER
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The Sigma Chapter considers itself very fortunate to have as its founders and first members ten regular members of the Fraternity, representing various chapters including Beta (Howard); nor does the Sigma consider itself less fortunate to have as its first president Mr. James

McLendon, Howard College '13, and Harvard Law '16.

The officers are as follows: James McLendon, (formerly Beta) President; Aikin Pope, (formerly Zeta—Yale), Vice-President; A. H. Tavernier, (formerly Beta), Secretary; E. H. Crampton, (formerly Beta), Corresponding Secretary; M. W. Clair, Jr., (formerly Beta), Treasurer; L. D. Turner, (formerly Beta), Chaplain.

### Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes Speaks at Howard

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, author, lecturer, social service worker, and wife of J. G. Phelps Stokes, delivered a lecture to the students of Howard University under the auspices of the Howard branch of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society on the subject: "What the Socialists Want and Why They Want It?"

Mrs. Stokes said that one thing all Socialists are agreed on is that land and industries should be owned and controlled by the government. She pointed out the condition of the working class and showed how this condition could be improved by government ownership. Mrs. Stokes concluded by urging the students to take up the study of Socialism, and to make investigations of its work and its principles.

### The Howland Club

On the evening of January 25, 1916, at 8:00 o'clock, the Howland Club, composed of members of the Junior Dental Class, assembled in the amphitheatre of the Medical Building to hold its first regular meeting of the year of 1915-16. After a brief business session, the program proper was begun with a short introductory talk by President A. D. Stone. He gave a brief outline of the history and purpose of the Howland Club and pointed out the value of the club as a factor in the educational development and future success of the members of the Dental Department. He then gave a short synopsis of the life of Dr. Howland, in whose honor the club was founded, embracing his career as dean and later as professor emeritus and special demonstrator of anesthesia in the Dental College.

Dr. Howland, whose presence the program committee had been fortunate enough to secure, next gave an exceedingly interesting and highly instructive address entitled "Bread and Butter Considerations." In his address he sought to impress upon the minds of the audience the importance not merely of the great and intricate problems and theories of the dental profession, but also of the commonplace things. He

showed that such apparently insignificant details as cleanliness of person and of instruments and kindness and sympathy to the patient are often prime factors in determining the success or failure of a dentist in his practice.

The talk was well spiced with numerous anecdotes and extracts from the doctor's own experience and was presented in a simple, straightforward manner which made it doubly impressive. The sincere appreciation of the class was indicated by the cordial ovation accorded Dr. Howland at the conclusion of his address.

The Junior Class Quartette, composed of Messrs. Hackett, Barnes, Lattimore and Lockley, next rendered several fine selections which were heartily applauded.

The program was concluded with an address by Mr. W. A. Nash, president of the Junior Class, who spoke eloquently on the toil and sacrifice of Dr. Howland in devoting his life to the educational uplift of the youth of our race.

The program committee, composed of Vice President Hackett, U. G. Benson, V. F. Crosbie, is to be congratulated on the excellent quality of the program and their part in making a complete success of this the initial meeting of the Howland Club.

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¶ We wish to call the students' attention to the importance of taking part in the contest for the selection of the debating team to go against Fisk and Atlanta. Howard was victor in both debates last year. Defending the affirmative in one case and the negative in the other, Howard demonstrated her superiority in debating. Of course this year's record must be as good as that of last year. Howard must maintain her place at the head of the debating league. There are those who criticize adversely the system of athletics at Howard, there are others who can find some excuse for Howard's defeat in football, but it will not be so easy to excuse the largest Negro institu-

passed facilities for securing debating material, if she does not measure up to the standard in debating.

There is one way for Howard to become sure winner. She has the material, she has the instructors, she has the facilities for securing information, she needs only the loyal support of those who wish to see her succeed. Every man whose heart beats true to the "white and blue," every man who is in any measure inoculated with the "Howard Spirit," should feel it his duty to contribute something toward debating for the sake of Howard's reputation. This can be done by interesting yourself generally in the subject for discussion; by becoming intelligent on the question; by joining the Kappa Sigma; and, if you are eligible, by entering the contest which is to be held on the nineteenth of February.



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toil and endeavor has enabled the race to make wonderful progress which it has made in the last fifty years.

Discrimination is growing against the Negro, not only in the South but also in the North. The ballot is his only weapon of defense and if he is wise he will not be biased in limiting that weapon only to members of the male sex, but extend it to her who has struggled with him.

On Sunday evening the Sorority gave a tea in Miner Hall to Mrs. Dunbar. The tables were arranged in the form of a delta. Palms and flowers, and the Sorority pennants made pleasing decorations. Twenty-nine members were present including among the honorary members Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Pelham, Miss Burroughs, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Terrell, and graduate members, Mrs. Adams, Miss Denny, Miss Shippen, Miss Lovely, Miss Pitts and Miss

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# ATHLETICS

*Geo. B. Washington, Editor*

## The Coming Indoor Meet

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One of the features of the meet will be a 50-yard dash event which will feature Howard P. Drew, the world's greatest sprinter, Roy Morse, who won the 220-yard

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event last summer at San Francisco, and Harry Martin, the speedy hurdler. Besides the intercollegiate relay, the five Fraternities at Howard will each have teams to represent them in an interfraternal relay. The basketball game between Howard and Lincoln, besides re-creating the rivalry between these two institutions, will also be another feature of the meet.

This is certainly an excellent opportunity for Howard to prove herself a formidable track competitor, but to do this our team must defeat some of the best track athletes of the day. We hope the student body will support this meet and that the "Old Howard Spirit" will help our teams on to victory.

## Notes

The Tau Delta Sigma Fraternity will render a "Mock Trial" at True Reformers Hall Friday evening, February 11th.

The defeat of the Armstrong basketball team by Howard Commercial on February 4th makes the Commercial a contender for the championship among secondary schools. The record of Armstrong's team shows that it has defeated every team in the District, and the triumph of the Commercial team over such a quint cannot be counted for naught.

## A New English Club

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and it will contain the most representative work of its members

Any further information may be obtained from Miss Nelms, Mr. A. M. Walker, Professors Gregory or Locke, or the Scribe.

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## MANYANA

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However, I gleaned from the conversation with the matron the information that Miss Lorton had been placed in her care after the death of her mother, but by whom I did not learn. A few minutes had elapsed, when the sound of approaching footsteps was heard and the young woman made her appearance. I arose almost immediately and extended my hand to her in greeting as she took her seat beside me. The motherly Mrs. Briscoe did not tarry long in our company, but took her departure leaving us alone.

"I suppose you are perfecting plans for your studio?" asked I.

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"I am certainly delighted to have given you at least that much," replied I.

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"But don't you know that I can make your happiness complete?" I asked, clasping her hands in mine. In reply she said nothing but, carelessly dropping her hands, gazed dreamily into the distance.

"Elia," said I, breaking the silence, "won't you consider the proposition? It can be, it will be if you so desire it."

"Perhaps so," replied she, "but if father would only—" She paused. And leaving my side, she went to the window, through which she peered reflectively but sadly.

"Come, Elia," said I, appearing not to notice her discomfort. "Let us come to some decision."

"Ah!" said she, "Is that what I must do?"

"Yes," replied I, "it's no sense in delaying."

She did not return to my side, but slipped lazily before the piano, and as her slender fingers stole over the keys, to my surprise, the strains of "The Answer" came forth sweet and clear.

"Do you mean it; do you mean it?" shouted I in my astonishment, as I seized her by the shoulders; but no response broke from her lips. Her hands fell from the keys as she gazed into my eyes.

I would have put my arms around her, but man that I was, I was ever conscious of my position, of hers, and of the place. I stood there silently holding her hands and reading her countenance as if to read her soul.

"Elia," said I, "think over this matter, and let me know the truth."

"You have my answer," said she. "Take it for what it is worth."

"Ah!" I exclaimed, "then you are my Manyana. You must be—" And there I paused while the sound of Phil's song rang in my ears,—yes, into the depth of my soul.

"Indeed," she said, "Why am I Manyana?"

"Because," said I, "Phil Lerner says, 'Manyana' is a girl whom you love—" There I paused for I was not just sure that she was the one that I was crazy about, but one thing I did know, and that was, that she was one whom I did not know anything about.

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"Then," said she, "I am in the land of yesterday."

"Yes," replied I, "for we both desire it."

When the hour of my departure came, clasping her hands in mine, I tore myself from her. As the days went by I was reminded how contrary to my plans I had acted. I would quit but I could not. The more I thought of her, the more firmly she gripped me, until I found myself dreaming of her—yes, longing for her presence. I had carefully weighed the situation. Now I was certain that of all the girls whom I had met in my life, she was one whom I was crazy about.

The time seemed to pass slowly, as we exchanged compliments of deepest affection. Flowers and candy were sent to Moxley Hall to make her happy and to prove my sincerity. But her confidence seemed strengthened when I appeared on the scene and left

upon her finger the usual emblem as a sign of our agreement. Commencement Day at Moxley came and passed, with its blooming and blushing maidens, with its honors and its flowers. But among all of the pleasures were my more frequent visits.

Vacation began. The sulky days of summer and the ceaseless labor of detective service forced me from the city for rest, but my correspondence with Elia remained the same. I had anticipated her stay at Moxley, believing it to be her home, when one day on receiving her letter, I found it directed from Walton. Why she was there, I did not know and, I must confess, I was loath to ask. I remembered that she gave me a card at our first meeting bearing her signature and name of this place, but it had not occurred to me that this was her real home, in that the matron had informed me that she was her foster mother. It was only at this time that I recognized that I had left undone the most important information. Even though I was conscious of the fact that everyone should know from what stock, from what grade of goods he was making his selection, I had neglected it as something that would eventually solve itself. When I reflected that I had made this mistake which would probably be one of my life, and when I remembered her remark "If father would only—" without a conclusion, I had thought that I was deceiving myself. I had begun to think that the affection I bore for her was of no value; and so upon my return from my vacation, I tried to supplant my feeling of endearment by making

frequent visits to Ethel Wellington's. In spite of it all, when the vacation expired I found my affections for Elia no less than before.

As usual, I found myself back at Moxley with more frequent visits and with definite plans for the future. Elia seemed little benefitted by the change which she had experienced in that her cheeks appeared colorless and pale. A few weeks, however, restored her former countenance but an unusual sadness seemed to lurk in its traces. She had made several visits to my office in company with Mrs. Briscoe, and appeared to be much pleased with everything.

We had almost completed every plan for our wedding which was to take place in early December, when one day I received a letter from Elia suggesting that I should not call that evening. What had happened I could not tell. I had noticed a change in her countenance, yet no decrease in her affection and confidence. But the remark about her father seemed to press me for some solution. I knew that it was not rational for

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me to pledge myself to one of whom I knew so little, but then, too, I was conscious of the fact that with all of my knowledge it was possible for me to make a mistake. Whether her father was a millionaire or pauper, a king or a peddler, it did not matter as long as she possessed real character. Yet to neglect this phase of my courtship might be disastrous. By all means, I would learn more of her, even though it was late. However, I would not see her that evening; I would not go if she was unwilling; but what to do I could not think.

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## In the Field of Science

The New Science Club held its second fortnightly meeting in Professor Turner's office in Science Hall, January tenth, the president, Miss Talita M. Burnside, presiding. Various topics were discussed under the direction of Professor Turner and Dr. Harvey.

The club was organized just before the Christmas holidays through the request of a number of students who, having completed one course in science, still felt sufficiently interested in the subject to take up the work independent of the requirements of the curriculum. The members after careful consideration decided on the name "The Biological Journal Club" as appropriate. Membership in the club is open to all who have finished one year's course in a science of the College of Liberal Arts. The work of the club is intended to include any educational topic in the biological field and with the cooperation of Professor Turner and Dr. Harvey promises far-reaching results.

—Olive C. Cesar.

## Prize Declamation Contest

On Wednesday evening, February 2, The Prize Declamation Contest, by the students in public speaking, was held under the auspices of the Department of English. The contest was representative of college students and equalled the former contests which have been held by this Department.

The prize was awarded to Mr. John L. Berry; Mr. Merrill Curtis and Miss Alice Yoncey received honorable mention.

The program rendered was as follows: Schutt's *Cantique d'Amour*, Mr. Clinton Wooding; Washington's "Atlanta Address," Mr. Merrill Curtis; Boyesen's "Brier Rose," Miss Alice Yoncey; Thurston's "Plea for Cuban Liberty," Mr. C. F. Holmes; Burleigh's *Just You,*

and Johnson's *The Awakening*, Miss Lillian Evans; "The Prisoner's Plea," Miss Nellie Washington; Lynch's "Civil Rights and Social Equality," Mr. John L. Berry; Noyes' "The Barrel Organ," Miss Elsie H. Brown; Douglass' "The Slave's Fourth of July," Mr. Alan L. Dingle; *Love's Rhapsody*, and *His Lullaby*, Miss Amy Goodwin.

The judges were Mr. C. L. Davis, head of the Department of Languages, Baltimore High School, Mr. C. V. Imlay, Attorney-at-law, Washington, D. C., and Mr. George D. Jenifer, Myrtilla Miner Normal School, Washington, D. C.

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