President Thirkield Lectures Before the School of Theology

The second lecture for the year by President Thirkield before the School of Theology, was given last Thursday, on “The Minor Prophets as the Great Preachers, Moral Reformers and Spiritual Statesmen of Their Times.” He showed that these prophets were always sent with a particular message; a message for their own times, with predictive elements, and that their claims as preachers and teachers rested on the authority of their divine message. Their all important work was not that of mere prediction. The predictive element is often subordinate. They were “full of power by the spirit of the Lord.” They were the messengers of the living God to living men. They were the preachers of righteousness, the spiritual statesmen; the moral guides of their times. He showed how the civilization of that day was very like our own.

The prophet is not so much a “fore-teller” as a messenger of God to his times—a “forthteller,” an interpreter of the things of God to men. They were the teachers of spiritual religion. Often in deadly antagonism against the priestly caste, against the idolatry of mere ritual, they pied for a spiritual religion and against formalism. “I despise your feast days,” cried Amos. “Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with thy God,” saith Micah—setting forth, as he did, man’s personal relations in an attitude of justice, his love of mercy toward his neighbor and his attitude of humility before God.

They were also foretellers of the Messiah Their messages were bright with Messianic hope. “The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.” Their mission was not only to announce the Messiah’s coming, but to prepare the way for its realization among men.

Council of Upper Classmen

The annual “Prom” given by the Council of Upper Classmen was one of the most brilliant functions of the year. Over three hundred alumni, students and friends were present to make the occasion a success. Mr. J. C. Waters, founder and first president of the Council, was present, enthusiastic over the success. The young ladies of the upper classes of the School of Liberal Arts came out from Miner Hall with Miss Robinson and Mrs. Messer as chaperons. Quite a few young ladies from Boston, New York, and Baltimore were present. Howard pennants and flags served to decorate the hall. Concealed by palms, the Lyric Orchestra furnished sweet strains of music. At a late hour the “promenaders” reluctantly departed for home.

Arthur D. Langston Dead

The news of the death of Prof. Arthur D. Langston last evening in St. Louis was in the nature of a severe shock to a large circle of friends of his family in this city. Prof. Langston was the eldest son of the late John M. Langston, who was at one time acting president of Howard University, formerly United States Minister to Haiti, and later a representative in Congress from Virginia. He graduated from Oberlin College about thirty years ago, and went to St. Louis, Mo., where he entered the municipal service as teacher in the public schools. At the time of his death he was principal of one of the largest public schools in the city.

Prof. Langston married Miss Ida Napier, the sister of J. C. Napier of Nashville. She and their two sons survive him. The sons, one of whom is a teacher in St. Louis, and the other a bank clerk in Nashville, are graduates of Oberlin College.

Prof. Langston was in this city last summer during his vacation, and at a reception tendered him by Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the college faculty of Howard University, he seemed to be in the best of health.
The Negro and the Present Campaign

Some time ago there appeared in the New York Age a very ingenious and suggestive cartoon. It contained a picture of President Roosevelt, his head resting on his hand and looking troubled and intently at a spot; in the corner of the cartoon were written the directions, "Hold up to the light." On holding the picture to the light, there was revealed a black hand representing the Negro vote for 1908. At the bottom of the cartoon were written these words, "Which way will it go?"

I think that everyone who saw the cartoon must have been impressed with the ingenuity of the cartoonist and the weight of the question proposed was forthwith recognized and acknowledged by all. Much had already been said and written on the subject but for all that I doubt that any one felt the terrific weight of that question at the time the cartoon appeared—not excepting the cartoonist himself. Today with the nominating conventions about to assemble, with Bryan a sure candidate for the democrats and with Taft the overwhelming favorite in the Republican race, we are brought face to face with the issue which gains weight and difficulty with each rising sun, yes; even with each clock tick. Furthermore there has arisen another circumstance which adds to the perplexity of the question. The leading Negroes have split their party allegiance. We learn that Mr. DuBois has declared himself for the Republican candidate, Hon. Joshua Jones and most of the Negroes are for Foraker, and the New York Age, some time ago a bitter anti-administration paper, has in the space of one week switched entirely and now is a staunch administration paper. We must admit that this sudden change is too subtle for us.

I shall now propose to you the the issue as it now confronts us and I think it will be well if you give some thought to the answering of the question. (1) The Populist party must be excluded from consideration on account of their candidate. (2) The Democratic Party has always been antagonistic to the Negro, they have always insulted him and disregarded his interests and welfare and their great men have gained their fame by loud and boistrous declamations against the Negro. (3) Whatever favor or help the Negro has gotten from political parties has come from the Republican party but let them through the administration have cast upon the race an everlasting insult and disgrace—a righteous cause for indignation. Thus the Negro voter is in the horns of a dilemma. Where can he turn? To us it seems that all the parties have a common cause and the Negro hath not where to cast his vote.

From the prevailing circumstances I have deduced three questions: which way will the Negroes vote go, which way should it go, and which way can it go? I have but one suggestion on the matter:

Let the Negro do all he can to nominate the right man.

Beyond this I can only say: when the nomination is over let each one decide what is best to be done and cast his influence and his vote, as becomes a true and patriotic American citizen, for the best man, for the nation as well as for the race.

The New Era and the Farm

Truly this is a scientific age: the new era is in full bloom and all semblances of the old are fast fading like a summer day dying behind a red sun set on the western sky or rather like the linking particles of darkness scampering away before all pervading rays of the rising sun.

The horse doctor of old has been replace by the modern veterinarian, the medicine man has been routed by the skilled scientific practitioner, the stage has been supplanted by the locomotive, the candle and the oil lamp have been a hasty retreat before the onslaught of the electric bulb and the arc light and so on. Wherever we look we find everything bristling with the products of modern science while all relics of the old regime have retreated to oblivion or to the curiosity shops. But probably the most striking evolution and revolution of the present is that which is taking place on the farm.

There Old Uncle Josh and Aunt Matilda and their young ones are being rapidly replaced by Mr. and Mrs. X and their children, the high-water jeans and home spun socks are giving way to the well fashioned attire from city shops. But most important of all, the old plough and the old time method of planting any old thing in any old soil have given way to the steam plough and the new method of growing each thing where conditions are best suited to it. In other words agriculture is now a science and the farmer is a modern man. The rise of agricultural colleges has entirely revolutionized the process of farming. The study of agricultural chemistry has made it possible to know just what things will grow in any certain soil. Modes of fertilization and insect destruction have reclaimed hundreds of abandoned farms and turned them into productive tracts yielding healthy incomes to the reclaimers whereas the former occupants could not earn a livelihood. But this is not all the agricultural school is doing for the farm. It is teaching the farmer’s daughter to be a useful woman, to be able to manage affairs in case of necessity, it is also teaching her to trim her hats and make her clothes, and it is instructing her in all the arts and crafts that tend to cultivate a worthy and desirable wife and housekeeper— or, rather, housekeeper. And of
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_of business, enabling him to bargain intelligently and escape the traps of the city sharper. Indeed, the agricultural school is doing a great work by opening up undreamed of opportunities, and hastening the day when the term “the independent farmer” will come to be a positive reality instead of a negative Utopian dream._

**Library Hours**

We regret very much that it has become necessary to cut out the evening library hours. If there was one thing that was hoped for and needed, it was more time in the library. The hours that have been added, 8 to 9 in the morning and 4 to 5 in the afternoon, are of very little value to the students. Keeping the library open from 4 to 5 has been tried and it was found that the attendance between those hours was not more than one or two because that is one of the hours for recreation. Probably the students may use the library from 8 to 9 in the morning but very many are at work or else are getting ready for school. It is unfortunate that the abuses arising from having the library open in the evening could not have been dealt with in a manner

**Higher Education the Only Salvation for the Negro**

_CHAS. L. COOPER, COL. '10_

When I use the term “higher education” I mean education aright. Education aright may be defined as that leading out of an individual which comprehends all that serve to enlighten, correct, and improve the manners and customs of the people. It means the full development of a man’s moral nature, the highest and most sacred part of his being. In other words, it means that all the power, mental and physical, shall be controlled and made to act harmoniously with the great moral code. Education does not consist of training the mind without the heart and hands, nor does it lead out the heart and hands without the mind. Such an education would be possible if the soul were not a unity and the will were an independent faculty of the mind that could originate actions independent of ideas or thought processes; but the soul is a oneness, and the will a functioning of the mind wholly dependent upon the ideas possessed by the mind. Therefore from a psychological standpoint it is impossible to develop one of these faculties without improving the others.

Education is the basis of thought which is the ruling element of the world; it is the mould of character without which no people can become great; it is the purifier of religion and the mother of industry. In an ignorant state man is content to know nothing, do nothing, have nothing, and consequently be nothing. But the man whose every faculty has been aroused is restless when idle and wants to act well his part in all the affairs of life.

History shows that the broadest skill, the most persistent industry, and the broadest intelligence are the results of education aright.

It is idle for a people at this time to be a positive reality instead of a negative Utopian dream.
The Nursing Profession

Though it seems but yesterday that the Negro entered into the great struggle for existence, today we find him well represented in nearly every walk of life and succeeding far beyond his wildest dreams. But we find comparatively few women in the nursing profession, a field that seems peculiarly adapted to them. The educated young colored nurse is universally accepted and finds ready employment at a wage equal to that of her white sister.

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Traits of Character

GEORGE DEYOUNG, Theo. '08

Every person must observe how much more happy and beloved some persons appear than others. There are some people you always love to be with. They are happy themselves, and they make you happy. There are others whose society you always avoid. The very expression of their countenances produces unpleasant feelings. They seem to have no friends. The heart is formed for love, and cannot be happy without the opportunity of giving and receiving affection. But you cannot receive affection unless you will also give them; you cannot find others to love you unless you will also love them. Benevolence is well wishing to all. There are several loves: which, 'sorry to say, time will not allow me to discuss.

Two days ago I heard a young lady say, "I know that I am very unpopular at college." Now this is simply saying that she is very obsequious and unaimable in her disposition. If your companions do not love you it is your own fault. They cannot help loving you if you are friendly and kind. If you are not loved, it is good evidence that you do not deserve to be loved. It is true that a sense of duty may at times render it necessary for you to do that which is displeasing to your companion. If they see that you have a noble spirit, above selfishness, willing to make sacrifices to promote the happiness of your associates, you will never be in want of friends. It is not beauty, nor wealth that will give you friends.

Your heart must glow with kindness esteem, affection, to those by whom you are surrounded. You are little aware how much the happiness of your life depends upon your cultivating affectionate and obliging disposition. Begin upon this principle and act upon it; throw life towards unity and confidence. But let it be remembered that however rapid our progress has been, and however rapid it is to be, depends on our intelligence and character, and our intelligence and character depend on right education.

I am not discouraged with our present condition, nor am I hopeless of the future. I believe that education is the bulwark of our civil and political liberty, without which in a republic like this no man can be a free man. I believe when we shall have education in its truest sense, we can stand as citizens and free men of America and say to the boys and girls of our race, "The avenues of destination are open to you, and upon your brow may fall the civic wreath."

Upon shoulders of the youth of this generation rests the mantle of grave responsibility. It is left to them to prove the sentiment which William Tupper so beautifully expressed when he said:

"Fleecy locks and dark complexion, Can not forfeit nature's claim, Skins may differ, but affection, Dwells in black and white the same." In other words, it is left them to demonstrate to the world that in American manhood there is no color line, and in matters of citizenship there should be absolutely no distinction.

It is forever argued by such men as Yardaman, Tillman, and Dixon, that the education of the negro means nothing; unless an increase of criminality. But let it be remembered that ignorance has never been a stepping stone to virtue and upright living, nor has it been considered as a synonym for industry and economy. Let it further be known that it is impossible for ignorance to dominate over intelligence, poverty over wealth, or unctuousness over refinement.

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Base Ball
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Capt. Young was struck on the wrist by a pitched ball while playing Shaw. This painful injury kept him out of the game for a while. The team returned Saturday, having won 5, lost 4, and tied one.

Alpha Phi Alpha Entertainment
The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will give a farcial entertainment in the chapel May 6. Don't miss seeing the young men dressed as fair Miner Hall damsels. This entertainment promises to be the most fun provoking affair that has occurred on the "Hill" in years. The Alpha Phi Alpha Quartette will be there also. Admission 15 cts.

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The purpose, meaning and spirit of the article in the last issue concerning the Law School seem to have been wholly misunderstood. The writer by no means intended to criticise the school and hold any of its deficiencies up before the uninterested and critical public. He only desired to point out to those in authority a few things that a student noticed and thought important. These things, each in itself not much, were not likely to be noticed by those in authority who are busy with important matters. The writer noticed them and thought that if those in power should notice them they would change them. He used the Journal only because he knew of no other way to reach those whom he desired to reach. His dearest hope was to help, not to hurt, the Law School.

Miss Eloise Bibb, Teachers College '07, made an affective address at Chapel on the Social Settlement which was most highly commended by President Thirkield, and urged upon the attention of students and friends of the University. A voluntary offering was made at the door, which resulted in a collection of $8.80.

Dr. Cregan Addresses Students
Dr. Cregan of American Missionary Society gave an interesting ten minute address in Chapel Friday on China. The advances made in that heathen empire within the last few years, mainly through Christian missionaries, were outlined. Dr. Cregan spoke in the highest terms of the thirty thousand Chinese, who true to their religion were slain in the Boxer uprising. The speaker ended his talk with an earnest appeal to the student body to devote their lives to the missionary cause.

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