A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON RELIGION

Article 1—A General Survey of Religion and Morality

In presenting a series of Religious articles, I do so with no intention whatever of creating any hostile feeling among religious circles or of tearing down old religious beliefs, for I myself, am a firm believer in the "old time religion." But I am presenting them for the purpose of enabling our University students to get a clear view of the cosmic relations and the orderly sequences in which the world today is being viewed, I merely mean to take them up to the places of outlook whence the world of thought, feeling and reason is to be viewed; in order that they may know where they are, they must understand some of these things; for as we are aware, living in an age of intellectual understanding and religious awakening, college men and women are expected to know what they are about in order that they may better understand how to help most effectively those who need the education of inspiration.

In the world of natural law and sequences, science has conquered one field after another until today it is entering the most complex, inaccessable and sacred domains yet to be entered—that of religion. In discussing religion we know that most of its tangible facts are yet below the threshold of clear ideas in the sphere of feelings. But science is attempting to lift up from its head of "chance" our superstition, and place it within the rays of comprehension. In attempting to discover the true solution of the religious problem we find that now, we shall have to content ourselves with the simple thought of working around the borders of the field, making an inroad here and there, feeling our way where clear paths fail; until we shall be able to say of religion as we say of every other field we try to explore: we understand it because there are bits of it which satisfy the demands of our intelligence sufficiently to give a feeling of knowledge by producing a steadfastness in our emotional attitudes; because it gives us some kind of an outward expression of an inner feeling, which we call spiritual or religious.

But, the first thing a student of religion wants to know is what religion is as contrasted with morality. "Are not they the same?" He will say in contrasting religion with morality, we understand that morality is the quest for values on this earth. It has to do with the conduct of mankind on this earth and asks the question: is it right to do a certain thing; and if I do it, will I receive my moral benefit or more moral value therefrom? Religion then must be the quest for the cosmic fortunes of values, because we know that if human beings cannot be satisfied with these early values alone, there would be no need of any religion whatever; but men desire something higher, hence religion.

Primitive religion arose directly from nature, because food, clothing, and shelter did not effect the primitive man's whole dependence, therefore he learned to propitiate nature as his God or his highest good. Hence the na-

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To understand fully the enthusiasm which the Massachusetts of 40 or 50 years ago felt for Charles Sumner, it is necessary to keep the political and social environment of our people of that time in mind. A great moral issue, is one in which all the free States felt a vital interest, had reached an acute stage when Sumner entered public life. Men saw in part and feared in part that slavery was not to be extirpated without a struggle that would shake the Union. The majority of anti-slavery men may not have anticipated civil war. They hoped that by the political pressure or moral sentiment and by legal restriction slavery could be kept within clearly defined territory, wherein it would, as an institution, wither up and disappear. The platform on which Sumner stood when elected United States Senator, 60 years ago, by a coalition of Free Soilers and Democrats, was expressed in his thesis that freedom was national and slavery sectional.

To the people of to-day Sumner seems simply the orator, whose orations are to be historically studied. Thirty-six years have passed since he died. Passions have passed away that were stimulating, even maddening, when he spoke. He was judged more calmly than was possible in his lifetime. He has become a historical character, studied as such. After analysis he does not appear quite as great as our fathers thought him. As an orator he still must command the moral sympathy of the world, even if what he said as daring novelties have become truisms of government and society to-day. Judged critically as an orator, he does not quite attain to the highest class. His oratory lacks the massive splendor of Webster, the exquisite polish of Everett, the even more exquisite genius of Lincoln’s Gettysburg address. Sumner’s oratory was the man. The moralist informed its every line. If he could not in composition touch the height of Webster’s Bunker Hill oration, he would not for all the kingdom of the earth sink to the “Seventh of March” speech. Charles Sumner was always Charles Sumner. Like Martin Luther he could no other be. He was not a constructive statesman. His works do not live after him in statues, but he wrought mightily in the field of progress, and he was a brave soldier in the fight for freedom, whose sword is rightly hung in the treasure house of humanity.

—From the Boston Transcript

TO MARIE

My love, my heart is with you,
Dear,
And thus shall be for aye
It matters not, I’m far or near,
Thy form I see alway:
The rogueish smile doth still beguile
Your loveliness entrance,
The look seems that made me smile
Sweet mem’ries still enhance.
I know not why, I know not how
Our souls may mated be
The vow ’tween you and me:
For love like ours no queries make,
Nor speculation blind,
We love each for the other’s sake,
But thus contentment find.
I long, and in the days of yore,
To clasp thee to my breast.
Read in thine eyes love’s tender love,
And lull thee, Dear, to rest:
I long, ah yes, I long once more,
To share those joys again,
It matters, yes it does my dear
Apart from thee ’tis pain.

Be good to thy friend to keep him, to thine enemy to gain him.
It isn’t easy for a girl to look matured when she is having her picture taken.

INTEMPERANCE

One of the greatest evils to mankind is intemperance.
For more than three years the inhabitants of my state, Oklahoma, have been greatly agitated over the temperance question and earnest efforts are being put forth to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors.

For many reasons, I heartily favor any effort to prohibition of the liquor traffic.

First, it undermines the very foundation of civilized society. It unfits the citizen for the proper discharge of his duty, whether in private or public life. It is the most effective agent in filling the courts with criminal cases, the prisons with convicts and worst of all, tends to produce an indigent class, an unemployed class, an ignorant class—the greatest foes of society and republican institutions.

A few weeks ago I signed a temperance pledge, and I consider that act one of the best steps I have ever taken in my life. I signed it, not because others did so, but because I think it is wrong in the sight of God for anyone to drink intoxicating liquors. To drink wine, beer, or whiskey is not only unchristian, but heathenish. The young man or woman who indulges in the social glass is offering worship at the shrine of the most hideous, unclean and debasing idolatry that is cursing humanity. The Good Book says “Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing.” Yet millions of dollars are being spent annually for poisonous liquors; not mentioning the heart aches, the desolate homes, the orphans, the widows, the lost manhood and womanhood and the blighted child life. These cannot be measured by statistics—they lift up a loud continual pathetic protest against the legislation and continuance of this awful traffic.—Uziah Miner, Acad.
The Ancient History Club which was organized last year by Professor Dyson, had its first semi-annual meeting, Thursday, December 16, in the Library Hall. Rev. Mr. Sheaf addressed the Club on the "Eastern Question." He showed clearly that the paramount question before the nation to-day is the question which confronted the ancient world after the death of Alexander the Great, "The Balance of Power."

Officers: Alva Bates, President; John Watkins, Secretary; Emmett Hislip, Treasurer.

Mrs. Don P. Blain, National Organizer and Lecturer, addressed the Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U. Sunday evening at 6:30. There was a large and responsive crowd of young men and women out to hear this charming speaker and all were delighted and benefited. Mrs. R. E. Lawson was present also and made timely remarks. At our November meeting 62 names were enrolled. That number was increased to 70 last Sunday.

The officers of the Y. P. B. of W. C. T. U. are Miss Lottie Gatewood, President; Mr. D. A. Forbes, Vice-President; Miss M. L. Davis, Secretary; Mr. Clayborne George, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Ida M. Allen, Treasurer; Mr. James A. Wright, Auditor.

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ature of religion always implies a dependence on something higher.

Religion leads us out into the whole field of things spiritual and divine, and gives us the view of the entire universe because it has to do with the physical and mental phenomena of the world; with the inner actions and the outward expressions of individuals, races, or nations. So that no person is religious unless he has some conception of the entire universe because it coincides with others. And although none of us ever express itself whether we understand it or not. It is a fact, there are individuals who want to know what this religious conception of today really is; others interpret it in this way: "Religion is the willing or compelling force of an individual," and still others believe that it is strictly emotional and is guided wholly by feelings. So you see we are still in a dilemma as to what religion really is. To me religion is based on feelings and reason and, as such, it can be intellectually comprehended.

The question is often asked, "Can there be a perfect morality without religion?" We know that for centuries nothing seemed more self-evident than the inseparableness of morality and religion. The tie between the two was first loosened by the violent commotions in which all conceptions have been subjected since the beginning of modern times, so that today there are strong beliefs that religion and morality are separate and distinct elements.

If we have interpreted religion correctly, to my mind this is the gospel of life: Lose thyself in some worthy service, count thy life cheap if only it can be given up to some high ideal. Religion in its highest form may be regarded as a radiation, a complication, and a spiritualization of the impulses present in human nature.

In this article I have attempted to give you a general survey briefly, of the religious field. During this series I hope to present:

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4. The Church.
5. Prayer.
7. Faith and Knowledge.
8. Evil

—W. B. BRUCE

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EDITORIALS

* How many times have you renewed that New Year's resolution?

* President Thirkield delivered an address before the students of George Washington on the third of January on "The Symphonic of a Noble and Useful Life." We are glad to see Howard University get into closer touch with our neighbor.

* The football season is over, no more does the war cry sever nor the rabble yell. The heroes of the gridiron are now real ordinary men. They are more than ordinary men: they have fought hard for us, imperiled their lives, broken their arms and sprained their ankles that Howard may have the glory of being the acknowledged victor. Why do we so soon forget the men who have done such heroic service? Why do we not give them honor due?

Last year we made a remarkable record, this year we not only maintained that record but improved upon it by trouncing our chief rival in his own back yard. Last year the team was given a grand banquet in honor of its noble and heroic service but this year no banquet we see nor do we hear of any. It is to be hoped that the loyal supporters of Howard will let the opportunity pass to show some feeble recognition of the greatest football team in our history. To neglect this would be to show signs of base ingratitude. If the alumni cannot or will not do something along this line it is up to the students to start something. If we cannot banquet the team we can give them some sort of a special reception at which we could present each member of the team a copy of resolutions giving expression to our appreciation for their service. It seems, too, that the members of the team have not been awarded their H's. What neglect! Do not wait till these men leave school and then praise them but let them smell the flowers now.

¶ "Something swell. By request, an Extraordinary Classy Dance by Baltimore's Medical Students of Howard University, Washington, D.C., at the Gallican Fishermen's New Auditorium, Wednesday, December 28, 1910, 8:30 to 1:30. Hear that University Rag by Cayall's full orchestra. Tickets 25 cents. Note—Visitors from Lincoln, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Cheney and other Northern Universities and the different departments of Howard will be represented."

The above statement appeared recently in one of Baltimore's local papers, and was also distributed by means of posters, throughout the city, to it were signed the names of several students of our medical school who live in Baltimore. This is the second notice of the kind that has come to our attention, the first appearing earlier in the fall.

We do not know the nature of the dance and so unheard will not condemn it. We do not know that anyone could attend who had the necessary quarter. We know further that the name of the University was used without the knowledge or permission of the authorities.

These young men or some of them are musicians and pay their way through school by, playing for and giving such dances. Their energy and initiative might be commended. It is unfortunate however that they should have involved themselves into difficulty with the faculty by misrepresenting us.

It might have been a creditable function, one that we could do well to recognize and claim as representative of this institution. Again, it might have been otherwise. In either case we cannot afford to jeopardise our reputation by sanctioning such affairs or unsanctioned allow them to pass unnoticed.

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**FREEDOM**

Forty-eight years ago, on the day that freedom for all races was declared, President Abraham Lincoln sent out his famous Emancipation Proclamation. Hope and determination inspired him, but little did he understand that by placing his name on the document he swung his life on a slender thread. The heroism, the devotion of the man who signed his name beneath this humane document, together with the struggles and the sacrifices of the humble black folk, made an ignorant mass develop with a progressive race. The rise of which race has never been equalled in the history of the world in the same period of time.

The mandates of the Emancipation Proclamation were not easily carried out, it was not expected. It had no immediate effect in emancipating the millions of slaves, no more than had the Declaration of Independence in bringing independence.

It announced to the world that if the North were successful in the great war, slavery must perish. Even after the long, bitter warfare that secured the blessing of freedom there were trials, troubles, and vexations. But freedom is a prize that must be defended and even to this day, when we glory in the service of our great benefactors and friends, it is well that we should remember that only by devotion and the exhibition of true manhood like unto theirs can the greatness and freedom of our race be maintained.

Free we are from the cruel taskmaster's whip, but not yet free from disfranchisement, curtailment of school training, economic slavery, insult of our womanhood, lynching, segregation and injustice before the courts. In our hands was placed the ballot, a weapon more effective than the rule, but until we learn to use it effectively and secure its full advantages, it will avail but little against the forces that seek to take away the freedom that has been bought so dearly for us.

Resting easily on the past, we often forget that we have a duty to perform. No Negro may ever be called upon to lay down his life for his race. But if he need not die for his race, he can at least live for it, dedicating his life to its service and pledging himself to struggle against its enemies and oppressors as God has given him strength and courage to struggle. Not a day passes but revelations are made of the many lynchings throughout the South, of the injustices received in the courts of the land, of the segregation and of the disfranchisement of our race. Pitiful would it be if a race, fought for so gloriously and preserved thus far so valiantly were to fall and succumb to these injustices, not because of their weaknesses but because of their indifference.

One thing we lack—Manhood. What we need are inspired, brave and manly men to contend and agitate for our rights and to arouse the masses to their duty. We are a climbing and striving people, the fittest may force a way. But against these few and the masses of blacks, the hands of medievalism are drawn and Ghetto's and sumptuary laws are encompassed in the color line. May the time not be far distant when the whole world will believe in the brotherhood of all races and grant equal justice and equal opportunity to all races.

—C. H. G.

Act as if the maxim of thy action were to become by thy will a universal law of nature.

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DOINGS AMONG THE QUINPS
By Naps

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The visiting club has the best amateur basketball team in eastern Pennsylvania. It has met and defeated the best clubs of that section of the state. A great contest is expected and tickets are going fast.

Manager Brown has arranged a good schedule and many visiting teams will appear here this season. A good patronage is solicited and an interesting season promised. The noted "All Star" team of New York will play here Tuesday, February 21. This fast aggregation defeated Howard Varsity in New York during the holidays and enthusiasm is running high over the game.

LAST WEEK'S PICK UPS

Among the graded schools the fast little Stevens bunch clearly out played the Randall quint in a 12 to 1 game, while Sumner fell victim to Briggs in a 10 to 4 contest. The boys are full of enthusiasm and undergo strenuous practice to get in shape for their various games.

ACADEMY SCORES ANOTHER

The fast, husky Preps downed Armstrong Tech in a pretty game last Saturday night by a score of 21 to 12. The winners were slow in getting off but soon got in their strides and played rings around the rough techs. Both teams committed a number of fouls but Captain Lafayette was off in tossing. Wilson of Howard made two spectacular goals and Gilmore made goals at will.

Don't imagine a smile is always a self sacrificing, martyr-like ar-

CAMPUS JOTS

"Who's who" in Miner Hall is a very perplexing question.

The Miner Hall line up will be seen in all its splendor at the basket ball game tomorrow night.

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A service in the honor of the anniversary of Charles Sumner was held at the regular Chapel hour last Friday.

Mr. Babcock of the Bureau of Education, was present at Chapel last Monday. He gave a short and inspiring talk, full of ginger.

The recent surgical operation at the Freedmen's Hospital is bringing forth much commendable talk from the medical profession.

Don't be a good fellow, if you can't be best; be a man and not be last. This advice is needed by the many swains who frequent Miner Hall.

Mr. Fred Morris of the college class of 1910 has recently been heard from. He holds a position in the Negro bank at Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

We want to urge the JOURNAL readers to contribute. It is excellent training. Write something short and full of interest to the student body.

All rejoice to hear that Mr. Ernest Wetmore of the Academy is improving at the Freedman's Hospital. He is recovering after a difficult and wonderful operation.

Dr. Parks delivered the address at the Vesper Service last Sunday. His talk was instructive and inspiring. The singing was of the usual high order, the choir beautifully rendering several anthems.

Prayer meeting was conducted nest Pollard, Instructor in Commercial Department. The subject was "Insincerity." The meeting was enthusiastic and was well attended.

The latest issue of the Joseph K. Brick News has arrived. You will find it in the library. Be sure to read "Some Essential Elements in the Development of Character", by Principal T. S. Inborden.

Last Friday night Miss Flora Johnson, Chief Librarian, delivered a brilliant lecture to the Alpha Phi Literary Society on her "Travels in England". Her lecture was very vivid, picturesque, entertaining and instructive. It is hoped that Miss Johnson will favor us again soon.

Tonight a picture of the honored and revered Frederick Douglass, will be unveiled in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel under the auspices of the Department of History. The Honorable Archibald Grimke will deliver the principal address. A rare treat is expected.

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