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THE ACADEMY HERALD

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EDITORIALS.

Howard has made singular progress since its organization two score years ago, in various lines. Its buildings have increased to mark its onward steps, notwithstanding its beautiful location and excellent facilities for educational purposes, have aided to increase the student body from a few hundred to more than a thousand. With its new Carnegie Library, Science Building, and the bright prospects of a gymnasium, the twelve hundred Royal Howardites are rejoicing in the future of the institution.

The growth, too, of the Academy has been healthful and constant. From forty pupils in 1885, it has increased to three hundred and twenty-five; from a scanty three-years' course to a very full course of four years, presided over by a competent and efficient faculty of thirteen. Long since the Academy students realized that the boundary lines of an education do not end in the classroom. But the mastery of science, art and literature is but an incentive to seek greater tasks.

With these facts in mind the Eureka Literary Society was formed, in which all students receive training in public speaking, and enjoy literary advantages which cannot be gotten in the classroom. Realizing, too, the ideals for which the society stands, are the essential elements to a well-rounded education. It not only believes in the accumulation of a multitude of facts, but also that an ability to express these facts in a forcible and cultured manner, is as essential as or more essential than the accumulation thereof. It awakens and trains the latent powers which would otherwise

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remain dormant and unskilled. It serves as a test for much theoretical instruction and is a sufficient reason within itself for its necessity and practical utility.

This society, wishing to bring to the public eye the material it has, and at the same time prepare its students for greater tasks in the journalistic world, has issued this booklet, the ACADEMY HERALD. It is but the outgrowth of the institution and its signal success. Our Alma Mater in the height of her glory and the strength and splendor of her youth has brought forth another child, and we truly hope it will not be treated as an alien.

The appropriations for Howard University this year were: \$90,000 for Science Hall; \$50,000 for Carnegie Library (and an annual income of \$5,000 for its support); and \$5,000 for equipments in the Medical School.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

One of President Thirkield's heart's desires has about been realized, for a new library building is now in process of construction for the University. When the President first came to the University he saw the need of better library facilities, he did not talk about the need of these facilities, but quietly began to seek some means through which a new library might be added to the University. After much patient and persistent effort, the President found the means. Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered \$50,000 for a new library building with conditions to be fulfilled. The conditions have been met and the library building will be completed by the opening of the fall term of school. The President's efforts have been crowned with success.

The building will be located on a beautiful part of the campus, near Sixth Street, and about seventy-five feet north of the main entrance to the campus, and will face the east. It will measure 95 feet in length and 48 feet in depth, exclusive of book stacks. On the first floor, besides the entrance hall and delivery desks, there will be two large reading rooms capable of accommodating several hundred readers. There will also be a room for the librarian and space for cataloging. On the second floor there will be a large