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"The College Woman"

IN the Independent Magazine for the month of May 1912 there appears an article on "Tabulated College Women" written by Miss M. Lansing of Mount Holyoke College. The writer does not pretend to make a general survey of college women but limits her horizon to the graduates of Mount Holyoke, and permits the conclusions to make application of themselves as fitting the whole situation. Miss Lansing writes in order to give a mild justification of Mount Holyoke's existence, and as a gentle plea for the higher education of women. The justification is based upon two facts, that college women marry and that college women do play their part in the discouragement of race suicide.

The statistics of Mount Holyoke show that forty-four per cent of her graduates marry. This is not encouraging. This shows in the fact that the average age of marriage among such women is about thirty years. That college women play their part in the discouragement of race suicide is not very evident from the fact that less than one half marry and those that marry average fewer than three children each.

That women should be educated in the higher branches in order that they might make a better living seems to be the strongest argument, though not intended as such. But statistics do not confirm this and Miss Lansing says that those who have taken higher degrees have not been justified from the standpoint of economic returns.

You find the graduates of Mount Holyoke in almost all professions and avocations of life. The number is increasing; whether they make good or not is a problem of experience and belongs to the future. The effect that it will have upon Society, will soon be determined. The difference in abilities and capabilities of the two sexes if there be any will certainly be made manifest.

Judging the article as a whole, if the fifty-six per cent of the graduates were as the forty per cent there would be no argument against Mount Holyoke; but since they are not justification is yet to be substantiated.

If the "Culture for Culture's Sake" argument is any good and has any application it certainly should fit into Mount Holyoke's purpose for, as Miss Lansing says, her "Culture for Service" is not remarkable, and the economic return has not been satisfactory.

From Miss Lansing's conclusion it can be deduced that if women are to be given higher education under the same conditions as in the past, they should educate themselves from the standpoint of culture for its own sake and not for the economic values which are derived from its application.

P. B. L.

NOTICE!

For the benefit of those who failed to subscribe for THE JOURNAL at the beginning of the year we now offer students the privilege of subscribing for the remaining half year for the price of forty cents.

Alphi Phi Addressed By Dr. Merrill E. Gates

On "Sidney Lanier, the
Southern Poet"

THE Alphi Phi Literary Society had the honor to present to the students and friends of the University a unique evening of pleasure and culture in music and poetry, last Friday, the twenty-fourth inst.

The musical part of the programme was rendered by Miss Olive Mae Wells and Miss Mary L. Europe, a well known pianist of Washington City. Miss Wells, as usual, pleased the audience with her charming contralto; Miss Europe gave out remarkable interpretations of Characteristic Waltz and Zuleika Oriental Waltz, selections written by the late S. Coleridge-Taylor.

The other part of the program consisted of an address by Dr. Merrill E. Gates, Ex-President of Amherst College, on "Sidney Lanier, the Southern poet." Dr. Gates has given much time to the study of the life of this southern poet and musician; and hence was as well fitted as any man to give the life of this poet. Dr. Gates told in a fascinating way the life history of Sidney Lanier; his love to write poetry early in life, of his inheritance of a weak body; of his heroic struggles for health and existence.

Dr. Gates showed that the subject of his discourse possessed all the qualities necessary for the making of a great poet. The thing most of all emphasized both in the life and the poetry of Sidney Lanier was that he never lost sight of the moral element. This, it was pointed out by Dr. Gates, is somewhat rare in most parts; but is imperative for a truly great one. It was this that was the big note sounded in the poetry of the great Southern poet.

School of Theology Renders Interesting Program at Y. M. C. A.

In spite of the fact, that last Sunday was the beginning of the week of examinations, a large number of young men laid aside their books to attend the afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A., where they listened to an interesting program by members of the School of Theology.

The program was in the form of a symposium on the subject: "The Relation of the Y. M. C. A. to the Church." Five minute addresses were made by a representative of each class, Messrs. Walker, '15, Stennett, '14, and Long, '13. The addresses though brief were right to the point and showed signs of considerable preparation.

Each class was also represented by a musical number, Mr. Jackson, '15, sang a baritone solo, Mr. Poindexter, '13 rendered a tenor

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solo, both selections were appropriate for the occasion.

The most remarkable feature of the entire program, and one which deserves special mention, was the instrumental selections rendered by Mr. R. A. Carter, '14 who is totally blind. There was no one in the audience who was not touched to the heart as he sat listening to the sweet strains of music produced by one who, through his cheerful optimism and persistent effort, has triumphed over such a physical handicap as blindness. —E. B. S.

Examinations

The mind of every student is taxed to its highest capacity this week of stress and strain. This is the time of reckoning, of determining whether a student has mastered a sufficient amount of what he has gone over to warrant his continuation in his courses. Whether or not this is a fair method of valuation of ability, there is no way to determine. At any rate, it is the way the intellectual world values an individual now-a-day. For the most insignificant kind of position an examination is required, and the man calculated to fill the bill is the man who can pass the highest examination.

One value of examination is that it helps the student to grasp and handle the technical, fine points. It helps him to be definite and concrete; for examination questions usually call for definiteness and concreteness, indices of power. The time is at hand when men must know something definite, something that some one else does not know or better than any one else does. The average man has a plenty of profuse and scattered knowledge. The man of the hour is the one who can coordinate this knowledge, who can put his hand on the right thing at the right moment.

Call for Red Blood Rushes

Yale News Says Present Demonstrations are Sappy and Anaemic

Branding the present college rushes as "sappy and anaemic" the Yale Daily News to-day demanded a return to the "red-blood" rushes of former times.

"In the not remote future an ancient tradition, known as the Washington's Birthday rush will have been presented in a degenerate, farcial manner, or steps will have been taken to do away entirely with the custom," said the News. "For three years now we have seen this dismal survival of what, in the days gone by, was a rush in every sense of the word, and we cannot refrain from again crying out against doing homage to tradition with such a rank imitation.

"When we think of the anaemic attempts at preserving this tradition: of the chicken-hearted participation in the scene; of its organization, which has shorn it of every semblance of spontaneity and red-blooded enthusiasm, we must cry out with a plea to produce the fence rush as it has

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The Lady of Lyons by the
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been given us, or else urge that such forlorn, insipid copies of the original be stopped immediately, and forgotten as quickly as possible; for the sham virility we have witnessed recently is not much of a boast.

Perhaps this is an era of pink teas, and wine, and game dinners, when men shirk, instead of occasionally participating in the rougher things of life. No matter what is responsible, we deplore the sappy effeminate element that makes a rush but an empty show. It is high time that we should admit it and put an end to this hollow mockery if for no other reason than out of respect for a better age than ours."

The Old Regime

The modern college, like every thing else in its day, has been much changed in pedagogical methods especially. Between the elective and the group system it seems to be somewhat foundered. Here it stands on a middle ground, as it were, where it has a tendency in the group system to get as close to the old method as possible.

Every student delights to sit under the instructions of a reverent, old, learned professor, in whom there seems to be stored up the knowledge of the ages, and who, while he studied under the old regime, seems to be well saturated in modern ideas and principles.

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Three Million Stamps Are Used Each Day

Startling figures are shown indicating the amount and value of United States stamps used during the year. More than nine million stamps have been sold and the stamp collectors are still busy. As an evidence of prosperity it is interesting to note that there is a five dollar postage stamp, more than 11,500 of which were sold last year, and besides these more than eighty thousand of the one-dollar denomination.

It has been estimated that more than three million stamps per day were used by the people of the United States last year. As one French humorist remarked in England. "That shows that the American people are certainly used to licking." He thought he had sprung a real joke, but was surprised to hear the American's apt reply, "Yes, we lick the stamps to keep in trim for licking the other fellows." The Amer-

ican eagle screamed, the flag unfurled and the American complimented himself upon having patriotically vindicated the dignity of Uncle Sam by a pertinent allusion to an humble postage stamp." —National Magazine.

He Couldn't Answer

In a debate at the Wichita high school woman suffrage was under discussion. "It would be unwise to give the ballot," declared a budding Daniel Webster in attacking the proposition. "Woman could not be relied upon to exercise good judgment in voting. She changes her mind far too often." The next speaker was a young woman. She arose and cast a pitying glance at her opponent. "I would like to ask my honorable opponent," she cooed sweetly, "if he ever tried to change a woman's mind once it was made up?" The young woman got the decision. — Kansas City Star.

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EDITORIAL

¶ If one third as much studying were done regularly as there has been cramming this one week, how ideal a student life would each one of us live.

¶ The true place for any man is the place where he can do the most good. There are many men who lose sight of this in their scramble for office and high place. There is no better time to learn this fact than when in school. Find out where you are needed and exert your efforts to reaching that place rather than

pushing and struggling into that position where you can be of no service to your fellow-men.

¶ Prior to last year the JOURNAL staff had been selected by the outgoing staff. Last year the faculty committee decreed that the JOURNAL staff should be elected by popular vote. In order to be eligible to vote a paid up subscription to the JOURNAL is required. We wish to advise those who have not subscribed, also those who have subscribed and have not paid their subscription, to attend to this at once. All who wish to vote must pay their subscriptions by March the first. After March the first, those who have not subscribed, will have to subscribe and pay for a whole year in order to be eligible to vote. Half year subscriptions will be received, subscriptions to entitle subscribers to vote, until March the first.

Those who wish to vote and haven't subscribed, may have the privilege of subscribing for a half year until March the first. After this time, only a year's subscription will make one eligible to vote. Subscriptions that are not paid by March the first, will render one ineligible to vote.

Big Meet For The Colored Athletes

Three Associations Interested In
Gathering at Convention Hall
February 28

Reprinted from the Washington Star
of February 26

Everything is being brought to a state of readiness for the indoor meet to be held for colored athletes February 28, at the beginning of the inauguration celebrations, in Convention Hall. It promises to surpass the initial effort of 1910, and will be the biggest event of its kind ever held.

The games committee, representing the Teacher's Benefit and Annuity Association, the Public Schools Athletic League and the

Interscholastic Athletic Association, sponsors for the meet, has a group of hustling workers which is laboring hard to insure success.

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania will make its first appearance in track and field athletics in this indoor meet. Quite a lot of material is on hand and in training to represent the Quaker institution in the relay race and events open to collegiate athletes. Judging from the splendid opportunity for conditioning men, it is safe to say that Lincoln will be well represented.

Hampton Institute has never before entered into track competition with institutions of her class, but will this season send the pick of the thousand and more students there to test speed and endurance with Howard and Lincoln Universities at this meet.

Howard University is possessed of a wealth of track material. All of the former stars of the cinder path with the exception of Binga Dismond who is now captain of the Smart Set Athletic Club of Brooklyn, are yet in school, and this quota is increased by three or four of the best sprint men, hurdlers and other track artists in the country. Coaches Meyers and Marshall hope to win easily collegiate honors and perhaps take in the amateur championship title as well.

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Under the leadership of Captain Binga Desmond, the well known Smart Set Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be on hand to contest for the supremacy of the colored amateur organizations of the country. Among the members of this club are several noted ex-P. S. A. L. athletes of New York who have often led many the best men of the N. Y. A. C. and the I. A. A. C. to the tape.

The management is also assured that Howard Drew may be down for the meet. This in itself will prove the feature of the occasion.

Harry Duplessis of Philadelphia is in charge of the interest of the meet. He assures us that representative relay teams will be on hand, and that a surprise is in store for other city athletes.

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The Dunbar Athletic Association of Baltimore has always shown as a topnotch club here in Washington, and has on many occasions defeated our best amateur organizations.

Wilberforce University has written that its athletes may be on hand on the night of the 28th, if suitable arrangements can be made.

Athletes from far and near are sending for blanks, and the local track men at the Y. M. C. A., of the high schools, and clubs are in strict training.

The turns are to be banked, much to the satisfaction of visiting athletes. Handsome gold silver and bronze medals of the design of the 1910 meet, will be awarded point winners. Cups will be awarded in each class of competition.

Tickets are now placed on sale at the Y. M. C. A. Over 200 seats have been taken already. The Hoffman Band, a local organization, will be on hand to render music to enliven the occasion.

Social Science Club

On Thursday evening of last week, the Social Science Club was entertained in the Assembly room of Miner Hall by Mrs. Parks, and Miss McAleer. The speaker for the evening was Miss Olcott, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College. The address was primarily a narrative of the speaker's personal experience in her work in one of the paper mills of Holyoke Mass., where she was employed as a welfare worker.

Miss Olcott pointed out that in this great manufacturing town owned and controlled by the mill owners, no relief of the present situation of nonsanitation, low wages and the like is possible except by organization of the laborers.

After the address the members of the Club were served with refreshments, prepared by the hostesses. The meeting was one of the most profitable the Club has held.

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The Worsted Man

By George Wesley Blunt

What is considered one of the best and most up-to-date little musical plays at present is "The Worsted Man," which was presented by the Treble Clef Club in Cleveland Hall Chapel, Hampton Institute, Virginia, Saturday evening, January 25th. This play was written by the famous humorist John Kendrick Bangs, at one time the editor of Puck Magazine. The performance was for the benefit of the King's Daughters Society.

From a previous performance of "The Worsted Man" one hundred dollars was realized. This amount was given to the proposed State Reformatory for Colored Girls.

The Treble Clef Club was organized in 1907 for mutual improvements along musical lines. This club meets bi-monthly and renders short programs of a musical nature for the benefit of its members. It is a member of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

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community by engaging her musical services for a concert at Hampton Institute last year. The concert proved to be one of unusual merit.

The musical selections from the comic operas of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan were ably handled by the club under the direction of Mrs. Noelus Bailey. Mrs. Bailey is well known as an excellent teacher of vocal and instrumental music. She is a competent, capable, and efficient worker with clubs. The Students' Orchestra, with James C. Smith, directing, was a very creditable addition to the entertainment.

The performance was far ahead of the average and should be classed with the best of amateur attractions. The catchy costumes and well trained chorus, together with the very effective scenery, charming music, wit, humor, and local hits go to make up an entertainment of exceptional worth.

It is with sincere regret that time and space will not permit us to mention each player. The entire cast was carefully selected and each played his part excellently.

Mr. J. Wirt Robinson, "The Worsted Man", with his rapidity, swiftness of action, peculiar physiognomy and general mimicry stands without competition. Mr. Thomas A. Bolling, "Sambo Front, Esq." as chief assistant to Mr. Robinson in fun making is unquestionably without a rival.

The play was pervaded throughout with a persistent humor. All of its happenings are possible and logical, and the dialogue is conspicuously lifelike and human. "The Worsted Man" needs no further recommendation than the jolly good fun of it.

Mrs. W. T. B. Williams, president of the Treble Clef Club, should be elated at the success of the performance.

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Pestalozzi-Froebel Society

The Pestalozzi-Froebel Society rendered a most enjoyable program on Friday last in Library Hall. The Society has indeed reached the high-water mark under the leadership of President A. W. Reason. There were eleven numbers on the program, the execution of which reflected the talents of the performers.

Such a program merits the attention and the attendance of every student of the University. And it is gratifying to note that the last meeting was well attended.

The Society expects to make each program better than the last. O. M.

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Personals

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Parker has got "baby" Sykes scared to even look over toward Miner Hall.

When Miss O. wears her glasses she looks exactly like "foxy grandma."

I wonder do the west (West) winds know about Charlie "Gar-fumble's" Columbia belle?

"Henpecko" Forbes has given away his new sweater even before wearing it once himself.

Poor Beamon fell like Lucifer; who would have thought that he would have lost out in Raleigh.

Among the great inventions of the day is "Papa" lover Crawford — the original "Come-back" man.

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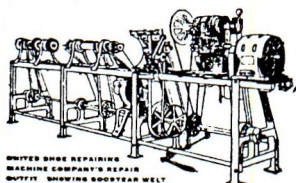
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Bible teacher: "Name the Seven Plagues."

Johnson: "Psychology, Political Science, Physics, Chemistry, Latin, French, Mathematics."

Juniors Elect Officers

Monday, January 21, the Junior Class of the School of Liberal Arts elected the following members as the Class Officers for the second semester of the school year 1912-13.

Mr. Leonard Johnson, President; Miss Beatrice Hardy, Vice-president; Miss Wertie Blackwell, Secretary; Miss O. Davis, Asst. Secretary; Miss Madro Penn, Treasurer; Mr. Howard Brown, Chaplain; Mr. Lucius Brown, Journalist; Mr. Walter S. Hanna, Critic; Mr. Lorenzo Turner, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dramatics

The Dramatic club is fast working into form; the rehearsals are well on the way. Everything looks very encouraging for a successful presentation this season. Posters are already out announcing the appearance of the Club at Howard Theater for Friday evening, February 22. Tickets will soon be on sale. The Dramatic Club has always been popular with the Washington public, and every year the club has more than come up to the expectation of its patrons. This year promises to be no exception to that general rule. The cast is highly competent: the play, "The Lady of Lyons" is lively and one that will take readily, and the price for witnessing the performance is within the reach of all.

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 Ascending,—
 Twilight, on the silent world,
 Descending,—
 Lengthy shadows to the east-
 ward,
 Bending,—
 Far away!
 Hope forlorn!
 Love-light, o'er my highest wish,
 Ascending,—
 Dark doubt, on my pining heart,
 Descending,—
 One soul always breathes thy
 name,
 Unending;—
 But thou art gone!

When, in my dreams uplifted,
 Thy image, love, has drifted
 On its way;
 Leave not my heart in sorrow,—
 Stay till the coming 'morrow:—
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