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The Douglass, Truth, and Washington Commemoration Exercises



THE commemoration exercises of Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Booker Washington held under the auspices of the Department of History and the college branch of the N. A. A. C. P. were both helpful and instructive. Mr. Clarence Rambagave an excellent oration on the subject, "Douglass, A Product of the Old Order," describing the conditions when slavery was the heritage of the Negro; Mr. Walter Burke spoke on "Douglass, A Prophet of the New Era," telling of Douglass' struggle to overcome the old conditions; Miss Amy Goodwin sang very sweetly *His Lullaby* by Carrie Jacobs Bond; Miss Bertha Smith gave a biography of Sojourner Truth. The subject of Miss Smith's paper was "Sojourner Truth, A Herald of Emancipation." Miss Smith gave a vivid picture of Sojourner Truth as she worked for the cause of the Negro, unselfishly, eloquently, and firmly convinced of her God-appointed mission. Mr. Uziah Miner gave in his usual characteristic manner an oration on "Booker Washington, the Pioneer of Vocational Education." Miss Lottie Gatewood read an original poem on Washington, while Mr. T. M. Dent delivered an oration on the subject: "Frederick Douglass, the Typical American." Miss Alice Yoncey recited Dunbar's poem on "Frederick Douglass," and Miss Lillian Evans sang one of Coleridge-Taylor's songs the

words of which were written by Paul Lawrence Dunbar. After this part of the program was concluded, Mr. George Hall introduced Dean Kelly Miller, who gave a brief resumé of the character and works of Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Booker Washington.

These exercises presenting to the students great Negro men and women, are helpful in instilling proper race pride.

After the program, members of the N. A. A. C. P. together with the members of the Department of History assembled in Spaulding Hall to enjoy the annual "pow-wow."

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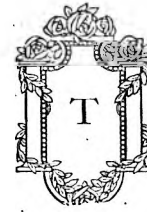
The time for accepting manuscripts for admission to *The Stylus* has been extended to February 24th. All persons desiring to compete for membership will please hand in their manuscripts on or before that date.

Meeting of the Howard Alumni Interesting Discussion and Committees Appointed

The regular meeting of the Washington branch of the Howard University Alumni Association was held Saturday evening in Library Hall. What the relations of the alumni should be to the University, and how the alumni can help the Institution were topics discussed by Rev. Dr. Wiseman in his address before the Association. Miss Maggie Jefferson sang, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Pelham. Communications were read from Mr. E. B. Henderson, chairman of games

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The "Cercle Francais" Renders Program President Newman Delivers Lecture



THE "Cercle Francais," recently organized by Professor C. A. Guillot's French students, rendered its first programme last Friday afternoon in Library Hall. An interesting and instructive lecture by President S. M. Newman featured the occasion. After reflecting for a few moments upon the vivacity and exceptional accuracy of the French language, Dr. Newman spoke at some length upon some of the most salient features of the life and character of the French race. He mentioned, in part, that the crusades were born of the characteristic fervor and enthusiasm of the French people; that feudalism was their ingenious method of passing from a stage in which everybody was at the mercy of everybody else to a stage in which there was a system of mutual protection between lord and vassal. In art he mentioned that the germs of Gothic architecture originated in France. In the field of literature, he pointed out that without the French there could have been no Shakespeare; for it was the influence of the Norman-French upon the cold, matter-of-fact Saxon which gave birth to the romantic spirit in English Literature, of which Shakespeare is the greatest representative.

In conclusion, Dr. Newman emphasized the fact that the charges of fickleness and superficiality that are made against the French often arise from a too

cursory observation of their life, but that he who studies them deeply finds that the French possess a great reserve of literary, moral and political strength which makes them a great and admirable race.

The "Cercle Francais" had a most auspicious beginning and bids fair to become one of our most beneficial student organizations. The club is headed by Miss Virginia Scott of the Class '16, and is open to all students who are pursuing courses in French in the University above the first year.

—J. L. Berry, Reporter.

Olympics Defeat Academy

The Academy basketball team received a severe defeat from the Olympic Athletic Club of Harrisburg, Pa., in Harrisburg, Thursday night, February 10. The Academy boys were outclassed from the start, and it was not until the second-half did they make a point. Capt. Fields of the Olympics was the star of the game scoring 22 points; while Capt. Goens of the Academy did good passing. Score 41—10.

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Mr. Edward Frazier, *President*.
Mr. John Berry, *Vice-President*.
Miss Virginia Scott, *Secretary*.
Miss Jennie Baer, *Treasurer*.
—V. M. Scott, '16.

Senior Class Elects Officers

The Senior Class of the Teachers College met on Thursday, January twenty-fifth, and elected the following officers for the second semester:

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The Scholarship Rule in Athletics

In the midst of a busy school life, it becomes necessary to turn aside to call attention to a persistent misinterpretation and misapplication of that rule prohibiting students from participating in athletics unless they maintain a certain average. It seems to be the Academy team, and consequently the Academy athletics, that suffer most in this respect. The rule prohibits a man from *participation* in athletics unless his average is maintained, but it seems to be interpreted to the effect that a man is prohibited from going away with the team. The men are allowed to participate up until the time of leaving, then the delinquent ones are held up, thus breaking up the team, usually resulting in defeat when

victory means most for the school, and is hardest to procure. The most recent misapplication was in the case of the Academy team that went to Harrisburg to play there, when five substitutes were compelled to play instead of the five regular men, who most likely would have won the game. It seems that the Faculties of the Academy and Commercial College would be interested enough in the teams representing those departments, and the students participating in athletics, to properly apply that rule and prohibit a man from participating, thus allowing another man to train for the position, and not weaken the team at the last minute. A little cooperation on the part of the Faculty and the management would correct this unfortunate state of affairs. —H. C. S.

University, Richmond, Va., Friday, February 11th, on the subject: "The New Science of Matrimony in its Relation to Racial Development."

The Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed Thursday, February fourth.

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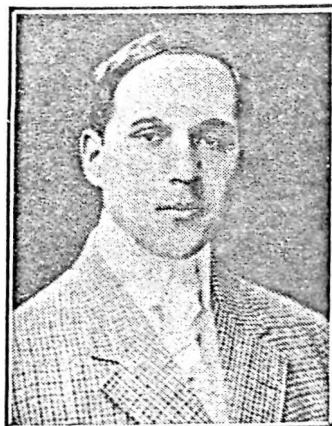
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News in Brief

Reverend Emory B. Smith, '14, addressed the young men of the University, Friday evening, February fifth.

Mrs. Yerby, wife of the American Council to Dakar, Africa, addressed the students at the chapel exercises last week.

Dean L. B. Moore, of the Teachers College, delivered an address before the students of Union



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¶ THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY JOURNAL is an organ of the students of Howard University and aims to express the opinions and convictions of the students. For this reason, the editors cannot hold themselves responsible for the opinions of those who contribute. We find it necessary at times, however, to reject certain articles of a nature which we deem objectionable. For example, a student is disciplined by the authorities of the University; from his point of view he is unjustly treated; he then writes an article for THE JOURNAL in which he "flays" the University Administration, demanding the resignation of certain members of the faculty, because in his opinion they have been unjustly

treated. Another owes a fine in the Library, by the Library rules he is denied the privilege of the Library until the fine is paid; he writes an article for THE JOURNAL upbraiding the Library authorities for carrying out the rules of the Library. Still another has an argument with an instructor in class; the instructor fails to convince him that students sometimes make mistakes; along comes the article for THE JOURNAL, brimful of biting sarcasm, demanding the instructor to resign. Such articles we are compelled to reject, not that we are not in sympathy with the writer but because we believe that such matters ought to be adjusted between the individual and those with whom he has a grievance, and are not of sufficient interest to take up the time of our readers.

¶ It is very gratifying to note that the Greek Letter Societies are still holding their own in scholarship at the University. These organizations, once looked upon with a degree of apprehension, are now forming a distinct part in the school life at Howard and are assisting the University in solving one of her problems—the dormitory problem. Five fraternities at the University have each a chapter house. From fifteen to twenty-five members live, board, and study at these houses. This relieves the University from preparing accommodations for about one hundred students, and further relieves authorities from the trouble of making homelike conditions for the out-of-town students.

We regret, however, that the majority of the fraternity houses are located so far from the University campus that the students living in them find it inconvenient to be on the campus as often as is desirable. Howard needs every one of her sons and daughters close about her. Her beautiful campus should be the dwelling-place of her sons and daughters

both day and night. It would indeed be an inspiring sight to see the campus dotted with conveniently-arranged, modernly-equipped fraternity houses in which the young men and women of the different organizations reside. Such houses would, we feel, unite more closely all the students, and would cement more firmly the friendship of one organization for the other. There would be little need for supervision on the part of authorities, because each organization would vie with the other in making its members live up to its traditions, reputation, and ideals. The University would mean more to each student than a place for classroom work; and all would be ready and in place to answer to the call of old Howard.

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For a few minutes I was very much confused, as I thought, over the situation; but the disappointment from which I had suffered awakened in me the determination to know more of the girl. However, I decided that I would call her up before closing my office and chat with her a little. I took the receiver from the hook and rang up Moxley Hall, to which call Elia herself responded.

"Elia," said I tenderly and beseechingly, "you have ruined my plans for to-night. What shall I do?"

"Come over tomorrow night," she replied, "I am sorry that I cannot see you to-night, but the law here will not allow any more very frequent visits."

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as if in a restless mood: "Come tomorrow evening."

"Very well," I replied and bade her good-bye.

I decided that I would not press her for any explanation of this matter, but that I would see her tomorrow night at which time I would look into things more thoroughly. However, I had sufficiently recovered from my disappointment, which was not a pleasant experience for me. But I almost became disgusted with myself when I reflected what a dunce I was, to be enraptured with one of whom I knew so little. And so kicking myself for having thrown myself into such a passion and confusion, I hastily made my plans for the evening. While I was not in love with Ethel Wellington, nevertheless, I did admire her grace and beauty. So it was to this spot, to the home of Judge Wellington, that I turned my attention in order that I might find some balm, some solace for my discomfort.

A few minutes found me at home where I merely minced my dinner and then went to my room where I began to dress for the evening. As the church bells rang for 7:30, I stepped out upon the street and made my way to the Wellingtons. At the touch of the bell the Judge as usual responded and ushered me, with greetings of appreciation for my call, into the living room. As I entered, I was not surprised at finding Jim Banford in his accustomed place. Ethel, as usual, as if she had not seen me for an age, arose to greet me; and I settled myself down for a conversation. Jim gazed before him thoughtfully, but said nothing in reply to any of our conversation. We were greatly absorbed in a conversation when the sound of the door bell announced another visitor. It was Ethel who answered it and returning announced to her father the presence of two women whom she had ushered into the library. The Judge immediately

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Day of Prayer for Colleges Observed at Howard

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In the Junior Class there is another of the fairer sex, Miss Alice Watkins, of Alabama.

Pee Wee Maitland, better known as "Stump," "Runt," and "Little Rock," is the shortest man in the Dental School.

Dr. Arthur Curtis, who holds the chair of Anesthesia in the Dental College, is giving some interesting lectures on Oral Sepsis.

Dr. Barrier—"Kofi, what's that you are picking out of that cavity?"

Kofi—"Dentine, professor, Dentine."

Sometime ago Dr. F. P. Barrier, the efficient superintendent of the Infirmary, gave the Seniors a stag which was enjoyed by all who were present.

Big Indian chief, Wabashu Wiley, who is a Senior, is probably the best colored baseball catcher in the world. He is also one of the best in our class, as a student.

The Dental school cordially invites every Howard student to come to see them whenever there comes a "down in the mouth" feeling. Our class has establish-

ed the reputation for delivering the goods.

The Senior Class of the Dental School is the largest class that department has ever had, there being an enrollment of forty-seven members. It is this class that has broken all records in setting higher standard in class work efficiency.

The Senior class is heartily in favor of the University Year Book proposition which is being fostered by all the degree departments of the University, and promises to do its best in cooperating with the other departments to make this effort of the 1916 Seniors a great success.

Mr. Thomas Jones, whose nickname is "Dog Walking Tom" (given him for walking from Chicago to Washington) is the best piano player in the department. "Roajer" Clark, his chum, can thump some also, but he is running a closer race with "Little Rock" Maitland for "brevity of height."

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The Coming Indoor Meet

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The high school entries still keep pouring in; among the latest, besides those in the city, being Baltimore High School. This meet should result in the most spirited and enthusiastic competition among the various high schools.

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Notes

On February 22nd, the Varsity basketball team plays the Alpha five in New York. The Alpha team is considered one of the best colored quints in the country and the White and Blue basketballers must show real form in order to be returned the victor. The Varsity is working hard to win this game in order to show the New Yorkers that Howard is still a worthy basketball rival.

Hampton established her right to be regarded as one of the best basketball teams of the season, when she defeated the renown St. Christopher Machine in New York on January 28th. Everyone expected to see Hampton crushed by the hitherto invincible New Yorkers, but Hampton played rings around the Red and Black Machine. The 24 to 15 score indicates Hampton's superiority over such a formidable rival as St. Christopher.

Howard is sure to be in the running at the coming indoor meet. Such men as Sampson, Stratton, Wilson, Pinderhughes, Williams, and Martin should show up to true form and will be keen rivals in the events which they enter. Besides these are other men rapidly rounding into form and they will also add strength to our team. Realizing the strength of other teams that are entered, Manager Martin is

driving his charges to the limit in his effort to pave the way to a Howard victory.

For the third consecutive time within two weeks Howard P. Drew, the great negro sprinter, has taken the measure of Joe Loomis. At the Fordham University indoor meet last Friday night Drew, Loomis, and Ray Morse engaged in a 90-yard dash event. The event was run in 9 and 1-5 seconds and Morse, who ran second, forced Drew to extend himself. Both Drew and Morse will be seen in the 50-yard invitation race at the indoor meet in Convention Hall on the 25th.

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excusing himself went into the adjoining room, from which, during the presence of the guests, came the sound of harsh words. Half-listening and trying to focus my attention upon the conversation with Ethel I sat there. I knew that it was extremely out of place to be listening at something that did not concern me, but I was not just sure that it did not. As a detective I had kept my eyes open to every possible clue for the apprehension of any criminal. Then, too, I was ever mindful of the fact that the Judge was in the midst of a trial of some desperate ranchers of whom he had need to be fearful. For although the Judge had decided the case, there was some possible dissatisfaction of the gang as to its possible outcome. Four of their crowd had been sentenced to life imprison-

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ment, leaving behind three others whom I believe were equally as guilty and should have suffered the same punishment. I was mindful that Plucky Sims, as he was called, the greatest desperado of the gang, was pressing the Judge for some possible acquittal. So it was he whom I feared more than the rest. For an hour or more this medley of voices kept up until finally the visitors made their departure.

The Judge did not return to our company but called me into the library. I arose hastily believing that there was some possible trouble with the gang. But when I had taken my seat, the Judge said:

"Taylor Wendell, I need your assistance more than ever."

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Meeting of the Howard Alumni

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committee of the coming indoor track-meet, to be held in Convention Hall. The Association was asked to contribute a suitable trophy to the coming meet to be held at Convention Hall. The Association decided to do all within its power to make the attendance large and the meet a financial success.

President S. S. Thompson named the following committees: Executive, Dr. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Wiseman, G. Smith Wormley, E. L. Scott, Miss Emily Banion, Prof. T. W. Turner, Dr. E. G. Evans, Sylvester McLaurer, A. F. Tinkett, Prof. George W. Hines, E. W. Turner, Miss Alma J. Scott, Prof. N. P. G. Adams, Dr. Evelyn G. Mitchell and J. I. Nelson; Athletics, James L. Carter, B. Jackson, Dr. W. L. Smith, Miss Lucy D. Slow and Wm. H. Foster.

Junior Class Elects Officers

Saturday, February fifth, the Junior Class of the Teachers College elected the following officers: President, Shirley Wade. Vice-President, Lucile Gil-

Secretary, Ernstine Lancaster. Assistant Secretary, Artie Ross.

Treasurer, Frank Perkins.

Chaplain, W. B. Poindexter.

Journalist, J. S. Hughson.

Critic, E. M. Lawson.

Sergeant-at-Arms, C. T. Nap-
per.

Notes

Bailey says that a "tender-age" girl in Miner Hall is all right until you want to take her to a fraternity reception.

Chase says that the "theory of limits" and "infinite series" won't mix with solid geometry, when the Freshman lady told him she couldn't use his company for the track meet.

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