Compulsory Education in Germany

Nowhere is the value of education more highly appreciated than in Germany. It is almost a truism that laws requiring men to provide for their own welfare are scarcely necessary where the sentiment in favor of such regulations is well nigh unanimous. Education is compulsory in Germany and perhaps in that country least of all is there strict need of such requirement. The administrators of school affairs do not have to deal with many truants. Between the ages of six and fourteen when the child is required by law to attend school regularly not more than a dozen children out of the total number between those ages were willingly absent, according to statistics recently given out. Such a perfect enforcement of such a law is possible only where a wholesome sentiment prevails, where civilization has reached a high stage of development. In 1893 only one half of one per cent. of the men who were received into the Prussian army were illiterate, which is a very small per cent., for practically all the men are received into the army.

A careful record of all births is kept so that the age of each child in the parish may be known. It is the duty of the police who take the census to furnish to the school board a complete list of all children of school age as well as a list of all such children who have moved into that school district. The school board furnishes a copy of this list to the teachers and principals of the district schools and they know exactly how many children are due at a certain time. There are two semesters one beginning in the spring and the other in the fall. Children are admitted at the beginning of these and in some places at the beginning of the spring semester only.

When the child is absent the police are notified by the teachers and they issue warnings to the parents. When such absence continues the parents are fined in an increasing scale until the evil is remedied. If the child is incorrigible he is put into a reform school. Personal illness is the only excuse accepted.

In Berlin the compulsory laws are enforced by the trustees instead of the police. They are less stringent than in other parts of Germany, because they seem entirely unnecessary. Every child gets at least a common school education, and both parents and children regard it as a calamity when force of circumstances causes absence.

A Tempest in a Teapot

The charge of assault against two students of Howard University, for alleged hazing, preferred by Attorney W. Calvin Chase, on investigation proved to be practically groundless, and the same was withdrawn. It resulted from a boyish scramble on the closing day of the term when they were all in good spirits. No real injury was done.

Hazing is not allowed at Howard University, and the order and high moral tone of the student body during the year has been the occasion of general remark and congratulation.

Hurrah for the Medical College!

In the official journal of the proceedings of the Medical Society in the July report from the District of Columbia, the following facts are of interest:

Dr. George C. Ober, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors in Medicine, in his reports of the written examination held, states that of the three candidates from Howard University School of Medicine, who applied, every one past with creditable standings. The Report shows that of the twenty one who applied from the George Washington University School of Medicine, six failed, and of the six from Georgetown University who took the examinations, three failed.

Proposed 1907 Base Ball Schedule

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All students who intend to play base ball during the season of 07 will please give their names and the positions in which they play before Feb. 1, to the Captain or Manager of base ball team.

J. A. Shorter, Manager.
Practical Joking.

A few days ago a man in Chicago received injuries resulting in his death as the result of a fall which was caused by wire playfully stretched across the sidewalk by some thoughtless youths. This reminds us that the breed of practical jokers is not extinct. In this instance there was no joke involved other than the morbid one of seeing a strange, unsuspecting passer-by thrown suddenly upon a rough pavement. Persons afflicted with heart trouble have been frightened to death by jokers appearing in ghostly attire or by reptiles being thrown upon them. Such tricks are too serious to be funny. Happily these occurrences are becoming fewer in number. The sportively inclined must remember that any joke dangerous to life is a violation of one of the most sacred rights of man.

The Claims of the Ministry

On Wednesday in Chapel the need of competent young men for the ministry was presented. Dr. Isaac Clark, dean of the Theological Department, spoke eloquently and impressively on the dignity and function of the Christian ministry. Dean F. W. Fairfield, of the College of Arts and Sciences, proved earnestly for the extension and increased influence of this most important calling. President Thirkield closed with very timely remarks on the joy of service. He gave an illustration from personal experience.

There is an imperative demand for educated and cultured preachers. The pew seems to be advancing out of all proportions to the pulpit. May all who are truly called speed to this branch of service. And may those who are not called remain away. We have noted the unfortunate influence exerted by ministers who either mistook something else for a call or entered the service with purely business motives.

Dr. Chancellor's Lecture

Mr. Wm. E. Chancellor, Supt. of Public Schools for the District of Columbia, address a class of teachers of Teachers' College Saturday morning on the subject, "Some Conditions of Efficiency." While insisting that real efficiency is the end toward which the teacher should work, it is not the ultimate or highest end, for it is possible for one to become thoroly efficient in the mode of teaching and yet not have reached the ideal in education, but the one having attained the ideal in education is an efficient teacher.

Dr. Chancellor set forth four conditions of efficiency which each person who poses as a teacher should possess, namely: (1) the correct understanding of the meaning of words, (2) the training of the faculties of sense, (3) the keeping of a record of each day's work, (4) good health. When one thinks of the peculiar office of words as the vehicle of our thoughts, feelings and emotions, and as keys by which we enter the storehouse of literature and art the importance of a correct knowledge of these can be readily appreciated. The training of the faculties of sense for the correct discrimination of color, sound and taste was also shown to be very important. The whole of our faculties should be trained for the finding of truth and not falsehood. The importance of keeping a record was shown by the fact that it tends to develop the memory. As an aid in further developing it he advised all to plan each day's work and then strive to live out that plan. When one recalls how one day's, nay one hour's, transaction can destroy one's entire life, thoughtful planning out each day's work becomes exceedingly important.

The closing remarks of Dr. Chancellor were an attempt at defining the three words, motive, purpose, and ideal, so commonly employed by teachers. He ended by saying that the great work of the teacher is to discover the soul of the child in the mass of motives and ideals, and to unify these powers of its mind, and help it to realize that it is a living entity, with the power to eject and project itself into the future.

The name of the Lower Chapel has been changed. It will now be known as the Assembly Room. The name Lower Chapel became a misnomer when the so called Upper Chapel was put out of use. President Thirkield with this fact in mind directed the change of name. The room has been fitted with electric lights.
Dear Friend:

In the name of your Alma Mater—Greeting! As I take up this new work I turn to the Alumni of Howard University as the strongest asset of the institution. You are our representatives. And you are a body of nearly three thousand. What a goodly fellowship is this? Tho you represent the several Departments, yet you are of one University. The spirit of unity is growing. The tide of interest and enthusiasm for the University is rising. Many of the Alumni have gained distinction. Together they constitute a body that, united with common aims, might wield a mighty influence throughout America and other nations represented by them. The present administration proposes to foster a spirit of interest, loyalty and unity throughout the entire body of Alumni.

This cooperation should be given for your own sakes. Also for the sake of your University. To further this plan the Trustees have authorized the publication of The Howard University Record, which will be issued four times a year.

We desire to have every alumnus on our list. This will be the organ of communication among this great body of Alumni. It will keep you in close touch with your Alma Mater. As funds are not available for a publication of the character required to properly represent the University we must that the Alumni will signify its interest by subscribing for the Record. This token will be of greater value than the amount thus made available. We hope for a prompt and general response. The first number will reach you, if we have your correct address, shortly after this letter. You will be delighted to again recall the dear old days of student life as you look over a score of pictures of the buildings and campus of your University, which, in location, equipment and possibilities, takes its place among the first in the nation.

Our Alumni list is not complete. Send us your correct address, stating the Department from which you graduated, also the addresses of others we are not likely to have. Kindly send any items of personal interest which can be used in our publications: books written, honors received, things done—professional, business, mechanical or practical work.

Plan to be present at the great Alumni Reunion during Commencement week—the last of May. This will bring you in touch with hundreds of the old students and Alumni of Howard. More on this later.

With cordial greetings and good wishes, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

W. P. Thirkeld,
President.

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Plea

All of us who were here last year know the enthusiasm which our Intercollegiate Debate aroused and also the wide spread attention which it attracted. We also remember how our gallant team unfortunately went down to defeat and the determination in the minds of every eligible that, if it should be in his power to prevent it, no repetition of this circumstance should occur during his sojourn at Howard.

We are now making preparations for the recapture of those honors. In this endeavor we are branching out into a hitherto untried field in the selection of our team. Just as the football men train day by day to become fitted for their positions on the grid-iron, the base ball men rise at or before dawn for a three mile run before breakfast to harden their muscles and increase their power of endurance for the diamond, and the law of the survival of the fittest governs the selection of these teams, so training must be done that the fittest may survive for the debating team to go upon the rostrum and uphold the glory and honor of old Howard.

The Intercollegiate Debate Committee is arranging a series of preliminary debates, the winners of which are to be selected for the team. Now the first requisite for these prelims is material. Unless we can find undergrads who are willing and able to compete there can be no competition. The prize has been placed within reach of all. It is only necessary to work for it. This plan can include the most modest flower that’s “born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air.” It will take in those of whom we possibly could not have known had we waited for them to display some forensic ability. Will you need a special invitation to try your skill? Have things come to such a pass that you have to be begged to rescue the flag of Howard from alien hands?

To night is set apart for the first of the preliminary debates under the auspices of the Alpha Phi. Come to this meeting, listen to the proceedings, and before you leave do not fail to band your name to the secretary as one who is desirous of aiding in regaining the laurels lost(?) last March.

M. S. Walton, ’09.

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If ever there was a time when Justice overslept itself and Honor seemed dead, it was when slavery tried to crush out the manhood of the American Negro and seal his hopes in the grave of blind despair. But thru the prayers of our ancestors to Almighty God for deliverance, a Moses was raised up in the person of Abraham Lincoln to deliver the people out of the hands of their oppressors. Making use of the pens and voices of the brave, the energy, faith and prayer

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Liberty
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ers of the righteous, the preaching of Beecher and Haven, the writings of Garrison, the poems of Whitier and the speeches of Douglass, Heaven set a thousand batteries in motion and touched them off at the proper time. Many forsook both home and state and trusted to the triumph of a righteous cause. Lovejoy was mobbed and John Brown slain, yet stout hearts like Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Lucretia Mott and Sojourner Truth beat or to the music of Truth’s eternal reign. They were inspired by the brave words of William Lloyd Garrison, who said, “I am in earnest, I will not equivocate, I will not excuse, I will not retreat a single inch and I will be heard. I solicit no man’s praise, I fear no man’s censure. The liberty of a people is the gift of God and Nature. Neither God nor the world will judge us by our profession but by our practises.”

Scarcely had the glad tidings of liberty greeted the ears of long captured millions before persecution began to tread upon their heels. The great John C. Calhoun lived long enough to see his State Institution, the oligarchy of pride and greatness all overthrown and past into the hands of former subjects, who by decree of divine economy had been ordained to reign after a career of faithful service.

We should not be discouraged in these days of race adversity before giving history credit for what is recorded in our favor. Until we have tried the God of Heaven and He fails to answer by fire we should take our stand with Elijah and allow the false prophets of Baal to cut themselves to their hearts’ content. No matter what the Tillmans or Dixons may say, history shows that the destruction of the cornerstone of slavery in 1863 was the beginning of the marvelous temporal prosperity of this Nation. The first blood spilled in defense of American liberty was shed by Crispas Attucks in classic
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BOSTON. With his life blood he consecrated the foundation of the Republic.

Let the Negro remember that his hands and his blood have helped to make this country what it is. Then as he catches ever and anon the odors of its blooming fragrance may he realize that it is his home as well as that of any other sober industrious and aspiring citizen of the nation.

The Week of Prayer

The week now ending was observed by nearly all schools and colleges as a week of praise and prayer to God for past blessings and continued prosperity in things spiritual. Special sermons were preached last Sunday on The Call of God to His People. Again on next Sunday special sermons will be preached on The Attractive Power of Christ Crucified. The program for the rest of the week is:

Monday, The Church of the Living God.
Tuesday, The Gospel of God's Son.
Wednesday, The Christian Ministry.
Thursday, Missions, Home and Foreign.
Friday, Christian Institutions.
Saturday, Coming of the Kingdom.

Work has commenced on Mendelssohn's "Elijah." It will be remembered that this oratorio was given last spring with great success. The united faculty has decided to permit its repetition this year. The Choral Society will soon take up another one of the great compositions with a view to rendering it after the "Elijah."

Dr. Clark to Preach

On Sunday afternoon 13th inst at the vesper service Dean Isaac Clark of the School of Theology will preach. The new hymnals recently bought will be used at that service for the first time. The subscriptions are now payable.

Societies

Alpha Phi

The meeting of the Alpha Phi on last Friday evening was well attended. The Annual Prize Debate will be held on Friday, February 8. The prize will be awarded on a basis of sixty per cent. for argument, twenty per cent. for rhetoric and twenty per cent. for delivery. The subject is: Resolved: That strikes are productive of more harm than good to the working classes. The disputants are Messrs. H. W. Dade, J. F. Dagler, M. S. Walton on the affirmative, S. D. McCree, C. C. Sanford and F. D. Whitby on the negative.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that all disputants in future intercollegiate debates be selected thru a series of preliminary contests. Last Friday evening was set as the time for the first preliminary for this year's intercollegiate debate. No candidates presented themselves and the prelim was postponed until this evening.

Athletic Association

The Athletic Association will hold its semi-annual election Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Assembly Room. At this meeting the manager of the 1907 football team will be elected. Members of the Association from all departments are urged to be present. The banquet, scheduled for Saturday evening, 19th inst.

Christian Endeavor

At the meeting of the V. P. S. C. E. last Saturday evening, Mr. J. L. Titus, the president, led. It was the monthly consecration meeting. President Thirkield was present.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association met on Sunday evening; the meeting was led by Mr. E. P. Davis. President Thirkield was present and spoke on the topic. He met later the special band of Christian workers organized by Mr. Hunton during his visit here recently.

Mr. C. E. Smith of the College of Arts and Sciences will address the Y. M. C. A. this coming Sunday. These meetings are rapidly growing in interest. All young men are invited.

Eureka

Eureka Literary Society, composed of students of the Preparatory and Commercial Departments, set last Friday evening as the opening date for the mock congress. Mr. W. W. Williamson was elected temporary speaker. The body proceeded to the election of a permanent speaker. The democrats and republicans could not agree as to the manner of electing or the members entitled to vote. They did agree to revert to the usual literary organization and matters resumed the even tenor of their way.

An Englishman hailing from Worcester invested some cash in a roaster.

Now the Britisher's fowl,
All used the broad vowl,
So the bird couldn't crow as he worcester.

—Exchange.

A lady in San Francisco engaged a Chinese cook. When he came she asked him his name. "My name" said the Chinaman "is Wang Hang Ho."

"Oh, I cant remember that, I'll call you John."

John smiled and said "What is your name?"

"My name is Mrs. Melville Langdon."

"Me no remember that; I call you Tommy."

Something Wrong

"Could you lend me your automobile for to-morrow?"

"With pleasure."

"Never mind, old chap, if it's in that condition I don't want it."
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