Howard Banners and Howard Blue

On last Friday, the General Alumni Association of Howard University distributed souvenir buttons among the undergraduates. These tokens are unique in two respects: they are memoirs of the first “get-together” meeting of the alumni and students of Howard, and the first unofficial emblems of Howard bearing the official Howard blue. The latter calls to mind the fact that Howardites, from the earliest days, have been sailing under false colors.

We sing—

We are loyal sons of dear old Howard,
And we bow to the white and blue.

Yet, neither the banners which flutter over our athletic field as we cheer our team to victory, nor the pennants with which we so proudly adorn our rooms, are emblems of her “white and blue.” Neither the sweaters which we bestow upon our heroes of the gridiron and the diamond, nor the banners which we award to the deserving victors of debating contests, are designed in the true colors of Alma Mater.

Why matters have been allowed to take such a course, we do not know. It is not ours “to reason why;” but, it is ours to determine the course of future events. Ignorant of the truth, we were not responsible for the errors of the past. But the alumni have pointed out our mistake, have shown us that Howard banners are not designed in the official blue of Howard; have given us souvenirs which match as closely as possible the blue ribbon upon the University degree. The responsibility of the future is upon our shoulders. Surely “We are loyal sons of dear old Howard,”

Let us bow to Her white and blue. —G. D. Pelham, ’18.

Abraham Lincoln

O Martyred State, unthroned by bloody pall!
A fertile life that sprang to fruitful fame!
Thy rending blow on slavery’s head did fall
And lulled to rest forever shackled shame.
But slavery’s offspring lives,—and gloats on pain,
A sceptred bane that drips with human gore!
Yet memories of thy hard life remain
With me, fast lodged in this sad breast, oh, sore!
Lose not thy faith nor loathe thy weary fight,
Plod bravely on,—climb the rugged steep;
Cling close to truth though long and lone the night;
And through life’s dull, grey years so dark and deep
Dawn will appear. In life’s sweet cup of stain
Will fall,—yes, drop by drop, some joy with pain. —J. W. Jackson

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The Importance of An Honor System

TIME always arrives in the history of an institution when it becomes necessary to change its activities to meet changing conditions. In no regard has this law been more evidenced than in our American institutions of learning. We are living in a scientific and commercial age in which “efficiency” is the primary standard in the equation of our economic life. Conscious of this reality American colleges are so conducting their activities that their graduates shall—for they must act the principle roles upon the stage of life—measure up to this standard of efficiency.

In impressing upon college men and women the fact that efficiency is the factor which counts in the battle of life, great emphasis has been placed upon the honor system. At Williams, Princeton, Virginia, Pennsylvania and many other institutions the honor system has pervaded every phase of academic life. Starting in these schools as a system which regulated the conduct of the students in classroom work and examinations, it has gradually widened in its scope until it has touched every phase of college life.

It is imperative that the student should learn the lessons of
honesty in school. Where can be more fittingly learn and exercise honesty than in the classroom and at the time of examinations? These two factors form the essence and the substance of a college world. If we practice dishonest methods in regard to the fundamental elements of college life, we thereby weaken the moral and intellectual fabric of our being. It is true that extra-curricular activities are a part of college life, but they can not be given greater importance than the classroom work and examinations. Hence an honor system, as in the case of the schools previously mentioned, must begin with the essential factors in the classroom and by degrees take in the extra-curricular activities of the college.

That Howard University should have an honor system if she would keep pace with changing conditions, no one ought to deny. When graduates leave Howard they must go into a world of competition and unless they can successfully compete with the graduate of other institutions, Howard graduates must inevitably sink to the level of the common mass of people. If we cheat to get by while in college what will we do when facing the knotty problems of life? If those who look to us for light behold us using dishonest methods, what will be either their opinion of us or our influence upon them.

It has been said that the Negro is an apathetic race. Here at Howard the spirit of indifference has become a chronic disease. We would rather quibble over technicalities than recognize and put into operation principles which are for the good of Howard. Let us rouse ourselves from this static condition and adapt our college life to a changing condition. Let us adopt an honor system which shall start with the vital elements of our college activities and which alone can make us efficient. Today the world is looking for men and women who can do things, men and women who have integrity, men and women who are honest. We can only become honest by being honest with ourselves and honesty is the stepping stone to efficiency. We all want success in the world's broad field of battle, but true success does not depend upon the heights to which we climb the ladder of fame but rather upon the degree of efficiency with which we perform our task in life.


Dramatic Club at Work

Amid much interest and enthusiasm the University Dramatic Club launched forth last Saturday evening into actual work upon their play of Disraeli, which is to be staged early in the spring. Many familiar, and several new faces will be seen before the footlights this year in the endeavor to maintain the established reputation of the club.

Mr. Maxie Jackson, one of this year's additions will lead in the title role of the "Rt. Honorable Mr. Disraeli." Mr. Charles Howard of the cast of "Merchant of Venice" '11—'15 has returned to work in the club. He will be remembered for his effective work as "Bassanio," and is assigned once more the part of lover playing as "Charles" opposite Miss Harper. Mr. P. H. Steele of last year's cast, whose excellent voice, and stately manner make him quite an asset to the club will be seen as "Sir Probert." Mr. Thomas Waters is cast as "Duke," Mr. Frank Jones as "Hugh Meyers," Mr. Bell as "Lord Brooke" and Mr. Arthur Payne as "Lord Cudworth." These principal males will be supported by a well-balanced group of minor characters. Miss Harper and Miss Skinker will lead for the ladies and much is expected of these talented and experienced members. The happy phase—fitted by nature—used last year by Mr. McAden has never been more exact and more suited than in its application to Miss Mae Harper as "Clarissa," a gay frivolous, frolicsome, dashing girl of nineteen. Miss Lillian Skinker will play the part of "Mrs. Travers,"—the Russian spy which is undoubtedly the most difficult part in the whole play. The judges' selection of this part was particularly gratifying to the members of the club who are ever mindful of the ability and histrionic talent of Miss Skinker. The remainder of the female characters will be assigned by the first of the week.

Finally, unless some unforeseen event takes place the play of DISRAELI by Louis Parker rated by the Drama Leagues of America as a hundred percent play will be produced by a cast acting around that same percentage.

—Merrill H. Curtis.

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In 1915 Major General Leonard Wood instituted, at Plattsburg, N. Y., a military training camp for civilians. The purpose was to give four weeks' intensive military training to men of education or large business or professional experience, so as to qualify them as officers or volunteers in case of war. About 1500 attended the first year. In 1916 a number of these camps were organized, and 10,000 to 16,000 men took training. Dr. Spingarn attended the 1915 camp and two camps in 1916, serving as civilian instructor with the rank of lieutenant at the third.

In 1916 Congress passed legislation to defray the expenses of those attending these camps. This includes transportation to and from the camp, and all cost of subsistence and training while at the camps, but it does not include the cost of a uniform. The uniform consists of khaki breeches and blouse, two olive drab shirts, campaign hat, cotton leggings, and russet shoes; this can be purchased (except the shoes, which need not be bought especially for this occasion) for about six to eight dollars, from the Army and Navy Cooperative Company, which has branches in Washington, Philadelphia and New York. I understand that the camp for colored men will be run on the same principles, that is, free subsistence, training, and transportation, but not free uniforms. I do not know how the transportation will be refunded, but probably blanks will be filled out when the candidates reach camp, and will receive travelling expenses before they leave.

General Wood has agreed to organize a camp for colored men this summer as soon as two hundred apply for admission. I have tried to get him to decide on a site and date, but he insists that he should know where most of the men will come from before deciding. The camp will be run exactly on the same lines as the Plattsburg camps in 1915 and 1916. I have suggested that the best time would be the four weeks beginning about the fourth of June. It seems highly important that colored men should get this training, in order to qualify as officers in case of war. Candidates must be between eighteen and forty-five years of age, in good health, of good character, and should preferably be graduates or undergraduates of high schools, colleges, or normal, industrial, or agricultural schools. Military experience is unnecessary. All those interested should communicate as soon as possible with Dr. J. E. Spingarn, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The above statement is one which demands the serious consideration of the colored men. Especially should the colored college men give their attention to such an important issue. There is much good for us to derive out of military training, and much service that we can render our country and ourselves as a result of it. Some of us might object to the conditions under which we are to receive the military training, but it would be well for us to accept these conditions with the hope of making them better. We have a right to live in this country as citizens, and it is our duty to prepare for its defense as citizens. We have both the right and the duty. Many of us can afford to give ourselves to this training. Those that can do such should avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity.

—The Editor.

A Howard Woman Wins High Honor

The following was taken from the Sunday Star January 14, 1917: "Word has been received from Boston that two young Washington women have won honor grades at Radcliffe College. Miss Elizabeth Brandies, daughter of Justice of the Supreme Court, is one of the five juniors to rank with "very high academic distinction," and Miss Eva B. Dykes is one of the seniors who have ranked with 'marked excellence.'"
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EDITORIAL

Chapel Service

Our Chapel service has become a scene of conversations among students. The chapel has apparently become a meeting place where the students meet for the sole purpose of greeting one another, and commenting on some personal matter. It is strange that such a condition prevails among us. This disturbance was formerly confined to certain parts of the chapel, but now it has spread to such an enormous extent that it is seen and felt from

The purpose of these services is to create, or revive that spirit of Christianity and good fellowship in the students and faculty. We should attend these services for the purpose of being spiritually inspired. We should not misinterpret the purpose, nor misappropriate the true meaning. It should be our whole aim to cease all unnecessary talk as soon as we enter those sacred walls. We can do it; we should do it.

Surely we have not forgotten the real significance of the chapel service. It is true, then, that we have converted the service into a center for noon-day gossip simply out of our indifference towards it? Each one should see that he conducts himself in the proper manner, and allow no one to entice him to violate it. For twenty or thirty minutes even a baby can be quiet; surely grown men and women can hold themselves in check for that short space of time. The duty is ours, to see that our Chapel is not made a mere meeting place; that no visitor will become alarmed by our misdemeanor at Chapel; and that there will never be an occasion that will justify any unfavorable report of our chapel conduct. We must change our attitude of indifference towards these services, and exhibit the qualities of sincere interest, unbroken attention, and deep spiritual concern toward these daily chapel exercises.

The Howardite

The ability and efficiency of the Howard man and woman are being tested more thoroughly every day. The Howard graduates and students are brought face to face with the graduates and students of Harvard, Bowdoin, Amherst, and Williams as much as they are with the students of Atlanta, Wilberforce, and Fisk. Our ability and efficiency are constantly being compared with that of other students. Our work is being valued in accordance with the demand for our ability, and the appreciation of our efficiency.

Almost everyone has some value attached to him. But the Howard man and woman want the highest estimation. Everyone can find some person who wants him. The Howardite desires to be sought by those people who want only the best. None of this is said in a sense of vanity. Since we are being measured by the scale of efficiency, it behooves us to start now in preparation for this inevitable test. The men and women of other institutions are watching us and computing our value. The great universal public is moulding an opinion of our worth. The estimation that we receive from other students, and the opinion that the world forms of us rest largely in our control. We are after all the people who are to reckon our value and to mould a world sentiment of our true worth. Our scholarly attainments, our efficient service, our studious zeal, our uncompromising efforts for truth and right will help to decide our ability. The manner in which we conduct ourselves, the method by which we undertake the little things will supply the world with a good knowledge of our efficiency. The manner in which we conduct ourselves, the method by which we undertake the little things will supply the world with a good knowledge of our efficiency and women of other institutions.

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In order for us to compare favorably with the best men and women of the best colleges we must become more serious and determined in our efforts. We must stand upon good, honest principles, and oppose unceasingly all things or persons that attempt to destroy those principles. The world cries for the super-man, the man that can differentiate between personal relations and duties. The Howard men and women are facing a serious situation. This University undoubtedly is the leading and best colored institution. Its foremost position places larger duties upon us. Howard is being recognized in a favorable capacity by the large eastern and western colleges, and this puts us in a place where we must either prove to be of the best quality or recede from that lofty and honorable position.

Howard men and women, strive to force all other students to recognize us as pure students. Let us endeavor to occupy an honorable place in the estimation of the public. Let us endeavor to make the term “Howardite” imply sound ability and real efficiency, and the name Howard a word of admiration and honor, and not a by-word of scorn and disrepute.

To the Editor of Howard University Journal.

In the University Journal of January 12th there appeared a very interesting article on the basketball situation among the girls. While our young women are beginning to show initiative in athletics, I do not think that they should be allowed to play public basketball games. There is hardly an institution in the country which permits its young women to play public basketball contests, and under no circumstances are they allowed to play except to select crowds. If our young women’s team should be allowed to travel and play games away from Howard, the games undoubtedly would be public contests. As such games are novel, invariably large crowds attend, and in the majority of our large cities the games are patronized by crowds sometimes running up to several thousands. Under no conditions would there be a select crowd at a public game, and unless such an affair is strictly private almost anyone would be admitted. Generally, after basketball games there is dancing, and this together with allowing our young women to remain in any city over night should be by no means allowed by the faculty.

Last year the young women played several inter-class games in the gymnasium, and great interest was created among the student body. The young men were allowed to attend these games and on all occasions they conducted themselves very manly, as should be expected of them.

As public basketball contests among the young women add nothing to the school, but place our young women in a compromising position, I think that inter-class games are sufficient; and since hardly any other institution allows its young women to play public games, Howard can by no means permit its young women to participate in any public basketball contest.

Kelby Miller, Jr.,
Clark University,

“Daring to be a Soldier in a Warring Nation”

Of enemies there are many, and frequently the least dangerous is the shadow of one that may come from without, bearing weapons of destruction. It is well to be on guard against the enemy without, but the dangers within should never be lightly esteemed; nor should one be deceived as to its forms.

Sin is the greatest obstacle in the way of individual success, and the greatest menace to collective well being. It multiplies accidents.

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It reduces vitality.

It promotes crime.

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Howard Defeats the Quaker City Reserves 29 to 20

On last Friday evening in Philadelphia, Howard's five defeated the fast Quaker City Reserves quint by a score of 29 to 20. From the beginning of the game to the blowing of the whistle for the close, Howard maintained a progressive offensive game. Short passes with the accurate throwing of baskets baffled the Quaker boys, and won the game for Howard.

The whistle blew at 9:20 and Mr. Blackburn of the Philadelphia branch of the Y. M. C. A. tossed the ball which the Howard boys took from the beginning, and, after an exhibit of flashy and accurate passing, made the first basket. While the crowd was wildly shouting for Howard, the Washington boys scored again and again in rapid succession. From this point to the close of the first half the game was Howard's. The Quaker boys made one substitution that quickly registered for them two flashy baskets and brought the score to 17 to 11 in Howard's favor at the end of the first half.

It was rumored that in the second half, the Philadelphia boys would “come back” fierce and strong. Therefore, Howard opened up this half with a new line-up.

The sudden speed and the skilful passing displayed by the Reserves in the opening of the second half, baffled Howard, and, for a while seemed to make good the threat that the Quaker boys were “coming back.” But Miles after being crippled for a while in this half, made his “get away,” and, from a well regulated dribble, dropped the ball in another basket for Howard. This star play on the part of Howard tended to quicken the spirit of the Quaker boys, and “Big Ferdinand” politely shot another basket and started Howard on the walk. At this critical moment, “Ike” Wiseman from one of the most difficult angles of the court, quietly dropped the ball in the basket. The game ended with the ball in Howard’s possession, and Howard leading 29 to 20.

Davis and Morgan, the invincible guard combination, played star ball, and allowed but few pretty plays by the Quaker five. “Newt” Miller and “Ike” Wiseman, “the dreadful speed twins,” stood out as unusually skilful players. The whole team played well, and is on the road to playing a great part in aiding Howard to recover her lost championship.

Manager Penn is greatly elated over the showing made by his men, and feels certain that Hampton will lower her colors to the Washington five. The Hampton game will be played at Hampton, on Saturday, February 17, Howard feels certain of bringing back the victory.

A Football Conference at Howard

Recently there was held at Howard a conference on the football situation. The Athletic Council invited to confer with it as many ex-captains as it could get in touch with.

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Dinner was served to the guests in Miner Hall, and as the "Vets" made their way to the tables the whole student body rose and made the dining room ring with the Alma Mater song.

After dinner the body retired to the Board Room in the Library where the conference was held. Many matters pertaining to football were threshed out and the Council feels that great good will be accomplished as a result.

Among those present were; "Cap" Shorter, Walter Smith; Collins; "Big Jack," "Pete" Carter; "Doc." Smith; Collins; "Big Jack;" "Vets"—things rather to be read of than actually witnessed. Howard, then, needs to discard the many cumbersome and unworthy activities of her student life.

—T. Etna Nutt.
Sage Sayings

"You can't beat honesty."

"Any passion unregulated and unrestrained destroys the soul."

"There never was a scandalous tale without some foundation."

"Why not have good habits?—What men do oftenest becomes easiest."

"A fool acts, and thinks afterwards, but a wise man thinks, and then acts."

"Prosperity doth best discover vice; adversity doth best discover virtue."

"Responsibility requires steady nerves and sound constitutions."

"Do right that you may prosper in this world and hope for felicity in the next."

"The profession of ignorance is a convenient cover for a vast amount of knowledge."

"Dissipation is a tattle-tale. Bloated faces, and shaking hands are not the only signs of wild living. Forgetfulness, neglect of details, lack of concentration, absence of zest and tardiness betray their origin in unwise conduct."

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They sang of Kings, of parties and things, of "Rookies" debating for fame; the angels above; "A Sonnet of Love"—a ballot on losing a game. I'll delve not so deep, nor try to compete with sages of college nor "Prep;" Just one line of praise for Howard always with plenty of "ginger" and "pep."

As many may know, a few years ago, to classes at Howard, I came, and now, how I yearn! I long to return, to do so next year is my aim.

Then sing here below my lines as they go; the meter or rhyme don't debate. It's simply a song though not very long in tune of "The Old North State."

Dear old Howard! Dear Old Howard! Stand forever we pray thee!

While we live we will honor, protect and adore thee!

Whether shouting in triumph or borne down in sorrow,

Lift high thy standard, for "bright is their morrow."

Chorus:

Hurrah, Hurrah, The Old White and Blue forever!

Hurrah, Hurrah, For old Howard my pride!

When in the trials of contest, when thy rivals assail thee

Whether losing or winning, we'll love thee, we'll love thee.

If in baseball or football, in running or singing

All fight for thee, we'll cheer thee in

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Then lift higher thy colors; tell forever thy story,

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Ross sings "At the end is a perfect Day"—he means Nannie of course.

Lindsay has decided to give his colleague "Pete" Christian a little trouble.

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