EDITING A COLLEGE JOURNAL NO CINCH

If you have never been editor of a college paper you don’t know what the rough side of college life is. It is more strenuous than playing base ball, more dangerous than playing football and less grateful than rowing on a losing squad or playing on an unsuccessful basketball team.

To begin with you have the egotistic fancies of a hundred or more teachers to satisfy. Every one of them wants a column or more given to him and his work. You must spend all of your time in making the paper a good advertisement for the school and yet be in class every hour without losing a minute. Besides these there are as many different ideas or standards to which your paper must conform as there are students. If it is a “co-ed” school the difficulty is increased many folds. You must publish everything that is handed to you irrespective of time, space, contents or anything wise or otherwise you are selfish and partial. The paper must contain plenty of jokes on every other person in the school but none on the one who is reading them or otherwise it is no account. You must deliver it to every one of a thousand people at the same time or you are too long getting home to snit me. You must not ask anyone for his or her subscription tice, for if you do you insult them. And if you cut off those who do not pay you lose their friendship. You have got to give all of the non-subscribers a copy every week or they worry the life out of you with “we students are the supporters of the paper.”

In addition to these few difficulties, you have the type setters and printers to deal with. You have got to have your manuscript in a week before hand or you will get out no paper for that week. The type setters must be allowed to put in and cut out everything they want irrespective of the result.

These are some of the difficulties the editorial staff of a college journal has to meet besides they must be responsible for everything that appears in the columns with a whirl of authority to prevent or present. The editor is simply a figure head—a man in the middle.

SOCIETIES

The Pestalozzi Froebel Society reads a very interesting program every Friday afternoon. A central invitation is always extended to both students and teachers of all departments.

A new club has been organized known as the Down-And-Out Club, “Fair Knight” Dessmon is the President. All applicants for membership will get due consideration by conferring with the Secretary, H. F. Nixon.

Alpha Phi Literary Society had its second quarterly social Friday evening in Miner Hall. The President, Win. A. Love, delivered a short address in which he showed the need of social relations as an asset to literary work.

A short program consisting of vocal solos by Misses Fleming and Chisson, an instrumental solo by Miss Burton and a recitation by Miss Gatewood. Then the social proper began and an enjoyable time was had by all until 10:30 when we adjourned and went our ways.

THE SAME OLD STORY

The “Gym.”

R. Editor: I understand from your office that the alumni has made no reply to the students’ letter through the columns of the JOURNAL yet and while thinking seriously over this matter, for it has my deepest thought, it appeared to me that we fail to realize the great benefit derived from self help. Blessing will come to him who works and the effect resulting from the energy expended by 1,500 students would be surprisingly great. I believe the Alumni Association should help us and I believe it is going to help us but the thing most needed at this point is a student movement.

These student volunteer movements are startling the world in that they are doing so much good for society and their deeds will ever remain a living monument to the world. Such movements are always accompanied with sacrifice but the reward for our measures the price paid. Fellows and girls, my one wish is, that you give this erection of a gymnasium your full est and most earnest consideration. You cannot, at first thought, calculate the great good that can be accomplished through the class, the literary societies, the athletic association, the fraternities, the Up Classmen and the many organizations about the University: nor can you realize what an impetus the Faculty Club can give such a movement, until you search this proposition through and ally yourself with it not only to try but to succeed.

Roughly estimated, I find there are 45 organizations in the institution through the channels of which
$4,500 could be realized if each organization would raise $100, or following another plan, if each student, from among his friends, would collect $3, there would accrue approximately $4,000 while only 30 friends at 10 cents would amount to $3 and I’m sure each student has enough friends to raise $3 for such a cause.

Fellows you see the need before your very eyes. Look at our teams losing, look at our students in need of physical development. Pray tell me are we satisfied to be supinely on our backs and feel ourselves wasting away. We are no weaklings, but men and women, let us therefore continue upward. We must move on or time will overtake us and leave us in the hack ground. Let us call no man master. Let our motto be "Do or Die." Believe me this bane needs but the lighting and all is on. We have potential energy and to spare. Who will volunteer? Where a few assemble for the good of a cause they must be heard. Your welfare bids you answer the call and self-preservation is heaven's law. Who will make it? It's going! going!!

NOTES

Mr. Thomas Butler of Philadelphia visited us Wednesday at noon.

The Manager wishes to meet all unpaid subscribers immediately. Don't fail to see him.

Miss Maud Young has been a little indisposed and was away from the piano a few days.

"Terrible" Terry is always on hand every afternoon. He is as sure to make Miner Hall porch as he is to make first-down.

Kappa Sigmu Debating Club installed the following newly elected officers Saturday night: J. M. Jackson, Pres.; W. C. Chase, Vice-Pres.; W. H. Pleasant, Sec'y; Mr. Diggs, Asst. Sec'y; J. S. Butts, Treasurer; J. H. Love, Critic; I. Taylor, Chaplain.

THE SPIRIT OF LITERATURE

A FEW Howard students, who recently returned from a northern city where they attended a convention composed largely of college folk, brought back with them sad tidings of a woful deficiency in our alma mater which they discovered through the pitless process of comparison. They said that Howard lacked a "literary spirit," they declared the "literary life" of the college a dim and fluttering spark when compared with the radiant white flame which burns in some of our sister institutions. Others of us caught up the refrain, pushed their figure still farther and pronounced that flickering spark extinct; we saw clearly that the "spirit of literature" was dead. Hastily we held a post mortem which attributed half our ills to its lifeless form! And whose the blame? Who killed Cock Robin? Who struck down the rare and radiant spirit of letters? What villain did stab and not for culture? Mark, how ran their envious daggers through!

We were not long finding the assassin, for did not that sacred blood cry aloud for vengeance? So we with all dispatch placed the guilt where we thought it belonged. But shall we let it rest there? The fact is we discerned the guilty stain upon several aggregates and many persons. But of this we were sure—the blame is not ours.

And just what is meant by the spirit of literature? We sought an answer from those who claimed that it was a rare avis at Howard. Of what essence is it compounded? Does it mean the reading of many books, the attending of many lectures? Yes, that is it partly, the cultivation of a refined taste for good books and a critical judgment of platform eloquence. But is there nothing else of the spirit of literature? Yes, there is the power of expression possessed, in some degree, by all. And just here those who blamed others for the decline of literary spirit fell into great error. The faculty of literary expression is either bestowed as a divine gift or it is attained by constant, unceasing toil. It is achieved not by the outward flaring of trumpets, it is a matter of the cloister. It cannot be done for us by any department of the University no matter how energetic or capable that department may be; it cannot be given out to us by Professor X, nor even by the learned Doctor Y. If we would be masters of language we ourselves must attain the mastery, and the secret of success is industry.

And then beyond the power of expression is a purer and nobler realm which only the elect may enter. It is the domain of the life of the spirit of literature. Why its doors should be opened to some and closed to others is too deep for our solution. We cannot say why a book is a mass of wood pulp and black ink to one and a living, pulsating, inspiring friend to another. or why a Corot is a daub of paint on a canvas to ordinary vision and a thing of beauty to the connoisseur. And no one can disclose for us the hidden mysteries of literature, we need ourselves deeper insight and clearer vision. And when we have by industry and inborn sense of appreciation reached the heights of intellectual discernment then for us will the spirit of literature be revived. And it teaches us to be manly, not petulant, confident not nervous, self-reliant but not hooring. The spirit of literature is of airy essence, but she leads us in a plain path—the path of the cultured life—and may she have here and now a local habitation and a name.

Have a purpose. No one ever reached great things without trying for them. Thoughts of what is great, love for great ideals, daily acts done in great spirit, prepare the hero's hour and bring it to him. Purposelessness ruins life.

Take care of your works and your wings will take care of themselves.
BUFFALOES LOSE
Score 31-22

Howard Varsity lost its second game of basket ball to Frogs' quint last Saturday night. The Varsity team showed lack of practice and was clearly out-played. Taylor was off in guard and allowed Clifford to throw six goals. Oliver and Sykes were the stars, Sykes' free tossing being especially good. The team showed lack of practice but such is not the team's fault. Howard University has no place for her men to train, consequently such results must follow.

Cap't Nixon and his team deserve much credit for their loyalty and earnestness in spite of existing conditions. "Doc" Curtis left forward on Frogs sustained quite an injury during the second half of the game and was compelled to retire. It appears to have been a finger nail cut over the right eye. He is improving however and we hope to see him out soon. A good crowd witnessed the game.

THE LINE UP
Howard Varsity Position Frogs
Nixon (cap't) R. E. Clifford
Young L. E. Curtis Bulkirk
Sykes Centre Bell
Taylor G. G. Oliver
Winthrop R. G. Gray
Goals Nixon 2, Sykes, Winthrop, Curtis, Ciffford 3, Oliver 8, Gray 5. Free Telecom Sykes 6, Oliver 3. Referee Mr. Henderson. Timers Messrs Morton and Callis. Time of halves, 8 minutes each.

Baltimore defeated M St. in an exciting game at True Reformer's Saturday night, score 19-18. The game was characterized by much fouling but still it was closely contested. Shipley of Baltimore was almost perfect in goal tossing while Miles of M St. was a close second. We appreciate the interest manifested by Baltimore and shall always try to make it pleasant for the team.

The aim of all living is living for all.

Success doesn't "happen." It is organized, preempted, captured by concentrated common sense.

WHAT NAP SAYS
I'm tired of writing the Buffaloes lose.

Wanted—Students with athletic hearts for the Volunteer work.

If the gymnasium is too large to erect on the campus just now let each one take it to heart.

Speaking of "form" there is one fellow in Howard who has the right away. Whatever his other virtues may be Mr. "Doneal!" wears the most attractive shoulders made.

According to the latest dope the Y. M. C. A. Basket ball team is to win over the Smart Set, Saturday night. It is very simple: a child can understand it. Just a little arithmetic, thusly: combine the letters omitted in the Y. M. C. A. squad.

Henry X-x-
Huttie Oli-er.
Doc Curt-s.
Joh-son.
James -bestunt.
Eddy-n - Henderson.
Frank Tay-or.
And-isun.
Edward Gra-
-aun-e - Clifford.
Let us remember that Washington is pitted against New York and we must root for the home team. Our team is the best ever and deserves a good game must result as it decides the championship between the two cities.

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Reserved seats, 35 cents.

SPARTAN SERMONS
He has no friends who knows only faces.

Sympathy opens the windows to life's sunshine.

The farther your life reaches the deeper its roots will strike

The man who buries his talent usually gets busy sewing his vices.

Where a man's life does not preach, his preaching can not live.

A small life often takes all its time waiting for a chance at a big job.

It is better to be regarded as a prude than to rot as a mental garbage can.

BE CHEERFUL

Be cheerful, no matter what reverses obstruct your pathways. But if pleasures follow you in your trail to annoy you Ask yourself what is to be gained by looking or feeling sad when troubles throng around you, or how your condition is to be alleviated by abandoning yourself to despondency. If you are a young man Nature designed you to be of good cheer; and should you find your road to fortune, fame or respectability, on any other level to which your young heart aspires a little thorny, consider it all for the best, and that these impediments are only thrown in your way to induce greater efforts and more patient endurance on your part. If you are of the softer,答复 portion of humanity be cheerful, though we know full well that most affections are sweet to you when compared with disappointment and neglect, yet let hope banish despair and ill forbearing—be cheerful; do not brood over foul hopes unfeel, until every link after link, is fastened on each thought and wound around the heart. Nature intended you to be the fountain spring of cheerfulness and social life, and not the traveling monument of despair and melancholy.

-Sir Arthur Helps

Y. W. C. A.

The installation of new officers of the Young Women's Christian Association was held in Miner Hall last Wednesday evening. The officers are as follows:

President, Miss Marion Higgins. Vice-President, Miss Alvesta Lancaster. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myra Davis; Recording Secretary, Miss Bertha Pitts; Treasurer, Miss B. V. Cummings.

It is hoped that the Y. W. C. A. will make greater progress than ever before under the new administration. An invitation is hereby extended to each girl in the institution to attend these meetings on Sunday evenings at 6:30.

Be sure you read Your Journal.
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EDITORIALS

The day of prayer for colleges which was observed last Thursday seems to have had great results among our students. Many who had never before given any serious consideration to the thought of a Christian life have been persuaded that there is great necessity for devoting some time to this phase of their development as well as to their intellectual development. The various prayer services which were held during the day were well attended with much interest and devotion and we have every reason to believe that much good will come as a result.

Dr. R. B. Moore’s address at eleven o’clock on the secret of courage served as the motor power which set the whole machine in motion. The Doctor’s explanation of courage, and its relation to a successful life left a profound impression on his hearers.

As we view the situation from day to day we are more thoroughly convinced that qualification and worth have lost their hold upon the moving forces of the world and influence and “pull” have taken their places. Men of character and those who stand up for principle have but a glint of a show in affairs of to-day. Those who would make careers in life must learn early to pull wires, otherwise they are hopelessly doomed. This is plainly apparent in every avenue of life even from the obscure country school to the exalted position of supreme judge.

We are inclined to think that Mr. Bryce was not so well acquainted with customs in America when he said “America beyond all other countries is a country open to career of talents,” as we are, or his reference was to a peculiar kind of talent which but the few possess—the talent to get next.

The idea that the world is approaching more and more nearly to the ideal that the Savior set forth in His Sermon on the Mount is not clearly seen from the fact that individuals are too evasive of the real truth, that is, when the truth shows up their own faults. A fault in an individual or a race which is plainly seen by other individuals or races is no less a fault because the one committing it does not acknowledge it. The experience of time and customs of people have made certain standards in all phases of life to which every action or conception must conform otherwise it is faulty or defective. It is the duty of the trained mind to see these defects. Note the causes and seek to remedy them.

Unless human nature is so modified as to turn some of its selfishness into altruism, the exhortation, “be ye perfect,” is a waste of words. The true idea of perfection is to deal squarely with every issue and to admit the truth irrespective of consequences. Until we reach such a stage the ideal is far removed.

CLASS ELECTION

At the regular meeting of the Junior College class last week the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, James W. Parker; Vice-President, Miss Helen Mundy; Secretary, Miss Ellen T. Morris; Assistant Secretary, Miss Ruth Gilbert; Treasurer, E. P. Robinson; Journalist, Miss L. Z. Jenkins; Critic, Miss Nellie Pratt; Sergeant at Arms, Clyde Donnell.

The new officers were installed last Tuesday and have begun active work for the class.

Dean Miller spoke in Baltimore, Sunday.

The “Superintendent” is boarding in the Hall.

A certain Commercial student seems to have lost his “Cook.”

E. J. Graham has lots of business on the Hill now with “Micky.”

Several of the young men took the Census Examination, Saturday.

“Brago” said to E. H., “I can’t tell why I love you but I can tell that I love you.”

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The classroom of History in the University is bare—nude of all that appeals through the visual sense to the higher aesthetic instincts of the student—no picture, no bust, no famous scene, no sculptured specimen, no great historic document, nothing to instruct, to quicken, and to inspire.

To remedy this deficiency, the professor and students of the Department of History are desirous of making the room, in its physical and artistic aspects, worthy of the great subject taught there—to place upon the walls portraits and busts of noted men and women, the great liberty documents, and whatever else tends to make the past vivid, vital, and quickening.

To this end we propose to hold a Douglass Memorial, under the auspices of the Department of History, to which a small admission fee is charged, the proceeds of which are to be applied to make the classroom the Douglass Memorial Room, one place at least in the University where our young people may look upon the pictured faces and scenes or the sculptured forms which illustrate and interpret our present life.


Elmer Terry, Secretary.
Minnie B. Smith, Treasurer.
The Douglass Memorial will be held in the Rankin Memorial Chapel Monday evening, February 14, 1910, at 7:30 p.m. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged. An excellent program has been arranged and we are confident that none who attend will regret having been there.

ATHLETICS HALTED

The above statement seems rather strong, but even a casual observer would concede such. It shows itself on every side. A lack of interest is manifested in basket ball, and in track, and one needs only to await the coming of base ball; but such a lack follows logically. Everything springs or emanates from a source; there is a nucleus around which things hover; without a starting-point, without an attraction to arrest the attention, athletics are doomed. I am an optimist fully, but the facts must be admitted. A gymnasium in Howard University is an absolute necessity for more reasons than one.

But someone who couldn't have enough interest in us to speak. I fear we will be, sorry just too late. Next year's foot ball season will have more problems than the past. If the team loses, the hollow comes. Next year's schedule will be heavy and the men must be ready, but the thief of time is sapping our very life blood.

Base ball will soon come in and Manager Dagler promises a good season financially while Captain "Dolly" Hodge vouches for the team. All candidates, keep on the lookout and as soon as the weather breaks, practice is on. We hope to see some home games and a good team this year.

Concerning the track team, Manager Taylor is handicapped. Coach Marshall says the men can't go out under existing conditions to represent the University if he has anything to say about it and he certainly has. His cry is, "Give up athletics for a while and get a gymnasium." The Manager has track work at heart and would be able to spring a few surprises but he is hemmed in. Will you stand for it?

The basket ball teams are playing ball but not up to the standard. Every one knows the men can play basket ball but playing a game after
practicing in the snow and wind on
the campus won't win the game,
the teams on a whole are playing
well, considering conditions. We
share the loss with the Varsity team
and shall always give it and all other
Howard teams our most loyal sup­
port win or lose. In Rome there­
and shall always give it and all other
A STUDENT'S ENTER­
prise
The University Journal is the
organ of the University and the
students of all the departments
should take advantage of the op­
portunity to contribute something
to its columns. This is not a de­
partmental paper although most of
it deals with affairs on the Hill.
Indeed, the professional schools do not
contribute largely. They should
be interested along this line. If
you have thoughts, opinions, give
them to us and we shall be glad to
express them provided, of course,
you do no harm to the corporation
of or to others. Think about some­
things, write about it, and give it
to us. The thought that you con­
sider vain and idle may mean some­
things to the world or may help
some individual. Many a genius
has gotten his cue from an unlet­tered peasant, many a thoughtless
word has set another to thinking.
Many and great are the problems
of this world, mighty and com­
plicated are the labyrinths that
lead unto the high, noble and suc­
cessful life—and you are here in
this life and have nothing to say?
If you can offer no solution to any
great problem, if you can contribute
nothing to the world's fund of
knowledge, just ask questions
about something.

Contribute something to the Jour­
nal. Give us your views or the
views of some one else. It will
develop you and, at the same time
will give you a place before the
public. We are not talking to
subscribers only, but to everybody
who is interested in Howardics.

SENIOR PRIVILEGES
In almost all institutions, the
Seniors are given certain
privileges which are of ne­
cessity denied to others. There
appears to be several reasons for
this discrimination: first, because
it gives an incentive to under­
classmen; second, because the sen­
jors are at the place where they
need no rules to hold them in check.
and again a certain freedom after
three years, should be given to
those men and women who have
labored zealously for themselves
and also for their Alma Mater.

It is one of our misfortunes, that
here at Howard University, the
Seniors and the Freshmen are on
the same level; as far as privileges
are concerned, they are on the same level. The "Prep" were on the same level.

This is a bad precedent for
several reasons. It makes the
"Prep" feel too important, it destroys
incentive and traditions upon
which many of the large institu­
tions are built, and finally it re­

ducts discreditably upon the School
and the Seniors to think that they
cannot be put upon their honor as
men and women but must be hedge
in like children by rules and regu­
lations.

Those higher up seem to forget
that some day these students will
be on their honor, and will have to
be trusted. True they may not
have an active connection with the
institution, yet they are her sons and
can bring honor or disgrace upon
her then as when they were students.

In order to produce a true college
spirit there must be some discrimi­
nation, in order to have the true in­
centive for progress and work there
must also be the same discrimina­
tion. Now what shall the basis for
such discrimination be? It has
been generally agreed that the bas­
is of seniority is the only true basis
which should be used in a democratic
institution. So we see the im­
portance of granting these privileges
to those who are, or at least should
be prepared to use them with dis­
cretion.

There is also a moral value in
such a system, in that it teaches
obedience, possibly a very small
value at the beginning, neverthe­
less it is there just the same. The
Under-classmen will know that
there are certain things which he
cannot do, but still there is the hope
that some day he will be able to
enjoy such forbidden privileges.

We sincerely believe in rules and regulations, but believe
more in principles. When these
rules can be changed into principle,
then we come nearer in doing the
right because it is right and not from
any fear of the consequences.

We truly hope that the day is not
far distant when the upper-class­
men will be looked upon as Upper­
Classmen and not as a homogeneous
rabble to be hedged in by a code
of petty rules and regulation, but
guided by principles instead.

BROTHER LEE DEAD
Reverend George W. Lee, pas­
tor of Vermont Avenue Baptist
Church for more than twenty years,
this city, died last Friday night.
Reverend Lee was known through­
out this country and in England as
one of America's leading Baptist
preachers. The funeral services
were held at his church Thursday
morning with an overwhelmingly
large attendance. The deceased
pastor had probably a larger number
of members in his church than any
other church in the United States.

Looking like an undertaker on
Sunday will not lead the world to
a better life.

A man never has much interest
in the church until he has some
principal there.

We have been greatly favored
this week by having a visitor every
day at the noon-day chapel exer­
cises.
PENNSYLVANIA CLUB

On Saturday evening "The Pennsylvania Club" of the University entertained the young ladies of Miner Hall and their friends in the reception rooms of the hall. The affair was a very gratifying success, unique and very tastefully arranged. Miss Hardwick, acting as hostess, was aided in receiving by the Misses Tweel and Lancaster, Messrs Crampton and Hodge all Pennsylvanians.

During the early part of the evening every one was made to feel perfectly at home by the congenial members of the club, who later served ambrosia and cake to all present. Miss Hardwick presiding. The closing moments of the evening were enlivened with college songs by the club, ending with the familiar, "Good Night My Lady." The Howard clapp with a sounding "ballon. Dunlapp, Sample and Kiggenc Allen.

If you love us, show it—PAY!

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