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History Department Observes Douglass Day

The Department of History under Prof. W. V. Tunnell, observed the anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass with a splendid and elaborate programme. Wednesday afternoon in Rankin Memorial Chapel. The feature of the occasion was an address on Frederick Douglass by Rev. Francis J. Grimke. In a strong, heartfelt, forcible lecture, Dr. Grimke showed his audience the great Frederick Douglass as he had read of him and too, as he had known him personally. He further showed how this great man, like Lincoln could have been nothing short of a consecrated, God-inspired prodigy sent to one of the main instruments in the delivery of a down trodden black race from the course of slavery.

Dr. Grimke’s story of Douglass’ escape from slavery, his life of drudgery immediately after his escape, and his entering upon a career of lecturing and editing of the paper, “The North (Continued on Page 2 Column 2)"

Commissioner Claxton Delivers Address

In Chapel last Wednesday, Dr. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education gave a twenty-five minute talk characterized by a broad, comprehensive, well defined attitude towards the Negro’s Education. Dr. Claxton is a southern man but is by no means tainted with the most prevalent southern white man’s view, as to the character that Negro training should take. Said he at the outset: “I believe in the education, the fullest, the most efficient, the most capable for all people without any respect to color, creed, condition, or circumstances.” He further said along that same line: “The government and society in order to be great must rest upon education as a basis, an education that will develop its people to the fullest possible extent.”

The speaker pointed out the development of the democratic system of government since the beginning of the nineteenth century and the rapid strides made in the development of the science, literature and in almost every phase of life within the last century and then pointed to the South which he says has not yet fallen in harmony with this resolution. It was Dr. Claxton’s opinion that things are to be done in the South in a few years, as they should be done—that is, if the South is to keep pace with the modern civilization. “The South, he says, is backward in civilization, in thought, in literature, in science, in culture.” It is to be redeemed, he thinks, by the young men and women in the colleges. (Continued on Page 3 Column 1)

Hon. Archibald Grimke Before the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society

In Friday afternoon of last week the Honorable Archibald H. Grimke of Boston gave his powerful address on “Wendell Phillips,” before the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society of the Teacher’s College. Mr. Grimke is one eminently fitted to treat the life of that heroic abolitionist; for he has seen the man at the height of his glory, and has caught some of the spirit that the work, conservation, and God-inspired presence of the great Phillips transmitted.

The address was replete with quotations from speeches of Garrison to show the complete devotion and surrender of this man’s life to the cause of trampled humanity. It showed how in the face of mob violence and at the risk of losing his own life, Mr. Phillips with all the great power of his persuasive oratory plead for the Negro, and how, contrary to the theory of Lloyd Garrison he was a strong exponent of violence, open violence as the method of fighting slavery. It was in defence of a set of resolutions, it was shown by Mr. Grimke,
against the lynching of Lovejoy that Mr. Phillips in Faneuil Hall in answer to Attorney General Austin first gained his prominence as an orator, and from that time on he was always found identified with the unpopular cause of anti-slavery.

Said Mr. Grimke, "For us, the colored people, he had a love that was deeper and wider than that of a woman. The uncompromising, unequivocal stand of Mr. Phillips was held up as one to be emulated and as one well worthy of this man of God."

All who heard this address are of one accord, that it was the most orderly, masterly, and forceful analysis of the life of Phillips.

Junior Class Elects

At a regular meeting of the Junior Class of the School of Liberal Arts the following officers were elected for the ensuing semester. They were installed by Dean Miller last Monday afternoon.

President, O. J. Cooper
Vice President, Miss Bertha Pitts
Sec'y, Miss Osceola McCarthy
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Treasurer, I. R. Berry
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A Little Proposition, Readers

For the rest of the school year there will appear in each edition of the JOURNAL two questions, and in the following edition these questions will be answered. Bear in mind, reader, that no originality whatever is claimed in this little work for the questions are sanctioned by authorities. Remember, also, that the questions are put with no idea that they carry such great wisdom and are unknown to everybody for some people know some things while other people know other things. It is hoped, however, that the questions will be of such a character that they will at least benefit a few of our readers. If you know the answers to the questions, tell them to your neighbors and see if your answers concur with those in the next edition of the JOURNAL. Just to have a title the questions will appear under the heading, "The Wise Man." The first two questions put to us by the wise man are:

(1) What is the oldest art?
(2) What is the most important of all inventions?

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Star, in the short space of nine years after his freedom. "A freedom," said the speaker, "given him by no emancipation, by no stroke of the pen of the immortal Lincoln, but a freedom wrought by his own hands"—sounded as idealistic as fiction. The speaker pointed out a few of the things for which we are indebted to Mr. Douglass. First, for his consecration to the race of his splendid oratory. Second, for the consecration of all the services of his mind and body to his people. Third, for the part he played in making it possible for the Negro to shoulder his gun in the cause of liberty. Fourth, for the service he rendered in bringing about the enfranchisement of the race. During the last fifty years of his life, Mr. Grimke said, there was no measure looking toward the betterment of the condition of the race in which he was not the principal factor. Truly, it was stated, "He has won his place among American heroes, and there he stands, and will stand: not by sufferance, but by right.

Other numbers on the program were: Selection by the Orchestra; Piano Solo, Miss Oteele Wilkins; Selection, Glee Club; Violin Solo, Mr. Joseph Douglass, grandson to Frederick Douglass; Reading on the death of Douglass from Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Mrs. Geo. W. Cook.

Academy Ties M St. for Inter-Scholastic Championship

The Academy boys played far from their usual form Saturday night and were defeated by the M St. High School by the score of 11—5 and were tied for the colored inter-scholastic championship. The outcome of the game was a disappointment to almost every one who attended the game. For it had been conceded that the M St. chances for defeating the strong Academy team, a team which a few weeks ago had defeated the Armstrong team, the latter team a few nights afterwards had given M St. a crushing defeat, were very slim. This time however the unexpected happened and our boys were actually outplayed by their opponents. Now these two teams are tied and another game must be played to decide the inter-scholastic championship.

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Commissioner Claxton Delivers Address

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Dr. Claxton ended his speech with worthy counsel to the student body; he said in part: "No education is any good unless it is put into practical use. I hope that you will go back with a consecration to the social, political and cultural life of the South. "Go back," he continued, with a patriotism, the same principles will apply there as elsewhere—service, patriotism, consecration are not local." Much stress was laid upon true, patriotic unselfish service.

With such broad, unflinching men as this in the South, men who recognize the Negro as an educational factor, the Negro's cause is sure. Mr. Claxton received long and hearty applause. Many were heard to say that they hoped to have the opportunity of hearing him in a more extended speech.

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SPECIAL RATES TO STUDENTS

The Kappa Sigma Installs

At a recent meeting of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club the following officers were elected and installed for the present semester. The installation address was made by Mr. I. R. Berry, who in laudable terms spoke of the enthusiasm and interest shown by members of the Club under the administration of President Russell and asked the same support for Mr. Pleasants. The Officers:

President, Wm. H. Pleasants.
Vice President, Jas. E. Rose.
Secretary, Jerry E. Luck.
Assistant Sec'y, A. D. Armstead.
Treasurer, D. A. Davis.
Chaplain, G. C. Dickens.

What Have You Been Eating?
To Become a Poet, Eat String Beans

Leguminotherapy is the latest scientific novelty. It is a big name for vegetable diet, not, however, the ordinary, helterskelter vegetable diet, but scientific vegetable diet, whereby the exact physiological and temperamental relations of each vegetable to the human system are carefully determined.

Green peas, for example, according to this new science, cause frivolity and should be withheld from young ladies with a congenital tendency to flirt. On the other hand, they are excellent for wallflowers and pessimists, and should be given in generous helpings to bashful boys. Carrots develop good temper and amiability, and are particularly recommended for juniors, car conductors and ticket agents. The potato develops reason as well as calmness and reflection; but care must be taken less it induce apathy and indifference or that disinclination to work which is observable among boys who are fed daily on fried potatoes. String beans stimulate the poetic and artistic faculties, while cabage and cauliflower, nourishing though they are, excite to vulgarity of thought and manner, and are therefore to be shunned by those in training for the parlor.

These are but a few prescriptions chosen at random, but they suffice to demonstrate the magical possibilities of leguminotherapy. No longer, therefore, is the whole truth comprehended in the dictum of King Solomon, that as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. It must now share its place with the modern creed, that as a man eateth, so is he.

It is not wholly a new belief, however; for those worthy apostles of no-meat diet who have been pounding at the doors of our intelligence from as far back as we can remember have all along maintained that the eating of flesh makes us like unto the very animals upon which we feed. Perhaps it is. It certainly looks as if it ought to be. Yet, like the inquisitive Willie who was informed of this truth and wondered, therefore, why the eating of missionaries didn't make Christians of cannibals, we, too, must be forgiven for holding some childlike doubts upon the subject.

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Editorials

The address of United States Commissioner of Education Claxton last week was an admirable discourse. As President of the University of Tennessee he has had large experience as a student of the South's economical and sociological conditions. His views upon education although a southerner are of the broadest kind and the same merit his holding the position which he now holds under the government. We wish for Commissioner Claxton a successful administration of the educational phase of the government's activities.

It is said that moments of weakness are often moments of reaction and relaxation. We lose our self-control when off guard, as it were, and do things of which we would not be guilty were we stronger and more self-contained. Because a person has moments of weakness does not necessarily indicate that he is a person of small moral courage. Whether we know it or not we are working under a tremendous strain: in nearly all phases of life there is need for us to be on the constant lookout for the temptations and snares that beset our paths, and the person who strives to conduct himself according to the higher rules of living, who seeks to exemplify his moral and physical life all those characteristics which make up the perfect man must have a corresponding strength and courage—strength to resist the pitfalls and courage to persevere in his good resolutions. Sometimes the strain to live up to the high standard he sets for himself is more than his nature can stand, and before he is conscious of it, his hold upon himself relaxes, a certain indifference to his immediate welfare manifests itself and if opportunity is ripe he is likely to act in a manner which he may find in his renewed strength hard to excuse. Moments of weakness are not necessarily fatal to our peace of mind or moral welfare, but they are very convenient pegs upon which to hang all manner of excuses, and therein lies a suggestion of harm they are capable of working.

Some men complain that they have not time to read the newspapers. They make a great mistake. The day's news is the most marvelous stimulant that can be found. Some women rarely read the papers. As girls they never formed the habit. As grown housewives they value a broom more than a page of human history. Society gossip or glaring accounts of a calamity they manage to read, if their next door neighbor does not gossip too long over the telephone.

All bright minded children can be induced to pick up newspapers. It is a bit of guidance as to scandals, as they need to be told not to paddle in the mud after a shower. Point out to a lad the seat of war in Tripoli. That makes live geography. If he will read the current reconstruction in Turkey he will know, without consulting public libraries later on, how the history of his times was constructed.

The free press is, take it all in all, the highest prize of a free state. We do not stop long enough to confess it. We ought to weigh it, ought often to weigh it rightly and value this costly machine, the daily press. It is not too much to say that nothing ever did or ever will come into the poor man's home that stands for so much expended energy as the newspaper which he may lightly, perhaps, toss upon the floor.

New York Mail

Many men of great natural ability go through life doing mediocre work most of the time, because they never learn the secret of re-creating, refreshing, and renewing themselves. There are multitudes of students whose work would improve immensely if they could only learn how to renew, recreate themselves. The sanity and power of all the mental faculties depend upon it. How quickly our courage, enthusiasm, faith, self-confidence, the ability to stick, begin to weaken the moral courage.
ment the brain fags. One single hour of intense concentrated effort is worth more than days of trying to force the brain, in second-class condition, to do first-class work.

It is force, vigor, spontaneity, that count in one's creative work. If these qualities are wanting, the product must be inferior. No great work can be accomplished by an over worried or fagged brain. Many students work hard so many hours during the week that they do not get sufficient rest or recreation during leisure to rid themselves of the brain "waste" and broken down tissues accumulated. It may be assumed that when you exercise great difficulty in concentrating your mind, there are enemies of your efficiency in your system in the way of poisons, worn out cells, that must be got rid of. Much of this can be done by thinking by mental chemistry, when we try for the sake of health, amounts to very little. The right mental attitude has everything to do with effecting what is desired.

Howard at Hampton

Manager Logan and his undefeated bunch of goal tossers will play the Hampton quintet at Hampton on the night of George Washington's birthday. This is the first time that the teams have met, and the Hampton boys are very confident that they will put a stop to our long string of victories; but Manager Logan says "nihil faciens" for the Southern boys. We are inclined to think that when Hampton once sees our boys in action, they will admit that she hasn't seen or played basket ball before. It is not expected that our boys will have a hard time in defeating the Hampton boys, still Manager Logan has the "Blue and White" in the best shape to battle with this unknown quintet. Doctor Beamon will accompany the team and will serve as Medical attendant.

Learned Negro Dead

Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden Was Author and Lecturer

The well known Negro Publicist, Dr. Edward W. Blyden, of Sierra Leone, Africa, author and lecturer died last week, aged 73. He was considered one of the best scholars of the Negro race and had devoted his life's activities to the advancement of his people. Dr. Blyden had served the government of Liberia in many capacities. He was well known in this country and had been on visits here several times.

Note

Last Friday, Rev. Dr. Charles Morris, of Norfolk, Va., at one time a student of the Preparatory Department, gave a talk on the text, "What does it profit any man to gain the world and lose his own soul?" Dr. Morris came as a representative of the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

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Resolution

Whereas, Mr. Samuel A. Allen of the class of 1914 has recently experienced the unusually sad loss of his mother, and whereas we, the members of the class of 1914 share with him the grief caused by the loss of such a beloved one, Be it resolved,

First, that we extend to our dear friend and classmate our deepest sympathy in his hour of bereavement,

And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Allen, and that another be sent to the University Journal.

L. D. Turner, Chairman
Lois Johns
Eva Dykes
A. D. Armstead
Leonard Johnson.

“Sophs” of College Elect Officers

Ata recent meeting of the Sophomore College Class the following officers were elected and ushered into office:

L. H. Newman, President.
Isabel M. Forrest, Vice President.
Edith L Motte, Secretary.
Ida M. Jackson, Assistant Secretary.
Geneva C. Townes, Treasurer.
H. T. Wise, Critic.
L. A. Howard, Journalist.
W. E. Ricks, Chaplain.
M. M. Harris, Serg’t-at-Arms.

The Shadd Club

The Furman J. Shadd Club of the Junior Medical Class, Howard University, held its first regular meeting Tuesday, February 14, 3 p.m., the same was attended by the entire body.

Mr. R. P. McClain presided, and after the invocation by Mr. O. O. Perry introduced Dr. E. D. Williston, professor of Medical Jurisprudence, who delivered the main address of the afternoon on the life of Dr. Shadd. Dr. Williston’s address was very interesting and created rounds of applause, especially when lectured incidents in the early history of the Medical School.

The club feels it was extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of Dr. Williston for its opening and promises to have good speakers and programs throughout the term.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 27, the program to be announced later.

R. P. McClain, Pres.
E. Mitchell, Sec’y.

President Holmes Has All Hands at Work

Philadelphia Alumni Make Generous Pledge

Oklahoma Alumni In the Swim

The Gymnasium Committee of the General Alumni Association of Howard University has been advised of a contribution of $1,000 toward the Gymnasium fund by the Philadelphia Alumni at their banquet last week. This is the largest single pledge or contribution yet received. Among the speakers at the banquet were Dean Moore and Shelby J. Davidson, financial agent of the Alumni for the Gymnasium fund. All told, the total in pledges and in funds for the Gymnasium. Its report has not been received yet.

Each alumnus must do his duty: make sure your name is on the alumni list and lend a hand.

Michigan’s Colored Sprinter

Wolverines Will Have Lapsley on their Track Team

As far as track athletics are concerned Michigan will have this season for the first time on her track team a colored sprinter, L. Brown Lapsley, ’13 Lit., of Portland, Ore. His ability as a runner is undisputed. Last year Lapsley was defeated by Joe Horner, captain of the track team, in the preliminary elimination meet and there was no crisis to be met. Horner and Craig away, it seems certain the Portland lad will represent the Wolverines. The sentiment among the students is with Lapsley. Not since twenty years ago, when Jewett played on the football team, has Michigan been represented by a colored athlete.

Dr. Bartsch on Scientific Expedition

This Spring the yacht Anton Dohn of the department of marine biology, Carnegie Institution, will cruise to Andross Island, Bahamas, carrying a party of scientists. In the party will be Dr. W. T. Vaughn who is making a special study of coral reefs; G. H. Drew, of Cambridge University, who will pursue studies on the denitrifying bacteria of tropical seas, and our own Dr. Bartsch, who is making exhaustive studies of the ecology of the molluscan fauna, and who will make deep sea trawls with self-closing nets.

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News From Other Colleges

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Cambridge defeated Oxford 3 to 1, in their annual Association football game.

The University of Michigan will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary next July.

Formal inauguration of President John G. Hibben of Princeton will take place early in May.

A Debating league of New Hampshire has been formed under the supervision of Dartmouth College.

A twenty-four inch telescope, which will cost $80,000, is being constructed at the University of Michigan.

By an almost unanimous vote of the undergraduates, Barnard College recently adopted the honor system.

The classes at Brown have instituted a class fund to aid in raising an endowment fund for the University.

America's most cosmopolitan colleges are Yale and Oberlin, according to statistics compiled by C. W. Williams of Oberlin.

Statistics compiled by the Bureau of Education show that the college buildings in the United States are worth $211,440,088.

Reports indicate that J. Pierpont Morgan has given $50,000 to the University of Goettingen, Hanover, Germany, to enable the University to retain its present supremacy as acenter for American and English Literature. The financier was a student at Goettingen in his youthful days.

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Mr. Logan Speaks to Young Men

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The speaker then commented upon the virtues that made Christ's character forcible. He said that Christ was very industrious, for throughout his life he fulfilled his mission; that he had a life's purpose which he pursued without yielding to temptations; that he was strong, for in the face of opposition he was steadfast; that he had power to reason well for he always answered with poise and balance all those who would try to ensnare him.

Then, after touching upon Christ's originality, altruism, patience, chivalry, and sincerity, he enlarged upon his unaltering trust in God and concluded with an exhortation to the young men that if they wish to be forcible, if they wish to possess the characteristics of Christ, study the teachings of the noble man which are set forth in the Bible.

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Alpha Phi Holds Election and Installation

On Friday the 9th, inst., the Alpha Phi Literary Society held its semi-annual election. Decorum prevailing, the Society in an unusually short time, elected as officers for the ensuing semester the following persons:

President, Frank H. Wimberly
Vice President, Miss Marion T. Higgs
Secretary, Miss Edith Mott
Assistant Secretary, Miss Vera Monholland
Treasurer, John O. Catalan
Chaplain, Lemuel Taylor
Critic, Miss Vivian Johnson
Accompanist, Miss Osceola McCarthy
Journalist, Louis Howard
Reporter, Alonzo d'G. Smith
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Mr. Locke on Negro Education

On Thursday February 19th, before the School Teachers of the District of Columbia, Mr. Leroy Locke, the Rhodes Scholar, delivered a scholarly address on "Negro Tradition in Education."

Mr. Locke's treatment of the subject was broad and comprehensive. He said in part that we should approach the subject in a scholarly manner; that our motives should be historical rather than sentimental. He also said that race tradition which originated in race pride, if rightfully pursued would result in pride of race. He admonished us to measure all heroes by the same standard, and concluded by stating that Negro Tradition is rich enough in history to furnish as a liberal education.

The subject was well treated and we are sure all who were present at the address will agree that Mr. Locke is master of this subject. W. E. T. '14.

The High and Low Louis

It is not unusual for persons to talk glibly about certain "styles" of custom or decoration without any intelligent ideas whatsoever concerning them. Such was the young woman who entered a shoe store and said to the salesman: "I think these Louis XV heels are too high for me. Give me a size lower please or perhaps Louis XIII would be high enough."

Just a Little Personal

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

If a brush paints, does a tooth powder?

Some students are expert cramners.

We know why, fellows. They're eating onions.

The exams were record breakers. No one "punched" (?).

You can send Tucker to college but you can't make him think.

Jimmie McLendon has been acknowledged the "King of boils."

Jason says he has discovered carbonate of lime in Dozier's head.

Opportunity knocks at every man's door, but she never picks the lock.

Since the invention of the "B. B." Sykes takes one every three weeks.

Shaw missed two chances to "sub" this week. What's the matter Shaw?

Parson Smith sleeps twelve hours every night. He studies in the class-room.

Russell and Hays attended prayer meeting Tuesday night. All the lights went out.

Some one remarked a few days ago: "Mr. Garvin is growing to be such a nice young man."

Brice says that Bertha will have fits (Fitts) if he plays baseball. Therefore he resigns.