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Charter Day



LAST Thursday, March 2, was the forty-ninth anniversary of the day on which Congress granted a charter to Howard University.

The day was observed by a meeting in the evening to discuss plans for the fiftieth anniversary next year. President Newman told of the very first meetings which were held in order to establish this institution and suggested that at different periods throughout next year's session there should be lectures on the history of the University. Justice Peelle believed that the exercises should be managed chiefly by Negroes and that each department should endeavor to show just what it has accomplished. Dr. Waring suggested a celebration of three days in which students, faculty, trustees and friends could take part. Rev. Grimke thought the relation of the University to the progress of the Negro, to industrial institutions, and to the country should be emphasized. Mr. Davidson suggested means of interesting the Alumni in the Alma Mater and of celebrating the anniversary in other places, if the Alumni could not be present here. Dean Miller suggested that a record of the anniversary celebration should be published and sent to the libraries of every educational institution in the country. Dr. Clark, Dr. Pratt, and Mr. Hilyer emphasized the need of close association with the Alumni. Dean Cook thought immediate work was necessary and added that women should not be left out of any plans.

A preliminary committee consisting of the Executive Board and one member of the faculty from each department has been formed to make arrangements for the celebration.

Alpha Phi Literary Society

On Friday evening, March the third, the Class of 1919, better known as the Freshman Class, rendered a program before the Alpha Phi Literary Society. Although a number of interesting events were going on at the same time, a large number were present and by their evident interest in the class did much to encourage it.

The program as a whole showed a slight improvement in the development of the talent of this class, and also that there is still room for improvement. The calm and dignified manner of the presiding officer, Mr. C. C. Johnson, showed him to be well fitted, as president of the class, to lead it to great achievements.

The readings of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Steele are both worthy of mention in that they revealed possibilities in these young men that should be encouraged and developed. Who knows but that Howard may have the honor of producing even another Sothorn? Mr. Rambo in his usual slow, dry, but interesting and forceful manner presented such a vivid picture of the "Two Foes" that he unconsciously stirred his audience to a deeper realization of the evil efforts of intemperance. The reading of Miss Parker and the piano solo of Mr. Dungeon were both well rendered.

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Maynard Prize Debate Helm Wins First Prize



AT eight o'clock Friday, March 3, an appreciative audience assembled in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel to witness the annual Maynard Prize Debate.

The subject discussed was, Resolved: "That the United States should adopt the policy of military preparedness." Mr. J. W. Pace, president of the Maynard Literary Society, presided. Three speakers defended the affirmative side and three, the negative.

Mr. A. S. Helm, the first speaker on the negative, was awarded the first prize of ten dollars. He maintained that the United States should not adopt the policy of military preparedness for four reasons. First, it is unnecessary, in that the present strength of our army and navy is sufficient to defend our country against all probable foes. Secondly, it is unwise; for military preparedness will defeat its own end, which is peace, by leading to war. Thirdly, it means a needless expenditure of wealth. Fourthly, it is unchristian. We believe in the doctrine of the brotherhood of man and the priceless value of a human soul. Hence we cannot consistently advocate military preparedness or armed resistance.

Mr. A. F. Elmes, the second speaker on the affirmative, received the second prize of five dollars. He showed first that the struggle for existence leads inevitably to war. Since treaties are broken and international law is disregarded, the United States should be prepared for self-defense. He showed, secondly, that at present the United States is not prepared to maintain its existence, and defend its rights, as a sovereign state.

Revive the Howard Spirit



DURING the last two or three years Howard spirit has waned and waned until now there does not seem to be any such thing. The students do not seem to have the interest and pride in the institution that they possessed when the writer first made his appearance here. In those days the "hill" used to ring with healthy songs and yells. There seemed to be a common pride and love that held every man and woman to the University. In those days we had clean, hard-fought class fights and when it was finished, the boys shook hands and laughed over it. Then we had football games here and the "rabble" used to come out and yell so that a man really felt some pride in fighting for old Howard.

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loyal Howard man and woman ought to be ashamed of our own record for this year. We had one football game here with a paltry attendance, and that with an unimportant team. The lower classes have ceased to cheer us with their songs and yells and the intense rivalry which usually exists between the underclassmen does not exist at all. That is not all. Even at the track meet last week we showed a general lack of college spirit. We had no yells, no organized rooting, and we venture to say that it is quite likely that many of our students did not know, before last Friday evening, that Howard had a basketball team.

Now we have a general contrast between the Howard spirit three years ago and the Howard spirit of now. All unprejudiced observers must admit the observation to be correct. This lack of interest and indifference is like every other effect, the result of some cause. Then it is manifestly the duty of every Howardite to try to find out the cause and help to remove it.

This is not a matter for the consideration of the students only, but for the faculty as well. For we think that so well trained and observant a faculty must have noticed this lack of spirit. The faculty should cooperate with and help the students to rejuvenate things.

No one man or one woman can better conditions. It is a matter which calls for bigness of spirit. As the first step in reviving Howard spirit, every student ought to take for his slogan: "In all things that concern the welfare of Howard, I am for Howard first, last, and always." A man should

not place fraternity or anything else before the success of a team or organization of the University. This very thing has often been in our different elections. Let us start with that evil and wipe it out and we will wipe out the most dangerous foe to Howard spirit.

Let no one think that we would obviate rivalry, but, for Howard's sake, let it be clean and fair. We should always remember that when the best man, regardless of his affiliations, is elected as a captain of a Howard team or as a manager of some Howard organization, we thereby further the interests of Howard.

There is nothing which adds so much to the life of a university as the yells and songs of several classes; they create a healthy and live collegiate air. The rivalry of classes is a tradition in the Colleges of this country. Then let the underclassmen do their part in reviving the Howard spirit by expressing themselves with yells and songs and a general rivalry.

Howard University is a great institution and the students and the faculty make up the institution. One is useless without the other and the University itself does not accomplish its full measure of good if the real Howard spirit is lacking. So we make an appeal to the faculty and students to bend their efforts toward the reviving of Howard spirit.

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When the daylight of another morning dawned, it instilled in me a greater determination to solve the mysteries, and especially that one upon which my honor, my success, my very existence as a detective depended. As I took my seat at the desk in my office, my heart sighed for the loss of Elia, and a feeling of loneliness came over me such as I had never felt before. I found no mail in answer to the many letters that I had sent her and in which I had implored her to write me. However, I collected my wits and turned my attention towards solving the murder.

As I sat reflecting upon the case, the incidents of Jim Ban-

ford and the ranchers struck me so forcibly that I decided that I was justified in framing up a case against them. With the evidence that I had gleaned from various sources, I issued an order for the arrest of Jim Banford and the two ranchers, Casey Adams and Bandy Sultan, on suspicion. But when I had brought them before justice they each surprised me by proving an alibi. Although evidence turned in their favor to be liberated there was something in their demeanor that urged me to keep a watch on them. Jim Banford, indeed, seemed unusually nervous and so much so, that he was ordered to be kept under observation. Things seemed dark for clearing up the mystery, but I buckled myself down to work.

A few days after, I secured some valuable information and a fair description of a character who had been seen about the residence, whom I decided was Plucky Sims. I thereupon detailed a band of officers and with myself as leader set out in search of him. I issued orders to the various constables in the vicinity, while I struck out for the ranch upon which he had played so many tricks at Fulton Creek. We had journeyed many miles out into the prairie land when we came upon an old log cabin almost hidden by a thick ravine. However, under the shade of a clump of thickets we pitched our tent from which we watched continually. The next day we decided to search the vicinity and then change our position to some other section which was a familiar retreat of the desperado. With our revolvers well loaded we set out. All day the search kept up but nothing developed. We sought to arouse the occupants of the lonely cabin, but no one responded; I even ventured to try the door, but found it fastened. Who resided there I could not tell; for during the three days of our sojourn in its vicinity, we

had seen no one enter or leave it.

I, however, changed my plans to leave the vicinity, but retreated to the denser clump of trees and bushes where we moved our camp. After long watching and vain searching, I decided that I would leave the party to continue the search while I slipped over to Walton in search of my Manyana. Taking a small quantity of ammunition with me, I set out on my journey. I had often been within its vicinity but I knew very little of the population. I went immediately to the station and the post-office, in quest of Elia's residence. But I was surprised to find that the name was in the register but nothing else.

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Love also ran in the meet at Convention Hall.

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Monday, March 6th, no notices were sent in to be read at the chapel services.

It was in keeping with the profession of the theologs to argue for "preparedness."

The University Dramatic Club will render "Herod" at Howard Theatre on March 25th, instead of March 23rd, as was announced in last week's issue.

Visitor to the Domestic Science Room: Miss Waring, is it your highest ambition to be a cook?

ambition is to be a "Thomp—"

Life's darkest moment—when escorting Mr. Pollard from his home to a Leap Year Party, Miss H. W. met Miss V. P. face to face at the gate.

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Miss P. J. S. has assumed the name of "Merry Widow," since Mr. H. H. has gone to the country to recuperate.

Alpha Phi Literary Society

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Although the journalist, Mr. Atkins, gave us a multitude of the little happenings that really lend interest to our college life, his manner of presenting them did much to detract from a true appreciation of these secrets. But this seems to be a prevailing weakness of the journals that are presented before our societies, clubs, and classes. Let us hope that the future will bring us a great improvement along this line. With this exception the Freshman Class deserves great commendation for the program of the evening. *J. E. B., '17.*

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Howard Academy Vanquished

At the gymnasium last Saturday afternoon, Baltimore High School trounced the Academy basket-ball team by the score of 36 to 18. For the first five minutes of play the game promised to be a hard-fought contest, but the boys from the Monumental City soon struck their stride and began to pull away from the Preps. Baltimore displayed wonderful ability in shooting and passing which baffled the Preps throughout. The score at the end of the first period was 24 to 7, in favor of the High School boys. In the second period, the Academy boys came back with a great burst of speed but the Baltimore guards repeatedly broke up their team-work. For the visitors Seris and Harris put up a

great game. Gaskins and Francis played a brilliant game for the Preps.

Line up

BALTIMORE	H. S.	Position	ACADEMY
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Gel	C.		Francis
Seris	L. G.		McKensie
Smith	R. G.		Gaskins

Substitutions—Baltimore: Lyls for Smith. Academy: Page for Goeins, R. Henry for Hopkins, Micky for McKensie. Referee—K. Miller Jr. Umpire—M. Thomas. Timekeeper and scorer, I. Nutt.

Notes

We wonder if Howard's athletic teams are going to lose all the time. Everyone thought the Preps would have broken our losing streak in basket-ball for this season, but the same old story was brought home to us; namely, there is something wrong with our system.

Mr. Williams, the coach of Hampton's athletic teams, is determined that Hampton shall defeat Howard on the cinder path. Since Hampton has beaten us at football and basket-ball he thinks that a track victory will complete the bill. Look out for Hampton at our spring track-meet.

The Commercial College basket-ball team lost to the Y. M. C. A. team last Saturday evening by the score of 32 to 18. The Y. M. C. A. boys put up a peculiar but effective defense, the Commercial's defense while good lacked consistency. A return game will be played on Wednesday evening, March 15th at the gymnasium.

As the preliminary attraction on last Saturday afternoon, the Junior and Freshmen's basket-ball teams engaged in a very

lively game. The contest was fast and snappy throughout. Both quints displayed a high degree of all around team-work and the score see-sawed from start to finish. An extra period of five minutes had to be played before the victory was declared. Final score was Freshmen 11, Juniors 8. Everyone is waiting for the Freshmen—Sophomore game which we hope will take place very soon.

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Y. W. C. A. Notes

On February 27th the young women of the Y. W. C. A. were especially favored in having Mrs. Otey and Miss Elizabeth Cook address them. Mrs. Otey was among the first group of girls in the early seventies that attended the University and she told of the school life of those former Howard girls. There were only forty of them and each one had a suite of rooms in Miner Hall all to herself. They did not have the advantage of steam heat in those days and each girl was provided with a coal box and stove. There were good times for them as well as for those now. In the evening they had strolls or dances until study hour and once a month they gave a soiree. Best of all the young girls enjoyed close and intimate associa-

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tion with the Professors' wives. These ladies visited the girls, and sometimes taught them new stitches in embroidery or some new style in clothes or hair-dressing. The relation between them was helpful and cordial.

Miss Elizabeth Cook brought this message from the old girls: that they wish all Howard girls to enjoy the life here and help others to enjoy it. She hoped that all their desires and ambitions in life would be realized. Miss Cook concluded her talk with an experience which happened on one of her European trips. Their ship had left the Azores and was considerable distance from the shore. The day was rough and windy and the sea was very wild. A small craft engaged in carrying wood to the islands was tossed and battered about. The ship captain, seeing the vessel in such straits, murmured, "May God bring it safe to port;" and so may all Howard girls when the rough experiences of their career are over safely reach port.

The meeting concluded with singing "Far Away" led by Miss Cook—a song which embodied the spirit of the program.

Mr. Otto Bohanon, '14, was present at the meeting of *The Stylus*, Monday evening, February 28.

Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society Presents "Cupid's Partner"

The students and faculty were pleasantly entertained on February 26th with a play presented by the young women of the Academy. The play was entitled "Cupid's Partner" and its theme centers around little Pansy Harlow, who sends out two letters to St. Valentine. These letters falling into the righthands are instrumental in restoring a lost daughter to her mother and in preventing an unfortunate elopement.

The young women played their parts very well. Lottie Carpenter as a typical orphan and Edith Brown as shop-girl deserve especial commendation. Hattie Mae

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Great credit is due the business manager, Miss Esther Shackelford, for providing programs, decorations and scenery, also to the young men who helped to arrange the stage. Miss Hardwick as directress also deserves great credit for the the excellent training which she gave the young women.

The Stylus met at the home of Professor and Mrs. Tunnell Monday evening, February 28.

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MANYANA

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I made every effort to find her; I wrote a letter and placed it in the post-office, but it was returned to me as unclaimed. Where she was I couldn't imagine. I would have advertised even more publicly, but I must confess, I was afraid. A mysterious something so shrouded her, that I feared that there might be something that would make my position as a prominent man shaky should my relations with her be disclosed.

Disheartened, I gave her up and rejoined my party at Fulton Creek who reported nothing of importance. The next morning as we were planning a change we saw a shutter on the window of the cabin slightly open.

We waited patiently and in a few moments the form of a man slipped crouchingly out of the doorway behind the house. We set out after him and when we came upon him, lo, it was Plucky Sims. He offered very little resistance, but we handcuffed him and took him into the city.

"Now I have got you at last Plucky," said I.

"Yes," said he, "You are all right Wendell." He said nothing more even though I questioned him. When we arrived at the station, he seemed to sulk, but kept silent. After we had carried him through severe drilling, he broke down and confessed he had killed the venerable Judge, because of his decision against his associates, but that was prompted by Jim Banford. I was certain that I was now on the right trail of Jim. However, we placed Jim in custody and proceeded to question him. Everything became clear in a few days. Jim protested, but Plucky Sims testified that Jim had become angered at the incident of the night before the murder, that he had sought him as an accessory to his plans for killing the Judge and he had decided

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that he would do the deed. Thus the trial began in which I myself played a great part. From time to time I was forced to summon Ethel Wellington, who had almost become prostrated from her loss. Meanwhile I made every effort to find Elia and satisfy my intense longing.

At last when the final day of the trial came, I went into the court room where I took my seat. Plucky Sims and Jim Banford sat in the prisoners dock with care worn faces. But seated behind them with haggard face was a frail, but pale-faced girl with tear-stained cheeks whom they reported was the daughter of Plucky Sims. I only caught a glimpse of her, but I pitied her plight. Jim hung his head while Plucky Sims wept. When asked if there was anything they wished to say, Jim remained silent, but Plucky Sims asked that they look to his daughter. As the verdict was pronounced, I was thinking of Elia, but my attention was not directed towards the daughter of the murderer. However I left the court room and thought no more of the affair; but turned my thoughts to my last attempt to find Elia.

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A Farewell Reception

On Saturday evening a farewell reception was tendered Miss Mildred DeFreese who, because of the ill health of her father, has been forced to discontinue her course at the University and return to her home in Hillburn, New York.

The reception took the form of a Leap Year Party and was given at the home of Miss Hazel Weaver on Third Street, N. W. In carrying out the leap year idea the young ladies took the initiative during the whole evening, even going so far as to escort the young men from their homes to the party.

Among those present were the Misses Mildred DeFreese, Lucile Gilbert, Marie Hinckson, Virginia Scott, Mary Waring, Ethel Wilkinson, Hazel Weaver, Jennie Baer; the Messrs. S. H. Bardwell, J. H. Brooks, Bernadine Brown, E. H. Lawson, M. B. McAden, W. A.

Turley chaperoned the party. At the stroke of twelve with many expressions of regret at having to part with Miss DeFreese all turned their faces homeward.

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