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## "Herod" Coming to Howard Theatre

Dramatic Club of Howard University to Present Stephen Phillips' Great Tragedy, March 25th.

**F**OR several years the Howard University Dramatic Club has presented to the Washington public, in a very creditable manner, reputable dramas. "Herod," the latest offering of the Club, promises to eclipse all past performances of the Club. A more thrilling, exciting and interest-compelling play has seldom been attempted except by seasoned players. Although it is called, and properly so, a tragedy, it might well be classed as a history play; for it deals with one of the most interesting periods of Jewish history—the period just prior to the birth of Christ—and follows very closely the actual history of Herod the Great.

The story contains the usual elements of the tragedy—the wronged woman, an individual with a diseased mind, and a hero struggling against powers from without and within. Herod elevates his brother-in-law to the position of high priest; fearing the latter's popularity with the people, he later orders him to be drowned. Herod's sister and mother plot against Mariamne, Herod's wife, and later Herod is brought face to face with his own wrongdoings. From the opening scenes on the afternoon of the Feast of the Tabernacle to the closing scene in which the Chief Priest in fervent terms proclaims the hand of God in carving out the destinies of His people, the play is one continuous succession of thrilling climaxes.

Mr. Merrill Curtis, who played the rôle of Shylock in the "Merchant of Venice" last year, will again impersonate a Jew; this time, however, it will be King Herod. Mr. Curtis will be



MERRILL CURTIS  
*Herod in the tragedy "Herod"*



HORACE WALLACE  
*Gadius in the tragedy "Herod"*

given an excellent opportunity to display his great dramatic talent.  
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## Promising Future for Howard Alumni Plan to Assist Alma Mater

**A**FTER the rendition of a violin duet by Messrs. Butler and Hughes of the Medical School and piano solos by Misses Ward and Lane of the School of Music, the local Alumni Association of Howard University entered into the discussion of the report of the athletic committee of the Association at the regular meeting on Saturday evening, March 11th.

One of the most important results of the discussion of the report was the unanimous vote of the Association to present a recital in the near future for the benefit of athletics at the University. It is hoped that the financial success of this recital will aid greatly the distressing financial condition of athletics of Howard University.

After this discussion was over an interesting paper on the "Nationalization of Howard University" was read by Mr. Baker, who is a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy and Howard University. His carefully prepared paper was discussed pro and con for sometime, and it is safe to say that many members of the alumni will give this matter their most careful consideration.

Just before adjournment the association voted to contribute \$5.65 toward Mr. Harry Martin's

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*Senator Sterling of North Dakota, will deliver an address to the students and friends of the University under the auspices of the Y. P. B. of W. C. T. U., Sunday, March 19, 1916. All are invited to attend.*

### The Athletic Situation: A Proposal



We have already, in a previous issue, pointed out some of the evils that have sapped the life out of Howard spirit. Among the causes contributing to this lack of spirit is the athletic situation. The purpose of this writing is to attempt to propose some method of bettering our athletics. Other problems will be dealt with separately and subsequently.

First, we must set up a standard to attain to. We believe that Howard University, as the leading institution for the education of the colored youth, should lead in scholarship, athletics, debating, and all college activities. That means that Howard should have all forms of athletics, and of the highest order. Such is our standard.

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We should have an athletic tax of not less than \$3 nor more than \$5. This would afford money enough for the expenses of our teams. We should have a larger athletic tax and free games for students. Then we would have no more "scivering," and our teams would have the support of a larger number of our students. Thus the interests and hence the spirit of our athletics would be bettered.

Then the alumni should take an interest in the athletic situation of the University. The writer has been here a few years but he has yet to see any real help that the alumni have been to Howard athletics, or to anything at or of Howard. We speak, of course, of the alumni as a whole. We used to hear some rumor to the effect that the alumni were going to give the University a gymnasium but that rumor has faded into a whisper and is heard no more. Let our alumni get busy and do something for our athletics. Their love for Howard should impel and compel them to get together and help to revive Howard athletics.

dents will be of the alumni tomorrow. There is much to be done now and more to be done in the future. In order to build up a strong and useful alumni the faculty of Howard University must inspire her students with a love for their alma mater. They should take a personal interest in creating an affection for Howard in the breast of each student here. Let all ears attend.

We can place athletics upon a firm financial basis by sufficient athletic tax and by subscriptions from the alumni. Once our athletics are strong financially, we can have more games and this will create more spirit among the students. There will then be something to inspire yells and songs. Let "more money for athletics" be our slogan. Do this and, as if by magic, we shall see the dead Howard spirit turn over in its grave; and upon seeing that we really mean business, it will come and live among us and with us again.

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By

Stephen Rose

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RESOLVED, however, that I would make my last effort to locate her if possible. I secured a box in one of the leading newspaper offices from which I began to advertise. After two or three days of anxious waiting, no reply came,—not a single line or inkling of where she was, reached me. I myself had journeyed far and near in my efforts to find her, and, as I believed, I had made every available means of solving her disappearance. Indeed it seemed to me a dream that she had come into my life and then had sudden-

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ly disappeared. I began to realize that as simple as the circumstances appeared, and as shrewd a detective as I professed to be, here was one thing that I had not solved. I finally came to the conclusion that Providence solved more of our problems than any one could dream of and sometimes those problems which were so often attributed to our shrewdness of mind.

However, I decided that I would give her up forever; but talk and decision played a minor part in the matter. Actually to give her up was hard to accomplish. But my purpose was not hard to carry out as long as I kept within the circle of Ethel Wellington's affection. I needed no introduction to her; I knew her almost as well as I knew myself; and then, too, she was an altogether lovely girl. I had sympathized with her in her loss of her father with a peculiar interest for which I could not account, but which I attributed to the years of familiar intercourse in which we had frequently indulged. She, on the other hand, clung to me as an innocent child clings to its parent, and drew me into her plans and life day by day. Believing however that she was deeply interested in my happiness and believing that I was in a measure responsible for her bereavement, I presented the proposal to her.

I had expected that she would hold me off indefinitely but, much to my joy, after a few days of reflection she accepted it cordially.

Since I had already begun my preparations for matrimony, there was very little for me to accomplish. Ethel likewise required very little preparation in view of her recent loss. We completed our plans for our wedding which was to occur in a fortnight, while, in the meantime, I was endeavouring to collect my wits. A few days after our decision, an announcement of our

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### EDITORIAL

¶ During the Charter Day exercises on March 2, in which plans were made for the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary next year, one heard much of the alumni, but very little of the students. The best way to secure a loyal, devoted alumni body is to make loyal and devoted students.

At this meeting it was suggested that an exhibition of students work be held; that an athletic meet be arranged, and that a play be given by the College Dramatic Club. The idea of a play is excellent. It ought to be written, however, by the students and should embody the struggles and aspirations of the race in the realm of higher education. This would afford splendid opportunity for

talented dramatic ability to be revealed. A collection, under the auspices of the dramatic club, might be taken to be used next year as a prize for the student or group of students writing the best play.

A student body of fifteen hundred should have a very active, not passive, part in this fiftieth Alma Mater anniversary. The columns of THE JOURNAL are open to any helpful suggestions whereby the students may demonstrate their appreciation and devotion on this occasion.

### Promising Future for Howard

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railroad fare to New York City provided a like amount can be raised otherwise. This was done in order that the crack hurdler, Mr. Martin, can represent Howard at the big Metropolitan Indoor Championship Meet in New York on the 18th.

This is a promising indication of what the alumni intend to do for athletics in the future. Further indication was shown by the large number of the members of the Association who braved the wintry winds on February 28th to attend the first joint Mammoth Indoor Athletic Carnival held by the P. S. A. L. and Howard University.

The following well-known members of the general Alumni Association were present: Ex-President Dwight Holmes, President Shelby Davidson, Financial Secretary R. L. Pelham. — "Rube."

### "Herod" Coming to Howard Theatre

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Miss Kitty Bruce as Mariamne is fully capable of playing opposite Mr. Curtis. Miss Bessie Nelms and Mr. Horace Wallace have appeared several times in past performances, and their work have always been of a high character.

In addition to the services of Mr. Nathaniel Guy, as director, the Club has the cooperation of Mrs. Osceola McCarthy Adams, the star of "The Lady of Lyons." With the support of an able cast, and under the skillful direction of Mr. Guy and Mrs. Adams, the Club expects to present the best play yet given before the Washington public.

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Invocation, Thomas Kirksey.

Music, "Gaudeamus."

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Miss Mary Webb.

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Miss Ruby McComas.

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Miss Ruth Pollard.

"Roman Satire Compared with Greek Comedy,"

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marriage appeared in the papers together with a short reference as to my services to the state in running down the murderer of her father. As I glanced at the short account, I thought of Elia Lorton and wondered where she might be at this moment. A feeling of despair came over me that threw my heart into a fury and scorn for what I had done.

Day after day passed in which I tried to suppress the feeling that arose continually, until finally I found myself wasting away,—yes pining away. At last at the advice of my physician I took myself to a quiet village where I tried to give myself more ease in body and in mind. Here I had time to reflect, I had not done Elia any wrong by engaging myself to

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another; but I wondered if I were wronging myself in marrying one girl and loving another. It appeared to me that I loved Ethel Wellington equally as well. I was certain that I did. How in the world I could love two women equally I couldn't tell. At last I concluded that I had learned a great lesson. Experience had taught me that love was not a red-hot flame that burned fiercely and licked up everything in its course, nor did it just burn once, then die out. I rather was convinced that the love of mankind was only a sprout from that Supreme Love, a vine that grew up shooting out its slender tendrils to everything that approached, but whenever some object upon which it might fasten appeared, it wrapped its tendrils around it, sometimes firmly; at other times faintly, but when that object tore itself from its grasp, if any other object remained which would support it, it encircled it in a similar manner. I was convinced that after all we were nature's children. I had not wronged Elia; but she had wronged me; I realized that she was unworthy of that love that I bore her. Her obligation to me remained the same, regardless of circumstances, to me she lacked that moral sense that should abide in every woman's bosom.

After reasoning with myself upon this matter my burden seemed to leave me, and I was gradually recovering from my sorrow for the most part through Ethel's unwavering expressions of love which she revealed in her letters, when one day I received a letter from Ethel telling me that Banford had broken down and confessed that he had instigated the murder, and that he too had been condemned to die with Plucky Sims. I wrote her immediately and implored her not to talk of the affair, not to think of it any longer; and then I started for home.

As I sat in the crowded coach of the Western Express perusing the daily news, I caught sight of

a small paragraph which reported that the daughter of Plucky Sims had attempted suicide. "What a dunce she was, poor fool," thought I. I suppose it was hard, but what a coward, as all men are, who fly to greater difficulties to which they are unequal rather than face those tests to which they are subject. However, I passed it over lightly. I arrived home safely where I went immediately to my office. I looked over my mail which was an abundance, and then darted out upon the thoroughfare where I made my way to my prospective bride. She received me gladly and with an expression of delight at my remarkable improvement in health which had taken place in little more than a week. We spent the day happily together in which I must confess I felt much refreshed.

It was the day of our marriage, which was to be very quiet, that I had returned from making a few purchases, when I found upon my desk, a letter bearing the head-letters of the Casualty Hospital. I hastily broke the seal.

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# ATHLETICS

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## Howard Academy Defeats Baltimore High School

On Friday night, March 10, the Howard Academy basket-ball team defeated the Baltimore High School team in Baltimore by the score of 23 to 16.

No time during the season have the Academy boys shown so much form as on Friday night. The burst of speed, good team work, and accurate shooting bewildered the High School boys, who defeated the Academy team a week ago 36-18. During the first half, the Baltimore team made only two baskets from the field.

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The Academy team as a whole starred, but special mention can be made of the work of Captain Gaskins, who shot nine foul goals out of eleven chances, and the shooting of Goëins. For Baltimore, Lane and Miles did good work.

### Notes

The Sophomore basket-ball team defeated the Junior five last Saturday afternoon by the score of 6 to 5. The Sophomores' victory came after a brilliant rally, following the first half of the game, which ended with the Juniors in command at 3 to 2. The game was fast and keenly contested throughout. While both teams put up a strong defensive game, the Sophomores with Carr as their star were able to get their offensive tactics in smooth working order during the last two minutes of play and snatched victory from the Juniors.

Manager Stone has issued a call to the baseball men. Although the weather is as yet unsuited for the men to work-out on the campus the manager thinks that two-weeks of training in the gymnasium will be a great help to the

men. This is a capital idea on the part of the manager, and already candidates for the team have reported for training at the gym.

The Commercial College quint demonstrated its right to be called the best basket-ball team on the hill, when it crushed the Freshman College Machine last Saturday, 19 to 9. This game was one of the best seen in the gym this season. Both teams put up a spectacular game, but the better team work of the Commercial's coupled with good shooting for baskets proved to be the deciding factors of the game.

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In the death of Mr. Hyland Hays the Medical School and Howard University sustain a great loss. Mr. Hays was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and at the time of his death was a member of the Sophomore Class of the Howard Medical School.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of which he was a member sends the following resolution:

WHEREAS: It has pleased the Almighty and Omnipotent Father to remove from this terrestrial ball our dear and beloved brother, Hyland Hays, and

WHEREAS: The said brother had so firmly ingratiated himself in

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the hearts of his fraternal brothers:—

BE it sincerely resolved, that we herein express our deep sympathies to the bereaved family and beseech Almighty God to sustain them in their deep sorrow and bereavement; we ourselves sorrowfully bemoan the death of our dear brother and devoted friend:—

BE it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, one be placed in the archives of this fraternity and one be sent to the UNIVERSITY JOURNAL for publication.

Done this the thirteenth day of March, 1916.

M. B. McAden, *Basileus*,  
J. W. Granady, *Keeper of Records*.

### Senior Pharmaceutical Class Gives Social

On Tuesday evening, March 7, the Senior Class of Pharmacy gave a social and dance at True Reformers Hall.

There was only a limited number of guests invited, allowing plenty of space for those present to amuse themselves in tripping those steps which require plenty of space. One of the special features of the evening was a "practice" dance, introduced by one of the members, the intricate parts of which represented the art of the practice of pharmacy, viz: a *glide* which is characteristic of handling a spatula in making an ointment, and *turns* which well imitated trituration, and other steps that depicted the art of compounding. Everyone present admitted that the evening was pleasantly spent.

The committees appointed on decorations and refreshments carried out their parts well as the room was beautifully decorated with blue and white, the class colors, and also with a large variety of pennants; the refreshments were as pleasing to the taste as

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