Intercollegiate Debate

On Monday evening, April 2, in Andrew Rankin Chapel, the Intercollegiate Debate between Howard University and Virginia Union University of Richmond, Va., will be held.

The subject for discussion is: Resolved that those industrial combinations, known as trusts, are detrimental to the best interests of the wage earning classes. Howard defends the affirmative of this question. Her debating team is F. Douglass Morton C. '06, A. D. Tate C. '07 and Ocea Taylor C. '06. Virginia, thru J. W. Tyner '07, S. S. Booker '06, and U. P. Hayes '08, defends the negative.

The debate promises to be the debate of the season; enthusiasm is at its height and all Howardites are one for Howard's victory.

Societies Elect Officers

The Alpha Phi

A special meeting of the Alpha was held on Tuesday evening for the election of officers. The following were elected:

President, M. A. Morrison
Vice President, H. H. Scott
Secretary, B. L. Marchant
Treasurer, A. D. Tate
Custodian, F. Douglass Morton
Chaplain, E. H. Oshey
Seal-at-arms, R. H. Junior

Athletic Association

At the election of officers in Athletic Association, Saturday night, following officers were elected:

President, C. E. Smith
Vice President, F. E. Miller
Secretary, A. Fleming
Treasurer, J. G. Moore
Custodian, G. A. Kyle

Christian Endeavor

The following officers were elected for the Spring Term in the Christian Endeavor:

President, James Wright
Vice President, Miss White
Secretary, Miss Brown
Treasurer, Miss Workman
Deacon, M. Moore
Lector, M. Salo

Tennis

There has been a little scattered tennis playing at Howard since its earliest days, but it has been only within the last few years that the players have been organized into a club and things conducted systematically. Among the early presidents of the tennis club the names of C. M. Butler and Dwight Holmes are handed down to us. In the fall of 1904 Shadd, Med'07, was elected president of the tennis club as then organized. The club, governed in a loose half hearted manner, drifted along into oblivion without attaining much success.

Tennis, therefore, has not amounted to much around Howard University.

This year at the University there has been a great awakening. New life and impetus have been given to all athletic sports. The ball team is preparing for a ten day trip, something unheard of in the annals of Howard University. The track team is training for a grand interscholastic meet with the high schools of this city and of the neighboring cities. The Tennis Club has reorganized on a firmer and more solid basis; a constitution has been framed and adopted. The club, is making preparations for two new courts and an improvement of the old one. Movements are on foot for procuring back stops, nets and all the apparatus necessary for ideal tennis playing. The Tennis Club, however, like all other athletics, is under the supervision of the Athletic Association. Anyone, then, expecting to play tennis must become a member of that association.

Choosing a Profession

A question momentous and vital to all, is the selection of a field for one's life work, that one which is not of the manifold fields the most preferable but that one for which we find ourselves best fitted; not what we wish to do but what we wish to do being such as we are.

In childhood, the here often we find the first manifestations of this selection thru those things which seem to appeal most to the child's fancy, yet we cannot discover always the actual trend of the child's mind and inclinations; nor in later years can a preceding interest in certain subjects always be indicative of one's chosen profession, for these youthful likes and dislikes may be but the outcome of good or poor teaching; for a clever youth, if well taught, is apt to be interested equally in all of his studies; but, it is between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one that this question of selection assumes most seriousness and receives most careful consideration. Sometimes, it is necessary to wait late in the college course before making the decision; for we must guard against choosing too late; yet it is equally essential not to choose too early.

Confronted by the question, "For what am I best fitted?" each one must undergo a self-introspection.

First, to him who would enter the ministry, a profession which offers to its adherents a certain refinement and spirituality of mind which no other profession can give, he must ask himself whether he has in him the capacity to become a preacher to whom people will listen and a practical worker of whose cooperation men will be pleased.
The Peculiar Fitness for a Peculiar Man

In the choice of a president for a college or other institution of high learning or broad culture, there are some general qualifications of fitness necessary. Of course, his scholarly attainments are essential as legal training for the aspiring barrister. These are his badge of office. Without these, it is presumption for any man to aspire to become the head of an institution of the sort we are considering. And if such a position should fall to the lot of a man lacking this qualification, he would soon have to give up by sheer force of his incompetency.

Then, too, a college president should be a leader in thought, one abreast of the times and fertile in mind. He should be one whose opinions have weight, particularly in the educational world. And as a leader of young men, for such presiding offices are, the college president should be the model whose example they should strive to emulate. He should be of strong moral fiber, a Christian character, sympathetic, magnetic. These are some of the characteristics of the college president in general.

But an institution may have certain peculiar conditions which demand in addition to the qualifications of a general nature, for its president, a special fitness to meet these special conditions. Such an institution is Howard University. In its president, the special fitness must not be considered as secondary or subordinate to his general equipment. On the contrary, they must be coordinate and coexist.

In the march of educational progress, Howard University has not departed from the spirit of the purpose of its founder. It is to exert an uplifting influence upon those who present themselves at its door. Now, indeed, do we need men made stronger by education and culture, men whose horizons have become greater through knowledge. These be troublous times to try men’s soul, and men strong in every way must be prepared that they may be fitted to survive. Then we need a man of great sympathy; a man whose heart is large and whose heart is good.

The President of Howard University wields more power in many respects than the executive of many a larger institution. In these the traditions of a century or more give a crystallized condition of conservatism that is so necessary in lasting educational work. Here, however, we have no such traditions, and the incumbent finds a field of almost unrestricted activity, and he can make or ruin. Whereas in other institutions the president who goes counter to tradition will come to grief, here it is the institution that suffers. We need a large man whose heart is in his work, and not one who would exploit a race for pecuniary gain or sociological fame.

Theological Notes

Dr. Hamlin, President of the Board of Trustees, has just completed a series of weekly lectures to the department on “The Preacher’s Use of the English Bible.” These lectures are given year by year, with a change of subject in each series. “Revivals” was the subject last year. As a lecturer Dr. Hamlin is easy, deliberate, and forceful, and his lectures are highly appreciated.
Choosing a Profession

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glad to avail themselves, and if he

cannot answer these in the affirm­
avive then for him the ministry is

not.

Likewise, if, upon self examina­
tion, one finds that he has a dreamy

and contemplative soul, that he

lacks a logical faculty, then may he

know that he will never make a

successful lawyer.

Would one be a doctor, that

profession which alleviates men's

immediate and most conscious ills,

he must be willing to devote his

life to study; he must be gentle and

sympathetic, of strong constitution.

 Else this is not his calling.

In the prospective teacher, that

vocation which is invaluable in its

benefits to mankind, must appear

these qualities: earnestness and

strong character, real interest in

teaching, keen observation, tact,

cheerfulness and power to govern

naturally—without these can no

one make a true teacher.

Further, to him who has no

knowledge of or particular interest

in mathematics and no acquaint­

ance with physical laws is closed

the door to the profession of

engineering and its various branch­

es.

Thus, as we find in these few il­

ustrations the necessity of self-exa­
namination and self-efficiency, we

find these characteristics essential

to all professions.

It matters not what we do but it

matters much how we do it. What­

ever the profession chosen, it is most desirable to lay for it a

broad and solid foundation, for the wider the foundation the more

secure the edifice will be. No satis­

factory work can be done by half-

trained men. Choose then a pro­

fession for which you are fitted, one which appeals to you and finds

response and with diligence and care

your daily work will be a kind suited

most to excite your highest facul­
ties and to produce the deepest

and most lasting pleasure and suc­

cess and distinction must be yours

whatever the vocation.

Alumni Banquet

The College Alumni of Howard

University held a meeting Friday

evening, the occasion being a re­

union and dinner. A former asso­
ciation of College men had become

merged into a general alumni body

of the University, and the meeting

was for the purpose of forming a

distinctive College Alumni Associa­
tion. There was a representative

gathering present, graduates from

the class of '75 to '05. Acting

President of the University, Dr. F.

W. Fairfield was the guest of the

association. Many toasts were re­

sponded to, among them the follow­

ing:
The University, President Fairfield

The College, Prof. Miller

Our Boys in Medicine, Dr. Shaddd

Our Boys in the Ministry, Dr. Tannell

Our Graduates as Teachers, Mr. Wetherless

Our Boys in Law, Mr. Posey

Our Recent Graduates, Mr. Thomas

Our Boys out of Town, Mr. Holmes

Our Athletes, Mr. Allen

The Alumni, Mr. Smith

A general spirit of good feeling

prevailed all. A number of letters

from out-of-town graduates were

read, highly commending the meet­
ing, the writers joining in spirit

with those present. All were a unit

in maintaining that the college

must be strengthened and made the

central unit of the University.

The following officers were elected

in the permanent organization:

President, Dr. Fairfield; vice presiden,t, Mr.

Charles S. Syphax; treasurer, Mr. U. E.

Wetherless; secretary, Walter L. Smith.

Among those present were Dr. Fair­

field, W. Y. Tannell, J. B. Allen, Kelly

Miller, J. H. Dodd, Edward Williston,

C. C. Lathers, G. W. Cook, W. H.

Thomas, F. J. Shaddd, J. F. E. Johnson,

L. O. Posey, W. E. Wetherless, S. N.

Young, C. Bagley, D. O. W. Holmes,

Grant Lucas, Chas. S. Syphax, J. M.

Carter, W. H. Washington, J. H. Mer­

iwether, C. A. Mann, and Walter L.

Smith.

In Christian Work Cool

At the recent convention of the

students' volunteer movement for

foreign missions, held in Nashville,

Tenn., February 28 to March 4, space was provided for col­

ored delegates. Students of How­

ard University of this city; Fisk

University, Nashville, Morris

Brown College, Atlanta, and other

prominent colored colleges have

withdrawn from the association.

Much feeling is said to have been

engendered, and at a recent meet­
ing held in the chapel of Wilber­

force University, presided over by

President S. H. Jones, resolutions

were passed condemning the action

of the citizens of Nashville for hav­
ing provided separate space. The

officers of the society in New York

have been notified, it is said, that

the colored colleges will withdraw

entirely from the movement and

withold all students from aiding in

the work in the United States.

The Sermon

At the Sabbath Vesper Services

Rev. Dr. Norman, pastor of the

Metropolitan Baptist church, pre­

chaught. His text was: 1st Peter

2:12, 'Having your conversation

honest among the Gentiles; that,

whereas they speak against you

as evil-doers, they may by your good

works, which they shall behold,

glory God in the day of visitation.'

He said in part:

'the apostle was writing to those

who were in the midst of the Gen­

tiles, and because the Christians

were so often confounded with the

Jews, and thereby persecuted by

the Gentiles, he was cautioning

them to so live that the heathen,

who so closely observed their ac­

tions, would desire to live likewise.

The words of the apostle are

applicable to Christians to day.

How many sinners are deterred

from coming to God because of

some careless Christian's action!

Christians must have a cer­

tain high standard and live up to

it; their lives must be examples of

righteousness; their daily walks of

life must correspond to that right­

eousness and, team with good works.

Good works are prompted by love

for God. The Jews works were

not efficacious: they did not come
from a changed heart. A Christian whose actions are right, not only is strengthened himself, but leads others to make peace with God. All who love God desire His glory; there can be no higher aim than this. Good works, tho they may condemn us, glorify God. We have been redeemed by His blood and must influence others to be redeemed, we are responsible for our fellowmen. Forget not that a doctrinal spirit is not as powerful as a good act. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Does College Pay?

(Condensed from “Does College Pay” in The Forum.)

Concerning the influence of the college graduate on our political development we have discovered that the author of the Declaration of Independence was a college graduate; that its ablest defender was a college graduate; that of the fifty-six men who signed it twenty were college graduates; that two of the three men who led to the assembling of the Constitutional Convention were also college graduates; that the authors of the three or four plans submitted to the convention were college graduates; and that the man (James Madison) who won the name "Father of the Constitution," was also a graduate. Twenty-three of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, and the ablest defender of it, were college graduates. Twenty-three of the fifty-four men who signed the Constitution, and the three men who led to its adoption, were also college graduates. Twenty-three of the fifty-four men who signed the Constitution, and the three men who led to its adoption, were also college graduates. The influence of the college graduate upon our national life is shown by the proportion of college graduates among our Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Cabinet Officers, and Justices of the Supreme Court from the beginning of our history, which is as follows:

- The one per cent of college graduates is furnishing 36 per cent of the Members of Congress, and has supplied 55 per cent of the Presidents, nearly 50 per cent of all the Cabinet Officers, 69 per cent of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Justices, Attorneys-General, Secretaries of State, and other Cabinet Officers where the margin of difference is quite small. More college graduates than formerly are being chosen to the Presidency, to the House of Representatives, to the most important positions in the Cabinet, and to the Supreme Bench.

High School Lectures

The Wednesday lectures at the M Street High School each week mark an hour of entertainment and instruction for pupils and teachers. Wednesday, March 14, Mr. G. C. Wilkinson, a teacher of history in the school, read an interesting and instructive paper on "The Declaration of Independence." Wednesday, March 21, "boys' day." when Lieut. Thomas R. Clark of the district Guard read a most interesting paper on "The Negro Soldier" and the boy sang the chorus, "Two Grenadiers."

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An Evening with Paul Laurence Dunbar

Weep not for him who dieth
For he sleepeth and is at rest.
And the couch wherein he lieth,
Is the green earth's quiet breast.

Not to weep nor to grieve for
Paul Dunbar, but to express a race's
Grief and loss, did the Alpha Phi
Devote last Friday evening to the
Life and work of the deceased poet. I
Tributed melodies celebrated and the
Will be shown, the revival of plan-
Tuskegee, to be held at Tuskegee,
A race's and a nation's loss.

Besides Alpha Phi members, a
Large audience gathered in Andrew
Rankin Chapel, listened, after the
Invocation and remarks by the
President of the Alpha Phi, to a
Very interesting and well rendered
Program which consisted of Dun-
Bar's life together with press com-
ments on same, several of his most
Familiar and popular poems, a brief
Sketch of Dunbar as a poet, and
Several solos the words of which
Were his composition.

As one listened to the words
Which had flowed from the pen of
This great writer he could but think
Within himself that this Paul Lau-
rence Dunbar was indeed an inspir-
ed son of the Muses, a poet, born
Not made, a soul exalted above
earth whose early setting sun was
A race's and a nation's loss.

25th Anniversary of Tuskegee

The celebration of the twenty fifth
Anniversary of the foundation of
Tuskegee, to be held at Tuskegee,
Ala., April 4, 5 and 6, will be made
An occasion for showing the race's
Progress in several directions. Tus-
kegee's history will be displayed as
An outgrowth of Hampton, its
Aims, its usefulness, and the work of
Its graduates. The scope and ef-
Ficiency of Tuskegee extension work
Will be shown, the revival of plan-
Tation melodies celebrated and the
History and present condition of the
American Negro exhibited.

A Howard Alumnae

A colored girl of Washington, ed-
Ucated in the Washington schools
And at Howard University, is the
First negro girl to take shorthand
Notes by the authority of the Iowa
court. Miss Lila Snelley of Wash-
ington, D. C., has been engaged in
Stenographic work for the past five
Years. She is now in the employ of
An Oskaloosa law firm and is rec-
ording secretary of the Iowa
Afro-American Federation of Wo-
men's Clubs and secretary of the
Afro-American Council.—Evening
Star.

Declaratory Contest

Lorenzo D. Turner, of Rockville
Md., son of Mr. Turner, C. ’77, and
A prospective Howardite for Sep-
Tember ’06, won the prize of $20 in
gold, offered by Hon. B. H. War-
er of Kensington, Md., to the winner
In the declaratory contest of the
colored schools of Montgomery
County, Md. The final contest
Was held in Rockville among the
eleven winners in the preliminary
Contest which had been held in the
Several district schools.

Hon. Archibald H. Grimke on
Charles Summer

Hon. Archibald H. Grimke
Delivered the last of his series of
Lectures in the Lower Chapel,
Thursday afternoon. He said, in
Part, of Charles Summer: Sixty-
Nine years ago there might have
Been seen on the streets of New
York a young Bostonian of striking
Appearance hastening aboard a
Steamer enroute for Europe. This
Was Charles Summer at the age of twenty six whose youth and
early manhood had manifested no
Unusual talents, but who like other
Massachusetts boys had been
Serious and studious. Perhaps this
Earnestness and thoroughness and
Laboriousness were the stars of his
Future greatness.

As the boy's life was void of
Play so was the man's void of humor
A stand taken was never abandoned
One decision was final; yet he did
Not lack sympathy; he made friends
And lasting friends.

His principal passion was that
All men are brothers everywhere
And have one common destiny. He
Denounced slavery and when once
He had taken his stand against it
He never swerved; despite all per-
sonal assault, he remained the
Negro's friend and defender until
His death, March 11, 1874.

Notices

Intercollegiate Debate between Union
University of Richmond, Virginia,
And Howard on Monday night in
Andrew Rankin Chapel. Admission
25 cents.

Country Social tonight in Miner Hall.
A prize will be offered to the best
Pseudo-rustic costume.

Vesper Service as usual on Sunday at
4:30.

Y. M. C. A. meets at 6:15 P. M. Sunday.
Band rehearsal at 3:15 P. M. this after-
noon.

Bligh Chorus Practise in lower Chapel
At 3:15 P. M.

Meeting of Athletic Association on Mon-
day in Rankin chapel at 12:30.

A meeting of the H. U. Cricket Club
Will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms
Clark Hall on Saturday next (March
31) at 12:30 o'clock. All desirous of
Joining the club are cordially invited.

A New Debating Club

Some of the young men of Clark
Hall have formed a debating soci-
ety, which as yet is unnamed, that
Will hold its meetings in the Y. M.
C. A. Rooms on Saturday nights.
The following program has been
Arranged for March 31st:

Introductory, Pres., A. L. Weaver.
Song, Club.
Recitation, L. C. Dade.
Oration, J. Brown.
Instrumental Solo, J. B. Goggins.
Select Reading, F. E. King.

General Discussion:
Question: Is city life preferable to
country life?
Led in the affirmative by H. L. Scott.
Negative by A. Deane.

For Saturday, April 7th
Resolved, That theaters are more
Beneficial than injurious.
Affirmative: Mr. W. H. York.
Negative: Mr. Chas. E. Smallwood.

For Saturday, April 14th
Resolved, That the union of all
Churches would promote the true
Interests of Christianity.

For Saturday, April 21
Resolved, That parents are responsi-
Ble for the physical, mental and moral
Condition of their offspring.
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