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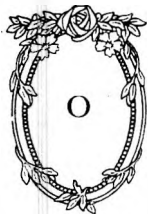
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## Celebration of the Birthday of Miss Myrtilla Miner "The Miner Day"



ON Wednesday night, March the fourth, the young ladies of Miner Hall held a very interesting celebration in honor of the birth of Miss Myrtilla Miner, after whom

Miner Hall is named. The program was under the auspices of the Senior Class, and Miss Winona Cargile, of that class, presided over the occasion with much dignity.

The program opened with the invocation by President S. M. Newman. After stating the purpose of the celebration in a few words, the presiding officer read a poem composed for the occasion

by Miss Lottie Gatewood of the Sophomore Class. Papers upon the life and work of Miss Miner were read by several of the young ladies of the Senior Class: "A Biography of Myrtilla Miner," by Miss Harriet G. Heard; "Miss Miner as a Philanthropist," by Miss O. Davies; "Other Women who Laboured for Negro Education," by Miss Pauline Oberdorfer. Between these literary

## In Memory of Miss Myrtilla Miner

Written for "Miner Day" by Lottie Gatewood, '16

I

On a vine clad hill of sunny beam  
Stands a hall of lauded name,  
Whence happy visions ever stream,  
And worth's noble aim.

II

The name came from a kindly one,  
Who had no thought of self,  
No hope of fame from what was done,  
No thought of worldly pelf.

III

That noble soul went forth in tears,  
To sow truth's precious seeds,  
She planted hope that scattered fears,  
And will fruit in golden deeds.

IV

Her virgin sweetness loved all truth,  
And longed with all to share,  
She answered for neglected youth  
Their yet unanswered prayer.

V

She broke life's box of ointment rare  
Upon the sorest feet,  
And all within these walls now share  
The blessed fragrance sweet.

VI

She labored that her Savior's crown  
Might bear with holy grace,  
Among the jewels of renown  
Gems of the Negro race.

VII

She never faltered on life's way,  
Her courage never failed;  
Her faith outlived the darkest day,  
And hope's star never paled.

VIII

And when with toil her hands were worn,  
And when her feet had trod  
All life's long road by angels borne,  
She went to be with God.

numbers there intervened several very pleasing musical selections; instrumental solos were rendered by Miss Cornella Lamp-ton and Miss Ione Monroe, and a vocal solo by Miss Amy Goodwin.

The crowning feature of the occasion was the presentation of a large portrait of Miss Miner by Miss Madree Pennin behalf of the young women who now live or have lived in Miner Hall. Miss Penn made the presentation speech with her usual eloquence and Miss Hardwick accepted the picture with a few well chosen words. Miss Hardwick expressed the hope that "Miner Day" would become a permanent feature of the college calendar and that each year the young women would commemorate it by purchasing something to beautify the Hall.

A number of the Faculty and friends of the University were present. Dr. Montgomery of the Miner School Board read an article he had written on the life and work of Miss Miner. Dean Geo. Wm. Cook read the resolution of the trustees by which the Dining Hall became "Miner Hall" in honor of Miss Myrtilla Miner.

The celebration of "Miner Day" gave inspiration to all present and every person left with a deeper appreciation of this brave pioneer in Negro education.

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## In Athletics

### Base Ball

The other day, when the beautiful sunshine fell upon Mother Earth, the baseball enthusiasts smiled with eagerness for the welcoming diamond; but at present, the enthusiasts smile not since snow covers the ground. However, Manager L. D. Turner will have the fence-breakers on the diamond at an early date, and the "book-house" will soon receive its usual threats. The manager has his schedule arranged which will be announced soon.

### Basket Ball

The Varsity Basket Ball Team is traveling much and making an enviable record. The team left Wednesday for New York City, where they will play Columbia University Alumni on Thursday. On their way back, the team will stop in Philadelphia and play the Y. M. C. A. team.

Probably, the battle second to none engaged in by the Varsity, during the season, in point of hearty enthusiasm and keen competition will be the battle with the St. Christopher Club in New York City, on March 20. The spoils in this contest will be a valuable silver trophy. Manager "Rich" (ardson), Chairman "E. P." (Davis) and the team say Howard will be the victors.

### Track

The most interesting feature of Howard's track athletics is that the Varsity relay team is booked to compete in a big athletic carnival, held under the auspices of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, in New York City, on April 24. Lincoln, N. Y. C. Y. M. C. A. and several other city clubs will also compete; and a beautiful bronze statue will be given to the winning team while diamond scarf pins will be given to the individual members of the winning team and solid gold scarf

pins to the team making second place. Naturally, each team looks forward to victory. The trials for the Varsity took place yesterday afternoon, and the "winged footers" making the team were, H. M. Martin, W. Powe, H. C. Stratton, M. Curtis, and C. G. Grant. With this team, Manager Alpheus Merchant expects to bring the bronze statue back to Howard.

Another interesting feature of this branch of athletics is the big thrilling Inter-departmental Three Mile Cross-country Run which will occur at the University, on the first Saturday in April. Four prizes will be given to the competitors in this event; a silver medal for first place; a bronze for second; and ribbon for third and fourth. The manager plans this meet as initiatory to the promising track season.

## University Notices

### SUNDAY

Prayer Meeting, Spaulding Hall, 7 a. m.  
Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a. m.  
Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.  
Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

### TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.

### FRIDAY

Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.  
Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

### SATURDAY

Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.  
Blackstone Club, Law School, 8:30 p. m.  
Regular Chapel Exercises daily at noon, except Saturday and Sunday.

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**Howard University Medical Students Hold Mass Meeting**

In a recent mass meeting of the students of the three departments of the Howard University Medical School, resolutions, addressed to the Board of Trustees of the University, denying any strained relations between Dr. W. C. McNeil, the Secretary of the Medical School, and the student body and expressing their most implicit confidence in his faithful discharge of his duties were unanimously adopted. According to these resolutions these medical students not only have no grievances against Dr. McNeil, but in their opinion he is a man of genuinely high character and an example of courtesy and integrity.

This action was the result of articles which have appeared in several newspapers alleging that such strained relations existed.

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**Quotations from Theodore Roosevelt's Article of "Brazil and the Negro"**

**I**N the *Outlook* of February 21, 1914, appears a very interesting article by Theodore Roosevelt entitled "Brazil and the Negro." This article should prove of interest to all who are students of the attitude of the United States toward the Negro as contrasted with that of other nations. A few of the most interesting quotations from the article of Mr. Roosevelt follow: "The difference between the United States and Brazil is the tendency of Brazil to absorb the Negro. It is the Negro who is being absorbed and not the white man. The great majority of the political leaders are pure whites with an occasional dash of Indian blood. But any Negro or mulatto who shows himself fit is without question given the place to which his abilities entitle him. Brazil is most fortunate in the fact that its white working population has nothing of the parasite about it. The whites do not endeavor to live on the labor of the blacks, the inevitable result of which, as shown in all other communities, is that ultimately the blacks crowd out of existence those who live on their labor. Their view, so different from our own, can perhaps best be expressed in the words of one of these very statesmen, himself of pure white blood, who said to me substantially:

'Of course the presence of the Negro is the real problem, and a very serious problem, both in your country, the United States, and in mine, Brazil. Slavery was an intolerable method of solving the problem, and had to be abolished. The slave-trader who brought the slaves into the country was the man who inflicted the ghastly wrong, not only upon the blacks but upon the whites. We, like you, have merely inherited the problem. Now comes the necessi-

ty to devise some method of dealing with it. You of the United States are keeping the blacks as an entirely separate element, and you are not treating them in a way that fosters their self-respect. They will remain a menacing element in your civilization, permanent, and perhaps even after a while a growing element. With us the question tends to disappear, because the blacks themselves tend to disappear and become absorbed. Well, in a century there will not be any Negroes in Brazil, whereas you will have twenty or thirty millions of them. Then for you there will be a real and very uncomfortable problem while for us the problem in its most menacing phase will have disappeared. In your country all the white population will have been kept in its original race strength, but the Negro will remain in increased numbers and with an increased and bitter sense of his isolation, so that the problem of his presence will be more menacing than at present. We and you have to face two alternatives, neither of them without drawbacks. I believe that the one we Brazilians have chosen will in the long run, from a national standpoint prove less disadvantageous and dangerous than the one you of the United States have chosen.'"

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Friday, March 13, 1914

### EDITORIAL

It will be noticed that, in the articles on "Loyalty and the JOURNAL", no recommendations or appeals are made; rather, a criticism is given on the existing situation of the JOURNAL in order that all might know of the difficulties or "flowery beds of ease", if you please, which confront those who have the paper in charge. But, later on no doubt,

both recommendations and appeals will be made in behalf of a better situation for the JOURNAL.

In a recent number of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, Dean Kelly Miller and the above periodical have called attention to the Love family with whom many at Howard are already acquainted. A cut of this family appears in the *Advocate*, and the family is held up as an example of thrift and forwardness in Negro family life. The head of the family, Rev. J. C. Love, finished his theological course at Howard; Julius H. Love graduated from College and the Law School; W. A. Love, from College and is now a Senior in the Medical School; Edgar A. Love, from College and is pursuing a course in theology at Boston University; and young J. W. Love, a Sophomore in College, is still with us. To the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, Dean Miller said; "As dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University, in which the Love boys have studied, I can say in all conscientiousness that we have not had a set of young men abler in mind or nobler in character and purpose." And again, the Dean said, "The career of the Rev. Mr. Love reminds us of the ministers of New England in the earlier days, who were able to accumulate a competency and send a family of boys through Yale University on a stipend of \$600 a year. In this day of the mad rush for the almighty dollar it is well to call attention to such a worthy example as this." Unquestionably, the Love family is a splendid example of thrift and forwardness in Negro family life.

In addition to what the Dean and the *Advocate* have called attention to in the Love family, there is something further which wins, especially, the admiration of Howard. A graduate of Howard, Rev. Love has sent his sons to Howard; and this shows love and respect for *Alma Mater*. Easily and prob-

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ably more conveniently, could the boys have been directed to some other school; but this has not been the case, for, through the influence and inspiration of the father, the five sons have come to Howard and received their training. While a few of the alumni send their sons and daughters to the University, many of them do not. To the Loves, however, Howard is, truly, the family *Alma Mater*; and it is this, in the family, which wins, especially, the admiration of Howard.

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I wish to congratulate, through you, the full cast. It has been an honor, always, to work with the Dramatic Club of Howard University. This year, it has been especially pleasant, in view of the fact, that each actor responded

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Yours for the success of the Drama,  
*Nathaniel Guy*

**Campus Briefs**

Mr. R. L. Busbee has been confined to his room with acute tonsillitis, but is now better.

The classes in physical exercises have begun, and much interest is being shown in the gymnasium.

Miss Childers and a large choir are rehearsing "Elijah" which will be rendered before the end of school.

The industrious members of the Kappa Sigma are perfecting plans for an entertainment to be given previous to the Howard-Fisk Debate.

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Moore entertained the Junior Class of the Teachers College at their home on Saturday night, March 7. A delightful program was rendered by the class after which games and stories were the diversion. Dr. and Mrs. Moore made a charming host and hostess, and every one enjoyed the evening.

Prof. and Mrs. Harvey of Teachers College entertained their class in Advanced Psychology, Friday, March 6, at their home in Kennilworth. Music and games and a delicious repast were enjoyed. All left expressing hearty appreciation to Professor and Mrs. Harvey for the delightful entertainment.

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**Hints**

A careful hostess never allows her plate to be removed before her guests have all finished.

A young man when dining with a lady should not close his knife and fork until the lady has finished eating.

Under ordinary circumstances the napkin should be spread over the knee and should never be tucked in the bosom or under the chin as though we were infants.

Due regard for the rights and feelings of others is the key-stone of our code of manners, and that which the most selfish man dare not ignore if he is well bred and wishes to appear as such.

"To master all the details of etiquette except by mingling in the society of well bred people is obviously impossible. One cannot become polished unless by social friction, any more than you can make a piece of metal shine without rubbing it."

Married people can never be invited separately unless on some occasion where ladies or gentlemen only are asked to be present.

The Howard interpretation of this rule is that a young man attends at his peril, a University function without his lady friend.

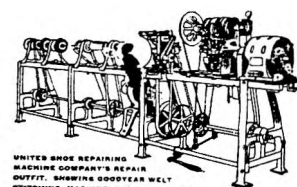
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And wish to labor in our sphere,  
Pause here and list to one whose  
feet  
Have crossed beyond that  
doubtful peak  
Where you now stand.

II

'Tis of your future I would spell;  
How you may travel safe and  
well;  
And pushing forw'd, attain your  
end  
Admired alike by foe and  
friend.  
So lend an ear.

III

As Freshman you begin to climb;  
Of low estate, destined to grind.  
If you would rise from that de-  
gree  
And blossom forth as Senior  
free,  
Attend my word:

IV

Presume not anything to know.  
Keep eye and ear alert; and  
show  
How you can drink from wiser  
Sage,  
The wisdom which his season-  
ed age  
Has taught to him.

V

Who thus begins, begins aright;  
And, 'tho his efforts seem but  
slight,  
If he will work, nor look for  
praise,  
Nor stop to cavil lengths of  
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VI

In choice of friends, take those  
who show  
They are well-bred, 'tho term-  
ed as "slow".  
Seek not to gain admittance to  
That stately "bunch" who  
look you through  
And pass you by.

VII

But those who come with smile  
and good—  
Will, taking you in Brother-  
hood,  
Hold fast to them; for you will  
find  
That honest men are always  
kind  
And courteous.

VIII

When criticised, think not 'tis done  
For your discomfort, or for fun.  
The Broad-Souled man soon  
learns that each—  
No matter what his rank—can  
teach  
A thing or too.

IX

Accept the Truth wher'er 'tis  
seen.  
Lose not your head and pour  
your spleen  
Upon the fellow whose good  
will  
May prompt his chiding of you,  
'til  
He makes you "sore."

X

Think not too soon to crown your  
toil  
With fame. And 'tho your blood  
should boil  
At seeing some pretender rise  
And bear away the baited prize  
Which you desire.

XI

Don't let 'em see as how you care;  
Just work, and bye and bye your  
share  
Of things will come to you. And  
then  
Respect and honor you'll win,  
when  
Your Metal's proved.

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**Resolutions**

Whereas, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from among us one Mrs. Mary L Scott; and

Whereas, the said Mrs. Scott, the mother-in-law of one James M. Hayes, a member of the Senior Class of the School of Medicine in Howard University, won the ardent love and sincere esteem of us all through her son-in-law; therefore, be it

Resolved; that we, the members of the Senior Class of the School of Medicine in Howard University, hereby extend to James M. Hayes and the family of the deceased, our heart-felt sympathy in this their most grievous loss; and be it further

Resolved; that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the children of the deceased, that a copy be published in the University JOURNAL, and a copy retained by the class.

Done this seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and fourteen, by the Senior Class Committee on Resolutions.

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The Sophomore Class is one of the best organized classes of the University. Great achievements are expected from the class under the administration of the new president and his able cabinet.

**Academy Team Wins in Harrisburg**

On last Saturday morning the Academy Team under Captain Avery journeyed to Harrisburg, Pa. to play the Olympics of Harrisburg High School. The trip, which was the first the Academy Basket Ball team had ever taken, was a prosperous and delightful one; prosperous in that the Academy boys defeated their opponents to the tune of 38 to 3; and delightful because of the courteous, generous and hospitable way the Olympics treated their guest.

The game was played in the Teck. High School Gymnasium, Bohee being the individual star while Captain Avery also played exceptionally well as did all the members of the team.

The team was accompanied by Professor E. P. Davis.

Line up was as follows:—

Academy	Positions	Olympics
Bohee	R. Forward	Carter (Captain)
Avery	L. Forward	Alexander
Smith	Center	Shaw
Stratton	R. Guard	Warricks
Taylor	L. Guard	Layton

Substitutes:—for the Academy:

Middleton for Smith, Ricks for Taylor, Ross for Stratton.

For Olympics:—Carter for Warricks.

**Notes**

On account of illness, Prof. Alain L. Locke has been called to his home, in Philadelphia, for a brief period.

At the Y. M. C. A. on last Sunday, Secretary J. G. Logan, who attended the (Esides Park) Conference in Colorado, during the summer, gave an account, of that remarkable gathering, worthy of the attention of the entire student body. Those who attended received an enjoyable as well an inspiring treat.

In the Chapel, to-night, will be held a Union Meeting of the Alpha Phi Literary Society, Social Science Club, Kappa Sigma Debating Club, and the Eureka Literary Society. Prof. Kelly Miller will speak on "Choosing a Profession", Miss Anabel Monroe, Miss Oliver Wells, and Mr. Charles W. Preston will appear on the program.

On yesterday afternoon, from 2 to 3, in Library Hall, President S. M. Newman gave the second of the series of lectures which he is giving to the School of Theology. These lectures upon "The Enrichment of the Minister's Life and Work by the reading of Great Literature" are well worth hearing; they are helpful and inspiring to say the least.

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**Loyalty and the Journal  
Contributions by the Students**

In the last issue, we presented frankly the situation of the JOURNAL as to the support by way of subscription; and the startling facts were: out of 1453 students 168 subscribed for the JOURNAL; no department of the University averaged over 30 per cent; and only two out of the nine departments averaged over 7 per cent, one department even not averaging 1 per cent.

Now what have these 1453 students done this year, or any other year, by way of contributing to the columns of the JOURNAL? Perhaps some may think that the staff should write the whole of each JOURNAL throughout the entire year; but it is reasonable to

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consider the fact that the staff is composed of *students* who have school work to do as other students. Not only for their sake but for that of the JOURNAL, the members of the staff should not be left to write the whole JOURNAL.

Repeatedly, the call has gone out to the students of all departments for literary articles in the form of short stories, essays, and poems; but the students have not responded. Is it through incapability or sheer laziness? No; it is either through timidity or downright unconcern. Out of the few poems and several essays which have appeared this year in the JOURNAL but one or two of the *poems* have come from the students. Practically then, the students have done very little in making the JOURNAL worthy in this respect.

The contribution from the students, however, has been in the form of accounts or reports—and that in abundance too. The JOURNAL belongs to the students and should publish this kind of news; but this alone is monotonous; at any rate, it does not satisfy. The students of the various clubs, societies, and organizations of the various departments send in accounts or reports of their meetings, and when the JOURNAL appears with these contributions from the students the JOURNAL and staff receive the criticism. And furthermore, the accounts or reports are proverbially elaborate and lengthy which necessitates cutting down or holding over or cutting out entirely. And here again, comes in criticism. By way of contributing accounts or reports to the columns of the JOURNAL, then, the students deserve compliment, then censure.

This, then, is the *excellent* situation with regard to the students' support of the JOURNAL by way of contributing: this is what the owners of the JOURNAL do toward making their school paper worthy; this is Loyalty and the JOURNAL.

Another phase of the situation will be presented in our next issue.

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