Representative C. B. Miller of Minnesota Lectures

Through the efforts of the Local Alumni Association, the students, faculty, and local alumni of Howard were the recipients of a rare treat last Thursday night in the form of a stereopticon lecture on the Hawaiian Islands, by Hon. Clarence B. Miller of Minnesota, member of the Committee on Insular Affairs.

Not only was the lecture very instructive but the slides were the most beautiful ever shown at the University, and they were painted still more beautifully by the eloquence and versatility of the lecturer.

We are especially grateful to Congressman Miller when we consider the sacrifice of time and the postponement of previous engagements which he had to make in order to come and assist the Local Association in raising a small fund for the aid of some worthy student at our Alma Mater.

We hope that some time in the future Mr. Miller can be persuaded to come and address the students at chapel and receive a larger and more appreciative audience.

—G. Smith Wormald

The Howard Man's Opportunity

HE proposed establishment of a military camp for colored men demands the immediate attention of every college man —the Howard man in particular—who has the slightest aspiration for military training. The idea of a separate colored camp for training men for service in the United States army does savor of government jim-crowism. One is tempted to ask: If the United States wishes its ten millions of Negro citizens to defend the flag why shall she not enforce fair play in West Point, or Plattsburg? Why must the government offer the colored citizen the training of a Negro militiaman and not the training of an American Soldier? Why this special treatment to a loyal unit of her strength? There is no defense for this illogical position of our government, but the part of wisdom is not to refuse the chance of preparing for military leadership merely because the ideal situation does not exist. No one would suffer so keenly from such refusal as would the Negro himself, for many Negroes will join the ranks, no matter if this offer is not accepted. Who feels more humiliated than the Negro when he sees his colored battalions marching under the leadership of white officers? Who feels more keenly...
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The proposed camp offers this
reasonable opportunity. It is not,
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deceive the rigorous but whole­
some training that such a camp
offers, should apply at once. Two
hundred are necessary for the
opening of the camp, and surely
Howard men will be willing to
make up a large part of this
number. —George E. Hall

The Virginia Club

The Virginia Club appeared be­
fore the Alpha Phi Literary Soci­
ety on Friday evening, March 16,
in one of the best programs that
have been rendered at Alpha Phi
this semester. This club, com­
posed of students of all depart­
ments from the state of Virginia,
has set a standard that other
state clubs may find difficult to
maintain. The selections by the
Old Dominion Quartet deserve
especial mention as they were
not a number on the program.
Following is the program in full:
Instrumental Solo, Mr. Fulford,
(College '20); Select Reading, Mr.
Clyde Bell, (College '19); Paper,
Mr. Arthur Coleman, (College
'18); Instrumental Solo, Miss
Louise Stokes; Select Reading,
Mr. Fowlkes, (Medical School);
Deputation, Mr. Peters, (Law
School); Vocal Solo, Miss Gilpin,
(Academy); Selections, Old Do­
minion Quartet.

Notice

The Kapa Sigma Debating Club
desires to call the attention of the
students and public to the com­
ing debate between Atlanta and
Howard, Friday April 13, at 8
o'clock, in Andrew Rankin Mem­
orial Chapel, Howard University
Campus. The club most especi­
ally appeals to the student body
to assist in the advertisement of
this great annual event. Admis­
sion 25 cents.

The Varsity Debate

By contract—the parties to
which are Atlanta, Fisk, and How­
ard—the date for the triangle de­
bate has been set for April 13th.
Atlanta and Howard will debate
at Howard; Fisk and Howard at
Fisk; Fisk and Atlanta, at Atlanta.
The subject for debate is: Res­
solved: That the National Govern­
ment Should Require Compul­
sory Arbitration for Settlement
of Disputes Between Capital and
Labor. (Constitutionality waived)
Each home team debates the affir­
mative.

From all indications the con­
tests this year will be especially
interesting and profitable, both
because Atlanta and Fisk alike
are over determined to defeat
Howard, their most formidable
rival, and because the question
itself embraces one of the great­
est unsolved problems of capital
and labor. Last year Howard
defeated Atlanta; and the Fisk—
Howard debate was postponed.
In Messrs. Dyett, Nelson, Hes­
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two strong teams, and with the
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In Messrs. Dyett, Nelson, Hes­
lip and Jackson. Howard has
two strong teams, and with the
co operation of the student body
and its enthusiasm, victory will
be assured. It is, therefore, the
duty of every Howard student,
despite other functions that may
occur in the city on that night, to
attend and to see that others at­
tend the University debate.

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Wherewithal Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way

On Sunday morning, March eighteenth, Dean Miller gave the third of his interesting talks on "The Moral Opportunity of the College-bred Negro." The subject upon this occasion was "Wherewithal Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way."

In speaking of the importance of this question to youth, the speaker said that the higher and lower natures in each individual are in a perpetual dual, the one trying to overcome the other and become master of the body. This is especially true in youth, or that period of life in which the individual is most susceptible to the sins of the flesh and of the soul. These sins growing out of the passions and appetite of the body are the ones to be cleansed or purified.

The speaker gave several reasons as to why a young man should cleanse his way. Chief among these were for decency's sake or the sake of self-respect, for health's sake, for the sake of efficiency, for the sake of his own sense of an exalted or ideal personality. For one to look back upon his acts with perfect satisfaction and assurance, and have others look upon them in the same way, it is necessary that those acts be pure and clean. One can reach a good old age, become efficient in the work of the world, and attain to his ideal only in so far as he cleanses his way.

Dean Miller then discussed the means of cleansing one's way. The psalmist, he said, had already answered the question in saying "by taking heed thereto according to Thy word," for much of the misconduct of youth comes from heedlessness. Other factors influencing one to cleanse one's way are culture, a sense of responsibility, devotion to ideals, an inherent consciousness of right, and the coming in touch with the higher spiritual and moral influences as expressed in religion. The speaker said he could not emphasize too strongly the meditating upon the higher values so well expressed in "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—think on these things." "For the character grows into similitude of the thing thought upon. College people have every opportunity to think upon the higher things of life because surrounded by such. They, therefore, have a greater advantage over any other group of people.

As a formula for cleansing one's way Dean Miller said he could find none better than the oft repeated saying "Evil communications corrupt good manners." "More youths," he said, "are ruined and their usefulness destroyed by evil associations and companionships than by any other way. One should shun evil companions and also disdain bad language as it poisons the memory and pollutes the soul."

In conclusion the speaker said that people of high emotional temperament are usually great sinners. As the Negro race is endowed with a wealth of emotion there is great danger of its falling into evil conduct. Thus each individual of the race should be on his guard. Moreover the colored race is in a dependent position. The white race expects every colored person to fail at some point in his career. Too often this expectation is justified. The race must live through this reputation. So it becomes necessary for those who aspire to the high places which the race has to offer to cleanse their way for the cause, as their effectiveness is limited by this cleanliness.

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EDITORIAL

Underclass Rivalries

The physical rivalries of the underclassmen have long been carried too far. They reached the climax last Tuesday evening when the Freshmen attempted to break up the Sophomores' annual banquet. The Freshmen took the same position that the present Sophomore class held last year. These two classes have only done what tradition at Howard has taught them to do. The Freshmen made the attack which is customary, hence they are held at fault. But in placing the blame upon them for their "spiritual" violence we must remember that there are many others who are indirectly disinterested, yet directly responsible for the offence. The Freshmen and Sophomores have done what they have seen other classes do annually, and have been upheld to a large degree by the sympathy on the part of the upperclassmen and by the silence of the faculty.

These underclasses have been made to feel and believe by example and attitude that it is their duty to break up each other's banquet at any price. They have lived up to their instruction. But the fact is that this spirit should be changed. It should be a more human spirit. This is the task for the upperclassmen to perform, and the deans must aid them.

The faculty, or at least the deans, in meting out punishment to the Freshmen must remember that they are also to shoulder a part of the responsibility and blame. The deans have played with the underclasses in upholding the law. Instead of upholding the law as a preventive they have unsuccessfully attempted to use it as a curative.

This quasi sternness of the deans is the direct cause for the disregard that many students show for the law of the University.

It is firmly hoped that the upperclassmen and the deans will join hands in abolishing such spirit as now exists between the lower classes and will use their power and opinion to remove all physical contests that will engender a spirit of violence in either of the classes. When we have taken this position we can expect and demand respect for the law from all students. When we have exhibited the right spirit as upperclassmen then we shall see Freshmen and Sophomores following our example, then we shall see them respect authority and cherish the true name of upperclassmen.

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a Howard man who is not ready to fight for the preservation of America. It is hoped that as many Howard men as possible will take advantage of this military training. The fact that Dr. Spingarn will provide uniforms for men up to a hundred in number, who are unable to purchase them, should carry its large influence. Dr. Spingarn is not seeking popularity by offering such. He is already popular on account of his stand for the rights of men.

Mr. E. C. Mercer's Lecture Library Hall, Monday evening

Seldom do we find men who are sacrificing their lives and possessions for fellow-beings; still less frequently do we find white men who are teaching practical truths to the Negro race, as readily as to their own. This, however, is particularly true of our friend and co-worker, Mr. E. C. Mercer.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. E. C. Mercer, of nation-wide fame, delivered one of his "hand-to-hand talks" to the young men of Howard University. His lecture on social decorum and moral rectitude was one of practical and wholesome advice. His marvelous story—one of experience and observation was enough to inspire anyone; but he even went further. He cited living, specific examples with which he illustrated the moral inertia of civilization and the Negro race in particular. He predicted, moreover, the ultimate outcome of such immorality; if some definite action for betterment is not taken soon. No man, certainly, in seeking for the social and moral upbuilding of men, has touched the heedful and responsive cords of "Howardites" as Mr. E. C. Mercer.—A.G. Lindsay.

The English Chautauqua

At the last meeting of the English Chautauqua the preliminary plans for the Howard-Morgan College Oratorical Contest were discussed. It was decided, owing to the fact that Morgan College has such a limited number of young ladies who are taking advanced courses in English, to open the contest to all college young ladies of both institutions instead of to the members of the societies of both schools. Therefore, the English Chautauqua of Howard University wishes to invite the young ladies of the School of Liberal Arts to take part in this contest, and to request that all who desire to enter the same hand in their names to the president, Miss Mary S. Hundley, or to the Secretary, Miss Ethel Parwell, before Friday, March 23. The date of the tryouts for the contest will be announced as soon as the names of the contestants are received.

E. May Harper, Reporter.

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Howard University Alumni in Savannah Meet

In order to strengthen the ties of fraternalism among themselves, and for the purpose of promoting the welfare of their Alma Mater, Howard University Alumni in Savannah, thirteen in number, met at the residence of Dr. Clarence E. Brent, 505 W. Broad St.

Dr. Brent presided and the following officers were unanimously elected:

President, W. P. Tucker; Vice-president, Albert Lafayette; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Bagby Middleton; Corresponding Secretary, W. E. Tibbs; Treasurer, J. Founville.

When the election was over, amid cheers for old "Howard" the officers and "Judges" Pettie and Kinkle, Drs. Brent, Smith, Williams, Belcher, Professor Jason, and Mr. Ford adjourned to a beautifully decorated dining room where they sat beneath the Blue and White, ate, and related reminiscences of happy school days at Howard.

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Baseball at Howard

The Howard University baseball management begins its 1915 season with high hopes of success. At the initial practice of the season, about 90 candidates reported for work, and there are yet others to report. The problem of the management then resolves itself into the weeding out of the crude material in the squad, the development of the team representing the best baseball talent in the university.

Among the material from last year's team are, Brice, Coleman, Green, Hill, Parks, Sykes and Tebeau. Foreman of the 1913 team has also reported for practice.

A tentative schedule, which in scope, outstrips any baseball schedule ever undertaken by a university baseball team, has been practically completed. This schedule embraces points as far South as Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Florida. In Atlanta, Morris Brown College only is to be played. Games with Tuskegee and Alabama State Normal are still pending. At home games with Colby College of Maine, Lincoln, Hampton, Shaw, Morgan, and Livingstone, are practically decided upon.

The management earnestly solicits the support of the student body in the maintenance of this elaborate schedule.

—N. D. Hightower, Mgr.

Sports

Manager Perkins states that he has concluded a heavy schedule for the tennis team this year. The games with the Baltimore Club, and the local Y. M. C. A., are to be played again this year; in addition to these, contracts with several collegiate teams have been made. In view of these facts, he is eagerly awaiting a definite and favorable change in the weather which will enable him to begin putting his courts in order. There is a wealth of new material from which the team must be chosen; and Manager Perkins is planning to hasten the “try-outs” in order that his team may be selected and put to work.

It is expected that competition for the teams will be very keen, because of the mass of regular tennis players who are coming out. But old players like Hyman Hill and Hughson insist that they will continue to hold their places regardless of the hard contest to which Koger, Jacobs, and Brown are threatening to subject them. The Tennis Directors welcome a keen contest, because then they feel more certain of being able to select a strong team.

Baseball practice has actually crowds the field each afternoon and takes active part in batting flies, catching, and other preliminary stunts. Among the new men are Lofton, Land, Wallace, and Lee, who feel confident that they will make the team this year. Veterans, like Sykes, Hill and Coleman may be seen moving in and out among the “raw prospects” hoping to aid manager Hightower in selecting a representative nine.

Sykes is in fine form, better now than ever. He walked on the diamond a few days ago, picked up the ball and tossed it with that easy sweeping movement which has made so many men go to the bat, strike three heavy blows at the wind, and march back, sorrowful and ill at ease. He predicts a successful season for the white and blue, and insists on thorough and uninterrupted practice for all the players.

Cricket and Track activities are assuming form as the warm days come. The director's of these sports are working hard to produce successful teams.

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In the fall of 1866 when Miss Alwood registered in the college department of Howard University, the woman question was introduced into Howard life. If the men, who registered almost fifty years later, had "no rights" and a few revocable "privileges," it is certain that the first women at Howard had fewer. As women, they had neither rights nor privileges; their presence as students was tolerated, and this through necessity, for the charter makes no distinctions between races and sexes.

Today conditions are slightly improved. As the woman movement swept the country and became an important issue socially and politically, the women of Howard were awakened to a realization of their true state. Feebly they began to assert themselves. At present we have three organizations controlled by women. They are The Young Women's Athletic Association, the English Chautauqua and the Young Women's Christian Association; and if a constitution submitted more than ten months ago meets the approval of the Board of Deans, there will be a fourth.

The opposition which we have met in forming these associations can only be equalled by the opposition with which the several officers perform their duties. Again and again our pleas have passed unheeded; ideas, which might have deserved praise if uttered by young men, coming from us have been laughed to scorn. With an emphasis which seems to deny our ability to think and to do, we are repeatedly told that the young women of the university are "to be honored and respected." And yet, there are members of our faculty who pass us without speaking or removing their hats. A few weeks ago, an official said, in reference to athletic activities of the young women, "We cannot make a spectacle of our young women," however on Tuesday evening March 13, the officials of the university allowed the young women of Miner Hall, of whom they are undoubtedly the guardians, to be insulted by members of District Police Department. As a result of the Freshmen's endeavors to prevent the Sophomore banquet, a contest between the men of the two underclasses ensued. A squad of policemen answered the riot call of a university official. In their mad rush to the scene of the conflict, the policemen roughly ordered young women out of the way; and in one instance a young woman was shoved against the wall. From that night until now, the affair has been a matter of general discussion. There have been frequent deliberations and in both official and unofficial circles, great stress has been laid upon broken dishes and offended dignity, but not once has the honor and respect of the young women been considered. Coming, as an aftermath to our Semi-Centennial Celebration, the affair is highly disgraceful. Lest the second fifty years of Howard's glorious existence be further blotted by a repetition of this unfortunate incident, lest the young women of Miner Hall be subjected to similar indignities in the future, the young women of Howard urge that some action be taken by university officials, whether by the Board of Trustees, the President, or the Board of Deans, to prevent a recurrence of such indignities. — G. Dorothy Pelham

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John Holmes was a victim of circumstances. He said the whole thing was a joke, after he was captured by the "Sophs".

The Sophomores were royally entertained at their banquet by the Freshmen's "brick-bat" orchestra—there wasn't harmony.

One Miner Hall lady cried out when she saw the patrol "Oh! here comes the Ambulance and it's full of interns in blue suits."

Question.

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With all those hopes, that help to make his worth,
Crowned with your highest self, he must go forth.
Give him up quickly, for his country's gain.
Give, Give those strong young limbs.
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That voice that thrills you, all those tender wiles
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Mr. Thomas J. Farmer, reformed criminal, and noted social worker, addressed the student body at Chapel last Monday on the power of Jesus Christ in the lives of young men. Giving glimpses into his past criminal career, the speaker emphasized again and again the power of the master to regenerate men, citing himself and his colleague, Mr. E. C' Mercer, as examples. Day after day these two apostles of righteousness travel over the country, addressing large groups of young men in colleges and communities, urging their thousands of listeners to a cleaner, brighter, and nobler life. The address of Mr. Farmer, direct and impressive, was characterized with a genuine sincerity, and helped to energize our spiritual powers. We wish for him success in his mission of saving men, and invite him to come to us again whenever convenient.

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