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## Intercollege Debate

The Intercollegiate Debate, a somewhat new feature, if not entirely so, brought forth one of the largest audiences despite the fact that there was an admission fee of twenty-five cents. Judging from the audience, one is forced to conclude that the public has a liking for such contests.

The affirmative of the question, "Resolved that large combinations known as trusts are detrimental to interests of the wage earning classes," was supported by Howard, which was represented by Messrs. Morton, Taylor and Tate. The negative was supported by Union, of Richmond, Va., through Messrs. Tynes, Booker and Hayes.

Perhaps the very first thing to arise in the mind of any person would be the points pro and con. To sum up the arguments briefly, one would say that the affirmative argued: (1) that trusts are not a natural evolution; (2) they dictate wages and do not lower prices; (3) they destroy competition; (4) they corrupt morals: and that the negative took the opposite ground on the first and second points set forth by the affirmative; and argued further that trusts insure constant employment, and have created what are known as trade unions, by which the laborers can protect themselves.

In the four-minute rebuttal which was allowed each speaker, the affirmative showed that prices had lowered more considerably before the existence of trusts than since; and that trusts do not insure constant employment; and that the laborers cannot protect themselves through their unions. The negative, instead of refuting their opponents' points, simply ridiculed

them and went off into oratorical flights.

At this juncture, the reader is apt to say that this is a prejudiced article. But, in all fairness, it is necessary to mention a fact that has a potent bearing upon the decision rendered by the judges. This involves Union in no way, nor can Howard attribute it to any but herself. On the board of judges was Ex-Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia. This man is an avowed trust man; he has written books in defense of trusts. And he was the judge who represented Howard! It will be asked, why did Howard choose such an avowed trust man? Howard answers that she chose Representative Hughes, of West Virginia, but he being unable to come on account of sickness, it is said, sent Ex Gov. Atkinson in his place. Unfortunate for Howard! She did not know that she was to be represented by a judge so pervaded with trust principles, until 8 o'clock, the time scheduled for the debate.

Howard did succeed in convincing one of the three judges, the one who, by the agreement of the two universities, was chosen by Mr. Moorland, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

To any cause whatsoever the defeat may be attributed, Union and her sympathizers will always claim that Howard was justly defeated. The incident will ever redound to Howard's injury, to pile injustice upon injustice as high as Mt. Etna. The far fetched anecdote and the final words of Ex Gov. Atkinson, "Old Virginia has it," will not linger in the minds of Howard students as pleasant memories, but will ever cause the tears to trickle down the cheeks of every loyal student, not because of a just defeat but because of an unjust one.

## Tuskegee's Anniversary

Tuskegee has grown up like mushroom overnight. To those who have watched the institution, and they are legion, its progress seems miraculous. Twenty five years ago there was no Tuskegee Institute. To day the little Alabama town is known round the world.

Booker Washington has constructed a monument not only for himself but for the race of whom he is so eminent a member. The rare combination of knowing what ought to be done and when and how to do it has enabled him successfully to seize an opportunity and make himself its master. His energy, tact and resolution, his eloquence and personal magnetism have made his school famous and prosperous and himself a mighty character in the history of Negro development. Ambition untrained is often pernicious; ambition overtrained is not infrequently dangerous to its possessor. But held in check and properly guided, ambition can build and maintain a Tuskegee.

From the history of Tuskegee can and should be learned many a lesson in courage and patience, in the necessity of a sane and prudent estimate of the strength of opposing circumstances and in uncompromising fixity of purpose. Great evolutions seldom occur without great pain. The early movements of this remarkable school were not made along any royal highway: its path had to be blazed through a dark and dense wilderness.

For such schools as Tuskegee and Hampton, great need exists. Throughout the South comparatively little provision is made by state

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## A Lesson for Our Students

Of the many incidents connected with the debates recently held on the Hill, there is one thing which especially impresses a careful observer—viz., the fact that the students will applaud a speaker when he says absolutely nothing save that he makes a few witty remarks and goes off into some oratorical flights. For instance, at the Inter-collegiate Debate, one of the negative speakers said that "if this was a case of smallpox no argument of the affirmative would catch a case." This one statement caused a regular pandemonium regardless of its insignificance. Howard has paid for this lesson, and paid dearly, too. It only remains to see what effect this will have upon the student body. The effect of this unnecessary applause upon the judges has been certainly momentous.

## Spring

Spring in de dry goods store,  
Spring at de door,  
Spring in de pocket book  
And it's certainly goin' for sho'.

Spring in de meadow,  
Spring in de lane,  
Spring in de University,  
Spring in de brain.

Spring in de kitchen,  
Spring in de pan  
Spring in de dinin, room,  
Spring all over de laud.

BESSIE T. MCKINNEY.

## Theological Notes

On Monday last, Dr. Norman, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, delivered a lecture to the department on "The Minister in his Study." The lecturer was given a very enthusiastic welcome, and the interest centered in the lecture, manifested by the full attendance and close attention of the students, proved to be well placed and abundantly justified.

On Wednesday the Literary Society held its usual weekly meeting, at which time the officers for the ensuing term of two months—the last of the scholastic year—were elected. These are as follows: Pres., T. R. Pennyfeather Morton; Vice Pres., J. L. Wright; Sec., L. R. Nicholls; Treasurer, W. B. Spratley; Chap., Thos. Gates; Critic, Dean Clark; Librarian, Geo. Young; Serg. at-arms, Albert S. George.

## Communications

The Journal invites communications but will not hold itself responsible for the sentiments therein.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I think that Howard is to be congratulated on the arrangements made for the conduct of the Inter-Collegiate Debate. Everything went on without a hitch in any of the proceedings, and everybody must feel that, so far as "arrangements" were concerned, the debate was a decided success.

There are however a few things

of which I would like to speak. The first is on the matter of rebuttals. I think that much time could be saved, and a better showing made, if these were eliminated from the program in debates where, either from the shortness of time in preparation and study of the subject, or from the amateur or inexperienced qualifications of the speakers, an attempt at rebuttal lands the speaker in inextricable difficulties, or puts him in a ridiculous position in the matter of rhetoric and delivery.

Another thing is the matter of dissensions caused in the most part by petty jealousies. In every case these should be sunk by all concerned and united efforts strenuously put forth in the common cause. The most savage and ignorant people will band themselves together to resist the common foe. If this is true, what should be the duty of men who lay claim to more than average intelligence, and are proud of distinction gained by election to representative positions on the platform of public intercollegiate debate?  
ON LOOKER.

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EDITORS THE JOURNAL:—

Can you inform me whether or not Clark Hall will be supplied with electric light during the present school year?

The fittings in the halls and rooms have been in for a considerable time, but, prior to a week ago, connections were not made. Within the last few days the Main Bldg. has been supplied, but not Clark Hall. Information about this would be very welcome. A STUDENT.

To Correspondent: We are not able to say whether the student building will be supplied with electric light this school year. We see by the catalog that a greater charge will be made for rooms next year and we infer that the new lighting arrangement is the cause. If this be so, it is probable that no electric light will be had by students until next year.—EDITOR.

A tramp was extremely thirsty,  
And longed for some nice wet cheer;  
He stood by a brewery window,  
And got a draught of beer.

## Who Ate the Ring?

Eugene was having a birthday party because he was six years old and Aunt Helen and grandma and Miss Nellie and ever so many big people were there, helping all the little people to have splendid time. They played games, sat in the darkened parlor to look at the magic lantern pictures till the clock struck five and Eugene knew what was coming.

Out in the dining room the table was set with Mama's prettiest china and there were candies and flowers and bonbons, just like a grown up party.

Eugene was very anxious to have all the children see the table, so he was glad when Aunt Helen said: "Now we are going to march to the dining room."

Miss Nellie played a bright little march, and the boys and girls formed a long line thru the parlor and out on the piazza. "Just like a long, white ribbon", said grandma, for most of the girls wore white dresses and the boys white waists.

The tiny sandwiches and wee pickles vanished like magic, and all the grown up people were kept busy waiting on the little folks. Playing games makes one hungry, you know, and most of the guests had been too excited to eat much dinner that day. Altogether it was a very jolly supper, and when Mama wanted to make a little speech, she had to ring the tea bell several times. "Now children," she said, "I am going to pass some little cakes, and one of them has a ring baked in it, you must eat them very slowly and carefully, so some one does not swallow it; you must not break up the cakes to find the ring, but just nibble away till some little boy or girl says, 'I've got the ring.'"

Aunt Helen brought in ice cream made to look like dear little chickens, and the children ate the cakes and cream very slowly. At last all had been eaten, and still no one said, "I've got the ring."

"That is very strange," said Mama, "I will ask Mary if any one took one of the cakes."

"No, ma'am," said the maid, positively. "There has been no one but me in the dining room since I put the cakes on the table."

"I just know I swallowed it," sobbed a little girl. "I felt it going down."

"So did I" said a tiny boy, and he had to cry, too.

"There, there," said Mrs. Clifford, much perplexed. "Two of you couldn't have eaten it, so don't cry."

"I feel bad, too" said another little girl. "I think it must have been in my cake."

I really don't know what would have happened just then if Papa hadn't come in. He was so surprised to see tears at a birthday party that he had to inquire the cause, though he was in a hurry.

"Well, well," he laughed, "I didn't know what a commotion I would cause by taking one cake. I was on my way to see a little patient who has been in bed a long time with a lame limb, and I wanted to take her some of the goodies. I slipped softly in here a little while ago and took some of the nice things without disturbing the party a bit. Even Mary didn't see me. Now, I wonder if little Bess Ryan isn't wearing that ring this minute."

"O papa, w'nt you go right over and see?" begged Eugene.

"I hope she did get it," cried all the children; and sure enough, in a few minutes Dr. Clifford came back to tell how happy the little girl was with her treasure.

"She is sitting propped up in her old bed, looking at the pretty green stone in the gold band," said Papa, "and I didn't go in at all. Are you all glad poor Bessie got it?"

"Yes, yes, yes!" cried all the children.

—*Sunday-School Times.*

Meeting of Athletic Association on Monday in Rankin chapel at 12:30.

## Life's Greatest Guide

Mr. Palmadge said: "When a man builds his home he builds for eternity." The general truth of the saying requires no argument. And yet the home as the term is ordinarily accepted is only a part of the scaffolding upon which the builder for eternity is doing his work of rearing up the imperishable structure of human character. When the work of time is completed the scaffolding falls away and only the spiritual building remains, "a house not made with hands" indestructible and eternal.

Life is man's richest and most valued possession. Life is that portion of duration during which man exists as an earthly being. Life is man's ladder; life is man's sea upon which he voyages throughout time.

And as a ship upon the boundless deep requires a pilot to insure a safe voyage, so must man have a guide that his course through life may be properly directed.

Every object that the eye can behold is controlled by some invisible power. The stars in the depth of azure blue, the sun in its radiant course across the heavens, the earth as it wings its way through space, all, each is guided by the force of gravitation. And yet back of that force is a still "Greater Power" that gives it efficiency in directing the heavenly bodies.

Earth is not altogether involved in rayless gloom, it yet is shrouded in a darkness that may be felt; and men, like the Sodomites at Lot's door on the night of doom, are groping about in spiritual blindness. The most important questions on which the mind may engage itself are, What am I? Whence am I? Whither am I bound? What is my duty? My danger? My destiny? These are questions before which all the oracles of earth are dumb.

In the inmost recesses of the human soul a faint light is glimmering which we call conscience, but it is like the smoking lamp in the Lap-  
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## WIT AND FUN

People are getting strong nowadays. I saw two men go out in a boat and pull up the river.

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Are you married?

Yes, I have been married three times. Next July I am going to celebrate the Fourth. My last wife has black eyes. I give them to her fresh every morning.

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A friend of mine got part of his hand cut off the other day. He has a good job now. He is doing shorthand.

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CREBERUS

"The wolf is at the door!" he wailed. "And I know how to keep him out."

"Why not try giving the janitor a quarter?" suggested the impractical feminine.

"Saved!" he shrieked, exultantly. "Saved by a woman's wit!"

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Too THIN

"Oh, spare me!" screamed the actress slim,

As in the play we viewed her.

"You're spare enough," sneered Ugly Jim—

And the villain still pursued her.

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INCREDIBLE

Some girls so very stupid are,  
(So they who claim to know insist)  
They can not think of ought to say,  
Even when they're playing whist.

o o o o

"It was a violent collision, I am to understand?"

"Violent? Well, I should say it was violent. Everybody in the car, including the porter, was rendered unconscious by the shock, except, of course, the couple who were on their wedding tour, and even they seemed to be rather less conscious than they were before it happened."—Puck.

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Suppose you were out in a boat with your wife and mother, and the boat should strike a snag and sink. Who would you save, your wife or mother?

In that case I would save my mother. Why?

The world is full of women—You could easily get another wife, but where, could you ever get a good kind and loving mother?

o o o o

"Did you ever hear the story about the bed?" "No, I never did." "That's where you lie."

It is remarkable how many shirts you can get out of one yard, providing you get in the right yard.

"You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. B.—?"

"Oh n-no; everybody has his little p-pecularity. S-s stammering is in mine, what is y yours?"

"Well, really, I am not aware that I have any."

"D-d do you stir y-your tea with your right hand?"

"Why yes, of course."

"W-well, that is y-your peculiar-ity; in-most p-people u use a t t-tea-spoon."

### Young Men's Debating Club.

The Young Men's Debating Club had a very interesting meeting last Saturday night, with an attendance of about 30. A good program has been prepared for tomorrow night, April 7th. All are invited. Y. M. C. A. rooms, at 8 o'clock.

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**Tuskegee's Anniversary**

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and municipal authorities for the secondary education of the Negro. It is, therefore, in schools like these that the masses of the colored population of the South must be trained. Often youths of promise and ability in attendance at such institutions are seized with fire and enthusiasm to secure an education that will enable them also to manage great enterprises. These seek the institutions of higher learning of which our own University is so illustrious an example. Among any people, schools of collegiate standing are necessary for the favored youth. And likewise, schools of secondary and industrial training are necessary for the youth at large.

With all of the printed statements of Mr. Washington we do not agree, but we appreciate his work and his innate ability to the fullest extent and congratulate Tuskegee on its splendid advancement.

**Uncle Jayner's Dissertation on "The Chansman"**

Ah dun hyered bout Thomas Dixon  
An his nigger-later play,  
Dat de toizes all eald de Chansman.  
U cin hyere de adder day.  
Thomas he done got de idyer,  
Dat de niggers uv ter day  
An jes la deys' fresh fum slabery!  
But you kno dats jes his way.  
He doan wante kno no bettah,  
Dat would spile his hoh life task,  
Culin I fokes! jis keep tergetdler  
We gwine mek im move dat mask.  
Case he kno de cullud peopel  
Uv de nashion uv ter day  
Got active minds dat am not feeble,  
Inll uv was an little play  
Case dey kno ei dey's kunteented  
An wid only plow de groun  
Den de tie wud be cemented;  
Bettah fokes cud not be found.  
But deres always sumpin in dem  
Loozi upward an ahead.  
Doh hard trials kum between em  
Nuttin stop em tell dey's dead  
Dat will raze up euy nashion  
Meks no dffiance where dey fuma,  
So twa tended fum ereashion  
Tom cant fect it with a plum.  
Let him praise de ole time darkey,  
Hate de ejikated eoun;

But he'll change, jis watch it, mark ye,  
He mis sure confess it sune.

Couse he stirs up all his meanness  
Bout equal rights in social fairs;  
An all dat, wid all his keenness  
Wou'nt outdese black fokes prayers.  
We doan want no wite fokes ciety,  
Mix up in dere social fairs;  
Leave us on our own prepriety  
Ter mek an spen cash anywheres.

**Life's Greatest Guide**

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lauder's hut, that serves only to intensify the darkness.

And so conscience by revealing in startling clearness the inexorable conditions of right and wrong makes more manifest the spiritual darkness that envelops the human soul. "Conscience," says Cook, "is that which perceives and feels rightness and oughtness in moral motives." But it may become so confused in its judgments, and so weakened in its motive power, that if we are left to it alone we shall never clearly know the truth or thoroughly do the right. That conscience is anything but infallible is only too clearly proved by the contradictory judgments it has rendered in different lands and ages, touching almost every moral question.

The savage in his native country conscientiously makes a feast upon any human being he may capture. Nero conscientiously massacred the Christians at Rome. Paul conscientiously persecuted the church of Christ. These and other illustrations too numerous to mention prove that men may do with the approval of their consciences those things from which the judgment of humanity recoils in horror. Therefore, while conscience is the power within us to choose right from wrong, too often it is merely the measure of our moral development and does not rise above our environments.

Conscience is like the watch of the engineer. He has a time table and a time keeper and by these he must be governed. But by the careless handling of his watch he has allowed it to fall. By placing it to his ear he finds it still ticking. It may have been damaged, but how much he cannot tell; he must still be guided by it in his move-

ments on the road. And yet if out of order he is in imminent danger of a disastrous collision. So to guard against such perilous possibility the railroad company has hung at the stations along the lines chronometers which keep accurate time, being regulated from Washington and Washington being governed by the stars. Our individual conscience is like the engineer's watch. It has had a well nigh fatal fall, and is sadly out of order, and if we rely upon it absolutely we shall collide with disastrous consequence.

So there is placed along the voyage of life a standard by which conscience may be regulated. That standard is the Book of Books, the Teacher of Teachers, Guide of Guides. It is the standard for all men and for all time, the world has not out-grown it and never will while the ages roll.

Education is one of the essential elements of life. It is by this means that we obtain knowledge. And knowledge is like the mystic ladder in the Patriarch's dream. It finds its beginning on the primeval earth and its top is lost in the shadowy splendor of the Higher Heavens. While the great authors who for centuries have held the chains of science and philosophy, of poetry and erudition, are the angels ascending and descending, maintaining as it were the communication between earth and heaven.

Not only is this sacred book we call the Bible noted for its moral instruction, but its literary value is unequalled. Daniel Webster said: "I have read through the entire Bible many times. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rules for his conduct. It fits a man for life. It prepares him for death."

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