Lesson from the Ant

By Harry R. Logan

We're told the Ant in humble way
Works on thru sun and rain
And lays aside for winter's day
A sufficient supply of grain.

And, too, she works in noiseless mirth;
To all her tongue is still;
She buries deep beneath the earth
The products of her will.

What of the Ant, that one should sing
In song and verse and thought?
The life of such a little thing
What lesson has she taught?

'Tis this if nothing more it be
Which will alone suffice
That he who toils all silently,
Will make the best of life.

The Alpha Phi Debate

A NOTABLE FORENSIC CONTEST

The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel was well filled with an appreciative audience to hear the young men selected by the Alpha Phi Literary Society contend in public debate for a solid gold medal provided by the society.

Excellent vocal solos were rendered by Miss Mamie Chase and Miss Pearl Lampton.

The board of judges consisted of Judge Robert H. Terrell of Sub-district Court No. 6, Principal Wm. T. Jackson of the M St High School, and Mr. N. B. Marshall, a leading attorney, who is presenting the case of the dismissed soldiers before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Contrary to former custom the judges did not retire and confer but sent up their votes in sealed ballots. These ballots were opened by the presiding officer in view of the audience and the result was immediately announced. Contrary also to former custom the speakers were not allowed to transgress the time limit. Promptly on the expiration of his time, each speaker was notified by the time keepers, Messrs. Dyson and Logan.

Messrs. H. W. Dade, J. F. Dagler, and M. S. Walton upheld the affirmative and Messrs. C. C. Sanford and F. D. Whitby the negative of the question: Resolved that strikes are productive of more harm than good to the working classes. The speakers all presented good arguments but in a case or two nervousness indicative of inexperience in public speaking, was evident.

The debate this year was held considerably earlier than usual. But the usual time for preparation was given the disputants in that the initiative arrangements were earlier under way. In determining the winner, sixty points were allowed for argument and twenty each for rhetoric and delivery.

Each disputant showed a thorough grasp of the subject and the main difference apparent was in their ability in speaking before a large audience.

Mr. Chancellor C. Sanford was awarded the medal as being the best individual debater of the occasion.

President Thirkield's Inauguration

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, a Committee, consisting of Justice Job Barnard, the Rev. Dr. T. S. Hamlin, Pastor of the Church of the Covenant, the Rev. Dr. W. V. Tunnell, Mr. W. V. Cox, president Second National Bank, and President W. P Thirkield, was appointed to consider plans for the Fortieth Anniversary and the Inauguration of the President. The purpose was to hold these not later than May, after careful consideration the Committee unanimously decided to postpone the ceremony of Inauguration and the observance of the Fortieth Anniversary until next fall—probably the first week in November. They have plans that will give to this occasion unusual significance in the history of the University.

The Vesper Service

At vespers last Sunday President Thirkield delivered a most eloquent and impressive discourse on Sin and its Cure. The nature and degrading power of sin were strongly portrayed by the preacher. Numerous texts of scripture were quoted to show the wretched condition of the sinner. He then presented the claims of the Savior who came to save his people from their sins. These deeply spiritual sermons of the president have contributed in large degree to the revived religious life of the University.

The venerable Gen. Balloch, who has given so many years of faithful and efficient service to the interests of our University, in passing our beautiful memorial chapel recently, stated that the ivies growing on its walls were from roots coming originally from Burns Cottage, Melrose Abbey and Abbottsford—a fact worth recording.
in learning to read and write, and later in reading such books as it was possible to borrow; and because of the difficulty with which he could get books, it may truly be said "He read less and thought more than any other great man in the country." It was this great capacity for thought and his constant exercise of it that fitted him so thoroughly for the great work that was to fall upon him. He was a time of great political struggle and he did not fail to be interested in the trend of affairs. The great question of slavery was dividing the country and threatening the very existence of the nation. Early in his life, at the age of twenty one, he made a voyage to New Orleans on a flat-boat built by himself and two relatives,—the family had moved then to Illinois. It was at this time that the sight of slaves, chained, flogged, and otherwise maltreated made such a deep impression on his highly sensitive nature; and it is said that then he declared that, "if he should ever have the chance to strike that institution he would strike it a hard blow." This determination never left him and placed him firmly on the side of anti slavery.

He served the Illinois state legislature from 1834 to 1842 applying himself thru all this time diligently to the study of law. In 1846 he was elected to Congress. In 1858 he occurred the famous campaign between Lincoln and Douglass for a seat in the United States Senate. Lincoln was nominated for the position, and it was on that occasion that he bettered that famous prophetic declaration, "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot stand half slave and half free. It will become all one thing or all the other." It was for him probably more than for any other one man to decide which it should be, for, having been chosen for the presidency in 1861 the Civil War broke out and his strong personality, acute insight into affairs, boldness and forwardness of action were felt throughout. It was then that the opportunity came to him to strike a blow at that accursed institution of slavery, and waiting only until the time should be ripe he issued his famous emancipation proclamation which practically ended it.

He had come upon the scene at an opportune moment. In the hour direst need his party and his country called on him for help. With that great precision, wisdom and honesty which were his most striking characteristics he heeded the call and had safely conducted the nation over its greatest crisis, but he was not to see the full fruits of his services, he was not to take part in the reconstruction of the country he had saved; for the cruel hand of the assassin struck him down on April 14, 1865 and he died the 15th. Henry W. Grady of Atlanta, Ga., said of him: "He stands as the first typical American, the first who comprehended within himself all the strength and greatness, and majesty and grace, of this republic. He was the son of puritan and cavalier; for in his ardent nature were fused the virtues of both, and in the depth of his great soul the faults of both were lost. He was greater than puritan, greater than cavalier, in that he was American."
Lift Thine Eye

By R. B., T. C., '06.

Art thou weary, sad, dejected?
Dost thou hope all shattered lie?
Know ye not, that God protecteth?
Weary one, lift up thine eye.

Hope on, ever love and trust Him,
The life's night be dark and drear
Night is darkest, before the dawning,
Soon the daylight will appear.

See, the sun of peace ariseth,
Its bright beams pencil the eastern sky.
Joy to thee again returneth,
Weary one, lift up thine eye.

Lift thine eye, O, lift thine eye,
Be not cast down, lift up thine eye,
Christ's glory still doth hold full sway,
Lift up thine eye, behold 'tis day.

Carnival of Indoor Sports

The grand carnival of indoor sports under the auspices of I. S. A. A. was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience notwithstanding the fact that on the outside the land was covered with one of the largest snowfalls seen this winter. Ladies young and old vied with one another in the display of their handsome costumes. Sprightly youths were also there to contribute their share to the glory and enthusiasm of the occasion.

At 8:30 sharp the Lyric Orchestra, under the management of Mr. Giles, struck up a lively two step ("Gingerbread Cadettes") which quickly found its way to the lovers of the "light fantastic toe." And during the rendition of a still more beautiful piece by the orchestra the curtain gradually rose. The first thing on the program was a series of acrobatic stunts under the instruction of Mr. Tom Johnson. Mr. Hayson and Mr. Henderson also showed the public that they were versed in acrobatic arts. In the second act Mr. Henderson, assisted by Mr. Merrian Hayson, went thru' some performances on the table and stool, after which in a dual act of acrobatics they made the audience think they were witnessing some features of the kind in Barnum & Bailey's circus. Before the conclusion of the second act Mr. Henderson, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hayson went thru' alternating somersets rendered with great agility.

Act 3d opened and closed with Henderson and Johnson in a fencing match, the decision going to Johnson.

Act 4 was a wrestling bout between Johnson and Henderson. This was very pleasing to all. The wrestlers seemed at home in every stage of the game. Half and quarter nelsons, bridge and bars were displayed by both with great skill and effect. This bout was purely an exhibition. The score was one one, in favor of neither.

After the wrestling match, the performance betook themselves to the main arena and under Profs. Joiner and DeCatur as officials, the potato race and high jump were carried out. The potato race was won by Lawson. The standing high jump was open to all. It resulted in a tie between Watkins of Howard and Williams of M St. High School. The distance cleared was 4 ft. 10 inches. The running high jump was won by Williams of M St. High School; distance covered was 5 ft. 6 in. Watkins was a close second with 5 ft. Kyle was third with 4 ft. 10. The high kick was won by Williams of the high school.

The basket ball team was made up of men picked from the different schools, Howard, Manual Training and M St. High. They designated themselves as the Local Picked Team and M St. High. The score was 12 to 16, in favor of the Local Picked Team.

On the whole the entertainment was well worth the price paid for admission. It spoke well for those who labored so hard and earnestly for its success. There is no telling what they could do with adequate facilities for training. What is needed is some place for training.

The need of a gymnasium is almost imperative.

A Coming Event

The Maynard Prize Debate

The annual public debate of the Theological Department, known as the "Maynard Prize Debate," is fixed for an early date, which however, cannot be definitely stated at present. It will be held under the auspices of the Theological Literary Society, and its prizes will be given—a first prize of ten dollars, and a second of five. Six speakers will participate, three on the affirmative side of the question and three on the negative. Altho this even division is made, the contest will not be one of sides. Each disputant will do his best and the prizes will be awarded to the best and second best speakers. Concerning the donor of the prizes, whose name this debate bears, we quote the following from The Journal of Feb. 9, 1900.

Mr. Henry G. Maynard, of Northampton, Mass., a member of the church of which Dean Clark was pastor for ten years before he came to Howard, sent in 1892 a New Year's gift to his former pastor to be used by him as he thought best, in the interest of the Theological Department. It was decided to use part of the money in prizes for a public debate, for the purpose of stimulating interest and effort in the regular debates of the Literary Society. As Mr. Maynard was kind enough, unsolicited, to repeat his gift year by year, it was decided to name the public debate for him. Hence the Maynard Prize Debate.

The question for this year is:
Resolved, That the rapid and vast development of material possessions, in our times, hinders more than helps in the advancement of Christianity.

The disputants are: Affirmative—H. C. P. Baker, Albert S. George and E. T. Newman; Negative—C. S. Harper, C. W. Jordan and E. E. Tyler. All are well known in the arena of forensic contest on the hill, except Mr. George, who now appears for the first time.
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Messrs. Baker and Newman appeared in 1905, Mr. Baker winning second prize on that occasion; and Messrs. Harper, Jordan and Tyler in 1906, Mr. Tyler winning first prize, and Mr. Harper receiving "honorable mention." It will therefore be a veteran contest. Alhio Mr. George appears in a maiden capacity, it is not at all to be supposed that his chances are few and small. In the meetings of the society he has been heard to good advantage, and we doubt not that he will make a good showing on the platform of public debate.

We hope, however, that those who have won signal honors in past years will not, on this occasion, lower their colors, but maintain their places in public estimation, and continue to reflect great credit on the department. We are profoundly confident that whatever is the decision of the judges, the real winners will be those who attend the debate, and thus contribute their quota to the success of the meeting.

Mr. Goodwin's Hands
A story comes from Milton, N. H., of an old clergyman named Goodwin. He was a tall broad shouldered man and was said to have the largest hands of any man for miles around.

One noon a young man named Allen was taking dinner at the elder's house. It was the elder's custom to ask a blessing at the table and Allen had evidently not been used to this sort of thing, for instead of waiting he began to eat. The elder raised his hand with a restraining gesture and said:
"Pause, young man."
"Paws," was the reply. "I should think they was paws.

— Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Well, brother," said the deacon, "that was a fine prayer you made last night."
"Thank you, deacon: I am glad to hear you say so."
"Yes, it was a splendid prayer—long and fervent and—say what have you been doing anyway? You can confide in me with the utmost confidence. I wouldn't betray you for anything in the world."

Readers of The Journal will please send to the President's office any information in their possession concerning the alumni of any department of the University. President Thirkield is compiling this information and desires it to be as complete as possible.
Frederick Douglass
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tory, make a story of great interest and inspiration to Afro-American youth. Mr. Douglass was honored with several public offices of trust and profit. He died in February 1895. What, perhaps, is very remarkable about his fame, which does not seem to be fading, is the fact that he left no great institution as a monument to his labors. The work he accomplished was done without great ostentation; his memory lives in the hearts of men.

The Preparatory Debate
Preparations are under way for the annual debate of the students of the Preparatory Department. Tentative plans, subject to the approval of the faculty, have been made. These provide that the contest shall be given under the auspices of the Eureka Literary Society and not of the Athletic Association as previously. It is intended, however, to donate the proceeds to the Athletic Association. A provisional selection of speakers has been made, including Messrs. J. R. Hunt '07, C. B. Washington '08, J. Luck '09 and L. C. Dade '10. This prize debate of the preparatory students has come to be an annual event of intense enthusiasm.

A New Book of Poems
Mr. Clement C. Gill, Theo. '07, Associate Editor of The Journal, has compiled his various poems in one volume. His works possess real merit and his friends urge him to present them in book form. The result is a very attractive handbook. The price is twenty-five cents. Special rate to students, fifteen cents.

For the past three days President Thirkield has been suffering from a slight attack of la grippe. All are glad to learn that he is better and expects in a day or two to resume his official duties.

The Religious Awakening
Never before, say those who have been here longest, has there been such a deep religious feeling as now pervades the University. Many Christians who had become cold and neglectful have signified their intention of living hereafter in close communion with the Divine Spirit. And quite a number of those who never before have professed Christianity have announced their conversion. Both in Miner and Clark Halls many hopeful signs have appeared. A large factor in this awakening has been the large spiritual influence exerted by President Thirkield. The deans of the departments on the "Hill" as well as many teachers have contributed to the bringing about of the spiritual blessings which so many have enjoyed. May this good influence be lasting.

The H. U. Record Appreciated
Howard University Record, is a beautiful and unique magazine, published under the personal supervision of able and distinguished President Wilbur Patterson Thirkield. The Record, typographically, is perfect. The composition is a description of the University and its grounds, with fine cuts of the president and the deans of the several departments. The Record should be in the homes of all Americans; it gives a full history and description of America's greatest institution.—From the Washington Bee.

The demand for the Record is large. Requests for it are coming in from all parts of the country.

Dr. D. D. Thompson, an old friend of President Thirkield, now one of the most influential religious editors of the country was his guest over last Sunday. He is the editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate. For a quarter of a century he has made a study of sociology and labor questions and is occasionally consulted by the President of the United States. Dr. Thompson remarked that Howard has one of the finest bodies of students of any institution in the country.
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