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Howard Participates in the Suffragette and Inaugural Parades

HOWARD was well represented in both of the mammoth parades of the past week. In each case she had a prominent place with the college sections. On the third, the Howard girls presented a distinctive feature, being the only college girls in the line of march wearing each the insignia of her school. Every girl wore tied over her shoulder and swinging down her back a large Howard pennant, presenting an admirable spectacle of uniformity.

On the fourth a large aggregation composed of students from all departments marched in the Inaugural parade. The dress on this occasion was the cap and gown with the colors of the University over the shoulders.

Howard did well to have her representation in both of these country wide parades. True there was at first some hitch as to marching position in the Inaugural parade, but Howard won her point and made a fine showing. It is the duty of the Negro to avail himself of every opportunity offered him to show his Anglo-Saxon brother that he knows and feels his citizenship, and that his citizenship rights are to be in no way abridged or treated with inferiority as long as persistent fights can have any effect on the results. We can never come into possession of our own if we do not fight for it.

Howard had a perfect right in the Inaugural procession for she is an American College first of all, and furthermore, she is a government institution support-

ed and sustained by government appropriations. The fact that we took part in these functions is due largely to the efforts of Prof. T. M. Gregory, of the department of English, who did everything in his power to make entrance in the parades possible, and who was seen acting as an escort to the Howard girls in the Suffragette parade.

The Brackett Club

The monthly meeting of the Brackett Club was held February 17th in the Medical reading room, Carnegie Library. When President Lee called the house to order it was observed that every member was in his seat. Mr. T. C. Brown read a very interesting paper on the subject "Scientific Therapeutics." The house was then open to general discussion, and in this the members took an active interest. The physician who relies upon the efficiency of patent medicine in his practice was the object of virulent attack. The "shot-gun prescription" was denounced as the shield of ignorance. The "Medical fakir" also received his share of bitter contempt.

The club pledged itself to promote medical interest, to inspire more perfect unity, and to secure the inspiration of redoubled activity for ourselves and our successors.

The Brackett Club is an organization of the Sophomore class. The club was named in honor of the late Dr. J. C. Brackett.

The officers are: E. H. Lee, President; J. E. Young, Vice-president; F. V. Plummer, Secretary; L. J. Dixon, Treasurer; J. H. McMorris, Press Reporter.

Some Changes in Courses

IT is now possible to complete college and a four year professional course in seven years and a three year professional course in six years.

Beginning with the next school year, this law will go into effect enabling a student to complete his college and professional courses in one year less than the allotted time. The finding of the Board of Trustees on this point are:

"A student desiring to enter upon professional studies before graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences, who has completed not less than 90 units may take the studies of the first year in the school of Medicine, Law or Theology of Howard University, provided he can satisfy the stated requirements for admission therein and may receive the degree of A. B. or B. S. upon satisfactory completion of one year's work in such professional course."

A student taking this combination course will in his senior year in college be permitted to take all of his work in the professional course, while he will be enlisted as a senior in college as well as a freshman in his professional work, receiving his A. B. or B. S. degree at the end of his first year's work in the professional school.

This is an end to which Howard has been working for quite a time. That it has now been reached will serve as an incentive to higher scholarship and more efficient work.

This system is by no means an untried innovation in the college world, but has been in vogue among our larger schools.

Among some of the institutions that employ it are: Yale, Columbia, George Washington, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth College, Cornell, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, Syracuse, Michigan and University of Virginia. In many of these, notably Yale and Columbia, one can earn the A. B. or B. S. and M. D. degrees in six years.

PRELIMINARY COURSES IN LATIN AND GREEK

Another important change in our curriculum that goes into effect next year is the institution of preliminary courses in Greek and Latin. The head of the department of Latin in recommending this insertion to the faculty of the School of Liberal Arts said:

"I wish to recommend to the Faculty of Liberal Arts that regular preliminary courses in Greek and in Latin for which full College credit shall be given, be introduced as a part of the curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"A study of this subject in connection with a very large number of the standard American Colleges and Universities reveals the fact that this practice is generally in vogue wherever the conditions call for such an arrangement.

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"With the expansion of the requirements of admission to College and the adoption in the high school of from two to four equivalent courses of four years duration—all leading to graduation—the College has deemed it fit and necessary to adopt its courses in the ancient languages to the varying needs of the students who may wish either to begin these languages or to continue the study of them.

"In connection with the ancient languages, the committee on admission here at the University has found out that there are four classes of students with four years of preparation in secondary subjects: (1) those who offer four years of Latin and two years of Greek, (2) those who offer four years of Latin and no Greek, (3) those offering only two years of Latin and no Greek, (4) those offering neither Greek nor Latin, but a maximum of Mathematics, Science, and Modern Language." The courses are as follows: Greek—Course A: First half year: Introductory Greek, five times a week. Second half year Selections from Xenophon's Anabasis, five times a week.

Latin—Course A: First half year: Four to six orations of Cicero. Second half year: Four to six books of Virgil, four times a week.

This preliminary course is provided to obviate the present necessity of the College man's going back to the Academy to get Greek or Latin rudiments. This has been done for many years and credit has been given in College for work thus done. In doing this Howard is merely following in line with sister institutions like Harvard, Bowden, Chicago, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Yale and scores of others. This is a need that has been long felt and the students of the College of Arts and Sciences will greet both of these changes with pleasure.

Read next week's JOURNAL.

Notes

The University Choir will sing "The Seven Last Words" by DuBois, in a song service Sunday.

Read the next issue of the JOURNAL for an account of the great Howard-Monticello game of last Thursday evening.

President Newman delivered his third lecture to the students of the Theological School, Thursday afternoon. His subject was: "The Wisdom Poetry of the Bible."

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones will address the Social Science Club next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock on the subject, "The Social Science of Secondary Education."

The Academy debating team, composed of Messrs. Goodloe, Wilson and Mosley left for Richmond Thursday, at 3 o'clock, where they will meet the Union forensic artists to-night in a discussion of a single presidential term of six years without eligibility for reelection.

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Twenty-five thousand dollars awaits the student who will prove a proposition of the French mathematician, Fermat, who lived about 250 years ago. The prize will be open to all comers for a century.

Prof. G. A. Miller, who told of it in a recent address on modern mathematical research, not unreasonably fears that such a large inducement may set all sorts of mediocre mathematicians to wasting their time on the problem.

The proposition to be proved is that the sum of no two powers except squares is itself a power of the same degree. Sums of squares are often squares. For instance, the square of three is nine, and that of four is sixteen. Add sixteen and nine and you have twenty-five, which is the square of five. But this has never been found to be true for cubes or fourth powers, or any powers above squares, and Fermat asserted that no such cases would or could ever be found.

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He proved it, too,—at least he said he had done so,—but his proof is lost, and no one has ever recovered it or discovered another, although proofs have been found for definite powers. Some of the world's greatest mathematicians have worked on the problem.

University General Secretary Logan Makes a Terse Talk at Y. M. C. A.

The first meeting of the Y. M. C. A. under the supervision of the newly elected officers took place on last Sunday afternoon. University General Secretary, J. G. Logan gave the afternoon talk which, indeed, was pointed, effective and worthy of note. He spoke on the subject, "Altruism."

Since his subject, "Altruism" was a psychological theme, the General Secretary gave a brief but significant comment upon the preeminently important part which psychology, through its various fields, such as; of business, of oratory, of history, of education, etc., is destined to play in the world. Psychology of advertisement, for instance, he said would very soon actually compel and impel men to buy goods.

After this, the General Secretary delved into his theme. "What is altruism?" Said he: "It is that mental fact which produces benevolent actions. It is love for others." He then gave several examples of altruism contrasted with selfishness and said, "With the same force that you love yourself love the other fellow. Altruism, then, is all that comes under the caption of benevolent instincts and actions."

Next, Mr. Logan spoke on the results of the exercise of altruism. Of the social problems, he selected as an example the race problem and said that the exercise of altruism, love for others, Christ-like compassion on the part of all men would have a telling effect. With respect to capital and lab-

or, he said that we need at the head of a corporation a man, an altruistic man; for such a man will have the right attitude towards his business and the people. He then showed to what ilimitable extent men are necessarily dependent upon one another and asked, "For this reason, how can we not have altruism or love for the other man?"

Upon Altruism and the individual, General Secretary Logan spoke at length and with stress. He advanced the thought, *ego* fails while altruism succeeds—develop it, and asserted "Altruism will make the man who is down himself rise." Later, he said, "Man will be helped by helping others" and then quoted Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem, "The Lesson," the central theme of which is, on doing good to others good will be done to you. He concluded his terse talk with these remarks: "Altruism is at the bottom of every individual's development. He must learn to give the other fellow a fair deal. Selfishness can not win; but it takes altruism."

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EDITORIAL

Howard is still maintaining her athletic supremacy. She met her rivals of long standing, Hampton and Lincoln, in the great track carnival and made more points than these two institutions combined, winning first place in practically every event except the mile, which honor went to Hampton. Every basket ball quint she has met thus far this season has gone the way of the vanquished. So we will soon be looking around crying for more worlds to conquer.

The Howard College Dramatic Club's presentation of "The Lady of Lyons" was a marked artistic success, as is evinced from the fact that it pleased a critical Washington audience. There were present to witness the performance the premier appreciators of art and dramatics in their every phase and it is the concensus of opinion among these judging from the congratulations received by members of the cast, that the club's rendition did credit to amateur dramatics.

It is the opinion of the JOURNAL that such criticism, partly paradoxical in its nature and, to say the least, scathing to the hero, Mr. Tucker, as appeared in the New York Age, and written by one of our own number is entirely uncalled for on college dramatics. The article referred to attempts to show that the club's rendition was superb, but at the same time picks out the most damaging flaws in the principal character, which, if they obtained, would make the performance but a mock of what the play is intended to be; for no play can be so successfully rendered as the article claims "The Lady of Lyons" was, when the hero in every situation is either disgusting or pitiable. Mr. Tucker indeed deserves vastly more favorable consideration than was attributed to him. Any one who saw his action could not but be impressed with the spirit and feeling that he put into his role, and aside from his failure to make himself audible in the beginning, his work was quite up to that of his colleagues.

Even if the criticisms were just, it does not savor much of fairness for a student to criticize so severely and in the strictest detail in an outside paper, a student activity, when that endeavor has pleased its patrons. It is absurd to expect a student cast, that has no source of revenue other than gate receipt to provide three or four elaborate

and expensive changes of costumes for one individual.

Let us criticise one another at home and leave the outside world to pick out our faults for itself.

The Two Crowds

The Major and Superintendent of the Metropolitan police has been severely criticized for ineffectiveness and seeming inefficiency of his force on the occasion of the suffragettes' demonstration. Some of the censure heaped on the heads of the policemen may be justifiable; most of it is not. That which is, is only so from this cause; that many of them probably held the same light ideas of the importance of woman suffrage as the majority of the male contingent of that vast throng, which was so unmanageable. Woman suffrage is an innovation and, like all innovations, is looked at as a whimsical unstable thing by many.

The crowd, affected by its attitude toward the occasion, was critical, non-respecting, fun seeking, and irresponsible. Everybody did as he pleased, they walked over the objecting and gesticulating policemen and advanced almost to the center of the avenue in order to get the best

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possible view. The parade in the mind of the crowd was not a serious thing. The crowd was out for fun individually and collectively, and the mob psychology asserted itself; the majesty of law fell into the same category as woman suffrage and was considered a light and unimportant thing. Physically those 400 policemen could not hold back those 400,000 people and the psychological effect of the law typified by the policemen was swallowed up in the great carnival spirit, and was impotent.

Contrasted with the action of this crowd was that of the one on Inauguration Day, it respected the sight it had gathered to witness, and its mind was in a different state.

The sight of ten thousand gleaming muskets and the person of the President of the United States had quite a different effect on the crowd from that of a collection of half frightened women, who most of the crowd thought should be at home.

Physically on that day the policemen were no more potent than on the day before, but a far different crowd psychology prevailed. P. C.

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The City Council Goes on Record
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At the request of Councilman Harry Cummings, of the Seventeenth ward, the First Branch City Council last night went on record as being opposed to the plans of the School Board to change the curriculum in the Colored High School. The School Commissioners adopted a resolution calling upon the board of superintendents to investigate the advisability of changing the academic courses in the secondary schools. It is their purpose to have manual training and domestic science instead, according to Mr. Cummings.

"The Colored High School was started 20 years ago, and more than 500 young men and women graduated from there," said the colored representative of the branch. "About 300 of that number have engaged in the profession of teaching. The little colored boys and girls are being taught by them in the colored schools. The colored population is growing every day. We have more than 90,000 persons of our race in Baltimore.

"Our young men and women are capable of digesting the serious studies which have been taught in our high school for the past two decades. I cannot understand what prompted the school commissioners to take the step that they did. I ask this council to go on record as being opposed to their action."

A resolution embodying Mr. Cummings' views was then offered and unanimously adopted.

Councilman Cummings also offered an ordinance asking the city to appropriate \$1,500 for decorating Druid Hill Avenue, between Eutaw Street and Lafayette Ave, during the week of August 25, when the Colored Knights of Pythias will hold their biennial convention. The ordinance was given one reading and referred to

the Committee on Ways. The event will be the biggest social function of the year for the colored people of Baltimore and Mr. Cummings feels that the city ought to co-operate in making it a success.

The council also passed a resolution, offered by Mr. Cummings, giving the colored delegates and their wives the use of the iceboat Latrobe, during one of the days of the convention, in order that they may visit some nearby resort. *From Baltimore American*

The Y. M. C. A. Inauguration

On March 3, the Y. M. C. A. had its inauguration. Mr. W. A. Hunton, an International Secretary of the general association, very fittingly inducted the young men into office. The following constitute the staff of officers for the year 1913-14.

B. L. Waites, President.

W. H. Foster, Teachers College, Vice President.

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Attempt Being Made to Stamp Out Negro Masons, Pythians, and Odd Fellows

The "Protective Committee of White Fraternities," South, Indiana, G. E. Swisser, secretary, is sending out petitions to all of their secret organizations thru-out the country asking to have them fill the signatures and forward to members of Congress. The petitions ask an enactment of a law that will "Put out of business" Afro-American Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P. and all other race secret organizations that conflict with theirs even in the matter of name only. The following is a copy of the proposed bill.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States assembled:— That it shall be unlawful for any society, fraternal order or association named, designated, or entitled, by any name hereafter adopted, any word or part of which title shall be Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or the name of any bird or animal that is already being used as a part of its title or name, by any other society, fraternal order, or association. The Courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction on the petition of any person or persons to restrain the unlawful use of any such names as are herein forbidden." —*Harper's Weekly*

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The great inquiry in Howard up to date is, What has become of the gymnasium echo? The campaign was on in full force at this time last year, but now not even a whisper can be heard on the gymnasium.

The younglings here are still looking to their seniors, the alumni, to push this undertaking through. The teams are still in need of some place for consistent practice, and the student body in total is longing yet and yearning for some place for gymnastic development. While the work is progressing slowly, we still have faith in our alumni. The spirit actuating the Howard grad., we believe, is just as potential as that in the Harvard man. It is up to the alumni now to show us that we are justified in making our faith look up to them and that their hearts are still strong in the cause of their Alma Mater.

They rejoice with us in every football victory that our institution wins, they exult in every successful basketball contest, and they count every game of baseball won a prize to them, because the winnings have been by the teams representing the institution nearest to their hearts. If the Alumni are going to enjoy our victories they should take a hand in the preparation for success.

Inquiry is not needed, we believe our elder brothers are yet at work for us, and for our dear old Howard, that we all love so well. —"Spuds"

Basket Ball

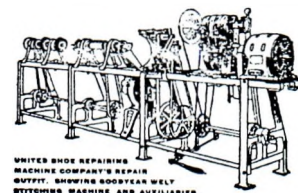
The strong 'varsity aggregation left for New York Wednesday evening where they met the Monticello Athletic Club quint of Pittsburg in a battle royal. A record breaking crowd was expected. The team was in the pink of condition when it left home and left to win. While the Monticello boys were equally as sure of bagging the game.

This clash was made possible after much dickering between the two teams. As the readers of the JOURNAL have seen the Monticello Club refused to play the Howard five under the first stipulation of one game at Washington, one at Pittsburg and in the event of a tie, one on neutral ground because, they claimed the True Reformer's Hall, in which the local game was to be played was not a suitable place for basketball, Assistant Manager Richardson took the matter up in the New York Age and after much agitation through that medium, the teams agreed to measure arms in New York. Reports from the Metropolitan City were that interest in the game was running high.

Howardites have always believed that the Monticello Club was afraid to play Howard a second time. So the meeting in New York was as much a vindication of the honor of Monticello as it was a chance for Howard to regain her former loss or to lose again.

News of the score from New York is: Howard, 33, Monticello, 17. All we have to say is, "I told you so." Read next week's JOURNAL for a full account of the game. Rah! rah! rah! for Manager Nixon and his quint.

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Champaign, Ill., Feb. 28.—On the evening of Feb. 18, '13, the Alpha chapter of the Kappa Alpha Nu fraternity established the Beta chapter here, taking in the "Illi" club, a strong race organization of the University of Illinois. The following Illinois men were initiated: Earl B. Dickerson, Elmer A. Brown, Byron Kenner, Geo. Ellis, F. L. Williams, Geo. Dickson H. H. Harpole, Geo. Burnam, and W. J. Prince.

The installation exercises were followed by a six course banquet at Goodall's cafe, where many toasts were given by the Indiana and Illinois men. The men who came from Bloomington to assist in the installation were: Messrs. Mosce, Armstrong, Lee, Irvine Armstrong, and Mr. E. W. Diggs, principal of the Vincennes Ind. High School.

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The membership of K. A. N. has men who are notable in athletics of the "Big Nine," as well as men who rank high in literary and oratorical endeavors. Among the Illinois men recently received into the fraternity are Earl B. Dickerson, who is obtaining his A. B. this year, after three years in college; Elmer Brown, a junior in the engineering college, and W. J. Prince, a sophomore who was on the varsity team which defeated Wisconsin in 1911. Prince is also a member of the national fraternity for debaters and orators, known as the Delta Sigma Rho.

The men of both chapters are very enthusiastic over the prospects for a brilliant future for K. A. N.

Howard Law Men Stand Well

The following are the names of the Howard men who passed the last bar examination of the District: Lewis H. Johnson, R. H. Holly, Ocea Taylor, and W. S. Porter.

Of those taking the examination, seventy-five per cent of the colored passed and fifty per cent of the white.

NOTICE!

The annual formal prom of the Council of Upper Classmen will be held Friday, March 28th, 1913, at the New Auditorium 8th. St., S. E. Those desiring invitations will please send in their names and addresses to the Committee on Invitations, Council of Upper Classmen, Howard University. Admission as here-to-fore will be strictly by invitation.

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Prayer Meeting, Clark 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.

MONDAY

Deutscher Verein, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Athletic Association, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Bible Class, Message of the Twelve Prophets, Mr. Walter Dyson, Room 25, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, The Life of Paul, Mr. E. P. Davis, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

THURSDAY

Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Mr. E. M. Pollard, Room 103, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.
Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, Dr. L. B. Moore, Room 212, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.
The Gospel in Athletic Phrases, Mr. Alonzo Smith, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 P. M.
Christian Evidences and Ethics, Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, 8.00 P. M.
Studies in the Life of Christ, Mr. G. W. Hines, Main Hall, 8.00 P. M.
Studies in Old Testament Characters, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Room 47, Clark Hall, 8:30 P. M.
The Social Teachings of Jesus, Dr. E. L. Parks, Library Hall, 8:30 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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On Monday, February 24th, the members of the Senior College Class observed "Frivolity Day." On this day prior to donning their caps and gowns on Tuesday, they all reverted to their childhood days and enjoyed the juvenile sport of long ago. The program of the day consisted of top spinning, rope jumping, hop scotch, and scores of other children's games.

Because of the inclemency of the weather, the major part of the sport was carried on in Spaulding Hall, where all rejoiced after partaking of a real child's luncheon of milk and crackers in the dining hall, in the real rompyish fashion of childhood days. Thus the frivolous things of life were bidden farewell by the seniors.

On the following day they took on the garb of dignity—the college caps and gown. They marched into chapel to the music of the special march composed by Mr. R. W. Tibbs for the inauguration of President Newman. The president gave a short inspiring talk on the significance of the cap and gown.

Ex-President Thirkield Visits Howard

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Ex-President Thirkield was a visitor at the chapel exercises. He was received with long and hearty applause by the faculty and student body. His greeting was an invitation to Howardites to come southward and labor among the people who need their service. He struck his usual note, culture for service.

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