"Herod" at Howard Theatre
Dramatic Club Scores Sensational Hit
By C. V. Hendley
Formerly Associate Editor, The Howard University Journal.

Before a large and appreciative audience The Howard University Dramatic Club on Saturday evening, March 25th, 1916, presented as the seventh production in its history Stephen Phillips' great tragedy "Herod." The play is little more than a descriptive analysis in dramatic form of the real Herod The Great of history, and deals with a period in Jewish history just prior to the birth of Christ. The plot centers around the passionate love of Herod for Mariamne, whom he took as his second wife. From this union nothing came but a short-lived happiness, followed by tragic grief and pathetic sorrow. Hated by Cypros and Salome, mother and sister of Herod, Mariamne is sentenced to death; not before learning however of the cruel murder of her brother, Aristobulus, at the hands of Herod her husband.

Supported by a well-balanced and talented cast Mr. Merrill Curtis as Herod and Miss Kitty Bruce as Mariamne achieved what will without doubt go down in history as one of the most creditable and artistic productions of the club. The production was praiseworthy for the beauty of its scenes and costumes, the smoothness and swiftness of its movement, as well as (Continued on Page 4)
Congressman S. G. Fess Speaks

Honorable S. G. Fess, of Ohio, under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union spoke in chapel Sunday, March 19, on the question of temperance.

Mr. Fess believes that our universities should not only provide for intellectual development but also for the moral and spiritual interests. He is opposed to the saloon because it is a force which works against the moral good of mankind. He maintains that there is an inherent power in the organization of our government that Congress shall take care of the citizenry of the nation, in opposition to those who say Congress has no right to legislate concerning what a man shall wear, eat or drink.

The work of reform should begin in Washington, the capital of the nation. The Anti-Saloon League of the District under the presidency of Mr. Shoemaker, who was also present at the meeting, is working to secure a law which would prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcohol in Washington.

The Classes and Howard Spirit

Class spirit makes college spirit but there is not much class spirit here either. The college classes should and must set the example for the other departments. We have observed during our stay here that class spirit flourishes during the freshman and sophomore years of a class, and wanes and almost disappears during the remaining two years. Strange to say, there seems to be an utter lack of any class spirit at all among the under classmen this year. We hear no more the lusty class yells and songs; we see no more spirited clashes among the freshies and the sophs. The classes are the fire and the life of the typical American college are dormant here.

All of us have observed this condition. Suppose we try to find the cause of this inertia. It can not be that we are studying too much to devote a little time to class activities. We do not wish to advocate anything that will lower or detract from scholarship but we believe that there are certain demonstrations necessary to give a college an ideal atmosphere. We believe that we need more contests between the classes. There is an admirable unity in the ranks of the sophs and freshies during the period before the "rush" and the football game, but when these contests are over, there being nothing else to look forward to, for the time being, the classes lose their unity and or-

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The class of 1917, during their sophomore year, introduced their "get-together" meetings. The fellows used to gather in the city Y. M. C. A. building and talk about matters which concerned the welfare of the class. Just such gatherings do more than anything else to create and foster a real live college atmosphere.

There ought to be contests among the upper classes. There ought at least be a debate between the juniors and seniors every year. Our sophomore freshmen debate is now a permanent thing. Our upper classmen tell us that they have no time for such class activities. But if we wish to keep pace, or catch up with, the leading colleges of this country, we must make and take time for such activities. Such contests would do much to cure our lethargy and indifference.

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We are indifferent to a great many features which would add much to our college life. A graduate of Colgate College was telling us recently that there a whole week was devoted every year to the activities of the junior class. He showed also how this served to bring the upper classmen together. At most of our colleges the senior prom is an annual social event that adds dignity and grace to the institution. It is quite likely that we shall graduate from Howard without having seen or heard of a Senior prom.

We have a council of upper classmen, which, if it did its duty, could do a world of good, but our council is merely a nominal organization. It does nothing but elect officers and take in sophomores. This is simply another striking instance of our inactivity.

Conservatory Rehearsal

The piano class of Professor Tibbs again was heard in rehearsal in the Chapel on March 15, 1916, at 4.00 p.m. The program was as follows:

1. Bachmann, Gigue, Miss Terril.
2. Debussy, Arabesque No. I., Miss Goodwin.
3. Chopin, Waltz in D flat, Miss Lane.
4. Pirkhert, Theme for left hand, Miss Miller.
5. Grodsky, Barcarolle, Mr. Wooding.
6. Liebling, Gavotte, Miss Harris.
7. Lack, Idilico, Mr. Yates.
9. Leschetizsky, Arabesque, Miss Webb.

Howard Law School Triumph

At the recent Bar Examination held at Chicago, Illinois, 187 candidates entered; among them 7 colored men—only 87 passed, the failures being 100. However, among those who succeeded were 5 out of the 7 colored men and 4 were Howard students with Martin L. H. Barclay, of the class of 1915, topping the list.

Howard men are:—Martin L.H. Barclay, class 1915; Benjamin J. Pollard, class 1915; O. G. Granady, class 1912; W. E. King, class 1912.

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for the artistic and convincing characterizations presented without exception by every member of the cast. Mr. Curtis as "Herod," by the realistic and superb manner in which he portrayed this character, far eclipsed his most creditable performances of past years. The role of "Herod" is indeed a difficult one and calls for acting of an exceptionally high order, if the ever varying emotions of this strange character are to be brought out properly; a character in which culture and cruelty, high aims, and unscrupulous ends are peculiarly blended. Mr. Curtis, however, was equal to the task and too much praise cannot be given him for the masterful manner in which he interpreted this character of past ages. From his entrance in Act I until the death scene in Act III, he was the Herod of Phillips' dramatic imagination, portraying the haughtiness of a cruel King, with no less ease and grace than the pathetic grief of the crazed lover. Though excellent throughout, especially was his acting of the crazed King deserving of unstinted praise, and we may truthfully say that rarely is there to be found an amateur actor, who has greater mastery of the lights and shadows of dramatic expression than Mr. Merrill Curtis.

Miss Kitty Bruce as Mariamne, the wife of Herod, was at all times the finished actress. Her voice was round, resonant, and full of liquid music and the manner in which she used it to portray the many varying emotions of Mariamne is to be highly commended. Throughout the play, her depiction of Mariamne was realistic and consistent. The audience was made to rejoice with her in her happiness and to sympathize with her in her grief. Not alone does Miss Bruce deserve praise because of the flexibleness of her voice in expressing different emotions, but also because of the graceful liveness with which she acted her rôle from start to finish.

Mr. H. B. Wallace as Gadias, the villain, portrayed this despicable character with his usual ease and realism, while Mr. Baumgardner as Aristobulus, High Priest and Brother to Mariamne, succeeded admirably in bringing out the character of this nobleman.

Mr. Holmes, who played the part of Sohemus, the slave of Herod, deserves credit for his realistic, though at times stiff, portrayal of this character. He...
EDITORIAL

¶ He who remembers not his bad past will never realize a good future.

¶ What shall we think of the student who professes loyalty to Howard and fails to attend the Fisk-Howard debate?

¶ The Senior classes of the School of Liberal Arts are having published the largest “Year Book” ever attempted by the classes of the University. This book will contain not only a record of the two classes for four years at the University, but it will also contain histories and sketches of all the important organizations at Howard. Plans for the book are complete and in a few days this new publication, filled with “quips” peculiar to college life, will be put before the public for comment.

¶ Two series of lectures given at the University deserve our consideration. The series on the subject “Race Contacts and Interracial Relations” are commented on elsewhere, we shall speak here of the “Talks on Negro Literature” given by the faculty of the Department of English and Mr. J. C. Cromwell, Sr.

This series should appeal to every student who is ambitious to further his acquaintance with the literature of the Negro. It is sometimes said that we as a race are ashamed of our history, that we try by all sorts of ways to link our ancestry with some race other than the African. Whether this be true is best known by each individual himself. It is certain, however, that we have a lamentable lack of knowledge of the literature of the Negro. In this series of lectures we shall be given an opportunity to increase our knowledge of race literature: we should welcome the occasion by our presence at the lectures.

Our gratitude should go out to the Department of English for this series of talks. To Mr. C. H. Houston, who came to Howard without the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879, at the Post-Office at Washington, D. C., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Friday, March 31, 1916

A Call to Howard’s Colors

(Continued from the Last Issue)

Again, Howard was great because of her supremacy in the art of debate. Indeed, she accomplished what few schools in this country seldom, if ever, dare attempt—throw down the debater’s gauntlet to four colleges in one debating season and triumphed over them all. Fisk, Atlanta, Wilberforce and Lincoln bit the dust in rapid succession and today they carry the scars left by her iron heels. Who thinks of debating at Howard without at the same time thinking of the invincible Butts, the crafty “Bill” Love, the argumentative “Senator” Jackson, the forcible and insistent “Bull” Terry, scrappy McMorris, the persuasive and polished little C. B. Washington, and the versatile and sensational Curley? I had mentioned Long and Pollard, Temple and Hall but the forensic work of these men is so vital that comment upon them must be in reserve for another and more powerful pen. Howard, then, in times not too remote, had her gridiron heroes; had her diamond stars; had her forensic defenders; had her basket-ball

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Shall we "Revive the Howard Spirit"? What say you, fellow-students? Standard-bearers! What of the old battle-scarred Howard banner that once knew not what it meant to be trampled upon by foes, either domestic or foreign? What of our sacred ideals, our enviable traditions? To arms, brave Howardites! Let's profit by our recent and too oft repeated defeats. Let's emulate Germany's splendid example of preparedness. Preparedness? Yes, that's the very word. Its the slogan of our country today. Let's adopt it. Already, smaller but ambitious institutions, having tasted the blood of victory, victory at the expense of Howard, are seeking to satiate their thirst. Already, they are battering at our last ring of fortifications. They have come to test our boasted superiority. Rome was great because her citizens made her great. To be a Roman was to be protected, respected, honored. We are not Romans, but we are Howardites; and thus, we think, the grander distinction. Let's unfurl the old Howard banner to the breeze once again and there let it float forever. Let's have more victories and woe unto him who dares swerve one iota from these resolves. Let's win more football games that "Terrible Terry," Gray, and Allen may be glad. Let's make another tour through the South triumphing over our baseball rivals that Brice, "Tobe," and Sykes may rejoice. Let's win the coming debates with Fisk and Atlanta that Butts, "Bill" Love and "Senator" Jackson may feel proud. Let's support our teams by joining the "Howard Rabble." Let's do it all for dear Old Howard's sake.

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But she insisted. When I had prepared my story, I told her, but she showed no emotion; but when I told her that I had a heavy burden of my past experiences, she was as untainted as the angels above, but instead, the daughter of a murderer, my Manyana.

As I approached the thoroughfare on which was our future residence and in which our wedding was to take place, I saw vehicles conveying banks of flowers and bundles and which finally stopped at our door way. These seemed to cheer me, but still my heart throbbed with the heavy burden of my past experience. I mounted the steps and entered the house where already Ethel was standing to greet me.

"Ah," said she, "I have been trying to locate you for sometime, where were you?" I did not wish to recall the past experiences of her life, nor of mine, but she insisted. When I had well organized my story, I told her, but she showed no emotion; but when I told her that I had a package containing the affairs of the unfortunate girl, she began to show some interest.

"It won't matter," said she advisedly, "You may just as well leave it until tomorrow morning. Suppose you take a rest before night."

"Very well," I replied, "I guess you are right about that. I will take your advice and attend to it tomorrow." With this agreement, I left Ethel alone while I withdrew to a distant room to refresh myself with a little rest. Discarding my coat, I threw myself upon the bed but I could not close my eyes in sleep. The vision of the dying girl lingered with me so that I decided that I would try to steal out to my office to get the package. I stole silently down the stairway where I opened the front door quietly, and then closed it behind me. In a few minutes, I had reached my office where I did not tarry, but taking the package from the safe, I retraced my steps back to our dwelling with the intention of examining it after I had arrived. My return was as quiet as my departure, and without anyone discovering that I had been absent.

Carelessly I began to open the package, but when I had broken the seal and begun to examine its contents, I found several letters with my own letter head; and in my own hand writing, the name of Elia Lorton. I was certain that I was mistaken in what I saw. In my astonishment, I rubbed my eyes and re-read the words again and again. As I drew out the letters one by one, something fell upon the floor and rolled away. Immediately I stopped to find it, and to my astonishment, it was a ring.

A stifled cry escaped my lips, I grasped the foot-posts of my bed to support myself. I bit my lips and wrang my hands in my efforts to suppress that feeling that swelled in my bosom. Ah! but it was a wretched revelation. I collected these treasures which she had so carefully returned to me and hid them away. Then I sat down in conscious reflection with the day-light fading from me like a dream,—like a tottering edifice doomed to destruction, I collapsed in my agony. It was only then that I understood her frequent discomforts,—that I realized the truth of her dying statement. Her father had ruined my prospects more than hers. For I had expected that time would solve that in which I perhaps had failed with inexpressible love and happiness.

How long I had lain there, I could not say, but when I came to myself, Ethel, my prospective bride, was kneeling by my side, stroking my brow tenderly.

"Is it time?" asked I startled by the realization that evening was approaching.

"Not yet," replied she cheerfully. "We have sometime yet."

As I descended the stairway that eventful evening, my heart throbbed with fear of some negligence and haste in undertaking even this project. And even when the last words of that solemn oath died upon my lips, even though I was ushered into a new life, I could not wipe out of my recollections that fact that within my land of yesterday, was my affection for a girl whom I was crazy about,—one whom I thought was as untainted as the angels above, but instead, the daughter of a murderer, my Manyana.

The End.

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MANYANA
By
Stephen Rose
Author of "The Verdict of Democracy" etc.

(Continued from the Last Issue)

"Hello," said I, "Who has charge of the Sim's girl's funeral? This is detective Wendell."

"A settle lady came here and took charge of the remains, I suppose she is a relative."

"Very well," said I, and then I felt relieved.

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Students' Association of the Medical Department Adopts Constitution

"We, the students of the Medical Department of Howard University, in order to perfect a closer union, to establish a higher standard of well-being, to promote good scholarship among those dedicated to the study of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy, and to stimulate a keener interest among the Alumni of the respective colleges in the welfare of our Alma Mater, doordain and establish this Constitution for the "Students' Association of the Medical Department of Howard University."

On Tuesday, March 21, 1916, a number of students of the Medical Department met in the Amphitheater of the Medical Building and adopted their constitution of which the above paragraph constitutes the preamble.

The Association was organized with great enthusiasm in the Spring of 1914, but subsequently for some reason the said enthusiasm waned and until this year no meetings were arranged.

Realizing that the need for the Association was a real one and promoted by many recent Alumni and advanced students of the Department, the Senior and Junior Medical Classes have recently made serious efforts to reorganize the Association that they might secure to the students of their department certain manifest benefits.

Organization is essential if the students of the Medical Department are to wield their appropriate influence. Especially useful will such an organization be in cultivating pride in and loyalty for Old Howard among those students who come to the Medical Department from other schools, affording them a more intimate contact with the men who enter from "The Hill."

It is to be hoped that when the annual election of the officers of the Association occurs in the last week in April, as provided by the recently adopted Constitution, that there will be present to make selections all those who are interested in the highest welfare of their department and who are solicitous to secure for their Association a lasting and useful future.

Memoir of the Late James Hyland Hayes, Jr.
On Behalf of the Medics of '18
By J. W. Shirley

The death of the late James Hyland Hayes, Jr., which occurred on the 13th, inst. at his native town, Richmond, Va., took us all by surprise. 'Tis true he had been ailing for a little while, but no one ever thought the end was so near, his having been absent from his class scarce over a month when summoned by the Silence Messenger. Youth, ambition, hope—all that a life which beamed with promise ever offered—were plucked as a rosebud, with its petals yet unfolded.

Born in 1892, he entered Public School at the age of six and passed through the eighth grade while he was just thirteen. He took his high school course at the M St. High School, and his College course at the University of Pennsylvania and gave a good account of himself at both institutions. When he graduated in June, 1913, with the degree of A. B. all who knew of his scholastic career felt that his was a task well accomplished, a sacrifice well remunerated.

But his graduation from the above named university was only a stepping stone towards the...
greater object of his ambition, for in October of the following year Hayes entered Howard University and registered as a medical student. Nor was the same untiring effort which had characterized his previous scholastic career abated; as was attested by his successes ever since his connection with the Medical School. He passed a very creditable Freshman Year, and at the reopening of College last fall, again joined his class. Full of hope and courage he made a brilliant start, carrying off the second of the two prizes offered in Pharmacology; and what is most striking about this is that he accomplished the feat while grimly struggling against the dreaded monster—death.

Hayes was not only a scholar but a sportsman also, and achieved as much success in the latter as he did in the former capacity, and both his sportsman-like conduct and his great athletic ability won

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for him words of praise and a feeling of admiration. He was up to the time of his death a member of the University baseball team, and captain of the Basketball team.

During his high-school career he was first lieutenant of the High School Cadet Corps, and distinguished himself in the gymnasium while at the Pennsylvania University.

He had a keen sense of comradeship, a winning personality, and a kindly smile under almost every circumstance. No wonder he was so much beloved, trusted and esteemed by all who knew him. In his death a gap has been created which is not easily filled.

Our heads are bowed with grief,
As we this tribute pay
To one who has but found relief
In realms of endless day.
Could love and friendship thwart
The icy-hand of death
Our brother had not yet depart
From those who now draw breath.
But 'tis His Father's will—
He bids him take his rest;
And though we grieve we must be still:
His Judgment is the best.

Copy of Resolutions by his Classmates.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother and classmate, James Hyland Hayes, Jr., and we of the Class of '18 Howard Medical School do so keenly feel the loss of one who, as a comrade and classmate, has so endeared himself to the hearts of us all:

Be it sincerely resolved that we, his former classmates, do hereby express to the family and friends of the deceased brother our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, and a copy to The Howard University Journal for publication.

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world move inevitably doomed, than mortal delight in the transient pleasures of this world.

Mr. Booker as Dulcimer, a singer, won the applause of his audience by his masterful rendition of Logan's, "In a Brahma
man Garden."

Mr. Penn as Pheroras, Mr. Hawk as Syllaenus, Mr Thomas as a Roman envoy, and all of the other members of the cast acted their respective parts in a man
ner meriting the highest commendation.

The Dramatic Club, like all other college organizations, continues to present new faces each year. Howard, Terry, Miss Mc
Carthy, Miss Harper, and those of their times have gone, but Cur
tis, Wallace, Miss Bruce, Miss Nelms, and those of their times are with us, keeping up the high standard of production, and we may well say, as to the Dramatic Club, "The King is Dead; Long Live the King."

No comment of the play, however, would be complete without some reference to those behind the guns; those who labor quietly and unseen, yet whose work is an indispensable factor in the successful production of the play. I refer to the manager and his staff. For the artistic success of the play a good part of the honor goes to Mr. Guy and Mrs. Adams, under whose competent directorships the play was produced. For the general success along all lines much credit is due to Manager McAdon and his assistants through whose tireless and unceasing efforts the presentation of the play was made possible. As to the cast in legal phraseology, we would simply say, "ipsi loquitur" (the thing speaks for itself).

We truly hope that that the belated interest shown by the Faculty Committee on Dramatics is indicative of a more personal and helpful relationship next year. We would have them come in and help while the building is in con
struction and not wait until after it has been so nearly completed that the only thing left to be done is either to admire or condemn, ornament or tear down.

Preparations Being Made for Annual Glee Club Concert

The Howard University Glee Club under the direction of Professor Roy W. Tibbs is now prepared to come before the public in an annual concert. The club is much larger this year than ever and is evenly-balanced, consisting of eight quartets. It is offering this year jubilee melodies, new musical compositions, as well as comic and dramatic readings by Messrs. Curtis and Koger. In addition to this, the club has the services of Mr. J. Andrew Singleton, a well-trained tenor, who will take charge of the solo work. The singing of Messrs. Booker, Ballard and Jackson needs no comment for these young men have already appeared several times before the students.

Our next concert will take place in April. Watch for announce
ments.

—Samuel M. Blackburn, Manager.

Debate April Seventh

The annual intercollegiate debate between Fisk and Howard Universities will occur April seventh at 8 o'clock in Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University. This will be, perhaps, the most enthusiastic and evenly matched debate that has been held in the city for some time; for Fisk has been Howard's formidable rival in debating and is more determined than ever to win from the invincible Howard team.

All loyal Howardites are expected to be present to assist in encouraging with songs and yells our team on to victory.