Howard and the War

THE announcement last week that Howard University officers, faculty and students would be given the opportunity to express their attitude toward the present national crisis was the occasion for a crowded chapel at noon, on Monday. The gathering, largely because of the Red Cross costumes donned by a large number of the young women, immediately took on a patriotic aspect.

A letter composed by President Newman, and addressed to President Wilson and other government officials, stating that Howard University stands ready to serve the Nation at any call, was read by the President, and after a brief discussion, was adopted unanimously by the body.

A distinct feature of the letter, one highly appreciated by all, was the statement: “because of our unfailing devotion to our country,” which precludes the merest suggestion that any attitude other than loyalty on the part of the colored people of this nation has been, or could ever be, even slightly entertained by the colored American.

Another pleasing feature of the occasion was the introduction of Sergeant D. Farrior, of the famous 10th Cavalry, a hero of the battle of Carrizal, who after a continued round of applause.

The Red Cross Unit at Howard University

THE evening of March the twenty-first witnessed the birth of what promises to be one of the most enthusiastic movements ever made among the women of Howard University. Called together by Miss Hallie E. Queen, who has for some time been a member of the American Red Cross, many young ladies of the academy, college, and faculty heard with interest the work and needs of that organization. To many of us present, “Red Cross work” had hitherto suggested but one thing, caring for the wounded at the front in time of war. We learned, however, that there are many divisions in Red Cross work and that, in this time of hurried preparation for the conflict which seems to be at hand in our own country, a very important field is that of the Red Cross sewing unit. When war comes, suffering comes to the soldiers and the Red Cross medical unit finds its great work in alleviating that suffering. But the Red Cross doctor needs hospital equipment; the Red Cross nurse needs garments for her patients and these supplies, as well as the professional skill of the trained doctor and nurse, are necessary parts of the efficiency of the hospital corps.

We Howard women are not trained graduate nurses, and al-
The College Women's League

We often hear the murmur that there are too many organizations around Howard University, but just as long as there are group interests, there will be clubs and societies to promulgate these interests. College women have their own interests; they have a "civilization" distinctly theirs. Here, however, they are so engendered and hedged in by the overwhelming number of male students that they have few opportunities to promote their interests. But we feel that at last an adequate means of furthering the young women's welfare has been found in the formation of College Women's League of Howard University.

The effort to form such an organization met with unwarranted opposition, but the pioneers in the movement would not be discouraged. They struggled to arouse interest and obtain approval. When these were won, an organization was effected. Miss Maud Brown '17 was elected president and Miss Burnside '18, vice president. To Miss MacLear the League is greatly indebted for her encouragement and for the work she did in representing its cause, and having the constitution ratified by the Deans and Trustees.

The League has manifold purposes. It is an organization to promote not merely intellectual interests but to make the college education of Howard girls more than a superfluous affair—more than the acquisition of knowledge. Since by its constitution every young woman pursuing a course leading to a degree is ipso facto a member of the League, an increased spirit of unity and good comradeship among the women of the University is expected to remove all traditional class hostility and create helpful friendship and a purer sense of responsibility to each other.

The primary object of the League is to maintain vital ideals and rightly balanced interests. It is to be a medium by means of which the social standards of the young women of this institution may be made and kept high. Each College woman has a new opportunity to express her interests and uphold her ideals. If the League has any worthy aim, it is certainly to help its members hold more precious the "unalienable worth of the womenly ideal." Its stress is upon ideals.

Much enthusiasm was manifested in the meeting on March 23. Suggestions for the present and future program of the League were offered and discussed. Miss MacLear proposed having representative college women come occasionally to talk before the League and acquaint its members with the difficulties women have encountered in the pursuits of College educations and how they have met these difficulties. The proposition received enthusiastic approval. We trust that every meeting of the League will be attended with such interest that when Howard graduates her young women, these young women can feel that their Alma Mater has not only directed their intellectual development but has likewise inspired womenly ideals and unselfish motives.


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Mr. Charles H. Houston has recently organized a debating club composed of Junior and Senior men in the Howard School of Commerce. The club will debate the Dunbar High School team on May 12. The subject is Resolved: "That the United States should subsidize ships engaged in foreign trade."

The men that will represent the Howard School of Commerce are Messrs. R. B. Harris, E. B. Browne, H. B. Ruffin, A. Wood, Lee T. Clay, and Eugene Taylor. R. B. Harris made the best showing as a debater and orator in the contest.

---Selah.

Howard Endorses the Training Camp

Almost unanimously, a large number of Howard men assembled to hear Mr. Joel E. Spingarn, the untiring champion of Negro rights, and Dean William Pickens of Morgan College, voted their hearty endorsement of the military training camp urged by Mr. Spingarn and Dean Pickens. In addition, a number of men have definitely signified their intention to join the camp. That these men may acquire the fundamentals before leaving for the camp,

military instruction and practice will be carried on at the University until the time for departure. Students, who have seen real army service, or have received realcadet training have volunteered their services, and it is possible that the services of a number of the District guard or regular army be secured. Earnestness is characterizing every effort of the men to make the training camp a success.

In various quarters objections have been raised to the military camp. But the arguments advanced by Mr. Spingarn and Dean Pickens, on their recent visit to Howard, should convince even those most strongly opposed to it, of its justification. Dean Pickens declared that disloyalty to the country is disloyalty to ourselves. We are a part of the country. If we are going to fight for our rights in the country, we should fight for the country. To desire a part of a thing and yet attempt to destroy the whole thing, is a most unreasonable procedure. Further, Dean Pickens said that should war come there would be no doubt of the Negroes' volunteering; he has never withheld his services; but should it not come, and at this moment of its imminence should the colored man evince no inclination to fight, he would open himself to the attack of those, seeking every opportunity to belittle his right to equality, for apparent disloyalty. Dean Pickens argued that because we cannot get all we desire at present, we should by no means refuse what we can get. We should be glad to see White and Negro educational institutions together, but because they are not we do not refuse to attend what we have.

The point he declared, is to take the next step, and not to expect one leap to reach the ultimate thing.

Another point touched by Professor Pickens was that the government is not extremely anxious for Negro soldiers. The officers somewhat reluctantly gave the privilege to hold the training camp, assuming that men would not respond. "Spite them," the Dean advised. But further, we must depend upon the government as boldly as it is sometimes managed. We have no other recourse for protection. Then it is our duty to do all possible to preserve and protect it.

Mr. Spingarn placed special emphasis upon the fact that in case of war and conscription we would have to fight and the alternative is between waiting to be forced to fight as a private and preparing now to fight as officers. Two million colored men would be available for service. These must be officered; Negroes must officer them. The moral is to qualify now.

The South, Mr. Spingarn said, is facing the dilemma. If the Negro goes to war he will achieve distinction, if he remains at home, he will, while the white man fights show his ability as care-taker of the South's interests. But the advantages of army discipline, the weight it might lend to future demands; for rights should have no question as to the Negro's choice.

The soundness of these arguments makes the men of Howard appreciate, and it is to their credit that they have responded so unhesitatingly to the offer of Mr. Spingarn and to the opportunity to serve their country and their race.

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It is certainly embarrassing to the faculty and to many students for the president and deans to be forced to raise their hands and frown in condemnation of our carelessness in behavior at chapel. But until we learn to stop laughing when some one is speaking in chapel the officials are justified in their attitude towards us. There is a time to laugh, but it seems that a body of students, such as we have at Howard, should be intelligent enough to recognize that time without confusing it with times when seriousness is intended.

We believe that students who are guilty will recognize the importance of this word, and will aid in removing such "folly" from our Chapel exercises.

Howard Loyalty

The great black war cloud, which now spreads over the American people and Government, causes no little anxiety. Everywhere the talk of "Preparedness" is heard. It is safe to say that hardly any non-official body has discussed the situation more than that body of "loyal Americans" in Howard University. Several "Howard" men are enlisted for training in the military camp this summer, and many others are ready to shoulder the gun under the colors for the defense and preservation of the United States. The young women of Howard are by no means passive. Almost one hundred of them are sewing and making articles for the soldiers. Many of them are ready to take up the service as Red Cross nurses.

Howard is a part of the United States Government, and therefore is peculiarly interested in its welfare. In fact, every one from the president to the students is ready to go to the support of the government. We are ready to serve our country in any capacity. We are willing to sacrifice our lives for the honor and integrity of this democracy. We do not fear death but rather welcome it, when it is for the protection of this country, the only home we have, the only land we know so well.
The New Science of Matrimony

To the members and friends of the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society on the afternoon of March twenty-third, Dean L. B. Moore of the Teachers College gave an interesting talk on "The New Science of Matrimony, or the Practical Application of the Science of Eugenics."

In speaking of the importance of this subject to college men and women, the speaker said that considerable attention is given to the producing of better animals and plants, yet little thought is given to the producing of better men. It is largely by accident that a child develops into a strong, healthful, useful man. Improvement in the human race must begin with the leaders of the race—the college men and women.

"Each racial group is confronted with the double duty of increasing its numbers and improving the conditions of its individuals. This result is accomplished through the institution of the family, or family life. Failure to recognize the potency of the family life causes a race to die. Of this truth the Greeks are an example. At present there is a lamentable loosening of the family tie. Statistics prove that the marriage rate is increasing faster than the population. But they also prove that the birthrate is decreasing and divorces are increasing three times as fast as the population."

Among the many things undermining the family life, the speaker mentioned the following: (1) the economic and industrial conditions which cause the mother as a bread winner to be away from home most of the day; (2) the stress of modern standards which causes one to live beyond his means; (3) the emancipation of women; (4) the increase of popular learning; and (5) the change in the standard of ethics.

In order to improve the family life and thus make a new race, Dean Moore said that the foundation must be laid long before the boy or girl is ready to marry. There are many definite factors to be considered intelligently by the young people assisted by their parents. To emphasize the many "don'ts" that the speaker would give to prospective mothers and fathers, the speaker discussed freely the harmful results of marrying for money, beauty, social position, and selfish gratification. One should marry for mutual happiness and mutual helpfulness in maintaining and improving the human race. Thus marriage should be based on love and mutual respect with careful consideration of the hereditary tendencies, health, education, disposition, and age of the other person, which will lead to a happy family life and a stronger racial group.

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Professor Peabody at Howard

Last Sunday afternoon, March 25, at the Vesper Service in Rankin Memorial Chapel, Professor F. G. Peabody of Harvard University delivered a forceful and impressive sermon on the subject of "The Dimensions of Religion." In the short exposition, he laid emphasis upon the mistake, in the career of college students, of limiting religion and excluding it from their routine of work. Professor Peabody's sermon was practical and full of divine inspiration. He imparted thoughts rich in spiritual, as well as intellectual, ideals.

The service was helpful and inspiring in every way. The choir rendered a special selection from Samuel Coleridge Taylor. A large audience heard Professor Peabody and received the spiritual benefit which the sermon surely afforded. Howard University was fortunate in having such a notable personage to promote the spiritual welfare of the student body. Such an opportunity and a blessing should not be lost sight of.

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ATHLETICS
Thos. A. Lemon, Editor

Sophomores Lose to Freshmen
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On Saturday afternoon, in the University “gym,” the Freshman quint and the Sophomore five met in their annual classic basket ball contest, and the Freshman were victors by a score of 17 to 3. From the opening toss to the closing signal of the referee, the contest was grim, fierce and dogged. The Sophomore machine was not at its best, and consequently was unable to make any floor goals. Their score was made on fouls. On the other hand, the Freshman five put up a powerful offensive that netted them thirteen points, and preserved their goal from any immediate danger.

On the Freshman side the stellar role was excellently played by Beamon, Brown, Richardson, Lee, the manager of the team and Parrish. Especially did Beamon distinguish himself. There seemed to be a mutual attraction between him and the ball; for at no period of the game were the Sophomores able to keep the ball from him longer than fifteen seconds. He played not only his own man to a standstill, but every other man of the opposing team. Manager Lee, Brown, and Richardson played clean, clever, and progressive basket-ball. They, like Parish, were the living testimonies to the rigid training to which they had consistently subjected themselves. Daily conscientious practice, strict adherence to the binding and rigid rules of training, and a readiness to receive and profit by criticism, have produced a machine which will defend itself creditably against any class team in the country.

The Sophomores presented a powerful and wonderfully developed aggregation, but its work was mainly negative. That is, the team scored scarcely anything of itself, but it prevented the Freshman five, from piling up a score worthy of its discipline. This fact is due to the expert work of “Newt” Miller, the speed king, Davis, Howard’s star forward, and Wright. Broadnax and Atkins did excellent work, and displayed a keen knowledge of the game. The team work was excellent; but there was a marked weakness in shooting goals. Nevertheless, the team played a strong defensive game; and their defeat cannot be attributed to a material weakness on their part, but to the superior fitness of the opposing team.

A telling feature of the game was the marked enthusiasm which the rooters of the opposing team manifested. Deafening calls, cheers with sensibly interposed songs, lent vigor and spirit to the occasion.

Freshmen and Sophomores vied with one another in rendering catchy songs and yells. A huge crowd was present and felt itself swayed to and fro by the rising and falling hopes of victory. These games are very entertaining, and one will realize this if one sees fit to attend them.

Cricket

On last Saturday, students interested in the game of cricket met in Library Hall and discussed the prospects of its being played on the campus this spring.

The manager, C. A. Morgan, stated that the changes of playing a number of games both in and out of the city are greater this year than they have ever been since the game was instituted at Howard. He is now in touch with two teams in New York City, and one in Washington, and in each city arrangements are being made to have a game played. On Easter Monday, the first game of the season will be played on our campus, at which time the “Medics” will attempt to recover from the defeat which the “Academic Boys” so shrewdly heaped upon them last spring. The cricket team intends to share its time...
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entered upon such a graphic description of the Mexican battle as will long remain in the memories of those who heard him. He told of how these famous troopers, far within the Mexican border, were cut off in their march to the States, by an overwhelming number of Mexican soldiers at Carrizal. He then told of how, with other survivors, marched day after day in frantic search of water, how many of them fell exhausted, yet he continued until he sighted a squad of U. S. Cavalry which rescued the party. This vivid narrative by Sergeant Farrior was highly appreciated by both students and faculty and emphasized the loyalty of colored Americans to the flag.

It is hoped that out of the patriotic atmosphere that has pervaded the campus since the call for the training camp, and out of the patriotic enthusiasm inspired by the stand taken last Monday, will come a formal request from Howard officials for a U. S. Army officer detailed at Howard for the purpose of training Howard men for military service. Other great universities of the land have secured this privilege, sucely Howard University, supported as she is by the Federal Aid. Low expenses. Address Frank P. Woodbury. A. M., D. B., Dean.

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Be thou from the sight of men.

But come thou, Apple Pie, to me,
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And bring with thee scores of cakes,
The kind that "dear old Mother" bakes.

And also kindly bring some milk,
The "rep" of which is "fine as silk";
The kind that's rich and white and cold.
And cannot be but one day old.

But of thy virtues, let me speak;
The half of which, 'twould take a week,
To record here, if I should do
The proper right and praise to you.

Thy healthy substance always finds
The hearts of men. And various kinds
Of tastes and love they form for thee;
But ever the same thou art to me.

My love, my heart, my all in all,
When thou art gone, my spirits fall.
I crave for thee; I wring my hands;
I fling my wrath o'er all the lands.

And for thy crust I'd give a pound,
And with me ever take thee around.

These things, O Pie, if thou shouldst do,
I should so feel obliged to you.

—L. G. Koger.

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Hurrah!!! A women's League, a Red Cross Society, a Suffrage Club, An "I can't say party" all in Howard at Miner Hall.

Who stole the Class banner from the Juniors of the College of Arts and Sciences? It was a sour trick—Lemon.

Mr. Maxie Jackson is making all preparations to meet his lady friend at Fisk. He paid the chiro-
pologist a visit Monday.

Miss Webb has been the happiest person in Howard for the past week. She received a "surprise" from Bowdoin College.

Miss Hughes is silent on the "Regi"(ment)question. Her eyes are fastened on stock quotations for the rise in "Wheat (on)."

Mr. George B. Washington is taking advantage of Mr. Piper's position. Percy is too busy studying to call at Miner Hall so George is filling the Sunday evening engagements.

Would-be-Soldiers: "If we got to walk twenty miles, and carry a nine pound gun in our hands, and sixty pounds on our backs, and wear shoes that weigh fourteen pounds, why we rather join the navy." This is a line from Koger's regiment.

The Road Scouts

As the annual Washington—Baltimore Hike of the Road Scouts is near, I shall give a brief account of the organization which I hope will create interest in the club.

The Road Scouts, a hiking club, was organized six years ago for the purpose of taking weekly hikes together with the annual hike to Baltimore during the Easter recess. At first the club was entirely composed of high school boys, but for the last two years nearly all of the members have been Howard students. We left Washington at 1 a.m., Friday morning, April 21, 1916, arriving in Baltimore 9:27 the same morning stopping only 30 minutes for breakfast about mid-way. The walking time was 7 hours and 51 minutes, is a trifle over 5 miles per hour for the distance of 40 miles. This record smashes all previous records made by the club and as far as I have been able to find out it is the best time made by any amateur hiking organization for the same distance, still there is no reason why this record should not be broken this year. Last year the Howard members of the club were P. H. Steele, J. E. Proctor, G. Herriott, H. Martin, T. B. Forrest, E. Frazier, and Kelly Miller, Jr. Mr. P. Howard Steele, who is now head hiker, is undoubtedly doing all he can in his power to create interest among the boys, and as many as possible should take the hike to Baltimore during the Easter recess.

Hiking should be encouraged among the young men, as it is one of the best forms of outdoor sports, enabling more to participate in it than in many of the other forms of athletics.

—Kelly Miller, Jr., Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

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