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We are the "Middlers" now, just on the verge of "Prep Seniority." "Get ready," says one to another, "to pull off your old shoes and put on your new; for we are approaching superb 'Prep dignity.'" Some of our young men have already begun to get in trim for "senior dignity." Perhaps that is the reason why our class has not been so lively of late. The realization that with the approaching examination some of us may miss the happy state may also account for this sobriety.

Successors, we bid you welcome to our places. May your daily tasks be successfully done. Seniors, we salute you, who, having already successfully performed your assigned tasks, are now about to leave our department. "Hoc sit tantum initium."

What is Home Without a Mother ?

THOS. B. LIVINGSTON.

What is home without a mother,
With her loving smile to greet,
When at eve we children gather,
Our blest prayer to repeat?
What is it, when prayer is over,
If there's none to say good night,
And to kiss and tuck us snugly
In our sheets of snowy white?

Ah! e'en nature seems quite dreary,
All the flowers dull appear,
When we have no more a mother
In our childish grief to share;
None to settle petty quarrels
That might sometimes 'tween us rise,
None to point us gently onward
To the home beyond the skies.

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Oh! how sadly might we watch her
As she older seems to grow;
When the little hands get thinner,
And the feet become more slow:
When the hair of auburn color,
Changes into silv'ry white:
For it may be scarce we know her,
She'll be taken from our sight.

What is home without a mother,
What are all her gentle words?
Giv'n to cheer us in our sorrow,
When no more her voice is heard?
Yea! kind friends might 'round us gather,
And to soothe us gently try;
But the place of that dear mother,
None on earth can e'er supply.

THE ANNUAL ACADEMY PRIZE DEBATE.

The great name of the Academy of Howard University was well sustained in the annual Academy prize debate held on the evening of May 7th. This debate has in former years been controlled by the Athletic Association. This year the Eureka Literary Society assumed the management, giving a debate which did credit not only to the society, but also to its department and the University. In this debate the efficiency of the Eureka as a literary society was plainly demonstrated. The disputants handled the subject in a masterly manner, showing that the training and practice received in the society are taking root and having the desired effect.

The subject discussed was: *Resolved*, That a limited monarchy like Great Britain is a better form of government than a republic like the United States. The affirmative side of the question was defended by Mr. J. H. Brooks and Mr. J. E. Rose; the