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Roosevelt Will Honor Commencement

In response to the request of the Committee on Arrangements for the Commencement President Roosevelt has consented to be present and make a few remarks on that occasion. The President could not promise to make the main address and this will be delivered by some other distinguished man who has not been secured as yet.

It is said that after the Committee had been introduced to the President, through the kindness of Senator Burkett of Nebraska, there was no difficulty in securing the President's promise to be present on the occasion of commencement but some apprehensions began to arise in the minds of the committee when Secretary Loeb was sent for by the President, to arrange for the proposed visit on his schedule.

Mr. Loeb answered the President most forcibly that it was absolutely impossible for him to keep this promise, but with his usual firmness the President advised him otherwise, and the schedule was arranged accordingly.

To have President Roosevelt to attend the Howard commencement when there are so many other places where he would be gladly had and enthusiastically, is a special and an extremely great honor. The entire university is most highly appreciative, and the graduates consider themselves extremely fortunate to have their degrees conferred upon them on an occasion honored by the presence of the most illustrious of all Americans. Some have already and well begun to repeat that: "hac colin meminisse juvant"

Easy Victory for Howard

Howard IS. Williams and Walker 7

Quite a large crowd witnessed the comic game of base ball Tuesday afternoon, between the Williams and Walker team and the Howard nine. The comedians who played were the pick of the great troupe. The Howard outclassed the geniuses of the stage at every point of the game, it was a poor game and there was little enthusiasm, yelling or applause in fandom where such are wont to be. Errors were frequent on Howard's part and profuse on that of the actors. But there were barrels of fun to see the dwellers of the stage giving such an exhibition on the diamond. Had Walker been in the game he could have added much merriment to the occasion. The entire troupe was on hand to cheer the good plays of its favorites. Nichols was on the slab for Howard and pitched good ball, allowing but few hits. Ten of the stage masters blew holes in the air trying to connect with his delivery.

In the fifth, Nichols gave way to Davis, the Texan twirler, who pitched his usual good ball. Hodge carried away the honor of the day by driving the horse hide to the fence for four bases. The ball struck the man in the moon. "Wonder what Mertz will say now." Cashin played good ball at short. Harrison caught well but experienced difficulty in locating second.

Randall was in the box for the comedians. Howard slaughtered his curveless balls and he was very soon given "23". Thomas took his place; his curves and control were good. Whenever Williams went to the bat he received great applause and as an old warrior of the diamond doffed his cap in cordial recognition. First time up he looked as though he was on the stage. Nichols, thought so, too, for he so much admired the pose of the actor that he lost control of the sphere and struck the poser, thus giving him a free ticket to the initial sack.

**Line-up**

Howard 7:
- Cashin, ss.
- Randle, of.
- Young, cf.
- Floyd, h.f.
- McCree, 2b.
- Atkinson, 3b.
- Nichols, 1b.
- Davis, 1b.

Walker 6:
- W. & W.
- Hart, rf.
- Hodge, tb.
- Harrison, c.
- Young, cf.
- Floyd, h.f.
- McCree, 2b.
- Atkinson, 3b.
- Nichols, 1b.
- Davis, 1b.

Umpires:
- Prof. Wilkinson, M St.
- Jack Johnson, Champion Colored Heavy Weight.

Just to Be Out of Doors!

Just to be out of doors! So still! so green!
With unbreathed air, illimitable, clean,
With soft, sweet scent of happy growing things.
The leaves' soft flutter, sound of sudden wings,
The far faint hills, the water wide between.
Breast of great earth mother! here we lean
With no conventions hard to intervene,
Content with the contentment nature brings.
Just to be out of doors.
And under all the feeling half foreseen
Of what this lovely world would come to mean
To all of us when uncounted strings
Are keyed aright, and one keen music rings
In all our hearts, joy universal, keen,
Just to be out of doors.

**At Charleston, W. Va.—** The Charleston Clippers defeated Howard Thursday in a hard game.

Score: Charleston 4, Howard 3.
Sunday Afternoon Services

Is our Sunday afternoon service what it ought to be? Sunday after Sunday, one might witness an appalling lack of interest in the only weekly University gathering. This lack of interest dates back some years. The service is not what it can be. The sermons and addresses are always helpful and inspiring but the music and the attendance are a disgrace.

Out of our large faculty, only about ten or twelve attend these services; out of our student body of over a thousand the average attendance is less than one hundred. On many occasions the number of those in attendance has been counted. On last Sunday afternoon there were present only seven members of the faculty and eighty-six students. It would be a grand thing if the majority of faculty and students could come together and attend the Sunday services. Some measures should be taken to bring out a large attendance. The members of the faculty should be enjoined to come out and the student should be compelled. If each student's term average were cut down for every absence from the chapel on Sunday a large attendance would be assured. This might be inconvenient to some, but the time has come when we cannot avoid all inconveniences, and if this service is worth having at all it is worth having well.

If the music at chapel were what it is supposed to be, that would improve the attendance, but this is bad, as was said by an alumnus whose letter was published in our communication column, some weeks ago.

Something should be done in this matter. We cannot here say what. But if everyone connected with the University in any capacity would do his or her part, many of our difficulties which arise from disunion would be removed, by the large attendance and mutual contact afforded by this service on Sunday afternoon.

It is a difficult matter on all important occasions to get our students together. But if they were wont to assemble once each week the habit would be formed and a gathering would not be hard to have when it is especially desirable whatever that occasion might be. We are greatly in need of some regular, distinctive, University occasion, and the Sunday afternoon service is the most available.

A Problem

When there are so many firstclass high-priced entertainments, and of such variety, going on in such rapid succession as has been the case in Washington since the Christmas holidays, it is a difficult problem to tell just what to attend and what not.

The Mandolin clubs of Washington and Philadelphia, the Atone- ment, The All-Howard Entertainment, and numerous others! It would take a Rockefeller to keep up with them all, and there are not many Rockefellers among the people of Washington.

The students attend these functions largely and rightly. Such should constitute a large part of our education. It is unwise for us to try to attend everything that comes along because it is good. The wisdom of the young Hercules is needed, to make the best and wisest choice.

Paying for Their Own Schools

There has been so much said and so little proved as to relative proportion of money expended up on the schools of whites and coloreds, respectively, to the amount of taxes paid, that something definite on this matter is highly gratifying and appreciable, to those who are making a study of educational conditions, especially as they exist in the South.

The recent report of Hon. J. Y. Joyner contains the following:

"The Constitution of North Car..."
Fifty Dollars for a Smoker!!

Can We Afford It?

The recent influx of medical students into the Council of Upper Classmen, which some days ago, at the election, took every office for that department, is presenting to the other and older members of the Council a more serious difficulty and a graver problem.

At a meeting of the Council, this same brutal majority of medical students which took all the offices for one department, voted to appropriate fifty dollars for what they call a “smoker,” but what I would call something else, for intoxicants are not wont to be lacking on such occasions. In voting for this so-called “smoker,” this medical majority was augmented by some college and law men, but they were few and the college and law students are together in disapproving of such wanton and extravagant expenditure of the funds of an organization like the Council.

Can we afford it? This is the question which I wish to put fairly and squarely before everyone who wishes to conserve the best interests of the Council and avoid that which when known will bring discredit to us as young men and to the name of our beloved Alma Mater.

It is a strange thing that those very members of the Council who wish to vote the funds for a “smoker” did least to accumulate them. We admit that they are now in the majority but this is a majority which should not be permitted to rule in this case. They had nothing to do with the Council until a nice little sum of about eighty dollars was accumulated. Then they came in the majority, yes, but in numbers only, to vote to squander that which might be spent in much better ways, than in the giving of a “smoker.”

Not only did those who wish to dispose of these funds not have anything to do with the accumulation of them but much of the action on this question has been irregular, unconstitutional and unreasonable.

In the last meeting, when the question of fixing the date of the smoker came up, those who were in favor of postponing it indefinitely carried the motion, on the first vote, by a majority of one vote. Those who favored the smoker found that their cause was about to be lost, and challenged the vote of some of their opponents. Roll was called. Two more “smokers” came in. It was proved by the roll call that more members were opposed to giving the smoker than favored it.

The latter had been constitutionally defeated. The constitution provides that “when a member does not pay his annual fee of twenty-five cents his name shall be dropped from the roll.” The very challenge of the “smokers” defeated its own purpose, for there were more men, as we would expect, among the ranks of those who favored the “smoker” who had evaded the payment of the fee, but who were taking a prominent part in securing the expenditure of the funds. But when these men found out that they were beaten on their own ground, after the roll had begun to be called they came forward to pay their twenty-five cents.

They were sustained by the president on the ground that they had been participating in previous meetings: Do you call this regular or constitutional? What has become of the principle of expost facto and retribution if men who were not members at the time their vote was made and challenged can come forward afterward, pay their fee and have their previous vote counted?

There is much which might be said, but which space does not permit. Enough however has been said to prove that the expenditure of so much for such a small return is unwise, irregular and unconstitutional and that sentiment is by no means unanimous. It is an unworthy expenditure, for as Upper Classmen. It reflects discredit upon the name of Howard, and unless otherwise defeated, I firmly and conscientiously believe that the authorities would not do an injustice to cause and order to be proclaimed forbidding the giving of “smokers” or any other functions of that character by undergraduates.

O. T., Col. ’06.

Long Suffering

Whoever or whatever else may disparage the negro, he cannot afford to disparage himself. No matter who bids him look down and be dejected, he must himself look up and take fresh courage. However dark may be the heavens about him, aggravated now and then by outbreaks of vengeful thunderbolts in the form of sloughs upon his manhood, his rights or his life, he must not turn aside from the weather-beaten path of Providence. He should bear in mind that Gethsemane’s garden, the way of Golgotha and the rugged burden of the cross must all be endured before the Prince of darkness gives way to the Prince of Peace.

Before getting out of heart themselves and causing others to doubt or deny the justice or goodness of that dispensation which thus long and so mysteriously has preserved them, let those who pose as prophets and leaders disallow or undervalue no element or agency whose tendency or effect has been or may be a ministration for good and of a philosophical or providential value. In array and variety such messengers of hope and encouragement are the stars of the firmament.

Literature, commerce, legislation, war and dogma have all been marvelous in their outworking for good toward our race variety and others against whom they were thought to have been designed or manipulated. The agencies of men for evil seldom fail to overlap themselves, but those ordained of heaven are as unerring as they are precise...
and exacting.

In one of his celebrated chapters the author of "An Appeal to Caesar" sets the future of the Afro-American in colors beautiful and inviting to the despondent. The land of his subjugation has been transformed by property into a realm of his ultimate dominion and lordship. Was such a promised land reached at a single bound of the writer's imagination? As a philosopher he discovered this final condition and effect to be the result of specific causes. Given certain antecedents there was no question to his mind of the scope and nature of the consequents, the element of time being granted. Labor, pray and wait are the logical exhortations of that prophetic unfolding.

J. F. V. Theo. '06

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Ah, methinks not since Athenian maidens
Filled the world with war and salient splendor,
Have the radiant years lead from the oblivion,
Fairer than this one.

Would I had the tongue endowed of Homer,
Yet the light and glowing brush of Raphael,
Thus to praise or paint her wealth of attainments,
Filled with her beauty.

Hers the dark and eloquent depth of eye-beats,
Elon boon of the silken-textured tresses,
Olive-lined the tranquil hue of Aurora,
Routing the star hosts.

Not the while implacable Aphrodite,
Making a sudden thunder upon the waters
With the fevered rhythm of restless dove wings,
Full of the passion.

Hers the calm of aegis-bearing Athene,
Hers the virginal mould and strength reposeful,
Girt with the silvery spear and wisdom's lightening
Balm of the sages.

Nobly fledged, her visible form a marvel,
Steeped in queenly languor and exceeding music,
O'! her soft and sweet majestic beauty,
Fills me with worship.

Had she been a slumberous eastern princess,
Bound o'er seas in mystic orient fastness,
Still my fancy athirst would fashion her image,
Biding in far realms.

—MAXWELL HAVSON.

"Instructed and Enslaved"

or

"From College Walls to Tuxage."

By F. J. Clyde Randall

Is the title of a novel beginning in the May number of the Blue Ribbon Magazine. The story is strong and forceful with a delicate love story in the midst of beautiful southern life. This story will appeal to the heart of all American people white or black. It is a novel of strength and clearness, artistic beauty; the pathetic, heroic and even what is detested and horrible blended with love, sacrifice and devotion, make this new kind of American fiction, choice, entertaining, entrancing and helpful reading.
The old man came into the parlor just in time to catch the young man kissing his daughter.

"Sir," said the stern parent, "What do you mean by that kind of business?"

"Pardon me," rejoined the young man, calmly, "but it isn't business at all, it's the pleasantest kind of pleasure."

Judge—Well, Jim, I see you lost your suit for damages against the railroad.

Farmer Cornosse—Better life I didn't, judge! I'm collectin' them damages every day.

Judge—Why, how is that?

Farmer Cornosse—Fare to town forty cents each way, ain't it? Well, by heck! when I go to town now I walk both ways."

"Ah!" exclaimed Miss Patience Gonne whom Mr. Staylate had been baring with silly conundrums, "that reminds me of the best thing going."

"What's that?" be asked.

"A man who has stayed too long." 

"I am late to dinner this evening," explained the shoe clerk boarder, "We have been busy all day marking our stock of ladies' shoes up and down."

"Marking them up and down," echoed the landlady.

"Yes ma'am," replied the shoe clerk boarder, "marking the prices up and the size down."

Mr. Wise—you can't judge a man till you hear him talk.

Mrs. Wise—at home or out in company? 

In 1920. As a man approached the great college eleven pale and slender young men dressed in evening clothes and white gloves tripped across the field and slapped one another on the wrist. "Strange!" he mused. "What is this—outdoor theatricals?"

"No!" replied the dean with much pride in his tones, "this is a game of modified football."

The camel—I heard a ghost story last night that made the cold shivers run up and down my spine! The pelican—Humph! I guess you mean climb up and down your spine.

Miss Beatrice Lewis of Tennessee, who is one of the accompanists for the Elijah Chorus, arrived last Friday and is the guest of Miss Childers in Miner Hall.

Rev. M. M. Weston, who for some years was connected with King Hall, finishing in '02, passed through on Thursday and shook hands with many of his friends at the University. He goes to accept a charge at Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, the great baritone soloist, was on the campus on Tuesday rehearsing with the Elijah Chorus, in which he is to take a leading part.

Although there is no course at Howard which specializes in these arts, a Cook or a Mason can always be seen on the campus, whenever there are any strange young ladies visiting the University.

The members of the baseball team left on Tuesday night for Charleston, W. Va., where two games will be played.

Dr. Robert B. Tyler, 1329 T. St., N. W. requested the announcement that, two or three Pharmaceutical graduates who desire places, call upon him at their earliest convenience.

### Theological Notes

On Monday last, Rev. Dr. Muir, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of this city, delivered a lecture to the department on "The Minister in his Parish."

The annual banquet given by the Middlers and Juniors in honor of the graduating class, is fixed for Tuesday evening, May 22, at Second Baptist Church, 3rd St. between I and H Sts. N. W.

### Paying for their Own Schools

(Continued from second page.)

Oliver directs that in the distribution of the school fund by the county board of education no discrimination shall be made in favor of either race. My report shows that in 1904 the Negroes received for teachers' salaries and for building schoolhouses $244,847.38 for 221,545 children of school age. The whites received for the same purpose for 402,639 of school age $929,164.26. The Negroes therefore have one third of the school population and received in the apportionment about one fifth of the school money.

The Auditor's report shows that the Negroes paid for schools in taxes on their own property and polls $126,029.98, or 51 per cent of all that they received for school purposes. Add to this their just share of liquor licenses and fines, forfeitures and penalties, most of which they really pay, and their share of the large school tax paid by corporations, to which they are entitled under the constitution by every dictate of reason or justice, and it will be apparent that if any part of the taxes actually paid by the white man ever reaches the Negro for school purposes the amount is so small that the man who would begrudge it or complain about it ought to be ashamed of himself. In the face of these facts any unprejudiced man must see that we are in no danger of giving the Negroes more than they are entitled to by every dictate of justice, right wisdom, humanity, and Christianity."
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