NEGRO MINISTRY

In most communities there are about twice as many churches as are necessary. There will be, say in a village, four churches of the same denomination, when one large, well equipped church would be sufficient. These churches have not the congregation to support them, consequently they are perpetually in debt, a drag upon the progress of the colored community. The poor washerwoman, the petty farmer anxious to be praised, constrained to do what he believes is his duty, gives the last cent toward paying off the perpetual mortgage on the grand edifice. Such people have not a shelter over their heads, nothing they can call their own. This earth is eight thousand miles through and twenty-five thousand miles around and they own not a single gravel. It seems to me rather a lamentable state of affairs.

These little churches are such as have split from some mother church. What is the trouble? There is in the church a lack of unity. So we can see then what great demand there is for strong, far-sighted, intelligent men in the Negro ministry. We have such men but not enough of them. We need more of that class of ministers who will not cater to the ignorance and superstition of the people, who will not deride intelligence and ridicule education simply to make good with the amen corner. We want men who see and study the needs of the people and who are willing to sacrifice something to fight for the elevation of the masses.

It is often said that the young educated people will not work in the church, that they are not active in any religious work. Why is this? We cannot account for all cases, but in many instances the dearth of young people in the church is due to the cool reception they receive when they do go. This is true most especially in country and town churches, and in some of the smaller city churches. It is often the case that when a young man of some little intelligence goes to the church he is flayed right and left by some official of the church. The first thing you will hear is "I ain't got none of this here education, sisters and brothers, but that ain't goin' to take you to heaven," etc. It is rather discouraging and quite unpleasant, to say the least. That is the kind of thing that must be remedied. Of course, this will not deter the conscientious young man who is determined to do some good in the church with which he is affiliated, but it makes his task doubly difficult.

We are proud of the fact that Howard University is sending out into the vineyard, men with a broader vision and a kinder consideration for those who wish to be helpers in the transformation of a race. We are sending out soul-full, open-hearted men, not selfish, grab-all men who are content to draw their salaries and look for a summer vacation. It is the mission of the Howard University Theological School to raise the standard of the Negro ministry and to hold it aloft. We are sending out ministers who tell the people that they need homes as well as churches. God does not expect a poor man to build Him a $20,000 house before he has built a decent roof to cover the heads of his wife and children. We are sending out men who are prepared to lead, not to follow or to fall in. We are sending out men who deal with religion in the light of the twentieth century. So we are proud of the Theological School and the great work it is doing. Its men are making themselves very active and send their influence deep into the souls of those with whom they come in daily contact. We hope many great things for this department. It has our highest hopes for ever increasing success and we are sure it will serve an unlimited usefulness.

"I Rise to Seek the Light"

I saw a little blade of grass
Just peeping from the sod,
And asked why it sought to pass
Beyond its nature clod.
It seemed to raise its tiny head,
All sparkling pure and bright
Beyond its nature clod.

I asked the eagle why his wing
To ceaseless flight was given,
As if he spurned each earthly thing
To ceaseless flight was given,
And wondered at my question, said
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Howard won her opening game of the baseball season in a walk. The Post Office team of the Departmental League was no match for her. Bird Long struck out eight of the nine men that faced him in the last three innings. Score eleven to eight.
JOHN G. WHITTIER
By President Thirkield

No American poet has shown a deeper insight or broader range of thought than John G. Whittier, unless it be James Russell Lowell. To Whittier might be applied the word of Matthew Arnold—"The friend and helper of those who live in the spirit." He is the poet of "eternal goodness" and of communion with the unseen. He has written some of our best hymns that should be sung oftener in our churches. He is also the poet of "eternal goodness" whom Russell Lowell says "is the poet of 'eternal goodness.'"

Arnold—"The friend and helper of the heart of America. He also influenced so deeply the thought of John Bright, the great English orator, who has expressed his indebtedness to Whittier.

It was one of the rare hours in my life when I met this poet of freedom, of nature, and of spirit. It was at Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. It is an Indian name, signifying the smile of the Great Spirit—and there is no more beautiful sheet of water on the face of the earth. Here he rested and found inspiration for some of his tenderest and most expressive poems of nature. Take a sweet verse like this that has sung itself into my life and has often calmed and rested me when burdens were heavy and cares perplexed:

"Life's burden fall,
Its discords cease;
I lapse into the glad release
Of Nature's own exceeding peace."

It was here on the Lake shore that I met him. Learning that he was at the head of the Lake, I rowed in my boat three miles and back from the lonely island where I was camping. I found him on the porch that commanded a wonderful prospect. A mere reference to my work in the South for the race whose freedom he did so much to win, gave me ready access to him.

"Meadow, grove and stream,
The earth and every common sight
Shall seem apparelled in celestial light
The glory and freshness of a dream."

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"Light, Freedom, Truth, be ever these our own;
Light to see Truth, Freedom to make it known:
Our Work God's Work, Our Will his Will Alone."

He afterwards sent an autograph copy of his poem, "The Preacher," which now hangs upon the walls of the Library, with the other treasures from Harriet Beecher Stone, Julia Ward Howe and the author of "America."

About this time we organized in the Seminary a Whittier Club for the study of his poems, and it is such clubs that I want to recommend to groups of young people in our churches and schools. We took up various classes of poems, namely, on freedom, nature, poems of the spiritual life, poems of war times and studied them together.

It brought many a student into an appreciation of poetry which means the enrichment and blessing of any life. It also quickened the imagination and stirred the patriotism of many a young man who has gone forth to preach the Word. It gave many a deeper appreciation of Nature in all her various moods. It quickened all to broader views of humanity and gave many a stronger hold on God. I desire to strongly commend the study of Whittier's poems to every student in Howard University.

DON'T

Every day you meet men and women who have some hobby or habit with which you disagree which grates on your nerves. You meet some action or mannerism that makes you say or want to say, "For goodness sake—don't!"

Write in a single brief sentence your favorite "Don't!" on a slip of paper, sign your name or initials, and give to N. P. G. Alans.

Don't be too sure you are always right.

Don't forget the reception of the "Sophs."

Don't get angry because a cousin calls over the phone.

Don't throw stones if you live in a glass house. — Hack.

Don't pursue two hares, you may catch neither.— A Friend.

Don't forget you have not paid your subscription.— Editor.

Don't forget the council election Thursday night.— Candidate.

Don't hang around the Chapel Sunday afternoon when vesper services are over.— Sapho.

If you want to enjoy the evening of April the twelfth, get yourself a girl, two reserved seat tickets, and come to "The Rivals." If you can't get the girl, get one reserved seat ticket and come alone, and the play will in itself furnish you an enjoyable evening. See me now and get good seats. — Manager.
BASE-BALL SEASON OPENS
Howard Wins 11—0

Manager Dagler opened the season for Howard Monday last by defeating the Post Office team of the Departmental league. The game was a farce.

A. Hodges, Howard's Captain, sent in three of his pitchers but the visiting team was unable to cross the plate. The local team looks promising, and hard practice will make it the best Howard has had for years.

The old men back in the game are Capt. Hodges, Young, Barco, Brown, Allen, Montgomery, Howard, Tyson, Morris, and Bell. Among the recruits are Long and Sykes, the new battery, "Hufty" Oliver in short, Ashberry in third, Chandler at first, Gray behind the bat.

Long and Sykes hail from the south and are being watched closely as the coming battery. Both are heavy hitters and will be quite a help to the team. Oliver of New York, and Ed. Gray of Amherst are both heavy hitters and will fill up quite a hole in Howard's base-ball sheet.

Batteries—Howard, Morris, and Tyson, Bell and Gray, Tabby Howard, Long, and Sykes, P. O., Parker and Taylor.


GYMNASIUM FUND INCREASING

The students will make a report at the Alumni reunion but will not cease work until a gymnasium graces our campus. The students have been quite successful with the tags and hope to dispose of all them this week.

At the first report $30 was received. Much more is expected however. The movement must realize $75 from this project.

The President of the movement urges all the classes to work hard to turn in as much money as possible in May. This work was undertaken by the students and must succeed.

Miss Lelia Fitzgerald went home to spend the vacation.

Professor George W. Cook and family spent Easter vacation in Atlantic City.

Miss Flagg, Col. '08, who is now teaching in Baltimore paid a visit to the old campus last week.

If you want to know who'll be the next president of the Council of Upper Classmen, ask Mr. J. G. he probably knows.

Mrs. Bessie Austin formerly Miss McKinnon, together with her husband, T. N. Austin, Thoul. '09, was on the campus Tuesday. They are living in Virginia where Mr. Austin has a large church.

Basket Ball for the Week:

The Y. M. C. A. team plays its last big game with the Smart Set team in New York Thursday night. This victory would give the local boys a clean sheet and a clear title to the world championship among colored teams.

Baltimore will have two regular scheduled games Friday night April the first, under the auspices of the I. S. A. A. The M Street High and Y. M. C. A. will appear in a preliminary game while the Baltimore High and Howard Academy will settle an old grudge. The Prep's defeated Baltimore early in the season. A victory for the Prep's will give them a claim to the championship among scholastic clubs.

M Street High and Armstrong will play a benefit basket-ball game Saturday night at True Reformers' Hall.

M Street Giants defeated the Lilliputians in the preliminary game last Saturday night at True Reformers' Hall. Score 10—2.

Y. M. C. A.

At a special meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday Prof. Kelly Miller lectured on the "Newness of Life." A large audience was present. Secretary Johnson invited ladies and a goodly numbered attended. The purpose of such a meeting was to lay the development of the Y. M. C. A. work and progress of the building before the people. A vigorous campaign in interest of the building begins the last of April during which time $15,000 must be raised to meet a $35,000 offer made by the white Y. M. C. A. of the city. International secretary Huston and local secretary Johnson sustained the urgent appeal of Prof Miller that the Washington people back this movement and make it a success.

Howard Y. M. C. A. Awakened

The University Y. M. C. A. is taking its proper place among the activities about here. Secretary Marchant has accomplished much good this year and the results of his labor are standing out prominently. The Y. M. C. A. now controls the tennis courts and in addition has purchased a pool table for its rooms. At least fifty faces frequented its rooms Tuesday night, not simply to play games but to devour the literary material found on its shelves. The association makes a strong appeal to all the fellows to join its ranks and help push onward.

R. L. L. is social king in Miner Hall.

J. W. P. could not stand prosperity.

"Brago" seems to be losing ground. Wonder what's the matter? His manager Leroy Jones is working hard to save him but—

Messrs Butts, Jackson, and Terry left Wednesday night for Atlanta, Georgia, where they will debate Atlanta University, Friday night.

Misses Sadie Davis and Carrie Snowden and Mr. John Ridout are discussing among themselves who shall be the smallest one in the senior class.
EDITORIALS

The students of the University have started the wheel rolling which will not cease until a gymnasium is reared upon our campus. The volunteer movement and the tag day are efforts which have proved very conclusively that there is some very great desire on their parts to see this structure rising to meet the light.

At the meeting of the Alumni Association in May, quite a surprise will be given that body as a result of the energetic work of the leaders of the above named projects.

The burning of Morris Brown College of Atlanta, Ga., January 11; Friendship College of Rock Hill, S. C., March 5, and Harbison College, Abbeville, S. C., March 17, all of which are colored makes it look very discouraging for Negro efforts in the south.

We would not dare say that these buildings were wilfully and intentionally fired but still the result remains the same. If it happened by fate still greater is the reason why it looks discouraging. To combat against the ordinary every day disadvantages is bad enough but when it comes to contending against fate if it be fate then conditions are deplorable for a struggling people. Still there seems to be no tendency to despair, and why should there be?

In 1906 there were 72 lynchings in this country; in 1907 there were 63; in 1908 there were 100, and in 1909 there were 78, of which 65 were colored and 13 white. This evil seems to be gaining ground rather than losing it, and especially in the South. During the recent past year Illinois and Oregon were the only northern states that entered this diabolical contest and there were but two cases recorded against New Mexico. The record shows: Texas 13; Georgia 12; Alabama 8; Florida 8; Louisiana 7; Mississippi 7; Oklahoma 5; Kentucky 4; South Carolina 3; Arkansas 3; Illinois 2; New Mexico 2; Missouri 1; Oregon 1; Virginia 1; and West Virginia 1.

It will be impossible to remove this lynching blot from America's escutcheon so long as so-called ministers of religion advocate it from their pulpits or at least, as in the case of the Illinois lynching, condone the action of the lawless mob. To our mind nothing has contributed so much to the lynching propensity against the members of our race as the theory of so-called race-superiority and race-inferiority, with the fervent belief in it some quarters that no man of African descent is capable of being raised to the equal of a white man somewhere somehow. We leave the question just here with this one word that the next half-century will fully decide everything.

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Don’t forget that “The Rivals” is to be produced now in less than two weeks. Tickets are being sold daily, and the best seats are going. It is desirable that all of our students and teachers who attend shall have choice seats. It will be necessary to secure your tickets now if you desire good seats. Don’t depend on securing seats at the door, you may get left.

Manager.

NEWS NOTES

Base Ball Saturday at 2:30 P. M.

The Y. M. C. A. has installed in one of its rooms a pool table for the amusement of the young men. This table will be conducted under the direction of Secretary Marchant and you can rest assured that proper care and discretion will be observed.

On March sixteenth Professor H. P. Parker of the School of Medicine read a paper before the Medical society of the District of Columbia. The paper which was very interesting was on pneumonia and contained an analysis of sixty cases, most of them from the wards of Freedmen’s Hospital.

The Honorable J. C. Napier of Nashville, Tenn., was appointed by the Board of Trustees to represent Howard University on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Gates as President of Fisk University, on March 11, together with Dean L. B. Moore of the Teachers College, Mr. Napier is an alumnus of Howard.

On March 25, the Medical Society of the District of Columbia presented to Dr. D. S. Lamb, Professor of Anatomy in the school of Medicine, a beautiful loving cup, in recognition of his long and faithful service to the society and more especially recognizing his work in compiling and editing the recently published History of the Society.

The Debating team left Wednesday night for Atlanta where they will debate Friday night with the Atlanta team the same subject that the team here will debate Friday night with Fisk. The team going to Atlanta will debate the negative side, while the team remaining at home will debate the affirmative side of the question, Resolved that the United States should have an income Tax. Prof. W. V. Tunnell accompanied the team to Atlanta.

Get your tickets now—The Rivals.

Commercial College Notes

Students Form a Club

Members from the four classes of the Commercial College met last Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of forming a Commercial Club. After several expressions had been made by members of the faculty and student body as to the need of such a Society in the department, the students entered into the election of officers with a great amount of enthusiasm and earnestness. The following were elected for the remainder of the semester.

Chester Lottier, president; E. G. Spaulding, vice-president; Miss Blanche Lutterloh, secretary; Miss Ethel Marchant, treasurer; John Merrick, journalist; Miss Katherine Burner, critic; Roy S. Bond, Chaplain; George A. Thomas, Sergeant-at-arms; R. B. Greene, reporter.

The object of the society is to develop the mind along literary lines, encouraging extemporaneous as well as forensic speaking. It is also a part of the plans of the organization to have occasionally an address on some commercial subject by one of the leading business men of the District, to which we hope it may be convenient to have all the students of the University attend. Thus we shall aid in bringing commercial education and business, in its many ramifications, before the public as a factor of the greatest importance in the Negro life, and stamp out the idea that exists in the minds of some people that commercial education is an inferior branch of our educational system.

Several prominent business men have spoken very encouragingly to promoters of the organization and have willingly offered their services.

Ira Williams ’12, who has been ill in the hospital for over a month, has again resumed class work.

“Bricks” are not the only missiles thrown about Clark Hall. L. H. Norwood received a shower of eggs Thursday evening while on his way to escort his “Cook” to the Literary.

R. B. Greene, Reporter
A NEW ORGANIZATION

A new organization has recently sprung into our midst under the name of the Tex-As Club. The students in the University from the "Lone Star State" being very desirous of knowing each other and rendering assistance to one another in whatever way may be possible, have banded themselves together in an organization similar to the Pennsylvania Club. This club, unlike the Pennsylvania Club, extends its invitation to all students in the University from the State of Texas, both male and female. The organization is just now about ready to begin active work, having adopted its constitution, which is a very commendable document, elected and installed officers. It meets regularly the first and third Tuesday nights in each month. The present administration is very hopeful of doing some good work even before the close of the present school year. The officers are I. R. Berry, President; B. Long, Vice-president; P. B. Long, Secretary; H. Gibson, Assistant Secretary.

A SAD WEEK

The year had gloomily begun
For Willie Weeks, a poor man's

He was beset with bill and dun
And he had very little

"This cash" said he "won't pay my dues"

I've nothing here but one's and

A bright thought struck him and he said

"The rich Miss Goldbrick I will!"

But when he paid his court to her
She lisped but firmly said: "No"

"Alas!" said he "Then I must die
I'm done! I'll drown—I'll burn—I'll

They found his gloves and coat and hat;
The coroner upon them

(Northern Illinois.)

RESPONSES ARE SLOW

Sometime ago the Journal proposed to give a prize for the best composed college song submitted to us, but up to this time there has been but one submitted. Now we want to make good our promise but with only the one on hand it will be very difficult for us to decide which is the best. Things are good or bad by comparison and unless we have some things to compare this one with we can form no judgment of it.

It may be that our musically inclined brethren do not think as we do, that we are in need of some real live college songs. It has been our pleasure to witness lots of occasions where enthusiasm and college spirit would have added much to the scene. Nothing can inspire a debater, a football player, a base ball team more than lots of good round cheering and singing from his fellow students. Our offer is still hanging out if only you care to accept it. There was a limit placed on the time by which these songs were to be submitted, but we have removed that now and any time before the close of this year will be acceptable.

There are few positions in which a young man can do more good than as pastor of a church in which clean living and unselfish service are exemplified; a church which stands for all the great verities of manhood and womanhood and lifts up a standard around which the elements that make for social and civic righteousness may gather and do heroic battle for God and home and native land.

—Dr. Washington Gladden.

LINE UP

Y. M. C. A.  Position St. Christopher
Nixon R. F.  Trott
Curtis L. F.  Hargrave
Henderson Capt. C.  Bradford, Capt.
Oliver L. G.  "Pop" Lewis
Lewis Gray R. G.  Hammond
Score 44-19; Mr. Robinson, Referee; Mr. Johnson, Umpire; Mr. Brown, Timer. Time of halves, twenty minutes.

Y. M. C. A. HOLDS ITS RECORD IN BASKET BALL

Defeats St. Christopher Forty-four to Nineteen

Our local Y. M. C. A. added another victory to its list last Saturday night when it defeated the crack St. Christopher team by a score of 44 to 19. The visitors were overconfident of victory but soon learned that Washington is the home of the colored champions this sea-on.

The St. Christopher team was fast and accurate but the local boys were better. The visitors got the first three scores but Y. M. C. A. favorites did not wait. Two goals put them ahead and the battle was on. The home team's defensive work was almost as good as the aggressive and its power of endurance is remarkable. Fast playing characterized the game.

During the first half the teams were almost evenly matched the score being 15 to 9 but the latter part of the second half showed the better team. The Y. M. C. A. then came forth as usual and threw goals at will. The visitors played well but had to acknowledge the superior work of the home boys.

Bradford in centre for the visitors out-jumped Henderson and played better defensive ball but was unable to add much to his score, Captain Henderson played well and had quite a few scores to his credit. Lewis of the former champion Prep team played his old team mate Nixon but was unable to play the star game that won him honors in the Academy. Nixon made a better record against substitute Lewis than against "Pop" Lewis. "Doc" Curtis played his usual game, keeping his guard running all the time. Oliver and Gray, the great guards, defended their record by making many sensational plays. A large crowd witnessed the game and predicted victory for the Y. M. C. A. in the game with the Smart Set this week.
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Celery
Consommé Royal
Turkey
Smithfield Ham
Cranberry Sauce
French Peas
Candied Sweet Potatoes
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Mr. E. J. G. of the Senior Law class, calling a meeting of the Senior association last Thursday evening, the business seemed to be social.

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