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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

THE administration just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of the Y. M. C. A. Heretofore the members of the Association and those who attended its regular meetings were looked upon as being mere Sunday school chaps, but this administration has blotted out that idea first, by electing as its president a young man who has always taken part in all other college activities as well as in the religious affairs, and secondly, by selecting a corps of officers who hold the same views and ably aided the president in living up to the motto of the administration, "Unity."

To the credit of this administration may be placed the success of the first Institute held here for Voluntary Bible Study. Meetings were conducted by Secretary Hunton of the International Committee the speakers including Hon. B. F. Macfarland, Messrs. Wm. Knowles Cooper, Thomas Jesse Jones, Harrison S. Elliot, and Dr. E. L. Parks. Delegates

from Union University, Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Storer College, and Manassas took part in the sessions. As a result of this Institute more than two hundred students enrolled as members of Bible classes.

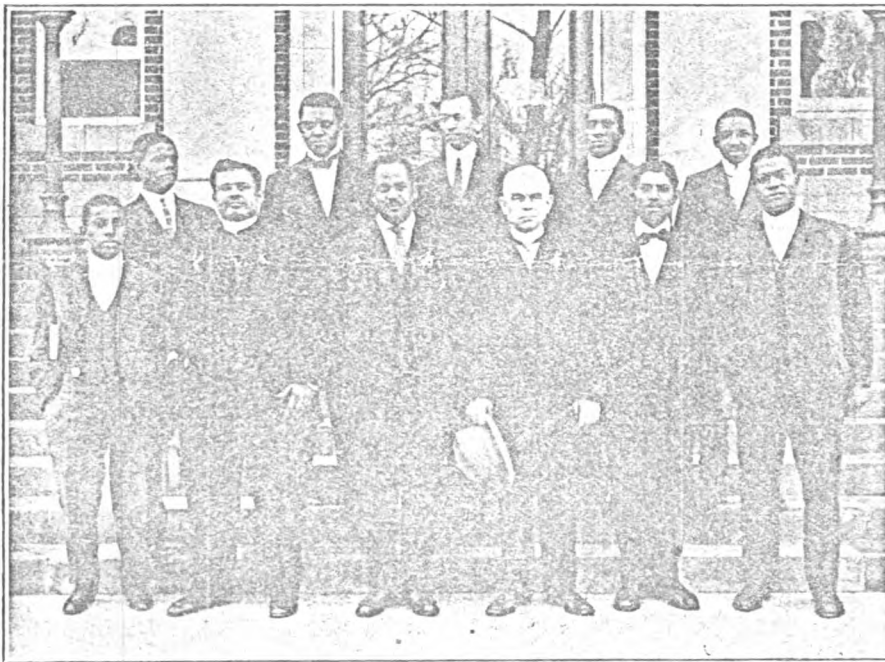
Through the combined effort of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W.

The College Man and the Y. M. C. A.

THERE is no doubt in our minds that the Y. M. C. A. is fulfilling its mission in our colleges. Through its influence the college man is being developed on all sides. It reaches

him as no other religious organization can reach him. [The "Triangular Man" is now a reality.] It reaches the students of every class, of all opinions, of all races, creeds, and colors, of all vocations and from all walks of life, the poor as well as the rich. It is democracy itself: equal opportunity to all. It reaches the faculty men, fraternity men and the athletic student.

This organization contains the best element of our undergraduate student body. It is not an organization of "goody-goodies" and "molly-coddles," but it contains the true men of the college. The busiest students have the time to devote to this organization. Students who lead in other activities also lead in the Y. M. C. A. It is not the place for the



Y. M. C. A. CABINET—1910-1911

First row: C. J. Murphy, Chairman Bureau of Information; T. B. Livingston, Recording Secretary; Jas. A. Wright, President; Dr. E. L. Parks, Chairman Bible Study; Bert L. Marchant, General Secretary; T. H. Randall, Treasurer.
Second row: L. V. English, Chairman of Music; P. J. Carter, Librarian; T. R. Davis, Second Vice President; J. E. Rose, Chairman New Student; D. A. Forbes, First Vice President.

C. A., Dr. Pezavia O'Connell was invited to make an address on the day of prayer for colleges. The result of this meeting was fifteen converts.

As a diversion the Y. M. C. A. has placed a pool-table and several other games in its rooms where numbers of young men find amusement.

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"mushy" but rather for the manly student.

Furthermore, through the Y. M. C. A. the college man has become interested in the Bible. This is evinced by the number of students prominent in college activities who were in Bible classes last year. These included:

1,522 members of varsity football teams, 1,454 members of college glee clubs, 653 editors of college papers, 1,402 members of varsity base ball teams, 755 class presidents, 983 prize and scholarship men, 792 members of varsity basket ball teams, 92 members of varsity crews, 1,053 members of varsity track teams and 6,156 fraternity men in 120 colleges. This is indeed a remarkable showing. The figures explain themselves.—C. H. G.

CAMPUS JOTS

Dr. McVeedy, one of the Secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society, spoke at chapel last Tuesday.

Rev. Gilbert, formerly of New York City but now of Knoxville, Tennessee, visited the University last Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. Ragg, Secretary of the Bible work among the colored people of the South, visited us at Chapel last Monday.

All regret very much to hear of the death of the father of Miss Dorsey, one of the instructors in the Commercial Department.

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THE WAITERS' BIBLE CLASS

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Several Bible classes were organized as a result of the Institute, among which was a class formed of waiters in our dining hall, with the writer as leader. The course of study elected for the year was "Bible facts and History." Each of these twenty young men entered into the work with great spirit and enthusiasm. An average attendance of eighteen has been maintained. Every Wednesday evening at half past six, these young men assemble in one end of the dining hall and engage freely and enthusiastically in the discussion of biblical facts and history. Much interest manifested and maintained; each person has something to do; all take an active part; and the work moves on successfully.

—E. M. A. C.

THE SENIOR RECEPTION

The Odd Fellows Temple was the scene of a most beautiful and enjoyable affair last Thursday. It was the scene of the formal reception of the Senior Class of the School of Liberal Arts. It was pronounced by all who attended as one of the most beautiful proms ever given in the city. The auditorium presented a galaxy of colors, bright lights, and evergreens. The hall has been recently remodeled and this added much to the decorations. Here and there were pennants of sister institutions and class banners. The orchestra was hidden by a row of large palms and ferns. A

large number of college students and many people from the city were out.

The musical programme began at nine o'clock. From this time until midnight the couples glided hither and thither to the soft strains of music a dreamy waltz and then a lively two-step. The real climax was reached in the grand promenade, led by Dean George Wm. Cook and Miss Morris, who was followed by President Adams and Miss Clifford followed by a host of other seniors and friends. A special musical composition was written and dedicated by Mr. Henson of the Lyric Orchestra for this prom. The grand prom presented a most exquisite scene as it was viewed from the balcony. The beautiful costumes of the ladies mingling with the evening dress of the gentlemen and with the many high colored pennants that fluttered here and there, presented a most unusual spectacle.

After the grand prom light refreshments were served. Not until the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home" had died away did the many guests depart, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

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Great credit is due this administration for the establishment of a branch association in the Medical School. At first there was some difficulty because of the Medical schedule, but this was overcome and at its first meeting, February 25th, Dr. Barker, physician to the president of the United States, made the address.

Secretary Marchant has worked zealously and untiringly with the administration for the success of the organization and it can hardly be disputed that the Y. M. C. A. is now exerting more influence than ever before on the life of the University. Altogether it has left affairs in good shape and the incoming administration must hustle to keep up the good record.

MAYNARD PRIZE DEBATE

The Maynard Prize Debate of the School of Theology was held in the chapel last Friday night. The subject was "Resolved, that the advancement of civilization is due to a knowledge of theology more than to a knowledge of any material science."

Mr. Livingstone of the Senior class led the affirmative. He encoined his argument under five heads and applied them very effectively. His argument was indeed logical and rhetorical. Mr. J. Brown also of the Senior class led the negative. His argument was lucid and forceful. One not knowing Mr. Brown's aim in life would indeed think that he is one of the greatest atheists in the world; for he certainly decried theology and all that it stands for. He received repeated applause during his discourse and, at the end was encored, to which he responded with a bow. At this stage the Senior class burst out in cheers and jeers to the other classes, saying they had already won the first and second prizes,

of course, not having the prophetic instinct they were unable to see into the future.

The next speaker on the affirmative, W. E. Stevenson of the Junior class, presented a good argument which was not quite appreciated by the audience on account of the doleful way in which it was delivered. The next speaker on the negative was W. L. Rhodes of the historic Middle class. He took a stand nearer the judges than any of the other speakers. His discourse was argumentative and persuasive, actually compelling the judges to count his points; for he continually assaulted them by pointing his finger, he went after the judges and not after the audience. His chief points were: (1.) that theology being a theoretical science does not prove the existence of God; (2.) that the Bible, God's revelation of Himself to man, has been the production of many and opposing opinions, doctrines and dogmas. At the end he received a hearty applause. The next speaker was L. L. R. H. Taylor, the golden-mouthed orator of the middle class. He arose with all the grace and dignity of an orator amid the tumultuous roar of the audience, argued earnestly and logically from the start, but indeed his metaphysical argument, accompanied by his imaginative powers swept the judges off their feet. He was repeatedly applauded during his discourse. At this point the judges retired. Miss Thomas rendered two selections accompanied by Miss Greene. The audience waited patiently for the judges to return; for all were anxious to hear their decisions. The time came and the decision was rendered by Dr. Frizzell.

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W. L. Rhodes, second to James He awarded the first prize to Browne, and third to W. E. Stevenson, which seemed to meet unanimous disapproval of the audience. On the whole the debate was an excellent one, and all who attended were profited. The Seniors indeed were disappointed for a Middler won the first prize which is a continuation of established precedent.

D. ORMONDE WALKER

VESPER SERVICE**BISHOP CRANSON SPEAKS**

WE were favored last Sunday with a very inspiring talk by Bishop Cranson of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His talk was along practical lines and was very well received. During the offeratory Mr. Norman Johnson sang a very beautiful tenor solo. The choir also rendered a beautiful anthem. Owing to the bad condition of the weather the attendance was very small. We feel however, that had it been known that Bishop Cranson was going to speak, a large number would have been in attendance, regardless of the weather.

REV. GOODWIN'S ADDRESS

We regret very much that owing to the fact that last week's issue was a special athletic number and the space was limited, we were unable to publish an account of the Vesper service of Sunday before last. Rev. Goodwin, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church delivered a very eloquent and scholarly address on the subject, "Giving Religion the Right of Way in Our Life." We were also honored with a rendition of Parker's, "Redemption Hymn," by the vested choir. The solo part was taken by Miss Lula Vere Childers, our efficient directress of music. Her voice was clear and sweet. Miss Thomas sang a very beautiful solo during the offeratory. A large and interested audience was present.

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EDITORIALS

¶ Watch the JOURNAL next week for the appearance of "The Miniature," a short story written by Mr. Caldwell Jones, '11.

¶ They say old Diogenes with a lighted lantern in his hand walked the streets by day in search of an honest man. Diogenes is on search today. Will he find you?

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Y. M. C. A. WORK ON INCREASE

Y. M. C. A. work here is on the increase. During the last two years under the efficient management of Secretary Marchant many advances have been made. More young men attend the Y. M. C. A. meetings now than in previous years. The monthly programs and the lectures delivered by men of influence and power have attracted increased attention of the student body to the Y. M. C. A. meetings. With proper support Mr. Marchant will contribute much more to the elevation of the tone of the work in this organization and will be able to present some plans for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building on our campus.

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Gale P. Hilyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Hilyer of Washington, D. C., a Junior at the University of Minnesota, which has over 5,000 students, is making a splendid record for scholarship and has won distinction as a speaker. He was chosen by the Minnesota State Forum (Colored) to represent Minnesota at the inter-state debate at Des Moines, Iowa, and has just been chosen by the faculty of the University, after having gone through the usual elimination contests, to be one of the six to compete on March 17 for the Pillsbury prize for oratory; \$100 to the 1st, \$50 to the 2d, \$25 to the 3d.

The winner is to have the honor of representing the University of Minnesota at the Northwestern Intercollegiate Oratorical contest which will take place at Ann Arbor, Mich., in April. Young Hilyer was prepared for college at the Academy of Howard University. He entered Minnesota without any "conditions," and has established a record for high scholarship. The University of Minnesota is the Alma Mater of his father, who graduated A. B. in the class of 1885, and has many friends in the twin cities.

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The Council of Upper Classmen

In keeping with the provision laid down in the constitution, at the last meeting of the Council, which was the first meeting in the month of March, officers for the ensuing year were nominated. At the first meeting in April the officers will be elected by ballot from those nominated. Many good men have been placed in the field for each office and it is expected that the contest at the first meeting in April will be a warm one. Those nominated for office are as follows:

For President: N. L. Houston, Med.; T. B. Neely, Col.; W. Burrell, Law.

For Vice-President: L. C. Downing, Med.; W. Gilbert, Col.; John Anderson, Dental.

For Secretary: W. Gilbert, Col.; Lewis H. Russell, Col., A. Turner, Law; B. H. Locke, Col.

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For Chaplain: D. O. Walker, Theol.

For Sergeant-at-arms: J. Cabaniss, Med.; Wm. Pleasants, Col.; J. Coppage, Med.; John Anderson, Med.

Let every member come out and avail himself of his constitutional right at the first meeting in April.

The Council regrets that Representative Wm. Sulzer, of New York, will be unable to address them this year. Owing to the fact that this session of Congress was a short one, Representative Sulzer found it impossible to be with us but promises to be with us at some time during the next session of Congress. Hon. Sulzer is an eloquent speaker and the Council had looked forward with great delight to having an address from him.

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Arrangements are also being made for the annual reception of the Sophs, which will take place some time after the Annual Prom, the date and speaker to be announced later. Reporter

ONE OF OUR NEEDS

When one observes the rapid growth that this University has made along many lines within the last few years, he must also recognize the increased necessities that are essential to balance these developments.

With Clark Hall passing into, if not beyond its last stages of usefulness as a dormitory, comes the need and demand for a modern and commodious dormitory for young men; but with the lack of a place where young men may spend their leisure moments in wholesome amusement and association, which lends much toward developing the community life of the University, or in exercising their physical powers, thus consuming their surplus energy which after all is the cause of so many violations to our rules, should come a cry from every loyal Howardite for a building providing for the wholesome association and recreation for the young men.

Even though we were able to win a trophy at the recent athletic meet, every one feels that the number of victories would have been increased had our men been favored with a building in which they might have trained,

in spite of the chilly winds and snowy grounds.

If we could hold the young men that we have under our care on the Hill what a University spirit we would have! The young man at Howard like every other student, however, should not be expected to read and study at all times; there must be some diversion. And if it is not provided for under favorable conditions too often it is sought under conditions detrimental not only to his student life, but also to his after life of usefulness. Wholesome diversion should be provided for on the Hill that our young men might form associations at the University leading to the development of the highest in them and not to the filthy dives of the city or the luring, deceiving homes of so called "society" people, leading to loss of vitality, shame and sin.

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May the time be not far distant when the petty differences will be put aside and the Y. M. C. A. and Alumni join in our great, supreme effort for the erection of a building giving opportunity for wholesome association and recreation for our young men which will be a credit and lasting blessing to the University, to the race, and to mankind. —B. L. M.

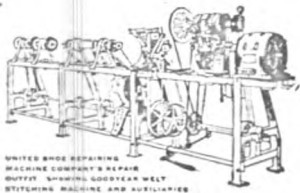
UNIVERSITY NOTES

The Howard University Faculty Club held its regular meeting on the evening of March 14, 1911. Dr. Parks read a most interesting and scholarly paper on the subject, "The Present Trend in English Politics."

Mr. A. N. Scurlock, the photographer, has recently presented through the President the large group photographs of the last graduating classes in the School of Liberal Arts, Law, and Medicine, which are highly appreciated. They will find a permanent place in the archives of the Library.

Friday April 14th is the date settled for the concert by Mr. Joseph H. Douglass, solo violinist. He has won high encomiums from critical hearers, and the concert which will be under the general supervision of Miss Childers promises to be an event of unusual importance in the musical life of the University.

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We were favored by a short address by Principal Bruce of Nancemeud Normal and Industrial Institute of Suffolk, Virginia last Monday at Chapel.

On Tuesday in Chapel Secretary Geo. W. Cook presented in behalf of the I. S. A. A., a handsome cup won by the Howard Track Team in open events in the recent indoor meet.

The Rev. Henry W. Porter, a pastor at Pittsburg, Pa., visited the University last week. He delivered a short and pointed address at our chapel service. He was introduced by Secretary Johnson of the Colored Y. M. C. A. of the city.

Quite a number of Theologs went to Lynchburg, Virginia last Tuesday to meet the conference of the Methodist Church. There were about seven in the party.

The Howard Medical Building was threatened by fire last Friday, when the American League Park and the lumber yard adjoining it were afire.

Mr. Clarence Murray, one of the stenographers and typewriters of 1910, Commercial College, was seen on the Campus last Monday. Mr. Murray received appointment at Wilmington, N. C., last July. Recently, he was transferred to a better position in Norfolk, and, while en route to take same paid us a visit.

A HISTORY OF THE NEGRO

Preparatory to the introduction of a course in history on the Reconstruction Period which will be offered next year, the Department of History under Professor Tunnell is conducting a series of lectures which will set forth the aim of the course and the necessity for such a study.

The first of this series of lectures, "Some rich but unworked veins," was delivered last Saturday morning by Mr. J. W. Cromwell of Washington, a man ac-

knowledgeed to be one of the best informed students of historical facts concerning the Negro in the race. Mr. Cromwell has devoted much time to research work and has given much thought to the Negro history and is urging all Negro students who are historically inclined to delve into hidden mysteries and search out some rich but unworked veins from the wealthy mines of historical gold.

Among the fields open to the student of Negro history, said Mr. Cromwell, are the Negro in military life, the real research work of secret societies. Negro Church History, and the contributions and extent of the Negro poets. Much data is obtained, but in reply to the belief that such knowledge should be easily accessible, Mr. Cromwell said the public has not demanded a formulated presentation of this subject to such an extent as to warrant both book publishers to take it up; historians are not able to finance such a proposition. This gives historical societies and colleges opportunity to quicker interest, stimulate desire and to render financial aid to those who will devote their time to such a book. Still surrounded with survivors, veterans of the early age of this country, the Negro can collect first-hand, material that will be lost ten years hence but which would be of great advantage to a proper relation of facts.

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their several chairs made possible the ranking of the School of Medicine among the best schools of the country. By request of Mrs. Seamans, the President conducted the funeral exercises which were attended by a large and representative concourse of citizens. The loss of Dr. Seamans from the Chair of Chemistry is irreparable. He gave himself, with a high sense of consecration, into the work of his department until the very last. Three days before his demise, he attended a faculty meeting, and gave in his resignation from his chair, with evident premonition of his coming demise.

"On August 21, 1910, Professor C. C. Cook, Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, met a sudden and tragic death by drowning off the New Jersey shore. He was the son of the lamented John F. Cook, for so many years a member of the Board of Trustees. Professor Cook was a graduate of Howard and also of Cornell University, where he made preparation for the large efficiency he developed as head of the English department of the University. He gave himself with entire devotion to the work of his chair, and the quality of his work may be estimated from the fact that during the past year, four debating teams sent out by the University, trained in his department, won signal victories over the leading colored institutions of the country. He was a man of high character, and to his wife and children has left a

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PREP SEASON SUCCESSFUL

With basket ball at a close, the Academy team of 1911 may once more be represented as "invincible" among the high schools in the city. The Preps have played all of the High Schools and have brought the bacon each time. The playing of the Preps at the beginning of the season lacked team work, which is the principle faction in the game. Later on, however, the team became more united and better results were effected. The team is almost the same as last year's team, having among the former players, Valentine, Wilson, Stratton, and LaFayette. Robbins, the new center, has been a steady and hard player. His playing deserves commendation as do his strong defence and accurate tosses, free and field, have helped the preps on to victory.

Stratton is a good hard fighting guard who will stop his man even if he has to tackle him. After the game with M St. High School, he was forced to quit playing in the games under the I. S. A. A. because of the rule in regard to the age limit.

Grinnage has ably replaced Stratton at guard and has played like a veteran, although he is not very old in the game. He has the ability as has been shown in the past games.

Wilson at right forward was a little off in his playing at the beginning of the season but he came back and struck the stride.

Valentine, the swift left forward, has played a consistent game during the whole season. He is swift on his feet and is a quick and accurate goal-tosser.

Captain LaFayette has played with a vim and has done his best by the team. It was his desire and endeavor to represent the Academy with a fit team.

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