The Y. M. C. A. for 1915-16

Under the competent leadership of its president, Mr. W. Edward Ricks, the Y. M. C. A. has accomplished for the closing year more than it has in any previous year during its existence. As a president Mr. Ricks proved to his cabinet, and to the members and friends of the Association, his efficiency, and is worthy of the highest commendation. During his administration not only has the Y. M. C. A. been set free of debt and a new record for membership set but he has established a system for financing the Y. M. C. A. through voluntary contributions from students and teachers payable during the summer and on Registration Day at the treasurer’s office. Being extremely modest Mr. Ricks insists that the officers and members share in the glories and honors many of which belong solely to him. He maintains that his success has been made possible only through the co-operative efforts of his loyal and faithful fellow-workers.

Mr. Ricks has been ever alert to see that the Y. M. C. A. comes in for full share of his time and energy. He has never allowed other interests to take precedence over that of the Y. M. C. A. Those who have attended the weekly meetings on Sunday afternoons attest to this.

Under Y. M. C. A. auspices other great work has also been done. Mr. D. D. Mattocks, Chairman of the Sick Committee, Dr. E. L. Parks, Chairman of the Bible Study Committee, Mr. H. I. Manton, Chairman of the Employment Bureau Committee, are deserving of special commendation for the work they have done in the interest of the Association and Howard students. The Chairmen of all committees have acted fully their parts, aiding to bring about the successful work of the administration.

In saying farewell to our beloved president, whose term has now expired, we desire to bid him God-speed in all of his undertakings in the larger world of strife and life, and to continue in the path he has so nobly trod during his stay here at Howard.

New Y. M. C. A. Officers Installed

At the last regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held Sunday, May 7th, the new Y. M. C. A. officers were installed. Mr. W. H. J. Beckett, Executive Secretary of city Y. M. C. A., delivered the installation address.

In turning over the responsibilities of the office to its new president, Mr. Ricks reminded the new president to be ever on the alert regarding the interest and welfare of the Y. M. C. A.

The officers installed are as follows:

- President C. W. Frisby
- Vice-President from College of Arts and Sciences, A. T. Coleman
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- Recording Secretary, S. M. Blackburn
- Assistant Recording Secretary, Hugh I. Manton
- Treasurer, Meldrim Tucker

Alumni Association Meeting

The last regular meeting of the Local Alumni Association will be held Saturday evening, May 13th, at 8:00 o’clock in Carnegie Library Hall, Howard University campus. All the alumni living in the District are urgently requested to be present. President S. S. Thompson and his able corps of officers have arranged some interesting features for the evening. Alumni don’t forget the date, time and place. Be sure to be present to the last regular meeting before the annual meeting of the General Association on Commencement Day.

-W. H. Foster.
The Value of Foot Ball to Howard

We hardly need to ask what place football occupies in the American College life today. No one will deny, I think, that football occupies pretty much the center of the athletic stage.

Whatever may be our individual opinions as to the worth or danger or value of football, we are compelled to admit that here is a factor of tremendous influence and importance to be reckoned with, a factor not to be accepted or rejected or criticized merely, but one to be carefully studied.

To have gained its present position of eminence in the public mind, football must at least possess certain vital qualities that appeal and appeal strongly to the American heart. The investigation of the nature of these qualities is too long a task to be undertaken in an article as this. My purpose will be merely to indicate, if I can, the value of this most popular extra-curriculum activity to our own Alma Mater; (1) considering the education and training not to say virtues, which result from actual participation, (2) its meaning and effect upon the student body and alumni and (3) the gain which our Alma Mater may realize by the proper development of this sport.

Among the many things which are impressed upon the mind of the football players are the following; Patience, Obedience, Self-denial, Self-control Submersion of self, Scholarship and finally Physical perfection. Men learn to sit on the side line and wait for the exhaustion or injury of one of the regulars whose place they might fill. They do not wish their friends and teammates any harm, but they do long for a chance to put their shoulder to the wheel. Game after game may pass by, and no chance to show what they can do. They could retire in disgust, but they hang on. Thus they have learned well the rudiments of patience. They learn that absolute obedience to authority is a law not to be trifled with. All engagements which interfere with football practice are set aside, and an early to bed habit is formed. The one lesson in the matter of diet what is and what is not for the best wind, endurance, strength—the costing much self-sacrifice is valuable. Anything that teaches self-control must be welcomed. Of course the lesson

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the final analysis—the big residuum of the season's strenuous effort. What could possibly compare with the training and preparation the men have gone through, to fit them for the hard work of the school through the winter? They come out in prime condition for the hardest kind of tackling and protracted endeavor with languages, physics and mathematics.

The value of football is not merely in the training up of individual physical powers but also in the creation and development of loyalty and spirit akin to profound spiritual patriotism. It is difficult to exactly define the spirit of this play life, but one who really has entered into the American football game will understand it. The spirit of college tradition in songs and cheers sweeps across the vast, brilliant throng of vivacious and spell-bound youth; the vision of that fluttering scene of color and gayety in the October and November sunshine; the old "Grad" forgets himself in the spirit of the game, springs from his feet and throws his hat in the air in the ebullitions of returning youth; the mercurial crowd as it demands fair play; the sudden inarticulate silences, the spontaneous outbursts; the disapprobatjon at mean and abrupt tricks—or that unforgettable sensation that comes as one sees the wild serpentine dance. Thus the struggle on the gridiron has meaning not simply to the few who take part, but to every student and alumnus on the sidelines, while these pulsating hundreds who sing and cheer our team to victory, think of the real effort of our Alma Mater to produce successful achievements.

I believe that our University will gain mightily in the development of our educational life, and much more than we can lose with the growth and development of football. It will gain in the mighty stir of young hearts around the intense thought and action of the idea of contest and success. It

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The Value of Football to Howard

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The Value of Football to Howard

will gain in the ability for a correct analysis and appraisal of "fair play." It will gain in the cultivation of a power to win or lose with equal steadiness of spirit. It will gain in the witness of the effect of training more rigid and ascetic than any modern military man knows. It will gain in the realization that the skillful swift planning brain on the part of the十一 warriors on the football field spell "victory" or "defeat" quite as much as brawn and muscle. It will gain in the appreciation of the limitless possibilities lying in co-ordination of fighting forces as a means of overcoming obstacles and interference.

And not only in this spirit of student team play and sublime loyalty to a cause will football contribute to the development of our education, but it has and affords that, which as yet, intercollegiate intellectualism has been unable to supply, an occasion in a common battle for ends that can engage visibly and vitally the entire University community. No other interest in the University has been able to draw together annually from 3000 to 5000 people and thrill them with the spirit of patriotism and ambition for superiority, the result of which is the settling together and unifying afresh the diverse forces part educational, part social and part spiritual; which in such moments of high contest become conscious of corporate and resistless strength.

—R. T. Avery.

Friday, May 12, 1916

EDITORIAL

"L'Ombre et Le Jour," a French drama, was presented in chapel on the evening of Friday, May 4, by Le Cercle Francais. The play was adopted from Labiche's "Le Plus Heureux des Trois" and arranged by Prof. Guillot, of the Department of French. The arrangement and presentation was a grand success, and great credit is due both to M. Guillot and to those students taking part.

A spirit strictly French prevailed the entire play. The lighting, scenery, costumes, gestures, and fluent flow of French, in speech and song, lent much charm, and transported the audience to France in the eighteenth century.

Le Cercle Francais has set a splendid precedent in such thorough and high class performance. The play was the first of its kind to be presented at Howard University by the students and it is sincerely hoped that the club may continue the work which it has so conscientiously and enthusiastically begun.

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**Le Cercle Francais Presents "L'Ombre et le Jour"**

On Thursday Evening, May 4, Le Cercle Francais presented the play, "L'Ombre et le Jour." The play was taken from "Le plus Heureux des Trois" by Labiche and was arranged by Mr. Clarence A. Guillot, Professor of French.

The play was well rendered and much enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The solos in French by Mr. Roland Hayes and Miss Margaret Rhodes added much to the occasion.

The Cast was as follows:
M. Marajavel, Alfred Waring
Ernest, Horace Wallace
Jobelin, John Berry
Krampach, Charles Pinder
M. Leonard, Royland Hayes
Hermance, Alice Turner
Berthe, Virginia Scott
Petunia, Edith Brinkley
Lisbeth, Vivienne Cook
Mme. Cuvatole, Beatrice Lewis
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The Tennis Situation at Howard

Among the many athletic sports which have leaped into national prominence during the past fifteen or twenty years, there are none which have had a greater national development than tennis. The time has not been long when tennis was looked upon as a mere woman's game, and men who took part in this kind of activity were laughed at. Today tennis ranks next to baseball as the national game of America.

The leading institutions of the country realizing the growing importance of this popular game have given it due recognition in their athletic activities.

The Annual tournaments held between the various colleges all over the country, and the matches played, in particular, at Forrest Hill, L. I., and Newport evidence not only the importance but also the popularity of the game.

Here at Howard we have also caught the tennis fever and more students engaged in this activity than in any other sport. Despite the fact that we have exceptional tennis players here, we have not made tennis an intercollegiate sport. It costs less to run tennis than any other branch of athletics, it is one of the cleanest and at the same time most scientific games to play, and we would like to see this popular American game given its due prominence at Howard, as Union, Lincoln, Wilberforce, as well as at the leading schools of the South, tennis has and is being played as an intercollegiate sport. Let us strive to raise the standard of this game and by so doing keep abreast with the progressive movements in the realm of American sports.

ATHLETICS
Geo. B. Washington, Editor

The Prep Academy administered a second trouncing to Business High School on Saturday the 6th. The Prep Academy boys have won every game this season and look like sure winners for the scholastic championship of the District.

At the recent dual track meet between Columbia, and Brown Universities, Pollard, the negro hurdler, and White, another negro sprinter of recognized ability, were the principle winners for the Providence team.

A tennis tournament was held between teams representing the students and faculty on Saturday, the 6th. The faculty succeeded in winning only two single matches, while the students' team won one single match and three double matches. The interdepartmental tournament begins on the 11th.

At the track meet between Pittsburgh and Syracuse Universities, the feature events were the 100 and 220 yard dashes. The Burwell brothers, James of Pittsburgh, and Graham of Syracuse opposed each other in these events, and the Pittsburgh boy won both races. The Burwell brothers are both colored boys from Washington.

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The Varsity baseball team closed its season by triumphing over the Y. M. C. A., at American League Park, on last Friday by the score of 13 to 0. Sykes was on the mound for Howard and his twirling proved too much for the 12th street boys. For the first four innings the game promised to be a close contest, but our boys soon struck their batting stride and slammed the ball to all corners of the lot. The Howard team played an errorless game, while the inability of the Y. M. C. A. team to hit at the opportune time was largely responsible for its defeat.

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Report of Basket-ball Manager

The Howard University Athletic Association, May 1, 1916.

Sirs:
I submit the following report for the Howard University Varsity Basket-ball Team for the 1915-1916 season.

BASKET-BALL EQUIPMENT

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| Expenditures during the basket-ball season for stamps, telegrams, medicine, adhesive tape, chewing gum; bandages, etc. | $5.07

Total expenditures for equipment and supplies: $53.02

BASKET-BALL GAMES

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Total Receipts Basket-ball Games: $473.10

Games Total Expenditures: $341.83

Total Expenditures Equipment and Supplies: 53.02

Total Expenditures Basket-ball Season: $394.85

Net Gain Season: $78.25

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Miss James was heard in three numbers, each calculated to display her artistry to advantage. In her first number, "Berceuse from Jecelyn" she completely sang herself into the hearts of her large audience.

The "Lullaby" was sung so sweetly and with such a caressing quality of tone that the vast audience sat entranced, and with breathless attention drank in a deep draught of purest melody. The beauty of Miss James' rendition of the "Berceuse" was enchanced by the violin obligato of Mr. Symas, while Mrs. Damlmond at the piano accompanied her in her usual artistic manner.

Her next number, "My Heart is Weary" from the opera "Nadeschda" was a musical treat in which she displayed marvelous tonal quality, clearness of enunciation and articulation, and excellent interpretation.

Speaking of her tonal quality: it had grandeur, eloquence, even sublimity and pathos as tender and touching as a lost child's cry.

In striking contrast was her last number "Happy Song" by Del Riego. It was triumphantly and at its gay conclusion was greeted with such tumultous applause that Miss James was (after repeated curtain calls) compelled to respond with an encore.

Miss James assisted the Howard Conservatory of Music in the rendition of "The Messiah."

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