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Arthur Makanya Dead

A Native African brought to America by Missionary and Entered at Howard by Dr. John Gordon.

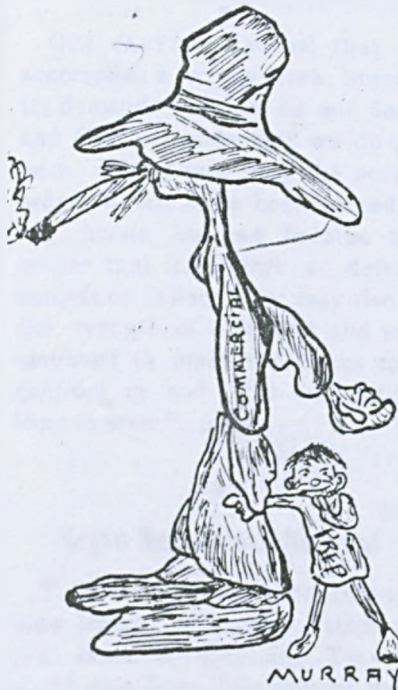
Sometime during the year 1894 an American missionary, who was working for Christ in Interior Africa, became a victim to a deadly disease. The unfortunate man was taken to a mission in a nearby town, from which he was transferred to a church situated in the town of Durham, Natal. Here he was nursed back to health by the educated African minister who was in charge of the missionary work in that part of the country, in which he lived.

As a reward for the kindness shown by the African minister, the American was willing to educate the African's only son and child, to be a missionary physician. Accordingly the boy Arthur was brought to the United States and placed in the public school at Shenandoah, Iowa, the home of the American missionary. There he remained until he was transferred to Howard University, thru the influence of Dr. John G. Gordon, then president of that institution.

Arthur proved to be an excellent pupil and was to graduate from the Senior class of the Academy this May, but owing to a weakened constitution, resulting from an operation, he developed pneumonia which resulted in an untimely death.

"Mak", as he was called by all who knew him, was universally liked, for he was proficient in his studies and also in athletics, in which he took an active part.

Research has shown that he was



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a direct descendant of the late African Chief, Cetewayo, also a nephew of the Great Zulu Chief Dinisulu.

After the funeral services which will be held in Rankin Chapel, next Saturday, the remains will be interred in Harmony Cemetery, until definite arrangements can be made to ship the body to Durban, S. Africa.

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."

G. A. KYLE

WANTED—Five hundred students to go to Baltimore on April 23rd to the Lincoln-Howard Debate.

Don't forget the fraternity drama

"The Toastmaster"

Friday April 30, 1909

The Students Recital

The excellent recitals given by the pupils in Music, call attention to the progress made in recent years by that department. Immediately after Miss Childers took charge, new life was infused into the music and the number of pupils rapidly increased. She has combined rare tact and talent for leadership with fine musical skill. The production of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" twice to highly appreciative audiences, the rendition of the sacred cantata, "Ruth", last December, and the various Song Services throughout the school year have been occasions of genuine delight to music lovers. The precision of attack, fine shading, good proportion and general ensemble effect have elicited unstinted favorable comment from some of the leading musical journals of the country.

Washington audiences have not been unappreciative of the excellence of the music. The Vesper Services are always very largely attended, and whenever a special musical service is announced it attracts crowds far larger than the Memorial Chapel can accommodate. Neither the charging of an admission fee nor stormy weather could dampen the ardor or diminish the size of the gatherings which have listened to the oratorios and cantatas of recent years.

The present progress is but an earnest of larger things to come. Under the enthusiastic and intelligent leadership of the directress and her assistant the work promises such increases that the time seems not far distant when a real musical conservatory will find its place at Howard University.

The recital of last Thursday, April 8, shows that the pupils have caught the spirit of the instructress. When one considers that these are pupils not only in music but also in the university subjects, their advancement be comes all the more commendable.

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Opportunity

Out of the wilderness, out of the night,
Has the black man crawled to the dawn
of the light;

Beaten by lashes and bound by chains,
A beast of burden with soul and brains.
He has come through sorrow and need
and woe,

And the cry of his heart is to know, to
know."

The above piece of poetry by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, entitled "The Black Man's Claim", is very good, but the cry of the black man to day is not so much "to know", but "to do". He wants adequate opportunities to earn a living. He wants the barriers removed which hinder him on account of his color. He is not responsible for his color, he did not create himself. He is

agitating for all of his constitutional rights as an American citizen, and recognizes the fact that spiritual, intellectual, moral and physical development make a great people, so give him adequate opportunities that he may learn by doing.

R. B. G. '11

OUR PARENTS demand that we accomplish a worthy work, humanity demands that we do our duty, and God demands that we do our best. We cannot read the sealed orders which have been placed in our hands but we breathe the prayer that in victory or defeat, success or failure, we may rise in the strength of manhood and womanhood to meet the issues that confront us and "To be, rather than to seem".

A. M. C., '11

Negro Represents Harvard

T. M. Gregory, of Bordentown, New Jersey, a negro member of the Harvard Debating Team, which won from Yale several days ago, is being congratulated by friends and admirers for his excellent work, says the New York Age. Mr. Gregory deserves much credit for the honor he has brought upon himself and upon the race to which he belongs.

Wanted—A Man

"The great need of the age", says a writer in our current literature, "is men, business men, men of practical sense, men of push and energy, men who can grasp the

detail of business and carry it forward to a successful issue."

To my mind this is a first and reasonable demand; for it is men in the highest sense who are to make the world brighter and better in every way. Civil Society is calling for men who are not for sale; sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as in others; men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for a square deal if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who will tell the truth and look the devil straight in the eye; men who never brag nor run, neither swagger nor flinch; men who can have courage without whistling for it, and joy without shouting to bring it; men in whom the current of everlasting life runs still deep and strong; men caretful of God's honor and careless of men's applause; men who know their duties and do them; men who know their places and fill them; men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have earned, and wear what they have paid for; men who are supported by an iron-clad vertebral column; who are well charged with Divine electricity, filled with the wisdom that comes from above; men of God.

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Commercial Education

Until a comparatively recent period the term "Commercial Education" was unknown in this country, and although the movement in favor of commercial education has for the last 50 years made considerable progress, the question what is commercial education, is still put by the average man. He knows what a professional education is, but he does not seem to know how business can be taught as it has so many ramifications. He contends that what might be taught for one kind of business would be of no service in another and thus concludes that knowledge of a business can be acquired only by experience. He is partly right. The secret of business success can not be taught; but notwithstanding this fact there is a place for commercial education. Commercial education is a practical business education which fits those who intend to enter business careers for the work they will have to perform.

The field of commercial activity is vastly growing, thus demanding business men; the general character and methods of modern business are quite complicated, thus demanding EDUCATED business men. The whole country, therefore is recognizing the fact that the only road to a successful commercial career is through those colleges and universities which have developed courses especially adapted to the requirements of commercial life. The following, a report of the U. S. Bureau of Education, will help to show the great increase in the number of schools for business training: In 1870 there were 26 business schools and 5,824 students; in 1880, 162 schools and 27,146 students; in 1890, 263 schools and 78,920 students; and in 1900 there were 137,364 students in commercial colleges, excluding those students who were pursuing commercial courses in colleges and high schools.

The commercial man is becoming THE ONE important factor in

the civilized world. He is solving problems and doing other things that the scientific or classical man does not touch. A large percentage of the political questions of the day as, "Control of Trusts", "Taxation," or "Banking," are merely commercial questions. To solve such questions, commercial education is needed. Will not the man who has a working knowledge of business principles be better qualified to solve such questions?

The doctor studies medicine, the lawyer studies law, the preacher studies theology, so the business man studies the arts of business.

ROBERT B. GREENE, '11



The Negro's Opportunity in the Business World

Many of us have never stopped to think of the unlimited opportunities that await our race in the business world. Although some people sneer at the very idea of a Negro seeking for an education that will prepare him for the commercial world, yet when asked their reason, they reply, "The Negro has not the money to start business", or else they reply, "There is nothing for him to do". Should the same people take a little more consideration about the matter I think they would soon realize that we have broader opportunities in the business world than anywhere else.

In the census of 1900 there were 9,312,585 Negroes in the United States. By far the large majority of this vast number were landlords and farmers. A very few of them were merchants, bankers and brokers. Those few who chose these occupations have met with unlimited success. Richmond, Va., for instance, has four saving banks, which are all doing a thriving business. The resources of the First Colored People's Bank are reported at over \$555,000. Several Building and Loan Associations and Insurance Companies have already been organized and are being successfully conducted

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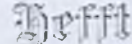
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Personal

The young ladies of Miner Hall were glad to welcome the pretty weather, they were also glad to welcome the Easter Holidays, but most of all they were glad to welcome the expressman.

Misses Alice and Roselin West spent the Easter holidays at home.

Miss L. T., of Miner Hall, accidentally hurt her finger Wednesday and she was heard to exclaim "Doggett".

Miss C. G., of the Commercial College says she has always admired professional men and that she especially admires the "Taylors."

Wanted—A beau in the middle class. "Heard?"

Wallace— Grocer— Lewis? would rather "Rust" out than to be "Chased" out.

We hope Miss L. D. P., of the Sophomore Commercial College will not keep us in suspense much longer. We should like to know which will be the lucky fellow, Mr. G. T., Mr. T. C. C. or Mr. T. R. D.

Miss E. O. H., of the Senior College, was asked, "Which one of the holidays did you enjoy the most?" Her reply was, "Monday, because I had 'Lyle's' chocolate almonds, they are so much better than Lowney's."

There is much rejoicing in the School of Medicine over the appropriation of \$5,000. secured for new equipment for this great school, which is constantly improving.

Appreciation of the advancement made in the School of Medicine is shown in the increase of attendance from 212 to over 400 in a little more than two years.

The introduction to a new book of sermons by Bishop Clinton of the A. M. E. Zion Church has been written by President Thirfield. The book is now in press.

Last Tuesday President Thirfield gave an address on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Bishop Thoburn, the renowned missionary to India.

It is incumbent upon some member of the Junior College class to keep a close watch over Mr. Earnest Pollard for fear his Sunday strolls will take him too far away from Howard.

We regret to give up Miss Clarke who has aided so much in the musical life of our University.

Geo. Thomas has cast his hook for a fair maiden.—Beware fair creature.

Miss Carter of Sophomore Commercial has a taste for crackers the same as Thomas Warrick. She likes "Graham" also.

Track meet returns:—Lewis and Murray ran well. Tibbs ALSO ran.

Ben Smith is busily engaged learning the song entitled, "Gee, I wish I had a girl." Will one of the young men who have two or three kindly lend him one.

We are glad to know that Miss Lenoard is improving and wish her a speedy recovery.

THE NEGRO'S OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

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in various cities. The prospects are bright for the establishment of many more negro banks and for the organization of many more associations and companies. These will certainly need competent clerks, book-keepers and stenographers. With this inviting future in store for us, we need more commercial colleges and these colleges will need competent teachers. Then too, a business education is a practical one. Whether one is going to become an agriculturalist, teacher, lawyer, doctor or a theologian he should know something about book-keeping, rapid counting, and about the laws of business of the country in which he lives.

The time is not far distant when the world will realize fully, as it is beginning now to realize, the value of commercial education. The stimulus of necessity will urge us into the business fields and the Negro by patient labor and indomitable perseverance will become a prime factor in the commercial world.

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Athletic Notes

On April 3rd, Howard University Commercial basket ball team, under the leadership of John Murray, met Armstrong Commercial team and was defeated in a hard fought game by the score of 9-6. Murray and Winthrop of Howard starred in their positions.

Among those who participated in the track meet who are to be congratulated upon their good showings are: Desmond, Merchant, Valentine, Stratton, Clifford, Quander and Lewis.

Next Saturday night the Varsity will play the Preps at True Reformers' Hall. The game is expected to be very interesting.

Brown, captain of the Preps base ball team, says it is hard to decide who will make the team as he has so many good men.

Young, captain of the Medics base ball team, is wondering where to put Allen, as he is the only man who plays the game with the exception of "Buck" Hunt.

Birthday Surprise

On Sunday evening, Apr. 11, Mrs. R. W. White was tendered a pleasant birthday surprise supper in the dining room of Miner Hall. The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers.

Mrs. White received the hearty greetings of her many friends who were present. Among them were: Miss Ross, Miss Cora Jackson, Miss E. Morris, Miss I. Hitchins, Miss Phoebe Perry, the Misses Purvis, Miss. Leila Hoffman, Miss Charlott Edwards, Miss A. E. Brown, Mr. R. W. White, Mr. E. P. Davis, and Mr. Jove.

Mrs. White has been in the University for seven years and has made a splendid record. She graduates this year when she will in all probability go back to West Virginia to teach.

Mrs. White is the wife of Mr. R. W. White, the popular clerk to Congressman J. A. Hughes of W. Va.

Great Inter-Department Stag

One of the pleasantest and most enjoyable stags ever pulled off around Howard, was held on last Friday evening in the Montgomery Flats on "You" street, where Messrs Greenlee, Greenlee and Day, of the Medical Department, as hosts, assisted by "Ike" Lawrence, gathered together about fifty young men of all the departments for an evening at whist and feasting.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with college pennants and bunting; and every effort was made by the generous hosts to ensure a most enjoyable evening to the guests, and a most enjoyable evening it was. Space will not permit us to give a list of the names of those present, but suffice it to say that the fifty guests included Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical, Law, College and Academy men, and one interne, Dr. Boyd. Unity, harmony, and good-fellowship were the watchwords and everyone rallied to them.

Over the cups after the supper had been eaten, ringing toasts were responded to in all of which were expressed the love for old Howard and the wish to see her take more and more the foremost ranks in all forms of university activity.

One of the ideas expressed was that Howard should adopt some form of insignia by which she might be known. Princeton has her tiger, Yale her bull dog, and the other big schools their emblems, and Howard too should adopt some emblem, say the lion or the American buffalo,—a capital idea.

Other good things were said which go to show that throughout all the departments there is a growing interest in and love for old Howard and a determination on the part of her students to raise her standard higher and higher. A most elaborate menu was served.

The new wing provided for in the appropriation of the Freedmen's Hospital will contain an additional amphitheatre for clinics and students of School of Medicine.

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