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Howard Defeats Atlanta

ON last Friday evening in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel the Howard team defeated the team from Atlanta University in the second annual debate of the Triangular Debating League. The Chapel was crowded with a large number of the wearers of the “crimson and gray,” and the “blue and white.” The “Atlanta folks” occupied the right side, and the Howardites the left side. The cheering was very hearty on both sides.

The question under discussion was resolved, “That the Initiative and Referendum should be made a part of the legislative system of our States.” Howard upheld the affirmative, and Atlanta the negative side of the question. The debate was marked by the keenness of the contest and the courtesy of the speakers. The two teams met squarely upon the vital issue, and the two-to-one decision of the judges reflected the closeness of the contest. All of the six speakers put up a heady, consistent debate. We feel safe in saying that it was the closest ever contested in by Howard.

However, taking the debate as a whole, it was not quite up to the standard of last year’s.

The judges were, Secretary Wm. Knowles Cooper, of the Y. M. C. A., Principal Williams of the M Street High School, and Prof. Frank O’Hara, of the Catholic University. Atlanta was repre-

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Howard Triumphs Over Fisk

IN the second annual Triangular League Debating Contest between teams from Fisk, Atlanta, and Howard, Howard defeated Fisk, Friday evening, April 7, in Fisk Memorial Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee. Fisk defended the affirmative and

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SONG SERVICE
Choir Wins Palm on Palm Sunday

ONE of the most successful song services ever heard in Howard University was rendered by the University Choir in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel last Sunday. The Choir, under direction of Miss Childers, showed itself in excellent condition. The cantata, “The Seven Last Words,” by Du Bois, was rendered with great success. The Chapel was filled to overflowing and, as usual, sitting room was at a premium.

When Miss Young struck the first chord of the prelude, by Heller, the superiority of tone and volume of our new thousand-dollar Knabe Grand—which was at that service given its initiation into the mysteries of harmony and the Elysium of melody—was readily appreciated. The processional, “Jerusalem, the Golden,” sung by more than forty members vested in their impressive robes, was a real triumphal song that seemed to send a thrill throughout the audience.

After Prayer was offered, Pres. Thirkield, in harmony with the general spirit of the service read from the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the twentieth verse.

The soprano, baritone, and tenor solos were sung by Miss Mabel Diggs, Mr. Jacob Jones, and Mr. Norman Johnson, respectively. Miss Diggs did herself full credit in singing her parts.
She has a voice full of quality and each time she appears one can appreciate a development, an improvement in her style and technique. Her rendition of the solo in the "Seventh Word" was especially good. It is here that the expression, the delicate shading and the proper intonation count, and it was here that she brought out most impressively the contrast in expression between the sentences, "And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: It is finished," and "And He did bow down His head, and rendered up His spirit." Miss Diggs is well known as a soloist and her work always meets with fond appreciation.

Mr. Jacob Jones, the new find, has a baritone voice which with careful training will develop into one of much worth. Although Sunday was his first appearance in solo work, he acquitted himself with credit. Mr. Jones has the goods in him, he has the head and the voice. With more experience and careful training in tone-production, coupled with his excellent articulation, he will prove quite a valuable asset to the Choir.

Mr. Norman Johnson has improved wonderfully. His voice is clear and full of quality, and his breathing good. He has good ideas and what speaks volumes for him is that he puts himself into his work. It is a pleasure to note the improvement in this young man. Give him three years of earnest study and experience and he will prove a soloist of marked ability.

Due praise must be given the soprano section of the choir; for they certainly did sing their part well. It is a pleasure to a director of any musical organization to have reliable leaders—and Miss Childers has greatest confidence in that first row of voices. The choir in general was well balanced and was well under control, observing every call of the baton for the slightest change of tempo or for the various gradations of expression from the forte-tissimo to the ultra pianissimo, through crescendo and decrescendo, throughout the dynamic resources of the musical realm.

Miss Maud Young, accompanist, displayed her remarkable ability by the accuracy with which she executed the most difficult accompaniment to this cantata. Any one who is familiar with it knows that the piano score is nothing like "Home, Sweet Home." The little black dots on that piano score look like an international convention of all the punctuation marks of the various languages of the world. Miss Young has upon many occasions demonstrated her rare gifts and we are proud to have her with us.

To our director, Miss Childers, we extend our heartiest thanks for the excellent service she has rendered us. We realize fully the amount of time and energy that must have been spent to bring the choir up to such a mark of efficiency. She has our best wishes for future success and we entertain the hope that she feels that her labors among us have not been in vain.

Miss Lucy Slowe was the guest of Miss Childers last Sunday.
second speaker of the negative. He pointed out that if the people were educated and would attend to their civic duties, better men could be selected. He also pointed out that there were inherent defects in the proposed system, poorly framed laws, complexity of the ballot, etc.

The last speaker on the affirmative was Charles B. Washington. He opened his argument by pointing out that the negative side had been contending that the Initiative and Referendum should replace the existing system, but the question read, “Should form a part of?” He further contended that the Initiative and Referendum where used had brought excellent results and that the proposed system contained special provisions to thoroughly acquaint the people with each issue, by official distribution, press, speeches, etc.

The main argument was concluded by Robert Jefferson of the negative side. He contended that the defects of the proposed scheme are more detrimental than in the present system. They will be detrimental to certain sections and classes, for example, the Negro. His speech was the strongest on the negative side; he was very forceful and made a very favorable impression.

The Rebuttal

The rebuttal was not up to the usual standard. Henry, the first speaker in the rebuttal, was followed by Wimberly, Jefferson, and Kelly. Abrams concluded the argument for the negative, and Washington for the affirmative. The last named were strongest in the rebuttal. The negative side showed a weakness in the rebuttal in that they tried to make too many points and did not concentrate on a few good points and “drive them home,” as did the affirmative.

The judges rendered a two-to-one decision in favor of the affirmative. — C. H. G.

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Y. M. C. A.

Judge Delacy, in addressing the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, April second, said he was much astonished and impressed spiritually when he ascended the school to our University and overlooked the beautiful scenery below. The splendidly looking, white, public buildings caused him to think of heavenly things. He said the devotion of university men is to be invested in the truth and nothing but the truth. They are to stand for whatever is true, whatever it may cost them, and they should not be slow to own a true heart. As Christians they should not be only true to themselves: and as followers of Christ, they should all be like unto Him. “A true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” They should all be true to duty; and the truth they are learning here should be for useful service all over this land. How admirably, how infinitely precious and good was Christ; and in his life we learn of the highest life of man and the noblest part. When we take the members of our body into consideration we should realize these members are given us that we may serve one another. He, in illustrating, drew out many interesting points in economic training, which he said would help to develop and train one in the true principles of justification. As we look at our beautiful city we should have awakened desires in our hearts and go to those parts of the city which need our attention and assistance and give the necessary help. The building of this city is the work of man’s hand and the man is greater than his work, and we as people governing ourselves cannot have proper control except we be true to ourselves and others. Neither could we govern ourselves unless we can control our conditions. Our country is a great one, not because of its broad land which stretches from ocean to ocean, not because of its high mountains and broad val-
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EDITORIALS

? The approbation of a thousand friends will never counterbalance the treachery of one.

"'Tis so and 'taint so," is all the same to us: we win either way. We just can't help winning all the debates. Next year the Kappa Sigma will have to find some faster company.

The young men of the Y. M. C. A., welcomed the appearance of Judge Norris who spoke to them last Sunday on "The Immortal Man". Judge Norris is an able speaker, an orator of great ability and he always finds a welcome when he comes to us. His lecture on the above subject was masterly delivered. This venerable gentleman is our friend and we are always glad to have him with us.

? The recital given by the music students last Monday at noon was a surprise to the student body. Such services contribute much to the general spirit of the University. It is to be regretted, however, that the full program was not rendered. It is a pity that our authorities were so afraid we would lose five or ten minutes from the regular schedule. When some lectures on going to Africa our regular class work can begin fifteen minutes later. Why could it not be so in such a case as this? The ennobling influence of ten minutes of such music as was rendered on this occasion will always be as profitable as ten minutes in the ordinary class-room and, especially, the first ten minutes.

CREDIT DUE

Much praise is due the untiring efforts of the debaters in these contests. It required time, study, and sacrifice. Too much praise cannot be given to Professors Brawley, Parks, and Tunnell who coached the teams, and to Miss Johnson, our librarian, who secured at great personal inconvenience books, pamphlets and magazines on the subject from other libraries.

To these much credit is due, and they should be remembered in the rejoicing that follows.

HOWARD'S RECORD STANDS

Howard has maintained her record by winning the triangular debate with Fisk and Atlanta. Last year we won four including Fisk, Atlanta, Wilberforce and Lincoln. The Atlanta boys fought well here last Friday night and the teams were pretty evenly matched. Howard won, however, but by no great margin. Our debaters, Washington especially, came up strong in rebuttal and did much to save our banner. The team made an ex-

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ATLANTA ENTERTAINED

The Atlanta debating team was the recipient of many social favors during their stay in Washington. On Thursday night there was a special dinner for them in Miner Hall, the Senior girls acting as the hostesses. Friday morning they visited the various departments of the University and the monastery. They spent Saturday morning visiting the public buildings of the city. Saturday afternoon they were entertained at the residence of Prof. Alonzo Brown. Saturday evening from eight to nine, they were entertained by the Kappa Sigma Debating Club, and at nine the Atlanta University Club of Washington tendered them a banquet at the residence of Prof. Wm. Decatur. They were entertained on Sunday at breakfast by Prof. Decatur and at dinner by Prof. Brown. They were present at the song service in the chapel. They left Sunday evening at eight fifteen o'clock.

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DUBOIS AT ANN ARBOR

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Last Saturday evening, in response to an invitation from the Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois delivered a lecture to the citizens of Ann Arbor at the A. M. E. Church.

The speaker selected for his subject, "The History of Africa." He showed through the development of his subject what an important part the people of Africa have played in the development of civilization. He traced in a very thorough going manner the influence the Negroid race of Africa has furnished toward the advancement of civilization and Christianity "from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" down to the present. On the other hand he showed that this feeling of unity between the Caucasian or white race and the dark skin races is not only a present day feeling, but that it has existed for centuries back; and that it is not only confined to the United States, but it is found in every civilized country where these races are found together.

He said three methods of solution of the status of the Negro had been tried: first, revolt or recourse to arms as was done in the West Indies; second, amalgamation as in South America; and third, making him a citizen as was done in the United States. He ended his lecture, leaving a strong impression that the third and last method is the only solution of this difficult question which now has the attention of the civilized world, and that this method can do it only by granting to the Negro all that the term citizen implies.

When the lecture was over Dr. Du Bois was escorted by the members of the Epsilon Chapter to their chapter house on East Catherine Street where they conferred on him the rank of honorary membership in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. As the Doctor was compelled to leave the city at two a.m., to keep an engagement in Chicago, the occasion was prolonged with a light collation and impromptu speeches until the time for him to take his carriage for the station.

Dr. Du Bois left with his chapter some fatherly advice, and expressed his earnest hopes to see the fraternity do or accomplish a large portion of the work that is possible for it.

A MORAL AXIOM

By Kelly Miller

I hate a cat, the very sight
Of feline form evokes my wrath.
When'er one goes across my path
I shiver with primeval fright.
And yet there is one little kit
I treat with tender kindliness,
The fondled pet of darling Bess:
For I love her and she loves it.

In earth beneath, as Heaven above
It satisfies the reasoning
That those who love the self-same thing
Must also one another love.

Then if our Father loveth all
Mankind of every clime and hue
Who loveth Him must love them too
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citing contest. Following a short musical programme featured by Miss Ward, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Peck Merrill, President Gates of Fisk, presiding officer, announced the conditions governing the debate and the contest began.

Mr. A. B. Lovette '12, opened the subject for the affirmative and after giving a clear concise history of it, set forth the conditions of the affirmative. Mr. Lovette held that the present system is defective while J. E. Stamps '11 maintained the Initiative and Referendum would improve the present system and Mr. C. H. Wesley '11, contended that they are consistent with democracy.

Mr. J. H. McMorris, '11 opened the argument for the negative, charging his opponents to prove that the present system is inadequate to remedy the evils existing: that this proposed system would eradicate the evils without introducing any greater evils. Mr. McMorris held that the Initiative and Referendum are undesirable; Mr. C. Benj. Curley '11 maintained that they are inexpedient while Mr. J. M. Jackson '11 contended that they are actually dangerous.

The negative had a shade the better of the argument and easily outclassed their opponents in re-

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buttal, which resulted in a decision in favor of the negative. The alternates were Mr. C. W. Kelly '12, affirmative; Mr. J. C. Allen '12, negative. The judges were Dr. G. W. Dyer, Dr. A. G. Hall and Mr. J. H. Derrit.

The Reception

The Howard team wishes to thank Fisk again for the generous hospitality shown it. Fisk makes all her visitors welcome and spends no little time in giving one the joys and comforts of the home, for which thing however, southern hospitality is especially noted. This tendency Howard must develop along with her extensive growth.

Prof. W. Tunnell accompanied the team to Nashville and represented the team officially. Prof. Tunnell was equal to the occasion as usual and made a host of friends in Nashville as well as the boys did. Many thanks to Fisk for her cordial reception.

CAMPUS JOTS

(Held over from last week)

On last Friday, Prof. Brawley addressed the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society on the subject, "Methods in English."

The singing of the "Prep" quartette at the Interscholastic Debate last Friday night created unusual interest. We hope to hear from them again.

It is strange that every class in the Academy has some shade of "yellow" in their class colors. However, they showed plainly that they have no "yellow" in them.

At the Alpha Phi Literary Society last week the subject of "Co-education" was brought up for open discussion. Some powerful arguments were brought up by the "pros" and "cons."

On last Saturday evening, the Alpha Phi Literary Society gave an informal social in Miner Hall. The first part of the evening the members were favored with a short program after which they retired to the dining hall where they were served with a delightful repast.

Mr. Clarence W. Palmer, a graduate of the Commercial College of Howard University, class 1910, and who was compelled to suspend his studies in the Teachers' College, January 14th, on account of illness, has enrolled as a student in the Rochester Business Institute. Mr. Palmer is to pursue the Normal Training Course for Commercial Teachers during the spring and summer sessions. The school enrollment is about 400 and the Howard lad is the only colored member of the student body.

On last Thursday at regular chapel services the Reverend Doctor Moody of the Students' Volunteer Movement spoke on the "Charms and Needs of Africa." He gave a very graphic and interesting description of Africa, treating the geographical as well as the political and religious sides. He showed a very thorough knowledge of Africa. The needs and claims were brought out very clearly. What the country needs are Christian missionaries. The Mohammedans are fast gaining a foot hold on the country. His talk was very favorably received.

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The programme was very artistically arranged and all the numbers were beautifully rendered, the instrumental as well as the vocal. The programme was as follows: Instrumental Solo by Miss Olive Jones, vocal solo by Miss Lelia Fitzgerald, instrumental solo by Miss Paola Green, vocal solo by Miss Malone Thomas, instrumental solo by Miss Olive Jones, vocal solo by Miss Perle Alexander, instrumental solo by Miss Green and a vocal solo by Miss Mabel Diggs. All the instrumental numbers were very beautifully accompanied by Miss Mabel Dykes.

We hope the Music Department will favor us with similar programmes at a later date.

On last Monday after the regular chapel Services, Dean Kelly Miller gave an informal talk to the College of Arts and Sciences. He urged them to take advantage of the many opportunities offered in the addresses delivered at Vespers and Chapel and attendance at other school exercises.

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J. D. Cabaniss, Phar., Sergeant-at-arms.

At this meeting the following resolution was adopted and it was voted that a copy of the same be sent to the University Journal for publication:

Whereas the Council of Upper Classmen under the present administration has assumed dignity and prestige under the present corps of officers; and

Whereas this great progress was largely due to the energetic excellence of the incumbent of the chair and his associate officers.

Be it resolved that the Council of Upper Classmen extend to the president and his corps of officers a vote of thanks and further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the University Journal for publication.

Invitations for the Annual Formal Prom of the Council, to take place Tuesday evening, April 18, are now being issued. Students desiring to attend, or to have their friends attend, will please send their names to the Invitation Committee, Council of Upper Classmen, Howard University.

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“Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And o'er it softly her warm ear lays,
Whether we look or whether we listen
We hear life murmur or see it glisten
And every cloud feels a stir of might.”

Some may say that they cannot study in the spring, that the spring-fever takes possession of them too greatly to allow them to study. Let this not be the feeling of Howard students. Let it rather be a feeling of sense of honor in upholding or rather in redeeming the scholarship of the University and of endeavoring to make up, as much as possible, for the precious time lost during the winter months.