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DEDICATION OF THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The dedication of the new Carnegie Library, on last Monday afternoon, April the twenty-fifth, brought Howard University more prominently before the eyes of the public, than it has ever been before. The occasion was one of unusual grandeur and did more to show the real worth and importance of the University than any other public function.

At half past three o'clock, the President of the United States, Mr. Carnegie, and several other distinguished guests arrived on the campus, and were hailed with a tremendous shower of cheers of greetings. As the company of distinguished guests entered the grounds at the sixth street entrance, the University band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," and wild enthusiasm ran rampant for half an hour. They were conducted by President Thirkield into the new library building for a private inspection of Mr. Carnegie's gift. After which they proceeded, at four o'clock to the Memorial Chapel, where the first half of the dedication exercises were held. As the company marched steadily along the concrete pavement, that connects these two edifices, the band played "America" while more than twelve hundred students and visitors greeted the "Hero of Donors" and the President of the United States with cheers, with waving of hats and with all manner of salutes completed the first row. When these were seated the University Vested Choir of forty marched in singing "Ancient of Days" and Rev. Dr. Hurst offered prayer. The choir sang an anthem, after which President Thirkield introduced Mr. Carnegie, as President Taft had requested that he speak first. Mr. Carnegie rose amid a great shower of applause and stood for several minutes before he gained an audience. When he began he said in part: "It is only during the last few minutes that I have gained an adequate conception of this University. The impression it has made is unequalled. I see here the nucleus for the uplifting of a race. I have seen Hampton and Tuskegee. Here you not only give practical training, but you have set a standard equal to that of the other institutions of higher learning, and the Carnegie Education Trust believes you are entitled to a share in the Carnegie fund."

Here Mr. Carnegie turned to the subject of the day—the Library.
He told of his early love for books, and how, through many difficulties he gained access to a library, and how he had resolved, after having made up his mind to make a fortune, to make it easier for others to have this privilege than it was for him.

In speaking of libraries and books he said, "all my success I owe to books. Books are the best kind of philanthropy. They don't give anything for nothing.

The best society to get into is the society of a library. It is a triumphant democracy; it is no respecter of persons. When the colored race becomes truly educated the problem of races will be settled in the equality of education."

After Mr. Carnegie had finished, and the University Glee Club had rendered a beautiful selection, Mr. Putman, Librarian of the Congressional Library was introduced. He spoke of the kindred relation between the library over which he has charge and the one that was being dedicated. His address was one of a high classical order and very appropriate for the time and place. He spoke of the assimilation of much knowledge through constant use of the library and the reading of good books.

President Taft delivered the last address in the chapel and then the whole scene was transferred to the library where after a brief speech by President Thurkild, Commissioner Rudolph handed over the keys to Justice Job Barnard, President of the Board of Trustees of Howard University and the dedication exercises was brought to a close by singing "America."

The Dedication of the Library on last Monday marks a great awakening in the life of Howard University. The eyes of the country are turned upon it as never before. Evidences of this fact are shown in the letters which President Thurkild received from Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Oberlin, Princeton, Northwestern and many other institutions.

A grander occasion can be credited to no institution. Mr. Putman Librarian of the Congressional Library, at the beginning of his address said "this occasion is great because of the salutations which embrace the President of the United States, the President of the University, and (turning to Mr. Carnegie) the President of Cheerful Givers."

It can not be expected that the President of the United States will lay aside the many duties which should have his attention and spend a whole afternoon on Howard's Campus just merely to be seen and cheered by a thousand students. Mr. Taft fully realizes as he plainly stated in the course of his few remarks just what Howard means to this nation, and that not only ought the University consider it a great honor, but the country at large ought to rejoice.

But to turn again to the Library, which now stands as a beacon light upon the "Hill". Mr. Carnegie said, that of the two hundred or more libraries which it has been his good fortune to visit, he has not seen one more beautiful than ours. This includes the libraries of all the leading schools in the east, north and west.

While the body was assembled in the library, Rev. Dr. Grinke was given an opportunity to speak, and his address was a high tribute to Howard University, its work and to those who are responsible for such noble work.

Mr. Carnegie closed the meeting with those wonderful words of our Savior, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

WHAT NAPS HEARD

Our old friend Naps has been a way for a long time but has returned now and will be heard regularly. He tried to be witty and couldn't so he wont "say" anything anymore but will tell you what he has "heard."

Moon, moon pretty silvery moon, wont you please shine Friday night!! Boys.
RESOLVED: That the amount of property transferable by inheritance should be limited by statute.

This eagerly awaited debate was held in Galloway Auditorium, Wilberforce University, Thursday, Apr. 21, 1910 at 7:30 p.m. The Auditorium seating 1500 was filled. The Wilberforcians were in evidence with their wild yells and shrieks for victory while their banners and flags wildly waved in anticipation of another victory over Howard. The affirmative side was supported by three of Howards loyal and representative sons, Messrs. Pollard, Scott and Neely. The negative was supported by Messrs. Palmer, Crew and Henderson.

Neely led in an eloquent speech showing that swollen fortunes are a menace politically and economically and that it is necessary to prevent unlimited inheritance because a more equitable distribution is desirable.

He was followed by Capt. Palmer the pride of Wilberforce. Palmer who was a member of last year's team drew from the audience a deafening applause. The next speaker upon the affirmative was Scott, who seeing that Palmer had the audience, for one minute with all his powers of sarcasm and argument attacked the argument of Palmer before beginning his main speech.

This method proved very effectual in weakening the ground of the Wilberforcians. Scott in his main argument established that society has the right to limit because the statute is both legally and economically sound; that by remedying existing evils will check the growing demand for socialism. Crews the second negative speaker made an able speech, only to be weakened by Pollard in a well directed rebuttal preliminary to his main argument. Captain Pollard had last year met the same enemy upon the same rostrum. In a very forcible manner plunged into his main argument, showing that society has a strong claim to share in all fortunes; that the proposed statute was sound in principle and practical closing with an eloquent summary of the arguments for the affirmative. Henderson the last negative speaker closed with a fitting and eloquent argument.

The Howard boys clearly out-classed their opponents in the five minutes allotted each for rebuttal.

Captain Pollard, Scott and Neely showed themselves masters of extemporaneous rebuttal by destroying every argument presented by their opponents and by producing concrete evidence that the victory which they had already won.

The team is to be congratulated not only upon regaining lost laurels but it must be remembered that the contest was held before a hostile audience and local judges. This victory was made possible through the enthusiasm and assistance of Doctor Parks, who accompanied the team. This article could not rightfully be closed without paying tribute to the hospitality and cordiality of the great hearted Wilberforcians.

Howard Morning at Asbury M. E. Church

Prof. J. G. Logan, Vice-President of the Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church, 11 and K. Streets N. W., has arranged the following Missionary Program for Sunday, May 1, 1910 at 10 a.m. Address, Mr. J. F. Dagler. Vocal Solo, Miss Sadie Davis. Students' Volunteer Movement explained, Mr. H. H. Summers. Piano Solo, Miss Carrie Burton. Address, Mr. Ernest Pollard. Cornet Solo, Mr. W. C. Chase, Jr. Selection, University Glee Club. Messrs. Butler, English and Wilson of the Lyric Orchestra will be present to assist with the music.

P. G. Totten, who for several weeks, has been confined to the hospital, has returned to the hill.

Howard Victorious in all Four Debates

At chapel on Monday, an unusual scene was witnessed when the victorious teams that had met and vanquished the teams of Lincoln and Wilberforce Universities in debate, came in amid tremendous cheers, and ascended the platform. The victorious teams that had won in the debates with Fisk and Atlanta Universities then were called forward. An enthusiastic ovation was then given to these four teams that had won in debate against four of the leading universities of the nation. This fact has made a deep impression throughout the country, that a university with a body of students in the regular college work numbering less than two hundred and fifty should be able to put out four teams in one season and win a victory against the teams put forth by the several other institutions.

THOUGHTS

Life's greatest bliss—a duty done, Its greatest woe—the task you shun.

Be contented, but not satisfied, the one is an essential to success, the other the mother of failure.

Nothing less than perfection of manhood, should be our aspiration, this is possible, and any motive lower, is not in harmony with the Divine plan.

'Twere folly to be selfish, one's best realizations come when in the spirit of benevolence and beneficent action, he reaches out towards his fellows.

T. B. LIVINGSTON

NOTICE

On the evening of May seventh, Saturday, the Class in Physics, of the Academy, will have an exhibit. There will also be a promenade concert on the campus. The university band will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served in Miner Hall.
Cricket Game Saturday

Howard has shown herself capable of defending herself with both brain and brawn during the last year. However another victory is always welcomed. This victory you will witness Saturday when Howard again defeats Lincoln. This time it will be in a cricket match, the first of its kind between Howard and Lincoln. Howard defeated a team from Atlantic City last year. The game is new to some but when understood is very interesting. It is the national game across the waters and is engaged in with enthusiasm and spirit.

Howard will be represented by P. D Milliard (Captain), W. H Barrett, E. C. Young, D. O. Walker, E. N Roberts, G. N. Overton, J. Jordan (manager), E. L. Rance, C. Dyer, V. DeSouze, Brathwate and Dotten.

Game called at one P. M.  
Admission 20 cents. Ladies 15 cents.

THE BAR

We are indebted to the Philadelphia Press, Sunday, April 23, for the following poem said to have been written by a convict in the Joliet prison, Illinois.

The saloon is sometimes called a bar—that's true:
A bar to Heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it, named it well.

A bar to Heaven, a door to hell;  
A door to tears and aching hearts;  
A bar to honored, useful life;  
A door to darkness and despair.

A door to want and broken health;  
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,  
A door to grief and sin and shame.

A bar to honor, pride and fame;  
A door to sentiment, to rest.  
A bar to every drunkard’s grave;  
A bar to joy that home imparts.

A door to tears and aching hearts;  
A bar to Heaven, a door to hell;  
Whoever named it, named it well.

There is no better time than now to pay your subscription. It is long since due.

MR. W. C. CHANCE

Mr. W. C. Chance, principal of the newly established Higgs Industrial School at Parmele, North Carolina is meeting with pretty good success in his efforts to raise means for the support of his school. Through his activity he has just secured from two very prominent men the promise of three thousand dollars. This amount is to be given on condition that he raise one thousand from other sources.

Mr. Chance left Washington last summer with less than enough money to pay his railroad fare to North Carolina; knowing the condition well, for he is a native of the old “North State”, so he determined to do something to better the conditions, so he decided to found an industrial school. He purchased with his own word a small plot of land, erected a frame building and in October swung open the doors to the public.

Noble Gift of Upper-Classmen to the Library

In making up the list for invitation cards to the Carnegie Library, President Thirkield called in the Deans on the hill, and had their cooperation. They all regret the oversight of certain names, which of course is inevitable. That which given them especial regret however, is the fact that some of the members of the Council of Upper Classmen did not have cards, as the space was so small that the senior classes were included. When the President’s attention was called to the fact that the members of the Council of Upper Classmen were thus excluded, the matter was remedied, so far as practical. He realizes that they should have been included, even if some of the senior classes of the lower departments had to be left out. His appreciation of the gift of the lamps that adorn the front entrance was such that he called Mr. Carnegie’s especial attention to them as an evidence of college spirit which was commendable and hopeful for the future of the institution. He also called to the attention of Mr. Carnegie the unique way in which the books were removed from the old library by the hearty cooperation of the young men of all departments, who without interfering with recitations, carried the more than forty thousand books over to the new Carnegie Library. The president was assured that these incidents made a favorable impression on our generous donor.
GRAND RECITAL

MRS. Carrie Bland Scheler of Boston, Massachusetts, assisted by Mr. Nathaniel L. Guy, Mr. J. T. Layton, Jr. and an octette of four young ladies and four gentlemen, gave a grand recital at True Reformers Hall, Prince.

Mrs. Scheler sang "Robert Belved" (Meyerbeer), "Barbier Di Siviglia" (Rossini), and "Il Bacio" (L. Ardite). The lady has a very beautiful voice full of quality especially in the higher register. Her interpretation was more than commendable. The last piece was sung in Italian and made a great hit. She was encored freely and long after each rendition. Mr. Nathaniel Guy read "Fra Giacomo" with his usual feeling and thoroughness. Mr. Guy possesses a marked ability along this line and can handle his audience with ease. Young Mr. Layton sang beautiful, showing a fine taste. We must mention the octette for its part added much to the occasion. The appearance of the four young ladies in their beautiful costumes took the audience by storm.

The whole affair was one of the first class, a good as recital as any one would wish to hear but it is sad to say that the crowd was not very large. The people of Washington do not support such things as they should. Money spent on musical attainments tending towards perfection is a very poor investment for the members of our race. Our talented musicians do not receive the proper support. This appreciation should begin at home right here in Washington, the center of culture and the home of many worthy artists. We hope to live to see the time when a Negro will compose a grand opera which accompanied by a first class Negro orchestra consisting of forty excellent musicians will be rendered in a theater owned and managed by Negroes supported by the Negroes in Washington. How long must I live to see that?

It matters not how long or how soon it will be, I would be willing to die the next day if I could only see such a thing take place once. It is possible with the talent we have in this city and if we have not enough here certainly they may be had elsewhere. If our people would only show their appreciation, some musical genius would be at his piano now coaxing harmonies.

Our race possesses many Tetrazinis, Bernhardts, Carusos, Paderewskis, Damrosch and the like if they were granted room and other opportunities to develop.
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EDITORIALS

* The man who does nothing for himself, but expects somebody else to sound his own horn is liable never to be heard, no matter how well qualified he may be to perform his task. We are now living in an aggressive age, and timidity and self-reserve must take a back seat.

* It has been predicted by some scientists that Hale’s comet will sweep the earth about the 18 or 20 of May, and numerous electrical disturbances will follow. But there are other scientists who say that there is no grounds for such belief. These conflicting views give rise to much anxiety and some little uneasiness; but as the time set is not so very far off, probably many of us will survive to see the dates at least.

* The school year 1909-10 marks the most prosperous year in the history of the University; not in one respect but in every way, the raising of the standard of all departments, increase in number of students, enlargement of the faculty, and an increase of harmony and general cooperation of both faculty and students for the betterment of the University. On this account, the unheard of success in debates has attended our cause. Out of a body of less than one hundred and fifty male students in the School of Liberal Arts we have accepted and won four intercollegiate debates. We have won in the North and in the South, in the East and in the West. In football we swept the field without being scored on. Everything that comes within the scope of University activity except base ball has been smiled upon by success.

TRIBUTE BY EDITOR OF "THE BEE"

"Volume 4 No. 1 of the catalogue of Howard University has just been published and distributed. It is no doubt the best and most concise and complete catalogue that has ever been published by the institution. The catalogue is an evidence of the work of Dr. Thirkield, the President, who has done so much to make Howard University one of the greatest institutions in the United States. Dr. Thirkield has not only made this a great institution for the colored youth but he is one of the races greatest defenders. His many utterances in the defense of the colored race have been manly, eloquent and fearless. Whatever Dr. Thirkield has done has been to elevate the high standard of Howard University and its patrons. The catalogue just published should be in the hands of every lover of the institution.

There is a strong faculty at this institution in all of its branches. The board of trustees is composed of some of the strongest and greatest jurists in the country. Justice Job Banard one of the judges of Supreme Court of the District of Columbia is president.

He is a man, loved and honored for his fairness and humanity for all living beings. Judge Thomas H. Anderson another member of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and a member of the board of trustees is another friend of the race and a man who means to be fair and just to all.

Hon. Cuno H. Rudolph, commissioner of the District of Columbia also, a member of the board, is beyond all doubt a true friend of the colored race and not too big to give the most humble citizen a respectful hearing."

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

The Choir was delightfully entertained last Friday evening by the Misses Childers and Young. The young ladies all looked charming and the musical director was pleased as well with their looks, as she is at times with their beautiful rendition of music. The early part of the evening was spent in playing games; but later on there was something of more interest to all. Ask any member of the choir what it was.

The President came in during the course of events and expressed his gratitude to the choir for the excellent work it is doing. "If you want to be educated all round don’t leave out the music side, and to be most benefitted join the choir."

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A SURPRISE

Miss Maude Young was very pleasantly surprised last Monday evening with a birthday party. Miss Hutchins kept it quite a secret and at nine-thirty Miss Young was called in together with a few young ladies. The time was spent in making away with all the good things to eat and guessing at conundrums. Miss Davis, Perry, Higgs, Sandors, Cuff, Lutterlow and Hutchins were present and enjoyed themselves to the highest. Everything was made known except her “Young” age.

THE Howard UNIVERSITY Band

Since its recent reorganization the Howard University Band has been somewhat handicapped for lack of instruments and music. Last week we were furnished one large helicon bass, one euphonium, two Alto horns, a clarinet, a pair of cymbals and two sets of music consisting of overtures and up-to-date marches. Now the band can begin more earnest work in preparation for the coming events such as the dedication of the new library and the annual commencement. The latter part of this month the band will give a series of open air concerts.

We learned with much regret, a few days ago, of the death of Miss Zelda Z. Anderson, who was compelled to return to her home in Hinton, West Virginia, in the early part of January on account of bad health.

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