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## Arts and Sciences Banquet

**T**HE First Annual Banquet of the College of Arts and Sciences was held in Miner Hall, Friday evening, May 9th, 1913. It was largely attended and the spirit of the occasion was well typified in the speeches of those present. Owing to the illness of the wife of President Newman he was compelled to leave early, in fact even before the banqueters had sat down. His speech, however, was full of the reminiscences of college days and vibrant with evidences of his broad and thorough scholarship.

After an informal reception in the reception rooms of Miner Hall, the gathering repaired to the artistically decorated dining hall where the banquet proper began. Quite an elaborate menu was served, and after the salad the toastmaster, Mr. Jerry Luck, arose and in fitting style introduced the Dean of the college, Kelly Miller, who with masterly style and eloquence held forth on *esprit de corps* and high ideals. There was a ship at sea, said Professor Miller, and owing to the tremendous storm which was raging, all objects which might serve as marks were obscured from view, all save one star on which the mariner kept his eye and without wavering held his vessel steady in her course. But soon the raging of the storm increased and the angry clouds covered this one star. Then to guide his ship the mariner had no visible mark, but keeping his eye on the place where he saw the star, when the dark clouds overshadowed it he guided his ship safely to port.

And so it is that ultimate success may be obtained by keeping true to high ideals.

Toast after toast was given after some appropriate introduction by the toastmaster all bearing on the ideal of the College of Arts and Sciences. About 1 o'clock Dean Cook arrived just from making an address at the Mus-o-Lit-Club in the city. He gave a reminiscence talk on Howard since his residence here. About 2 o'clock Dean Miller looked doubtfully at his watch, his action however was observed by the toastmaster and others and he was given to understand distinctly, forcefully and implicitly that this was a student affair and the students would stay out as late as they pleased, regardless of how much he, the faculty might try to interfere. Those who gave toasts were—Professor T. M. Gregory, J. E. Rose, C. L. Johnson, I. G. Bailey, J. Love, J. D. McLendon, L. H. Brown, Miss Z. J. Chisom, Miss L. Gatewood, J. R. Johnson, Miss Virgie Porter, E. A. Love, J. B. Walker, W. P. Tucker, Frank Coleman and T. R. Davis. Each one gave an enthusiastic two minute speech on an appropriate subject. About 2:30 with the singing of "Howard, I Love Old Howard," the banquet concluded, and all participants retired to their downy couches or some other places far, far from Miner Hall. --Frank Coleman

Senior Examinations began last Monday, May 19.

C. M. D. Harlee, '14 is a delegate to the National Negro Educational Congress, to be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 15-19.

## The Onslaught of Injustice

This little effort has been lent most pleasingly and gratuitously to the Howard College Club of the N. A. A. C. P. It is published under the auspices of the club and marks the first undertaking of the club in this regard.

T. R. Davis

**I**T is a glaring fact, fellow collegians, that dire injustice is, today, heaped upon the American Negro to a proportion and rapidity unequaled in the history of the American people. In the very light of civilization and even in the name of the Christian religion, the American Negro is more and more deprived of rightful opportunity to gain a livelihood, simple justice before the law and even respect as a human being.

Industrial opportunity for the Negro in the North is becoming more restricted day by day. The labor unions continue to bolt and close the door on him. They declare him an unskilled laborer while the white man, no matter how unskilled, is given work and opportunity to become skilled in labor. Mr. George Edward Haynes says, "A long stride towards securing economic Justice can be made by the labor unions' extending a welcome to the Negro." Hotel work is gradually taken away from the Negro. When the old hotel is renovated and a lucrative salary is prospective, the Negro is either pushed back into the "pack horses" American dining room, or supplanted entirely by the white waiter. Then, too, out of the large number of hotels erected and put into operation each year, only a very few employ the Negro waiters and bell-boys. Even

a force is now at work to eliminate the Negro train porter from work. Again, in the numberless business firms of the North, how many doors are open to the well prepared Negro? A white boy and a colored boy may work along side one another as messengers, but the white boy may rise to the highest position in the firm, while the equally capable and deserving colored boy may rise only to the head janitorship. Now, this is the arbitrary restriction of industrial opportunity for the Negro in the North.

In the South, the Negro is compelled more and more to seek livelihood by means of limited and "Jim Crow" opportunities. Here of late, the success of the Negro as a farmer has been praised, but that does not argue that he should be barred from the higher and more profitable pursuits of life. On the contrary it argues well that he should be given unrestricted opportunities in order that he may exercise the power of stick-to-it-iveness, industry, and durability, already demonstrated, for the more efficient support of himself and his country. In Georgia not long ago the Negro locomotive fireman was pushed out of work for no reason whatever, by the white laborer. Then, too, the life-crushing peonage system, actually holding people in involuntary servitude, and other remnants of the pernicious "Black Codes" continue to curb the freedom and facility of the Negro in gaining a rightful livelihood.

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Thus, in every section of the country and in every field of endeavor, the Negro is increasingly hampered in gaining a livelihood and ineptly denied industrial justice. Professor George Burman Foster of the University of Chicago struck the keynote when he recently wrote in the *Survey*, "How unbrotherly, how derogatory and paralyzing to the Negro's ability and possibility is it to restrict his opportunity to the drudgery and humdrum of the menial and the mediocre! Mopping floors, cleaning streets and sewers, washing dishes in restaurants, and the like—the arbitrary limitations of the Negro's opportunity to these tasks is unnecessary and unbrotherly on the part of our industrial and social life."

Again, the horrible and barbarous lynching of human beings still spreads over new fields without any effective or immediate opposition. Nowadays, lynching of Negroes takes place with such wide spread frequency that the minds of men are becoming inured to the barbarous and brutal act. Negro after Negro in the country district and on the farm is murdered, mobbed and hanged in total ignorance to the public at large. More significant still is the effrontery of the Governor of South Carolina, who proves himself worthy of the venerable Senate of the United States by his endeavors to legalize lynching and to dehumanize mankind. Suppose we do estimate the governor's barbaric acts by considering the source, will he not receive the plaudits of thousands of people and surmount on this very platform into the Senate? Again, we note that France's first suggestion to the newly elected President of the United States, was, that he should endeavor to put an end to this atrocious lynching; but, will a Democratic President, the exponent of Southern principles and thought, looking for-

ward to a second term, make an outright and unmistakable stand against lynching. Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford in his notable poem, "On the Photograph of a Lynching" tells of the attitude characteristic of this day and time with regard to lynching. Says he:

"Thousands of readers, but no heart is stirred,

Hundreds of statesmen, but no move is made.

Ten thousand prophets, but no trumpet word.

Millions of men, cold, cruel, or afraid.

No brave blood burns with anger at the sight.

God ring down the curtain—put out the light."

Simple justice before the law is withheld from the Negro in many respects; but simple justice before the law with regard to lynching is certainly the most distorted and disrespected.

Fellow collegians, take another view of this mass of injustice to which more is added as the days come on. Consider how the Negro is deprived of respect as a human being. Opposition against the Negro's right of choosing a place of residence, is springing up everywhere over the country; and in the very face of this brazen treatment in the city the Negro is made a victim of the "Klu Klux Klan" in the district; for besides many towns of the South and Southwest, where there are signs saying, "No Negroes allowed," the white people actually drive the Negroes from their homes, as in the case

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of Marietta, Georgia, January 1912. Again, a disfranchisement bill has been introduced in Missouri; and a bill for the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment has been introduced in South Carolina, and is promised to be introduced in the National Congress. A bill for "Jim Crow" street cars has been introduced in the legislature of Delaware; and a bill is now in Congress providing for "Jim Crow" cars in the Metropolis of the nation. Bills for separate schools have been introduced in California and Colorado; and in Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, New York, Minnesota, Illinois, New Jersey, Vermont, and Michigan, bills against the intermarriage of races have been introduced. By these unreasonable steps on the part of many of the American people, the Negro is certainly deprived of respect as a human being.

It is evident, then, fellow collegians, that the American Negro is burdened now more than ever with dire injustice and is incessantly deprived of rightful opportunity. Do not be misled by superficial and immediate gain, but stand on fundamental and universal principles. "Jim Crow" barriers are not beneficial because they give rise to Negro enterprise, but harmful because they hinder the highest achievement of efficiency and success in business. In the language of the Crisis, "Disfranchisement is undemocratic; Jim Crow legislation adds insult to theft; color discrimination is barbarism." Anything less than absolute unrestricted opportunity is not only unjust but detrimental to progress and prosperity.

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Reverend Brooks said in part to the nurses: "You jeopardize your life to save others. Yours is a service angels might well perform." Speaking of the future of the nurses, he said:

"I predict not only a life of profit or of respect, but a life of honor for the services you are to render." He defined the relationship of the nurse to physicians as that of the Executive to the Legislative Department in these words:

"You are your physician's executive. He determines the remedies to be applied and then turns away. It is for you to bring the sick back to life, and it is no small duty." Reverend Brooks concluded his address with the trust for the future lives of the graduates, that they might be of pure service, beneficial to the world and an honor to the school which they represent.

The exercises were presided over by Dr. W. A. Warfield, Surgeon-in-Chief. President Newman, presented the diplomas.

The first Tennis Tournament on Howard Campus will begin Monday afternoon.

Dean L. B. Moore of the Teachers College represented Howard University in the Sociological Congress, in Atlanta, April 25-29.

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## EDITORIAL

The Commencement season has about begun, the weeks have already taken on the gala aspect. They are crowded with functions that require a large proportion of the time of all the students. Let not your school work suffer in these days of "hustle and bustle."

That the Sophomores have been taken into the Council of Upperclassmen, thereby giving indications of having attained the high water mark of college recognition, there is but one order of

lower classmen in Howard. These reign supreme in their sphere. This means that there are to be no more Sophomore—Freshman clashes. These conflicts add considerably to college spirit and enthusiasm. In fact, they are the motivating principles in the development of a strong wholesome *esprit de corps*.

For such reasons, it would probably be best to withhold the Sophomores from the Council to the last possible moment hereafter, until the last meeting of the organization, possibly, in the school year. Although they are called Upperclassmen, still they must remember that we still have a Sophomore Class, that must meet the requirements of certain undergraduate rulings. They must obey all the regulations enforced throughout the year. The customary deference is still to be paid to the Juniors and Seniors. In other words, Sophomores must remember that the calling of a sheep's tail a leg does not make it a leg in reality.

## Man———Bosh

Poets will tell you and in good faith too, that "Man is the nobler growth our realms supply

And souls are ripened in our northern skies."

The poets are ever saying similar things but whether it is said or not or matters not by whom it is said, man, as a matter of fact believes the above about himself and even more. If it were not for the lack of leisure or the eradication of rare streaks there would be a movement to swat or rather kill not only the house fly but every living thing that happens not to be classified under the name man.

Man—"in action, how like an angel! in apprehension, how like a god!" The same idea again, that every atom on this earth is for him, and that he, man, is an aggregate of the best of the atoms.

Every spider and snake does not bite, most of them do not

and only a few are poisonous to man; yet it is his soul's ("ripened in our northern skies") delight to crush and kill these animals on sight.

Every insect and fly is not here expressly to bring disease and death to man; yet it is the latter's insatiate desire to destroy every tiny thing coming too near his vicious ten fingers. The harmless cricket, the fire fly, the ant, the snail and worm, all are slaughtered on sight as much as if they were the most deadly parasites and the worst of pests.

Even the robins, the flickers, the grackles, the birds that help to make the cheery campus have taken wing too often because of cruelly aimed stones. Is there any wonder that squirrels are rare on the Hill? In a day or two innocent brown rabbits will venture far on the greensward well away from their burrows. In an instant the whole campus will hail the event in the usual way. From Paenae Academy to Senior College, even those torpid fellows that have been hibernating all winter, will take part and chase the poor rabbit in relays as long as the frightened animal is in sight—Man!

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The JOURNAL was unavoidably held up last week, in lieu of which the issue of Examination week will appear. Editor

We of the practical progressive twentieth century are apt to smile philosophical tolerance of the ignorance and seeming crudeness of the method. "A great evil passed away," say we, "gone the way of the torturing of criminals and the lawful beating and maltreatment of wives and other near savagery of the Middle Ages." But do we in the surity of our sense of greater wisdom and superiority ever think that there may have been some reason to the wager of battle.

The common people of that time were intensely superstitious, they believed not only in God and the devil, but in witches, ghosts, fairies, elves and many of the other things that we dream about when we eat too much mince pie. Now, the people believed in these methods while they lasted, for when belief in them ceased they were done away with and others, and to us seemingly saner methods were substituted. So, in as much as John or George believed that God would fight for the right, would he not enter a contest against so potent an adversary in fear and trepidation, if he were guilty? Would he not be so weakened by secret knowledge of his crime, that in truth the right would win regardless of the fact that the cubits of his height were fewer, and his strength less?

In a recent issue of quite a reputable magazine there is an account of a grand jury holding a man for trial on the testimony of an expert psychologist, who had performed several mental tests and proclaimed the prisoner guilty.

The strength of the method of the wager of battle was psychological. Some progressive has gone so far as to say that at some day the "twelve good men and true" will be done away with, and by vigorous scientific psychological methods the guilt or innocence of the accused will be decided. This method tho separated by centuries will be nearer

the wager of battle than our present system. Our present system seems somewhat like retrogression does it not? Or are we finding out that some old things or at least some parts of old things are still pretty good. Verily history repeats itself.

"Brick Top"

**Prize Oratorical Contest of the Department of English**

Miss Annie M. Chandler Wins the Prize

The oratorical contest for the Perkins prize of ten dollars was held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, Wednesday evening, May 14th. This is one of the public programs of the class in Public Speaking, bringing before the University those of the class who have been successful in winning competitively a place in the contest. Eight participants were chosen and each one acquitted himself nobly on the occasion of his appearance, but Miss Annie M. Chandler, '16 outstripped all the rest and in the opinion of the competent judges—Mr. W. S. Montgomery, Supervisor of the Washington Public Schools, Mr. C. D. Jenifer, Instructor of English, Normal School No. 2, and Dr. J. H. Warring—took away the prize of ten dollars offered.

Miss Chandler showed perfect stage composure and spoke with ease and grace, well observing elocutionary principles. Her theme was: "The Citizens of Tomorrow." In her oration she brought out the supreme need of the conservation of manhood by the protection and preservation of the child. Child labor was denounced as one of the direst

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## Miss Eva Dykes Scores Brilliant Success in Piano-Forte Recital

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This piano recital of Miss Dykes' revealed this young artist in a new light. She has broadened and matured to an unusual degree. This being particularly evident in her fine interpretation of the Beethoven Sonata (Sherzo), (Menuetto), (Presto con fuoco). It is certain that no pianist of her years has ever played this sonata with the clarity, the purity of tone and the absolute precision of note revealed by Miss Dykes this week.

She vitalizes all the music that comes under her fingers and sends it forth with the spontaneity of an improvisation, adorned with all the perfection of form and execution which her superlative powers make possible.

Hers indeed is a towering musical intellect, because without such intellect concentratively applied to the keyboard, achievements like those of Miss Dykes' would be undeniably in the realm of the unattainable. She joins the technical, tonal, musical and intellectual factors of piano performance into a whole so prodigious that at times the listener must ask himself frankly whether Miss Dykes' does not represent a unique figure among the virtuosi of times. One might go even further and say with truth that Miss Dykes' delicacy and speed of finger could not have been excelled even by MacDowell himself at her age, in his own "Scot-

tish Tone picture No. 2 in F Minor."

In wonderful contrast to her moments of passionate expressions were her pure presentments of Grodski's, "Barcarolle Op. 1,," Poldini's "March Mignone," Arensky's "Etude F Sharp Major Opus 36 No. 3," Rachmaninoff's "Melodie No. 3." They were Grecian in their crystalline transparency and grace of outline and content as treated by this brilliant young mistress of piano-forte playing.

She wound up her phenomenal playing with Kullak's irresistibly fascinating "Etude No. 5" and played it in a way to reflect a myriad of shimmering modern harmonies, rhythmic piquancies and contrapuntal miracles.

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The main feature of the evening was the installation of the officers by Professor Gregory, who is an honorary member of the Club. In his address the professor emphasized how the Club may be beneficial, not only to itself and the Alumni Association, but also to the University, in bringing new students to Howard.

President Wells and the officers gave addresses in which they promised to build a strong association. Vocal solos were rendered by C.A. Davis and Miss Ruth Watkins. Refreshments were served to the visiting friends and the members of the club by a committee of young ladies.

**Y. W. C. A.**

The Y. W. C. A. held its last regular meeting for the school year, on Sunday evening May 11th. in Library Hall. After the opening hymn and invocation, Miss Brown, secretary of the F Street branch of the Y. W. C. A. gave an interesting address on "The Possibilities and Significance of Y. W. C. A. Work." Her talk was both interesting and helpful. Miss Cornella Lampton played an instrumental solo, after which Miss Madge Penn gave a few touching remarks upon *Mother's Day*. Miss Olive Mae Wells rendered a vocal solo. A number of quotations were given on *Mother's Day*. A vocal solo was then contributed by Mr. R. G. Doggett. Miss Carrie Burton played an instrumental solo. The persons on the programme reflected credit upon themselves. The president of the Y. W. C. A. gave a few words of parting, after which the meeting was adjourned.

**University Notices**

SUNDAY

Prayer Meeting, Clark Hall, 7 a. m.  
Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a. m.  
Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.  
Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

MONDAY

Deutscher Verein, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
Athletic Association, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
Bible Class, Message of the Twelve Prophets, Mr. Walter Dyson, Room 25, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, The Life of Paul, Mr. E. P. Davis, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

THURSDAY

Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Mr. E. M. Pollard, Room 103, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, Dr. L. B. Moore, Room 212, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
The Gospel in Athletic Phrases, Mr. Alonzo Smith, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
Christian Evidences and Ethics, Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, 8:00 P. M.  
Studies in the Life of Christ, Mr. G. W. Hines, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
Studies in Old Testament Characters, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Room 47, Clark Hall, 8:30 P. M.  
The Social Teachings of Jesus, Dr. E. L. Parks, Library Hall, 8:30 P. M.

FRIDAY

Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.  
Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

SATURDAY

Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.  
Blackstone Club, Law School, 8:30 p. m.  
Regular Chapel Exercises daily at noon, except Saturday and Sunday.

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## Pestalozzi-Froebel Society

The Pestalozzi-Froebel Society rendered its final program of this school year Friday afternoon, May ninth, in Library Hall.

The most interesting feature was the address by President Newman on "The Place and Power of the true Teacher." In a clear and forceful way the attitude which the true teacher should have towards the student was laid out. The student should not be regarded as a receptacle into which facts are to be poured, but his mind should be studied and he should be instructed in the broad principles of life. Unfortunately, ample time was not given to Dr. Newman for the full development of the subject.

The musical and literary parts of the program were of an exceedingly high order.

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## Prize Oratorical Contest of the Department of English

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evils gnawing at the vitals of our future States. There was but little doubt in the minds of the hearers but that Miss Chandler had won the prize when she sat down after a masterly and touching delivery of an oration full in content and very pregnant with wholesome thought.

All the orations showed marked originality and research. The subjects discussed were varied in nature, dealing with biographic, psychophysical and present day questions of history and political science.

The program was interspersed with musical numbers. Miss Eva Dykes played Kullak's "Etude No. 5." Prof. Joseph H. Douglas, accompanied by Mrs. Fannie H. Douglass enhanced the occasion by his customary premier violin performance. Mr. R. G. Doggett sang the "Prologue from Pagliacci's" *Leoncavallo*.

Altogether the program was a splendid representation of the work of the class in Public Speaking and bespoke in loud accents the invaluable service being done by the instructor, Mr. T. M. Gregory.

## Report from the Southern Sociological Congress

At the noon-day Chapel exercises on May 15th, Dean Moore gave to the faculty and student-body a lucid partial account on the workings of the Southern Sociological Congress that met in Atlanta, April 25-29th, and in which Dean Moore represented Howard University.

The Dean reported that this Congress representative of men of both races sat and discussed freely without any circumscription whatsoever the all absorbing American question, the Negro problem. He said that the whites of the south are beginning to realize that the Negro is not getting the treatment that should be accorded him, and further that the leading men of the big Southern Colleges

are more and more facing the true situation of the Negro realizing that he is not getting the educational facilities and the help warranted by his support to the government by taxes. Dean Moore returned full of optimism for the future.

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