Bishop Thirkield June 28
Trustees Hold Annual Meeting and Name Presidential Committee

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of Howard University was held in the board room at the Carnegie Library on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and continued throughout the day. Justice Job Barnard, president of the board, was in the chair.


The meeting was of unusual interest in view of the resignation of President Wilbur Patterson Thirkield as president of the university, made necessary by his election to the episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The expressions of regret over the resignation of the president, who has served during the past six years, were general and earnest.

During the administration of President Thirkield the institution has made marked advances on all lines. Over $30,000,000 has been in recognition of the services of the president in the upbuilding of the institution.

The report of the treasurer, Dr. E. L. Parks, showed the only deficit that has occurred in the last five years, about $2,000, owing to repairs that were required by the medical building, and to a large equipment in special department work.

The report of Secretary C. W. Cook showed the best condition of the buildings and grounds in the history of the institution.

A committee for the nomination

Baccalaureate Services

Despite the hot sweltering weather of Sunday, Andrew Rankin Chapel was packed to its utmost capacity with those who were anxious to see the inspirational sight of Howard's 200 graduates march in their baccalaureate procession and to listen to the superb baccalaureate sermon of Dr. Oliver Huckel of Baltimore, Md. The procession was headed by Pres. Thirkield and Dr. Huckel followed by Prof. Fennell and Lightfoot ushering in those who are about to go out into the world and propagate the Howard spirit.

Dr. Huckel took as the theme of his discourse, "The Majesty of God." In the sermon he beautifully depicted the majesty of God's love, of his mercy and of his kindness, and concluded with a strong admonition to the graduates to exemplify the nature and characteristics of God in their future attitude and actions, assuring them that the only success in life that can account for anything must be based on such a principle.

Many dignitaries were on the rostrum, among them Registrar of the Treasury, Hon. J. C. Napier, Bishop Tanner, and Mr. John R. Mott, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Mott gave an exceedingly interesting talk of a few minutes in which he emphasized the needs of more efficient and well equipped men for the service of self-sacrifice and consecration to humanity and to supersede those who are becoming passe in such work. His line of talk was prompted by the announcement made from the rostrum that there were six applicants for a mission
The Classical Club

The Classical Club held its last meeting for the year Wednesday, May 22, at 3 o'clock, in the Assembly Room of Miner Hall. Professor Lightfoot, presiding, called the meeting to order, and on behalf of the Club welcomed the visitors.

Professor Lightfoot announced the meeting to be under the auspices of the Greek Department, and the following interesting program was rendered:

The Lord's Prayer (in Greek) by members of Greek Department.

Song: "Carmen Saccularé" (by request), members Latin Department.

Paper: "Rome's Debt to Greece," Miss Madrec Penn.

Address: "Grasp vs. Grip," Prof. Little, of Greek Department.

Song: Selection from Horace's Odes (Latin).

The entire program was enthusiastically received and highly appreciated by all, but especial mention should be made of the magnificent paper by Miss Penn, "Rome's Debt to Greece," wherein she stated: "Rome took from Greece something of her intellectual life, fertile imagination and sense of beauty, and added compelled to go to Greece for Science, Art, Philosophy, a broader mythology and above all, literature."

He defined "Grip" as something of which you take hold, and "Grasp" as something which takes hold of you; and a "Grip translation," one obtained in any way; "a Grasp translation" meant giving the author his due and seeking out all that is meant by his writing. The address was replete with printed illustrations and was destined to be of great benefit to the student.

S. A. ALLES.

Miss Hagan Wins Scholarship

Miss Helen Eugenia Hagan, who recently, with Miss Muse, gave a recital at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, was one of the performers in the recital given at Woolsey Hall, Yale University, last week. She won the $2,000 scholarship for foreign study abroad for the period of 2 years. She is quite a distinguished pianist and richly deserves the prize awarded her.

Miss Hagan will be remembered as a recent visitor to Howard. She graduated from Yale with the M. B., June 17th.

The Journal extends thanks to its supporters for their patronage during the past year and wishes them much success.

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Asst. United States Attorney General, who delivered the Commencement Address.

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The following excerpt from one of our contemporaries well expresses the sentiments of The Journal with reference to President Thirkield. We cannot add to his glory, therefore we emphasize.

"Washington is gratified to learn of the election at Minneapolis of Dr. Willard P. Thirkield president of Howard University, as a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is known that his friends hoped for the bestowal of one of the bish- oppic honors upon him, and the course of the balloting at Minneapolis was watched with keen interest. Of late years Dr. Thirkield has been active in the work of improving the condition of the colored population, and he has achieved a remarkable degree of success as president of Howard University, largely increasing the enrollment and at the same time carrying to success several University enterprises that have added to the efficiency of the institution. His election as bishop will doubtless cause him to be assigned to another field of usefulness, a fact which his friends in Washington, and those associated with him in the numerous activities making for civic betterment with which he has identified himself, will regret. But he will carry with him to his new work the best wishes of the people of the District of Columbia, who have found him in all relations—a most welcome and useful member of the community. It is to be hoped for the sake of Howard University and the important educational cause in which it is a leading factor, that his successor at the head of the institution will be a man of equal ability."

WASHINGTON STAR.

New Editor-in-Chief

Jerry Luck, '13, is the Editor-in-Chief for the year 1912-13. He is peculiarly fitted to fill the position by virtue of his association, and hence experience, as associate editor during the past year. He, too, has been a student through the Academy and College and is generally well known by the students of all departments. He has done quite an amount of work in English and in the classics and is very well saturated with the classical spirit, which is to be obtained from the pursuit of such subjects.

The editor-elect has always been in deepest sympathy and harmony with all big student enterprises, and has always lent his aid in every possible way to every helpful activity about the University. He has the esteem and respect of all who know him and the highest regard of his closest friends. He bids fair to make an excellent editor, and with the support of all concerned nothing but success is assured.

The Staff Elect.

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Sorority Observes Annual Ivy Planting

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of the University held its annual ivy planting observance last Thursday evening on the campus. The young ladies, under the leadership of the President of the Sorority, Miss Nellie M. Quander, marched about the campus to the strains of the University Orchestra, under Prof. Douglass. The sorority then assembled on the steps of the Carnegie Library where they held their ceremony, and to the north of which they planted the ivy for 1912. Among the ranking members of the sorority may be mentioned Misses Quander, Higgs, Green, M. B. Smith, Shippen, Agnes Davis, Juanita Howard, all of whom are candidates for the bachelor's degree.

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President Thirkield’s Farewell Reception

Monday night President and Mrs. Thirkield received the members of the faculties and the candidates for degrees of the University. They were ably assisted in receiving by the Misses Thirkield, wives of the respective professors and members of the faculty.

Group by group the candidates would arrive and on being directed by the door-man would wend their way to the spacious parlors where the hospitable host and hostess waited to greet them. The early part of the evening was devoted especially to congratulations on the one hand and to expressions of regret on the other by the guests to President Thirkield. Then the guests engaged in sociable conversation amid the strains of the University Orchestra under the direction of Prof. Douglass, until the tasteful delicacies of the occasion appeared in the dining hall where they ate and were merry.

The occasion well marked President Thirkield’s farewell reception to the graduates and will long be remembered by those present.

Senior Class Day Exercises

On Saturday afternoon, to a large and well pleased audience, the senior class of the School of Liberal Arts rendered its class day exercises. The program was of an unusually high order; the roles being practically models for commencement parts. Every part was, in fact, a feature. This exercise was, by far, one of the most inspirational functions of the commencement program, for it marked the culmination of four years steady pursuit of study of 44 of the choice spirits Howard has turned out for many years.

The giftatory of Mr. E. C. Terry was pregnant with the keenest wit and the sharpest humor, while the Valedictory of Miss Juanita was replete with a sincere and genuine spirit of sadness which almost reached pathos. Howard can boast of but few class day programs in the past that have eclipsed or even equalled this one. To the keen and thoughtful observer this occasion marked something other than excellence in program; it showed forth the germ of capable and efficient leadership latent in these worthy sons and daughters of Howard from the class of 1912.

The program in its entirety was: Welcome Address, C. B. Washington; Class History, Miss Edna H. Cook; Class Prophecy, Miss Nellie M. Quander; Satire, Miss Minnie B. Smith; Giftatory, E. C. Terry; Class Will, Benj. H. Locke; Class Song, Luther B. Mitchell; Valedictory, Miss Juanita Howard.

The program was interspersed with excellent music by the University Orchestra.

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The College of Arts and Sciences

The standing of any institution of learning is determined, to a large extent, by the achievements of its graduates. The prestige of the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University has been greatly enhanced by the splendid achievements of its graduates of the past five years. The accompanying table is sufficient evidence for the conclusion that the University may well be proud of its recently graduated sons and daughters.

OCCUPATIONS OF GRADUATES OF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES—TABLE NO. 1.

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This table shows that the graduates of the past five years are entering the occupations that are distinctively the fields of college-bred men and women. The business world has received its proper proportion, the professions are being amply supplied, a large number of well equipped teachers have been supplied to both secondary schools and colleges, and the call for social workers has been heard.

A most gratifying fact is the excellent service that is being rendered in social settlement work. Mr. George Lyle, of the Class of 1909, who holds a fellowship in the University of Pennsylvania, is doing highly efficient social settlement work in the city of Philadelphia. Miss Marie Woolfolk, the co-laborer of Dr. Proctor of the Congregational Church of Atlanta, Ga., is winning a nation-wide reputation for her zeal, her energy, and her unselfish devotion to her task of uplifting the benighted and the fallen. While the percentage of the graduates entering into the field of social service is small, the services rendered by these two alumni has reflected much credit upon the ideals and aims of their Alma Mater.

Those who have elected to follow the profession of teaching have shown a fitness and equipment which come from a thorough academic training. Mr. Ernest M. Pollard, of the Class of 1910, is doing meritorious service as instructor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University. Mr. Reginald Lynch, of the same class, is winning an enviable reputation as instructor of Modern Languages in St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Lucy Slew, of the class of 1908, is a highly valued member of the faculty of the Baltimore High School. Mr. E. P. Davis, of the Class of 1907, received his Master's degree from the University of Chicago in one year. Mr. Numan P. G. Adams and Mr. C. J. Murphy, both of the Class of 1911, will receive their Master's degrees from Columbia and Harvard, respectively. Like the graduates in the other fields, Howard's post-graduate students have made marked and lasting impressions wherever they have pursued their work.

These facts serve to show that the equipment received from the thorough training which the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University affords, will compare favorably with that of any other college in the country. The faculty, re-enforced by some of
the very best teachers available, has raised the standard to such a degree that Howard now stands on an equal footing with the best New England colleges.

E. C. Terry.

The Retiring Editor

One of the most successful years in the University's existence brings to a close the administration of another editor of The Journal in the person of Louis H. Russell.

Mr. Russell is a young man, who by diligent and persistent effort has pushed his way to the front. He graduated in 1908 from the Baltimore High School where he early distinguished himself, thereby winning a scholarship to Howard. Entering Howard in the fall of 1908, he learned early that the only way to make himself felt around the University was to mingle freely with the fellows and follow the good examples set by those of liberal mind and wider experience. His personal characteristics have given rise to such sobriquets as "Old Reliable," "Scientific Bill," "Casey," and "Boss." These nicknames denote a certain determination and resolution that characterize the retiring editor.

During the first two years of his stay here his work was of such a caliber as to attract the attention of the head of the Department of Physics, his dean and the President of the University, by whom he was appointed to assist with the work in physics. This year, Dean Miller took him from the Department of Physics and gave him a class in mathematics. These duties he performed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and to the glory of himself.

As Secretary of the Council of
of a president for the institution, to report at an adjourned meeting of the board on June 28, was appointed as follows: Chief Justice Peelle, President W. P. Thirkield, Dr. C. H. Richards, of New York; Dr. Marcus Wheatland, of Newport; Dr. J. F. K. Moorland, Dr. John R. Francis, of Washington, and Mr. John J. Emlen, of Philadelphia.

To fill vacancies on the board the following new trustees were elected: Walter S. Page, editor of the World's Work, and Henry A. Hubbard, treasurer of the American Missionary Association of New York.

President Thirkield presented his resignation to take effect on or before June 10. At the unanimous and earnest solicitation of the board, he consented to serve until June 28.

Mr. Macfarland's Comment
Mr. H. B. F. Macfarland, in discussing the election of Dr. Thirkield as bishop, makes the following comment:

"I am glad he has received this new honor with its opportunity, but I greatly regret that it will take him away from Howard University, where he has been so successful, and from Washington, to which he has given such admirable civic service. As a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and as a member of its subcommittee on the colored men's branch, Dr. Thirkield has done a special work for the men of the National Capital, and, therefore, for the men of the whole country, and the men of the whole world, which those who know highly appreciate."

Mr. Macfarland recalled that when President Thirkield first arrived in Washington he had paid a visit to the then president of the Board of Commissioners of the District, and offered his services in any civic matter in which Commissioner Macfarland might think he would be useful. Utter strangers up to that time, Mr. Macfarland said that the opportunity to call upon him frequently in public service met cordial and effective response from Dr. Thirkield, and Mr. Macfarland expressed high appreciation of his service as a citizen.

His Interest in the Colored Race
Mr. Lewis E. Johnson, H. H., the executive secretary of Colored Y. M. C. A., says of President Thirkield:

"It was with a feeling of gladness and a feeling of sadness that I received the news of the elevation of Dr. Thirkield to the bishopric. I was glad because I knew that the active working forces of the Christian Church gained a great addition when they received Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield into the bishopric. I was sad because Washington has lost one of the most active and aggressive workers for religious educational and civic advancement with whom it has ever been my pleasure to become connected.

"His work with our association has resulted in great good. It was one of the prime factors in the successful completion of our new $100,000 building. He was earnest, determined and constantly alert in the interests of this cause. He has come to my office to consult and plan with me. He has attended our committee meetings and advised with our officers. Some of the most successful meetings we have ever held were those addressed by Dr. Thirkield. Our men had great confidence in him. They believed he had their interests at heart and his ability to inspire them was indeed out of the ordinary."

"One characteristic of Dr. Thirkield that impressed me and many of our men was his positive aggressiveness for the right of the negro whenever that question arose in any white gathering. His position on the Sunday School parade question three years ago struck a popular chord among the colored citizens of the country. I believe that the colored men have cause to feel that they have a friend at court in the elevation of Dr. Thirkield to the bishopric."

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Dean Miller Receives the Seniors

Last Saturday evening Dean and Mrs. Kelly Miller tendered an informal reception to the Seniors of Arts and Sciences at their residence on College Street. It is needless to say that the occasion was a very enjoyable one, for one only has to view the grounds and residence of our dean to realize the possibilities for such an occasion.

The class arrived at 8 P. M. and from that time until leaving there was a continuous round of merriment and pleasure. First there was the garden and orchard to be viewed under the soft glow of Japanese lanterns where there were many agricultural and horticultural specimens growing which showed that there has been some time spent on affairs which are not in the books or the class rooms of Arts and Sciences. Of course there must be dancing, otherwise the affair would have been incomplete, so there was ample time given to terpsichore, and to trip the light fantastic toe, after which there were refreshments served on the back piazza, intermingled with wit, humor and merriment, such as only an affair at Dean Miller’s can furnish.

Then came the saddest part of the evening’s entertainment, a part which in this case is realized above every other, namely, the leaving time, for one realized that there could be visits to Dean and Mrs. Miller’s time and again, but not in this capacity could we meet as undergraduates at the reception of our beloved dean.

Pres. Thirkield Entertains
Speaks under Auspices of Alpha Phi Alpha at Minnesota

President Wilbur P. Thirkield recently spoke at Minneapolis under the auspices of the Mu Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Minnesota. He addressed a very large audience of people from both Minneapolis and St. Paul. His subject was on the “Making of a Man.”

Mr. Gale P. Hilyer, a senior at the University of Minnesota, an alumnus of the Howard Academy, and the son of our well-known neighbor, is president of this, the latest chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He wrote that President Thirkield’s address was most helpful and inspiring and that he made a deep impression upon all who heard him. He also spoke in commendation of the members of Beta Chapter.

Theological Commencement

The second commencement service of the season was held in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on last Monday evening, when the non-degree seniors of the Theological Department received their diplomas. The University always hails with delight the graduates of this department, as they form a big part in the filling of the gap of direst need among the people of the colored race. It is unquestionably true that the minister is the leader of a people, and of the negro especially. The more men of such sterling worth and character as were those of Monday night the University can send out the more and the greater will be her service and the fulfillment of her mission, which is to supply the race with efficient leaders. It is only to be wished that more and better equipped men might see the need and the importance of ministers and thus be forced to seize upon this field in their avidity for service. These men are to be congratulated on their higher conservation and dedication to mankind. The University Journal bids them God’s speed.

“Snake” Sykes Commercial ’13, Captain

As a fitting close to the championship base ball season of 1912, Leo Newton Sykes, the star center fielder and batter, was elected captain for 1913. Upon his shoulders rests the responsibility of whippimg into shape a strong varsity aggregation as only five of the 1912 varsity will be in uniform next year: Forbes, Com. ’15; Sykes, Com. ’13; Turner, Col. ’14; Brice, Com. ’14; and Clinton, Med. ’15, giving three pitchers, a fielder and a third baseman to start the season. But notwithstanding all that, with a leader like the “re-doubtable Snake” at the helm and with the new material which always comes out, we have no fear whatever as to the coming base ball season. Capt. Hunt and Westmoreland graduate this year, and Oliver, Gray, Wilson, Jones, Schlaughter, will be seniors in the medical college next year, therefore will not be able to play.

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