Jamestown Exposition Notes

One of the most remarkable exhibits to be installed in the Negro Department is a friction-heater, of which Mr. S. L. Baker, of Kansas, is the inventor and patentee. In this wonderful machine, Mr. Baker has managed to multiply seven times over the average efficiency of electricity, producing heat by the friction process, and has secured results almost unbelievable. He can, with his invention, heat a railway passenger coach without using an ounce of fuel, obtaining the motive power necessary to run his friction-heater from the revolutions of the axle of the trucks beneath the coach. He can go into a new building, where $6,000 worth of steam-pipes would ordinarily be required, and heat the structure satisfactorily by using only 80 feet of piping. He will operate a coffee stand at the exposition, where he will serve coffee made by his friction-heater. Mr. Baker’s unique machine bids fair to revolutionize existing methods of securing heat for public and private purposes.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the noted educator, has made a public statement endorsing the Negro Exhibit, and declaring himself as heartily in sympathy with Chairman Thomas J. Calloway and his energetic assistants in their effort to place before the world a concrete demonstration of the Negro’s achievements in the many fields of human endeavor. He bespeaks for the enterprise the greatest success, and says it will be a serious mistake if our people fail to put forth their highest and best efforts to make it all that it should be.

Mr. Clarence Cameron White, director of the musical exhibit, will have as a feature of his collection, a list of the music teachers of the country, together with the branches of music taught, number of pupils and other data showing the extent of the development and aspiration of the Negro in the musical arena.

Exhibits are coming in at a lively rate, and the success of the exhibit is no longer in doubt. The display will, in all respects, reflect the highest degree of credit upon the Negro people.

Three new hotels for the accommodation of colored visitors are in course of construction, and will be ready by the time the rush comes on. An elegantly equipped steamboat, operated by a colored corporation, will ply between Norfolk and the exposition grounds.

The General Convention of the Baptists of North America, with white and colored delegates, the second visit of President Roosevelt on “Georgia Day” in June, the conference of the newspaper fraternity on July 4, the Interdenominational Congress of Religions the third week in August, National Medical Association Day August 30, and Masonic Day September 24, are a few of the special occasions in sight, that will be of particular interest to Afro-American visitors.

Taking Things for Granted

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, widely known author and lecturer and member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, delivered an erudite and enjoyable address in the Andrew Rankin Chapel last Tuesday afternoon on the above subject. Mrs Terrell’s ability as a lecturer is recognized on both sides of the Atlantic; nor is she confined to the English language.

At the International Congress of Women’s Clubs held in Berlin, Germany, during the summer of 1904, Mrs. Terrell was present as the representative of the Federation of Afro American Women Clubs. She delivered there a speech in excellent German and received a great ovation. During the same summer Mrs. Terrell gave an address in Paris in pure Parisian French. On a former occasion two years ago, she gave to the faculty and student-body an account of her trip as a delegate to that congress.

Said the speaker, history teems with instances illustrating the fact that men, both wise and simple, have failed utterly in their attempts to forecast the future by relying absolutely on the happenings of the past. Indeed, the fool’s prognostications are often as reliable as the savant’s. The strong man is he who does independent thinking. No advance in science, art or literature has been made except by those who had faith in themselves and refused to take for granted the pessimistic prophesies of those who foretold failure. The locomotive engine, the steamboat, the trolley, are all examples of the work of men who dared to work independently and set at naught the wet blankets thrown upon their endeavors by obstructionists.

But it is impossible to deal properly with individuals without first taking recourse to history and noting the application of the same thing to nations. Thrown the span of time conceived nations have arisen who fondly imagined them-
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The Catalog

The University catalog has made its appearance. Its delay was caused by the changes in the courses of study requiring considerably more time than usual for necessary rearrangement and revision. An attractive feature is the supplement containing eight fine half-tone cuts of the buildings and grounds of the University. There are 99 members of the various faculties and 1011 students in the several departments. The College of Arts and Sciences and the Teachers' College are combined and together are known as the School of Liberal Arts. The courses of study have not been abridged in any way, but rather enlarged. There is a uniform entrance requirement and all four year courses lead to the degree of A. B. A pedagogical course of three years leads to the degree of Pd. B. The degrees of B. S. and Ph. B. are to be no longer given. The Commercial Department, hereafter to be known as the Commercial College, is elevated in rank and offers a greatly improved course. The Academy, formerly known as the Preparatory Department, presents three excellent courses—classical, scientific and normal-preparatory. A regular course in music—including voice culture, course in piano-forte, violin and harmony—is offered to those desiring it.

President Thirkield will leave the last of this week for Ann Arbor, Mich., where he delivers one of the Guild lectures before the students of the University of Michigan. Later in May he will deliver an address at the twenty-fifth anniversary of Livingstone College, where, at the celebration of the decennial anniversary of the College, he gave the address.

Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. has been secured as Commencement orator. Dr. Cadman is one of the ablest and most brilliant speakers is New York City, and his address will no doubt take high place among the notable utterances given under the auspices of the University.

The College World

Tomorrow a dual track meet between Princeton and Cornell will take place at Ithaca.

West Point has dropped both Harvard and Princeton from her football schedule.

It is likely that during the coming summer an American English track meet will be held at the stadium at Cambridge, Harvard and Yale to represent America and Oxford and Cambridge to represent England. Negotiations are now in progress between the athletic authorities of Harvard and Oxford.

John D. Rockefeller last week gave a tract of land worth $2,000,000 to the University of Chicago, which will enable that school to grow rapidly and become the largest in the country, outstripping Harvard in size. The receipt of this princely gift makes the University of Chicago a $30,000,000 school, of which sum Mr. Rockefeller has given about $25,000,000. The university now owns 120 acres of city land, comprising more than twenty-five entire blocks.

Last Saturday evening, students of Oberlin College presented "The Clouds" of Aristophanes. This was the first formal presentation of a Greek play attempted at Oberlin and was highly successful.

On Franklin field last Saturday the honors of the three classic events went to Chicago, Michigan and Columbia. The national championship one mile relay was won by Chicago from Pennsylvania, her only opponent; Michigan took the four mile championship, and Columbia the two mile championship.

Thru the compelling eloquence of Booker T. Washington, Miss Anna T. Jeaves, an aged Quaker philanthropist of Philadelphia, was induced to give one million dollars for the primary education of Negro children in the South. Special agricultural and trade schools are to be established in various places. In the disbursement of this sum Dr. Washington will be assisted by Principal H. B. Frissell of Hampton Institute.

A great deal of credit is due Mr. Washington for his splendid service to his people. His great sagacity, constructive ability and splendid powers of persuasion command the admiration of all.

Tomorrow an interclass track meet will take place on the campus.
Taking Things for Granted

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selves foreordained to superior places and regarded other races as “inferior” and incapable of competing with them on equal terms. In spite of the fact that time after time such peoples have been overthrown and their places taken by those whom they despised, the world is still prone to accept as valid this foolish, vain and wicked doctrine. A case fresh in the memory of all is that of Japan and Russia. When the dispute arose there was no lack of military and naval “experts” who predicted the utter annihilation of Japan, who declared that the supremacy of the Caucasian would quickly show itself and that the darker race would be destroyed in short order. But Japan took nothing for granted—was as skeptical as a scientist in his laboratory. Even before, when the disruption with China occurred, the self-appointed prophets said that China would win by sheer force of numbers; Japan would do well for a while but could not stand China’s continued reinforcements and would give way under the continued strain. Experience, as all know, proved otherwise. After Japan’s victory Russia entered Manchuria, and, breaking all faith, remained there in defiance of her own promises and in disregard of international law. Altogether Japan was more intimately concerned in the withdrawal of Russia than any other nation, still all felt a deep interest in seeing the law of nations obeyed. The only question was, Could the Japanese coerce the Russian bear? The ever present spectre came forward and declared that the little brown men of the Orient were inferior on the sea and that their fleet could hardly cope with Russia’s inured sailors.

The speaker showed herself a master of satire. By voice and gesture and facial expression, she held up to ridicule the foolish no-

tion that victory was certain for Russia because of the race of her warriors. But soon the Japanese gained a decided advantage at sea. Nothing daunted, the prognosticators claimed that Port Arthur was impregnable and the Russian defenses as strong as Gibraltar. The brave little Japanese, still taking nothing for granted, pressed on and became complete masters of the land. Even then some held out, but the Russians’ second defeat at sea finished it. The Japs were victors.

The Revolutionary War is a case in point. The undisciplined, poorly provided for raw recruits of George Washington, discouraged by their fellows at home and by all seeming combinations of circumstances, drove to defeat the proud armies of George the Third, armies, veteran, disciplined and fully supplied with all the implements of warfare. Had the colonists taken things for granted, America today would be a dependency of Great Britain. Many other instances of similar nature might be cited.

Toussaint L’Overture is a character that commands the admiration of all readers of history. This man, thru whose veins not one drop of Caucasian blood flowed, met and successfully withstood the great Napoleon, famous as a military genius whose equal is hard to find in the annals of history. This general, Toussaint L’Overture showed himself a match for him in all points save his treachery and deceit, established with distinction the island republic, gave it its constitution and maintained it with success.

Many can predict better than they can think. Few individuals stand out more conspicuously than Cyrus W. Fields and no achievement is greater than his mastery over nature and man. This intrepid inventor believed that he could lay an Atlantic cable. Fools and wise men—and the wise men more than the fools—laughed at him. Taking nothing for granted, however, he secured money, spending all of his own and much of his friends’. Failures did not discourage him, and after twelve long years his success was complete.

Mrs. Harriett Beecher Stowe’s great book, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” did much to arouse the consciousness of the nation to the dreadful evils of slavery. Many told Mrs. Stowe, nevertheless, that enough had been said and written against slavery and further agitation was unnecessary. She heeded not the counsels of the Grand United Brethren of Do-Nothing, but published her book—which a competent observer said did more to abolish slavery than any other single agency.

The Negro’s progress since emancipation has been so great as to be unparalleled. The Atlanta Constitution said recently that the percent of literate whites in the South is as large as it was just after the War of the Rebellion. Statistics show clearly and conclusively that the Negro has decreased his illiteracy from about 100 percent to 46 percent in forty years, and the percent is still falling rapidly. His wealth is increasing greatly. In all branches of endeavor he is taking front rank. A single instance out of many is the fine painting entitled “Raising of Lazarus” by Henry O. Tanner. This picture stood severe competition and was purchased by the French government. It hangs on the walls of the Luxembourg at Paris. Tolstoi uttered a wise bit of philosophy when he said that a person once started on the march to greater heights will never stop short of the goal; no more can they be checked than can the current of a great river be held in restraint. Do not take defeat for granted. In spite of injustice in many places and discrimination everywhere, nothing can stay the progress of the aspiring individual or race.

Mrs. Terrell at the conclusion of her splendid address was greeted with prolonged applause.
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The address at vespers last Sunday was delivered by Rev. Dr. Haven, secretary of the American Bible Society. He spoke very interestingly of the value of close biblical study. The choir sang the favorite "Sanctus."

The Rev. Dr. J. H. Welch, the newly-appointed pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, is a Howard graduate, School of Theology '86.

"But," protested Miss Jokely, "I assure you the stories I tell you are original with me. I shouldn't think a gentleman would doubt my word."

"Well," replied Brightly, "I consider it more gentlemanly to doubt your word than to believe you old enough to have originated those stories."

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For the benefit of our readers we give here a few of the many comments by the local papers on the Elijah as rendered last year by the Choral Society of the University:

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* * * * To say that those present enjoyed the music is putting it mildly, for throughout the masterpiece the music was of the first-class order. Lulu Vere Childers was the conductor, and during the entire evening she carried the large chorus along with perfect ease. Mr. Henry T. Burleigh of New York, who has a remarkably fine baritone voice, took the part of Elijah, and in the difficult solo work his singing was eminently satisfactory. * * * The accompaniments were well sustained by Melville Charlton and Miss Beatrice Lewis, at the organ and piano respectively.

**Washington Post:**

The Teachers' College Choral Society of Howard University gave a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at the First Congregational church Wednesday evening, under the direction of Miss Lulu Vere Childers. The role of Elijah was entrusted to Mr. H. T. Burleigh, who gave a fine rendition of the part. * * * Miss Childers was a capable director and contralto soloist. Melville Charlton of New York showed discrimination in the efforts of registration at the organ, supplemented by the pianist, Miss Beatrice Lewis. Misses Nettie Murray and Pearl Barnes, sopranos, and Marie James, alto, sang their parts with credit.

**Baseball**

The baseball team returned on Wednesday at noon from their trip to the South. They report a pleasant time and are all in good health and spirits. While the tour was not a winning one it was not a failure. When the team plays hard and loses, defeat is not disgrace. The success and preeminence of Howard does not depend upon athletic victories or defeats.

At Oxford, N. C., on Thursday, 25th ult., the game with the M. P. School resulted in a defeat 2 to 9. On Friday and Saturday at Kittrell, N. C., the scores were respectively Howard 5, Kittrell College 23 and Howard 6, Kittrell College 25. At Richmond, Va., on Monday and Tuesday of this week the games with Virginia Union University resulted as follows, Howard 25, Union 6, and Howard 7, Union 10.

Assistant Manager A. P. Cook returned to Washington on Sunday and Manager Shorter went to Richmond on the same day to take charge of the team in the Union games.

The scores follow:

April 18 Howard 6 Petersburg 21
19 4 Shaw 9
20 7 Shaw 8
22 7 St. Augustine 6
23 4 M. M. C. 4
24 9 M. M. C. 3
25 2 M. P. School 9
26 5 Kittrell 23
27 6 Kittrell 25
29 23 Va. Union 6
30 7 Va. Union 10

Total Howard 80 Opponents 124

The players who traveled with the team are Bell, Hunter and Washington, pitchers; Robinson and Harrison, catchers; Hodge, 1st base; Parker, 2nd base; Hunt, 3rd base; Cashin and Francis, short stop; Cowan and Quander, right field; Young, acting captain, center field; and Floyd, left field.

**Christian Endeavor**

The last meeting was led by Miss Landers, who made a strong appeal to all Christian members to take an active stand and adhere strictly to the pledge. Misses Moul and Stewart read special selections.

Y. M. C. A.

An excellent address was delivered last Sunday afternoon by Prof. J. L. Ewell of the School of Theology. His subject was "Independence of Character". He made an eloquent appeal to young men for righteousness and Christian manhood. The audience was deeply impressed. Next Sunday at 3 p.m. an open meeting will be held. All young men are invited to be present and participate in the discussion of the subject, "Christian Manhood." The Y. M. C. A. is doing some effective work and every young man who has the opportunity should take advantage of its wholesome and uplifting influence.
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