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The Prep Debate

Last Friday evening marked the climax of the year in Prepdom. It was the night of the annual debate. Each of the four classes had chosen a section of the chapel and decorated it with their colors. The main scheme seemed to be yellow. The chapel filled early. Among the first to arrive were the three judges,—Dean Miller, Prof. Geo. T. Jenifer, and Lawyer Cobb.

At eight o'clock the Middlers marched in singing a class song to the tune of "Ain't it a shame." The Sub middlers closely followed, singing a song to the tune of "John Brown." The paenes follow in a disorderly, howling mob ending up in "Drink her down." The seniors dignifiedly take their seats in silence. From that time alternate cheering followed until the Middlers pulled off a climatic stunt: by means of a string thrown over one of the cross beams they slowly pull a class banner to the top of the chapel just over the rostrum as they stand and sing in reverence a class song to the tune of "Honey Boy."

For the first time the seniors were then heard from. King Beamon arose and lead them in: "Stop! look! listen! wait! Who's going to win this Prep Debate? Rose! Rose! Rose!

Mr. Luck, President of the Eureka Literary Society, under whose auspices the debate is given, opened the program with a short speech telling of the change of the management of the debate from the Athletic Association. He also announced that the proceeds would go toward the publishing of an Academy Herald. He instructed the judges that they were to give

50 per cent for argument, 25 per cent for rhetoric, and 25 per cent for delivery.

The Question, "Resolved: That the government of a limited monarchy like that of England is a better form of government than that of a republic like the United States."

The first speaker on the affirmative was Brooks of the class of 1912. He offered three points to establish the superiority of the British Government: (1) England grants more rights and better protects her subjects than does the United States (2) English government is more stable than that of the United States. (3) England have had more experience and practice in governing than the United States.

Although a little nervous and disturbed by the constant arrival of late comers, he spoke well. His paper showed earnest preparation and much research.

The first speaker on the negative was Pollard of the class of 1911. He was runner up in last year's contest, won by Washington, class of 1908. He contended that if he showed that the United States was superior in each of its three departments, to the English Government, he would establish his case.

This he proceeded to do with a preponderance of evidence clearly put in a comparative style so that the audience admired not only his ease and graceful bearing, but hung on his every word wrapped in absorbing attention.

Rose of 1909 followed as second speaker for the affirmative. He proposed to prove that England has a better government because: (1) It is better for a government to have the legislative and executive

departments combined than to have them separate. (2) A king is a better head of a government than a president. (3) An unwritten constitution better expresses the will of the people than a written constitution. (4) A centralized form of government is better than one composed of many states.

His argument was well written and strongly supported. His climaxes were good and strong, but he did not begin to let himself out until the time-keeper's bell had announced that only three minutes remained for him to speak. He then came very near winning the debate on his peroration.

Quarles, '10, the last speaker, defended the Negative offering to support his side the following points: (1) The United States better represented the will of the whole people. (2) The United States government contained more elements of perpetuity than British. (3) Separation of three departments was more advantageous than fusion into one. (4) Separation of church and state was better than combination. (5) Civil liberty was more strongly guaranteed to the citizen of the United States than subjects of England.

His paper was well written and showed a good knowledge of the subject. It was a little long, however, and his delivery was not quite so good as that of Pollard.

After about 15 minutes discussion, the judges returned a unanimous vote for Pollard.

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A College Man on the Farm

W. S. Hagans of Goldsboro, N. C., is a living example that higher education does not unfit one for general usefulness. He graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in the class of '93, and for four or five years thereafter, was much interested in educational work. Mr. Hagans met with success as an instructor and reluctantly gave up his work along this line to take charge of the business that had been developed by his father, soon after the latter's death. His father was possibly the largest and most successful colored planter in North Carolina, and the younger Hagans felt it incumbent upon him to take up the reins thus laid down.

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much success. In point of business management, promptness in the discharge of all obligations, it is safe to say that he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, and especially is this true as to bankers and other financiers.

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On last Saturday night the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. gave a joint reception in the annex of Miner Hall. The affair was well attended by students of all departments and was very successful on the whole. A very interesting and instructive program was rendered, consisting of the reports of the several committees of the societies and the address by Miss Cora B. Jackson of Miner Hall. Refreshments were served at the close of the program and at 11 the party disbanded, all feeling that the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. have a social as well as a spiritual value.

The Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. last Sunday was favored with a very practical and inspiring address by Prof. Logan on "The Possibilities of Young

Manhood," and though badly attended, was, to say the least, enjoyed.

On Sunday next, the last meeting of the year, we are planning to make the capstone of our endeavors, and it is hoped that a good attendance will turn out. Mr. Turner of the Social Settlement, will give us a talk on his experiences; and Prof. Parks will crown the year's work with words of fatherly advice and counsel.

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Special to Howard University Journal, by leased wire:—The Ex-President shot an elephant to-day, after chasing him 15 miles on horseback.

The Ex-President ran in on a lion to-day, and grabbing him by the tail swung him around his head three times and dashed his brains out against a tree. The hide is on its way to Oyster Bay.

The Ex-President went out for a short walk about the camp this morning, and for the first time since his charge up San Juan Hill, did not take his gun with him. He ran across a rhino, nosing about the camp and simply used the big stick on him, reducing him to the thickness of the pancakes which the African Chef was preparing for breakfast.

The Ex-President bagged 45 alligators in the Ranchezi River to day. The big water lizzards just came forward to be shot. The head of one has been sent to the Journal.

Last night the camp of the Ex-President was surrounded by roaring lions, and his native attendants were thrown into a state of the wildest alarm. The Colonel did not hurry himself any, but at his leisure, got up, took a sponge, went through some physical exercises, such as skipping the rope for 10 minutes, using the dumb bells and swinging the Indian clubs and finally having three fast rounds with the gloves—with Ker-

mit. Then after completing his toilet,—for he decided he would not go back to bed,—he deliberately polished his rifle, and as deliberately dropped seven lions with five shots. This is considered very fair shooting in the dark. Just after luncheon to-day, the Ex-President took up the spoor of a buffalo, and followed it for 13 miles. He then got a shot at the animal, but missed it,—the first shot miscarried so far,—and killed two leopards which were in line. The tail of one goes to Gov. Haskell, the other to Senator Tillman.

The Ex-President spent nearly 3 hours yesterday trying to thin out the African hyenas. The bag consisted of 523, or something like that,—anyhow it is very hard to beat it. One of the largest is to be stuffed and sent to Pres Taft as a token of brotherly love. The next largest is on its way to the Journal.

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Mr. Thomas Vickers, all round track man, who was injured in a game of base ball some time ago, is out again. He had to undergo an operation at the hospital to save his life.

Q.—Why does Mr. Alexander prefer the climatic influences of S street?

A.—Because they always have "Merriwether" there.

Mr. F. D. Whitby is now taking a preliminary course at "St. Frances" on Howard place.

McMorris has rebaited his hook. This time he thinks he will make a good, fair catch. Use a drag net, Mack.

It is worth the price of admission to hear her say, "J-o-e," with all the lingering tenderness and sweetness that she used to say J. B. And all the more remarkable on account of the short time in which she picked it up. Perhaps while J. B. slept "the little bunch" was practising saying "J-o-e."

Some heartless wag remarked the other day that "Happy" Quander had hoped to re-establish himself in the good graces of a Miner Hall damsel by making a hit on the stage with the "Happy Quander Concert Co." Another wag observed that "Happy" had taken his cue from French who ever since the "She Stoops" has had J. B. scrambling.

Miss Jackson assisted the young ladies of Miner Hall in an Informal Reception in honor of the Howard and Wilberforce Debating Teams at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Miner Hall parlors.

"She stooped to Conquer" Rab on April 16th, but on May 3rd, She resorted to entirely different tactics: "If you leave school now you need not write or speak to me again as long as you live". Now Rab has decided to rub his head against the walls of dear old Howard for the next 11 years.

McMorris and Tommie Warricks may be found on the grand stand on the Campus every night between the hours of 8 and 11.

It is the same old "Story" with Mr. Ellis all the time.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Jr., has been carrying on the immense business of his father with the ability of a man of mature years since Col. Chase has been confined to his bed, and yet the Junior Chase is making good in all of his classes just the same. We need scores of such energetic, active, and progressive young men.

The nine year old son of one of the college professors decided the question for the Howard-Wilberforce debate in this manner, he said: "I am in favor of the open shop, because in case of fire, I could get out and this I could not do in case of the closed shop." Evidently the judges took the same view of the subject.

Mr. Gale P. Hilyer and Mr. Jas. L. Titus, Acad. '08, are making a hit at the University of Minnesota, the former in College and the latter in Pharmacy.

Who said the seniors would not wear their gowns?

No Sunday School in the morning, no Song Service at night. Remember that next year.

The classes in Pedagogy and Methods have spent several days the past two weeks in observation of the class room work of the Public Schools. This work was by way of "finishing off" the seniors of the Teachers College who have been doing practice teaching in the city since February and whose work terminates to-day. This has been very much of an experiment and the results have been extremely gratifying, favorable reports having come in in every instance where the pupil teacher has been placed with an experienced city teacher to observe her methods and obtain practice in teaching.

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The outcome has banished entirely the fears that placing students in the city schools would only serve to estrange completely the University from the city school system and helps to prove that the precedent thus established will benefit greatly both systems concerned.

President Thirkield has had a cordial invitation from President Scarborough to deliver the commencement address at Wilberforce University. He has had to decline on account of other engagements.

Mr. James H Dillard, President of the Jean Fund, visited the University one day last week.

Prof. Wm. Pickens, Prof of languages at Talladega, visited us on Tuesday and spoke briefly at the chapel exercises, speaking of the value of education gained through contact and experience over that gotten from books, and advising the students to become "good mixers."

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Vespers

On last Sunday afternoon the vesper sermon was delivered by Dean Clark instead of by Dr. Merrill Gates of Amherst as scheduled. Because of the monster Y. M. C. A. meeting at Belasco Theatre at which Booker T. Washington spoke and his connection with the colored branch of the local Y. M. C. A., Dr. Gates was unable to leave in time to get to our Chapel exercises.

Don't fail to be present at the Glee Club's first annual recital on Monday evening in the Chapel. Miss Lulu Vere Childers will assist and the Club will render a program of popular College Glee's of musical interest.

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Junior Class Excursion

The junior class of the School of Liberal Arts took an excursion to the Zoo last Saturday afternoon, under the gentle chaperonage of

Miss E. T. Robinson. The occasion has been pronounced a great affair by all who attended and many are wishing that it might come again before the end of the year.

This is a very significant event as it seems to foreshadow the dawn of a bit of class spirit among the Juniors, and if this forecast be a true one it may be that after the present senior class passes away all the classes in the department will possess some class spirit and college spirit too. The sophomore and freshman classes possess it in abundance and the only fear was that the juniors would not become infected with the desirable germ. The seniors are beyond all possibilities of redemption.

There were many amusing features of the last Saturday's excursion,— Mr. J. F. Dagler essayed to play the role of photographer. Mr. Reginald Lynch felt the call of the wild and dashed into the thick of the forest and began amusing himself by shinning up the elms. Miss Josephine Berry absolutely and positively refused to have her picture spoiled by a hamfat photographer and J. Francis succeeded very well in respoiling the already badly spoiled picture that the jolly group presented.

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Pestalozzi-Froebel

Prof Wm. H. Ferris entertained the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society on last Friday afternoon with an excellent address on "The Technic of Shakespeare's plays." The occasion was a Shakespeare program in which quite a number of the student members took part and made the affair an enjoyable one.

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