SCIENTIFIC BARBERING A DEMAND

[The writer of this article spent much time last summer observing conditions prevailing in many barber shops in this city. He reports similar conditions found in other large cities. - Editor]

THREE years ago a young man who, having trouble with his eyes, consulted an eye specialist and was given some eye-wash with directions to apply it three times a day. After several applications had been made the patient was utterly astounded that everything he saw was monstrously magnified. Men were towering giants and microbes which are invisible to the natural eye assumed the size of deviled-crabs. I have never seen anyone who would swear to the truthfulness of this story, but suppose we could fill our eyes with those magic tears and walk into one of our ordinary sanitary barber shops - as they are called - what do you imagine you would see? A big fat tubercle bacillus would meet you at the door and upon looking around you would see myriads of millions of germs of all descriptions. Then take a peep at the comb and the brush, sometimes caked with dust and hair full half the length of its gummy bristles. This brush is used on everybody's hair and on last Saturday it worked all day and that night until twelve o'clock on scalps hooded with grime and alive with bacteria of all sorts. The sweet-scented hair oil helps to collect the germs from one customer and to exchange them with another. So far as we are able to learn, no scientific investigation has been made in the ordinary barbershop.

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Howard 9, Union 1

Hayes Gets Poor Support

The home boys played their first intercollegiate game of this season on the home grounds last Saturday with Union University, winning by a score of 9 to 1 in a game that promised at the beginning to be close but soon proved a one-sided contest because of the very poor support given pitcher Hayes who performed so well in the box, striking out 7 men as against 6 by Brice, and allowing 5 hits to 7 by Brice.

GAME FULL OF ERRORS

Nearly all of Howard's runs were unearned and due to the generosity of the visiting boys, while Union's one run was a gift from Howard for courtesy's sake. Taylor and C. P. Hayes, the Union battery deserve special mention as well as Nash, but the other men did more harm than good at times. The boys walked away from them at the beginning while the gift edge support given Brice, except one unfortunate error, held the visitors to one run.

ENTHUSIASM HIGH

When the band struck up and the roosters made for the grand stand and colors began to wave, the spirit and enthusiasm kindled as it did during the football season. The roosters restless because of a long vacation, awoke again and the noise broke forth as Umpire "Jap" Brown yelled "Play ball."

HOW IT HAPPENED

Brice and Westmoreland did the pitching and receiving for the home boys while Pack came up first for the visitors. Union was unable to start anything but Captain "Hutty" Oliver started

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Dr. Carver Visits Howard

Dr. Carver of Tuskegee Institute, and one of the foremost scientists of the country in the biological field, visited the campus last week. He was present at the chapel service on Friday and gave us a few pointed words of encouragement. On Saturday he lectured to the classes in Biology on "Mendelism." His talk was very interesting and practical. He applied Mendel's law to his own experiments on cotton, in which he has succeeded after fifteen years of hard work, in giving to the world a new species of cotton that bids to yield large returns.

Dr. Carver is a personal friend of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and frequently visits Washington to confer with him.

The Evolution of our Athletics

The evolution of our athletics has been a steady and a much improving process. There was a time, when the whole field of athletics was in the hands of a few men or clique, who used the sports to benefit their friends, by placing them on teams when they do not deserve to be so placed; and to benefit themselves financially, through graft, which is the most infamous evil that can enter any institution. It is commendable that such administration of affairs has long passed. Today our athletics are on a clean basis brought about by competition for places on the various teams; and by the interest the University authorities have taken in the physical development of the students.

The latter is especially notice-
able. The trustees of the University have assured the support of athletics by placing the sum of one dollar as an athletic tax in the list of incidental fees with the stipulation, that this money is to be used by the Athletic Council, which it created, having full control of all athletic activities in the University for such sports as it sees fit to foster. Now we get what we want, and we get it when we want it. This cannot be said of the old system, for then the teams were not uniformed and apart of the paraphernalia was purchased by the individuals. Today all the men dress alike and can tell their team-mates by the uniforms they wear. This is a marked advantage. The Athletic Council fosters five athletic sports; football, base ball, track, basketball, and has supervision over tennis. The Young Women's Athletic Association receives its support from the Council. There are being developed now, plans whereby a sufficient number of tennis courts will be provided to give all the young women and men opportunities to engage in this sport.

The farsightedness of the authorities was brought to light—so far as the physical care of the students directly is concerned, when an athletic director was employed to take charge of the coaching of our teams and the physical development of the student body at large. The latter has not been fully accomplished, due to the fact that we have not yet secured our gymnasium, in which his work could be more effective and far reaching. The efficiency of Coach Marshall has been lauded many times in these columns before but we cannot let this opportunity pass without paying our tribute of gratitude and thanks to him for the benefit he has been to our teams and to the athletic spirit of the student body. Through his system of coaching, he has removed all favoritism and the man who plays on a team, won it by outclassing all other candidates. This is certainly appreciated by the "Rabble" for they have placed their confidence in him and exert every effort to support him.

It would be unjust to pass by and not say a word about the "Rabble," for here the evolution has been greatest. The factionalism which at one time, threatened to destroy us has been thrown aside. They no longer say you will be in this department or that one before you can make the teams. Competition for the teams and the placing of the best men satisfy them. If you doubt it just watch them during a game, how they put their spirits into their yells to encourage the team.

When we consider these changes and advantages we cannot see how anyone can claim the Athletic Council is usurping the powers and rights of the Athletic Association because they refuse to admit any member other than those in departments leading to degrees, to sit as members or student representatives; and because they require all managers and assistant managers to be upper classmen. These are the only ways to bring about the best results, and to place our teams along side of the great teams of the great universities. Then, too, it stands to reason, that these men with this superior training can best manage our teams. If this is not true, then where are our hopes for better athletics? The better results will be obtained by following those men who compose the council, regulate and control our athletics and the time will not be far off when we will be financially equal to our athletic regulations.

Our teams have done well. Our goal has not been crossed or a score made by our opponents in more than two years. Our baseball team has upheld its previous records; our basketball is the colored champion this year; our track men have won medals in all meets entered, and our football champions have been awarded letters with sweaters, which has been unprecedented.

This has done away with the wearing of lettered of all sizes and shapes and has called for a regulation for the awarding of letters and has made it a matter of discipline for any student to wear any letter other than those awarded by the athletic council and those from recognized colleges. We have every reason to look forward to better improvements. In our onward march let this be the benediction of the "battle" and the motto of the teams.

"Go, lose or conquer as ye can: Be each—Pray God—the gentleman."  

J. C. McKelvie, '11.  
Pres. A. A.

OLD GRAD RETURNS

The Reverend Doctor Smith, the last surviving member of the class of '76, College of Arts and Sciences, visited the Campus last Tuesday. Reverend Smith was present at Chapel and gave us words of encouragement. He spoke of the growth of the University since he was a student here, he also related many reminiscences of bygone days at Howard. Secretary Cook is the only person connected with the University in those days who remains. His talk was very interesting.

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Mr. Jos. G. Logan, Instructor of Physics gave a stereopticon lecture on last Wednesday night in Rankin Memorial Chapel. This lecture was on the "Washington City Water Supply," and was under the auspices of the Physics Club of the University. It was of special interest to the students because of our nearness to the city water works and reservoir. The lecture was very interesting and edifying, revealing facts about our water supply, hitherto unknown. The pictures were very clear and the views were selected with great care. Many of the slides were prepared especially for this lecture.

The lecture was enjoyed by all. Many thanks is due the Physics Club for this interesting lecture by Prof. Logan.

The following points were emphasized; the source, purification, distribution, and consumption of the water supply. The high pressure service in the District was fully explained. The question of metered and unmetered was discussed and shown to have a direct bearing upon the future of the water system. The construction and operation of the filtration plant was a special feature of the lecture.

Sixty three slides served as illustrations. Quite a number of the teachers from the public school were present to hear this edifying address.


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In my mail this morning came the Special Commercial Number of the Howard University Journal for which I wish to thank you and to express my sincere appreciation of this timely and appropriate number. I agree entirely with you that there is an urgent need of commercially trained Negro men and women. The need of such men and women is far greater than we actually know. I would thank you very kindly to send me a half dozen copies of this particular number.

Very truly yours,

G. W. Blount,  
Alumni Editor.

The Hampton Student.

NOTE—The demand for the Special Commercial Number was so great that we have been unable to supply it.

AMONG OTHER COLLEGES

Judge Terrell, a lecturer in our law school will be the commencement orator at Tuskegee this year.

Bucknell undergraduates have inaugurated a series of "sings" for an evening in the middle of the week just at dusk.

As a punishment for flunking the students at the University of Colorado must wear small blue caps with green buttons.

A meeting was recently held in Boston in the interest of Fisk University. Dr. Elliot of Harvard University presided.

A Negro planter of Mississippi has just given to Campbell College in Austin, Tex. a large tract of land valued at $7,000, the income of which is to go to worthy students. This is probably the largest gift made by a southern Negro for the education of his people.

Don't fail to see "The Rivals"

Dr. Pierce Speaks at Vespers

The Reverend Doctor Pierce, pastor of All Souls Church, President Taft's church, and Chaplain of the United States Senate, addressed a large audience of students and visitors at the Vesper Service last Sunday in Rankin Memorial Chapel. His subject was taken from the second verse of the eighth chapter of St. Mark. He spoke in very clear and practical terms of how one could be judged by the company he keeps, by his friends, and by the manner in which he chooses his friends. "One can easily tell our character by the kind of people we are attracted to and the kind we attract to us."

We feel safe in saying that this was one of the most practical talks ever delivered at our Vesper Service. He was logical, easy, and eloquent, and his address made a permanent impression upon all who heard him.

The singing of the vested choir was especially fine; they tried to excel all previous attempts at singing Coleridge-Taylor's "By the Waters of Babylon." Miss Marjorie Jones took the solo part. The trio by Misses Childers, Director of Music, Maline Thomas and Alexander was unusually fine. The three singers held the audience spell-bound as they sang in perfect unison, their voices blending as one beautiful voice. The three singers were at their best.

We must call to the attention of the students the value of these services of song and praise. Lessons and helps received from these services will be of great value when we go out into the world. These services are mainly for the students, but there are usually more outsiders present than students.

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To raise the standard of scholarship it is often necessary to raise the standard of the teaching force. Without proper methods on the part of instructors, any attempt to raise the standard of pupils is apt to result in failure. Not alone to newer methods but to the quantity and quality of the content of knowledge taught must we look for a solution of this problem. With older teachers any change in method or content is well nigh impossible for the reason that they are past the age when it is possible to take in new ideas. Hence we must look to the new blood, those who are just out of school to bring modern methods to the college faculty.

In Pedagogy there is a rule that teachers in any school should have at least the training of the school next above it—teach in a grammar school at least a high school training, and in a high school a college training, and in a college a university training. The reason for this rule is obvious. Howard has long disregarded this rule mainly because there is a dearth of university graduates. While we have disregarded it we have done nothing to remedy the matter. Many colleges send each year the most promising of their students to higher universities with the provision that they return at the completion of their course and teach for a stipulated period in the mother college. On their return from the university they are made members of the faculty provided they make good. The results have been uniformly of the highest order, and the colleges have in a majority of cases been fully repaid for the original outlay invested in scholarships.

As the largest Negro college we are expected to take the lead in such but the time for starting has long since past.

Lest ye forget, "The Rivals."

THE CORNET CROP

The writer of this article wishes to inform the young enthusiastic cornet players who are cherishing the fond hope of entering Howard University next fall that the old reliable "cornet crop" of 1907 will pass out with the graduates of the present class, and on this account the band and orchestra of this institution are greatly in need of cornet players.

For the last few years while the enrollment of the University has increased considerably, the production of true musicians, especially of cornet players has remained the same. We are looking to the country at large, but especially to the Southland, to send us men who have studied their instruments and are able to play any and every grade of music without hurting the ears of the student body with their discord.

The securing of Mr. Joseph H. Douglass as director of the band and orchestra of this institution should cause every aspiring musician to resolve that he would walk to Howard in order that he might sit under the direction of this finished artist. Therefore Southland, replenish our cornet crop so that this great musician might have suitable working material for the fall of 1911 as the leader had in the fall of 1907.

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The American Printer for May also says:

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Mr. Douglass Takes Charge of University Band

Mr. Joseph Douglass, the noted violinist and grandson of the great Frederick Douglass, has taken charge of the University band and orchestra. Professor Alonzo Brown has had charge of the band in the past, but has been forced to give it up because of bad health. As soon as Mr. Douglass gets the band in good shape they will give band concerts and promenades on the campus. The band will also be prepared to render music at the many exercises of Commencement week.

DR. JONES AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Doctor Thomas Jesse Jones, Professor of Sociology addressed the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon in the Library Hall. He spoke about "Reality in Prayers." Doctor Jones' addresses are always looked to with a great deal of interest by the students, and in this talk they were not disapponted. The meeting was very inspiring throughout. Secretary Marchant announced that Professor Garnet Willkerson of M. Street High School, would address the meeting on Sunday; he also reported great progress on the handbook.

COLORED MAN WINS PRIZE AT CORNELL

"The prix d'honneur" in the competition for literary prizes offered by the Society of French Professors of America has been awarded to Jas. B. Clark, the Cornell Negro student whose article on the Negro question at Cornell provoked a storm of comment and finally resulted in a statement by President Schuman that Negro women had a perfect right to live in Sage Hall.

Mr. Douglass Takes Charge of University Band

The prize is for French essay writing and also translation of the works of a French author. Clarke also won several other French prizes.

Scientific Barbering a Demand
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barber shops, hence we can bring you no statistics. It is our opinion however, that the barber shop is the chief disease distributor of this century. Generally they are operated by men rather careless in habits and lacking in scientific knowledge. In very few shops are any precautions taken against the spread of disease. Some barbers have what are called antiseptic solutions in which they are supposed to wash their razors, but they, themselves do not know whether the solutions are antiseptic and most of them do not care whether they are or not. Nobody sees them use these solutions, nobody sees them use a sterilizer for their outfit. They use on the minister the same brush that they use on a tramp regardless of the danger that may befall the former. The barber shop is a bacteriological garden in which all breeds may be had for twenty-five cents, in some places, for fifteen cents.

The barber shop conditions afford excellent opportunity for research work in bacteriology. The collecting and examining of towels, combs, brushes, hair-oil bottles, antiseptic solutions, shaving-brushes, would prove a very valuable work. The recognition and classification of the different germs that may be found would be very helpful to the investigator and may add something to the pages of scientific knowledge. If none of our students are sufficiently advanced in bacteriology to take up this work, some of our professors could use their spare time to no better advantage. In collecting your combs, brushes, etc., be sure to get them late on a Saturday night: it is then we reap a most abundant harvest.

One of the urgent demands of the times, when you think over it seriously, is for a barber shop run on a scientific plan. If some industrious young man will take a good stiff course in bacteriology, physiology, anatomy, histology, electrotherapy and a special course in dermatology, and open a scientific barber shop, he will be the man whom the public needs. He will transform the butcher's shop into the barber's shop and establish a business which, if properly conducted, will in a few years yield him large returns.

Our cities would make a step forward in the way of preventing disease if they would require barbers to pass an examination before a city board of examiners similar to a state board of examiners for physicians, and award certificates to the successful ones. The cities ought to inspect the barber shops and compel the proprietors to use necessary precautions against the spread of disease. If our cities would take these necessary steps towards prevention of disease they would have to spend less money in support of hospitals and invalid asylums.

It would be a good idea if the Medical School would offer a course in scientific barbering. Barbering like dentistry is a profession. There was a time when anybody was competent to "pull teeth," but it is not so now. The tooth-puller has risen from a tiend to the exalted position of a hero. In this age shaving must be done; faces and scalps must be massaged, local skin diseases must be dealt with; baldness must be prevented, and hair taken care of, then why not do it scientifically? A dentist would not think of extracting B's tooth with the same forceps he used on A's while the instrument is in a septic condition; then why should the barber use on D's hair the same brush he used on C's?

If you would take a walk around different sections of this city on Saturday evenings between six and twelve o'clock midnight and enter some of these barber shops you would realize why my voice is not in accord with the barber shop in its present condition. You will realize the importance of the much needed change of conditions. These conditions exist not only in Washington but in cities over all the United States as far as our observation has gone. There is a universal demand among our people for the scientific barber. Space does not permit us to go far into this matter as we would like, but we hope to impress you that Howard University needs a Tonsorial College affiliated with the Medical School, such a school to be rated par with the professional schools.

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good things but still they have remained in the background. There was a time when the barber was the village herb-doctor, surgeon and dentist. To the fevered he supplied herb-tea, he "cupped" those who suffered with dilated blood-vessels, he pulled teeth and bound the wounds of the injured. The red and white-banded barber's pole is the traditional insignia of a part of his ancient profession. The red and white bands are significant of blood and bandages. Shaving and cutting hair were not his major duties in those days. But like dismembered Protestant Churches the physician, the surgeon and the dentist have withdrawn and have left the barber nothing to do but to cut hair, to shave, and to deal out deadly microbes.

Will we be forever followers or will we be leaders also? This idea of a Tonsorial school, although it is nothing new—so far as we know—is well worth considering. Every new idea is flouted for a time, but finally somebody comes back with it and you accept it without question. It may be long and it may not be, but if our school does not establish such a course some other school will, and will get credit for initiating the movement.

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the rally for Howard by driving one through short, stealing second and going home on an error. "Bullet" Slaughter was caught off first bag after lining one around second were afraid of it could steal second. Taylor put the pitcher until Westmoreland over second for one base but Gray brought in one run. Brice drew two bases through a fumbled ball to right field but "Hutty" died by the same route.

A fly to center by J. Hayes, a pop to short by Nash, and three strikes by Bayton opened the fifth inning.

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The lucky seventh started with a hit over short by "Buck," Jones struck out and Slaughter landed a still one to short who threw wild to first and "Buck" scored. Slaughter tried a steal from third but died at the catcher's hands. "Westy" got two bases on a fumble in right field. Gray got a base on a fumble to second, dying on the steal after "Westy" had glided home with the second run.

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Howard gets another

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Westmoreland placed a safety over second for one base but Gray could only fan the air thrice. "Toby" Wilson; up next worried the pitcher until Westmoreland could steal second. Taylor put the ball down there but the boys around second were afraid of it and let it pass while "Westy" galloped home with score number two. Then Wilson flied out to center and Downing died by the second to first route.

C. P. Hayes opened the third inning by beating the air three times while Pack and Jack both went out by the third to first line.

Brice led off for his boys by stinging the pitcher but "Hutty" died in the left fielder's hands. Hayes put one at "Buck" instead of over the plate and that put two men on base after which Jones lined one through short filling the bases. With one man down things looked good but soon faded when Slaughter struck out and Westmoreland put a pop up in the shortstop's hands.

Long drove the ball over second in the fourth inning and stole second, Taylor walked but died at second. Long started home on a passed ball but was caught at the plate while Harriston ended it by striking out.

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A two bagger to left, Bayton flied out to third and C. P. Hayes to left. Pack hit safe through short and overran first, stopping not at his own will but at the bidding of the grand stand only after he had broken a board in the stand with his leg. Everybody turned around to see if he had broken his leg except Nash, the runner on third who darted for home. First baseman Jones was holding the ball and watching Pack. Whether that was an error or not it cut off a shut out. That was Union's one run because Jack hit to short and Pack was caught at third.

Toby started the rough house by burning up the short stop and Downing kept it up by hitting safe to left while Brice sacrificed both a base. Toby started home, a chase followed and the sport pleased Union's short stop so much that he wouldn't move toward third to back up the play. Tobyoutwitted the chasers finally darting toward third. The third baseman somewhat "up a tree" threw the ball at him presuming he looked like a short stop, the ball rolling on out in the field while Toby and Downing galloped home. Long hit safe through second and Taylor hit safe for two through second. Long started to third but Gray's accurate throw to third caught him. Harriston burnt Brice up but he stuck to it for the second out. J. Hayes drew a base after Brice hit him and Nash hit safe to left field but Bayton ended the agony by flying to third base.

"Line Up"


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Umpire, Mr. Brown.

"Naps"

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