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A Last Word from the Journal Management.

To our subscribers and friends:—

Greetings:—The Journal management wishes to announce that the office will be open until June 15th, 1909 in order that the hundreds of our subscribers, worthy alumni, who have up to this time failed to remit their subscription to the Journal may do so.

GEO. LYLE, (Gladys) '09. Editor.

Right here, a word of explanation may not altogether be out of place. We have found here recently among some of the oldest teachers in the University from the view of length of service, that they have been laboring under the impression, how false, that the Journal costs the company nothing, that the University is bearing all of the expenses of composition, printing, etc. The University printing office on the other hand treat the Journal, though strictly a university organ—one that tries to reflect the life of the student body and the University at large, as though it were any other outside organization. We get very little encouragement and still less help from the University in carrying on the financial burden of the University Journal.

We fear that some of our alumni, who have gone forth into the world are also under the same impression as many of those here in our midst,—that the university is bearing the expenses of printing, etc. of the Journal and whether or not they pay, the paper will go on just the same. Even this attitude would not be a laudable one. Everyone should feel as much obligated to pay a just debt to the University, a corporate body as to an individual struggling for his daily bread.

Now Mr. Subscriber in the face of all these facts and conditions,

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President Taft Addresses Graduates.

Rain Prevents Holding of Exercises in Open Air Amphitheatre—Hundreds Turned Away.

The ninety-eight graduates who received degrees Wednesday were unusually favored in having President Taft deliver the Commencement address and further, by receiving their diplomas from the Chief Magistrate's hand.

Arrangements had been made to accommodate three or four thousand people in the amphitheatre on the northeast side of the campus but steady showers all night and part of the morning made it necessary to bring the exercises into the chapel a place altogether inadequate to hold the immense crowds that jammed the entrance so that not even ticket holders could gain admission.

Quite a number of notable persons were present on the platform, among whom were Commissioner Macfarland, Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department, Registrar Vernon, President Needham of George Washington University and many others of distinction.

The Academic procession headed by Captain Butts of the United States Army and with the President and Dr. Thirkield immediately following proceeded to the platform at 4 p.m. The appearance of Mr. Taft was the signal for prolonged applause which he acknowledged with the "Taft" smile, a sort of contagious smile that is irresistible. The occasion was one of extraordinary interest on account of the President's recent utterances in the South and his attitude toward the Negro in the matter of Federal appoint-
The Journal Staff for 1909-10.

The Journal Staff for the year 1899-10 was appointed and held its election on 1st Monday. The following are the staff:

J. R. Alexander, '09, Editor.
Welford Wilson, '10, Business Mgr.

Students and Alumni of the University are invited to contribute.

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Alumni Meeting.

On Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. the Howard University Alumni had a very enthusiastic meeting in Andrew Rankin Chapel. After the two inspiring addresses by Representative J. Van Vechten of New York and Dr. J. R. Wilder of Washington. Subscriptions were made for the gymnasium. Some of the larger were:

- Dr. Elbert: $200.00
- Dr. C. H. Marshall: $100.00
- Dr. Kelly Miller: $100.00
- Dr. H. C. Scurlock: $100.00
- Dr. Mitchel: $100.00
- Dr. C. W. Childs: $100.00
- Judge Atkinson: $100.00
- Dean G. W. Cook: $100.00
- Dr. J. R. Wilder: $100.00
- Dr. R. M. Hall: $100.00
- Judge Tibbs: $100.00
- Prof. W. A. Joiner: $100.00

The Baltimore Contingent promised to contribute.

Those who subscribed $50 were Prof. E. P. Davis, G. W. Lightfoot, Logan, and J. M. Carter. A large number of others subscribed $25, $20, and $10 each. The following members were elected to the Athletic Council, Prof. W. L. Smith, Prof. J. M. Carter, and Mr. G. Wilkinson. The Alumni recommended to Athletic Council, J. M. Francis as medical advisor.

The election of officers was the next business in order, which resulted in the election of the following persons: President, Dr. Kelly Miller; Vice Presidents, 1st, Dr. Wisemen; 2nd, Dr. Elbert; 3rd, Dr. Scott; 4th, Judge Atkinson; 5th, J. C. Napier; 6th, G. Frazier Miller; Secretary, Prof. E. P. Davis; Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Glenn.

The Alumni were the guests of the University at lunch and attended the Alumni banquet at 6 p.m.

Music Students' Recital

The public recital given by the students of the Music Department last Thursday night in Andrew Rankin Chapel was a remarkable treat for all music lovers and an excellent exhibition of the results accomplished during the year and was, if anything, an improvement on the former one. The younger performers showed less nervousness and the accompaniment to the vocal selections was more adapted to the voices although it could have stood a bit more modulation in several places.

The program was excellent and all the numbers were well executed, some of them especially so, and the high grade character of the program certainly impressed one that it deserved a larger attendance on the part of the student body. The fact that it was a free recital probably brought the belief that it would not be much, but those who attended simply to pass away a few idle moments felt that the time could not have been better spent. It is to be hoped that during the next musical season the student body, at least, will show more appreciation by a larger attendance.

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Teachers College Class Day.

The Normal and Kindergarten Training Classes held their Class Day Exercises on last Tuesday evening. Following the invocation by Dean Moore the address of welcome was delivered by Miss Ellen T. Morris, president of the class. Miss Virginia L. Williams sang a solo and Mrs. Emma Adams gave the class motto.

An essay on “The Benefit of a College Education” was read by Miss Matilda LaBrandt, followed by an instrumental duet by Misses Virginia Williams and Abbie Johnson. Miss Frances Coleman delivered the class prophecy and promised all happy and brilliant careers.

A selection was rendered by a quartet composed of Misses Virginia and Ada Williams, Abbie Johnson and Sadie Brown. Miss Ethel Thomas, the giftatorian remembered each member of the class and in place of the class song an instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Carrie R. Burton.

The Preparatory Department.

The Preparatory Department held its class day exercise Saturday night and a very interesting program was rendered consisting of orations, class history, giftatory and class prophecy.

The commencement exercises of the department were held Tuesday, May 25th and were of such a nature as to reflect great credit upon the school as well as upon the department. Every speaker did fine.
Teachers College Commencement

The commencement exercises of the Teachers College were held on Thursday night in Andrew Rankin Chapel. After the graduates had marched in, Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Garner. Then Justice Stanton J. Feele was installed by Dean Lewis B. Moore of the Teachers College. He gave a few remarks, speaking of the progress of the race since the Civil War and the prospects for their future development. He then introduced Rabbi Abram Simon, Ph. D., who delivered the address of the evening. He spoke of the dignity and worth of the teacher and of the divinity of the calling. Then after speaking at some length of the qualifications and duties of teachers, he congratulated the graduating class and charged them to always remember the sacredness of their mission and never lose sight of the fact that the eyes of Howard and of the world are upon them.

Diplomas were awarded by President Thrirkield.

The graduates were:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT—Matilda LeBrandt, Ellen T. Morris.

KINDERGARTEN COURSE—Sadie Brown, Mary Dorsey, Danieie Green, Harriet Lewis, Abbie Johnson, E. V. Thomas, Ada Williams, Virginia Williams.

DOMESTIC ARTS—Emma Adams.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE—Francis B. Coleman.

GLEE CLUB.

The first annual recital of the Howard University Glee Club took place in Andrew Rankin Chapel May 17, at 8:15 P. M., at which time the following program was rendered:

"Soldiers Chorus"—Gounod
"Deacon Jones Grievances"—Mr. G. W. Daniels
"There Little Girl, Don't Cry"—Mr. Murphy and Glee Club Solo, "Nymphus and Fauns"—Miss L. V. Childers
"Lost Chord"—Brewer-Sullivan

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(a) "Surprise"—Nevin
(b) "Lullaby"—Ingram
(c) Cello Solo, "Romance"—Schuman
(d) "In Vocal Combat"—Buck
(e) "How Ruby played the Piano"—Mr. G. W. Daniels
(f) Vocal Solo, "Sans Too!"—D'Harlelet
(g) Miss L. V. Childers
(h) "Good Night, My Love"—Forell

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"The Tack," "The Busy Bee," and "Our College Song" were sung with encore; and "The Prodigal Son" was sung by request.