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Although the club is still young its inspiring unity and ambition are already so far-reaching that it is safe to say that the organization is destined to succeed.

It is a general purpose of the club to render assistance where its aid is needed and practicable under the circumstances. Accordingly, upon its own initiative, the club has arranged an acceptable concert to be given Wednesday evening, May 19, at the People's Congregational Church. The net proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Washington Colored Social Settlement for charitable purposes.

It is the intention of the two clubs that as club members take up their abode in other cities they will establish other branches of the club and finally incorporate the various clubs into one strong national organization. The members are serious in the matter and are determined to see this accomplished in due time.

ATHLETIC NOTES

BY T. C. BROWN.

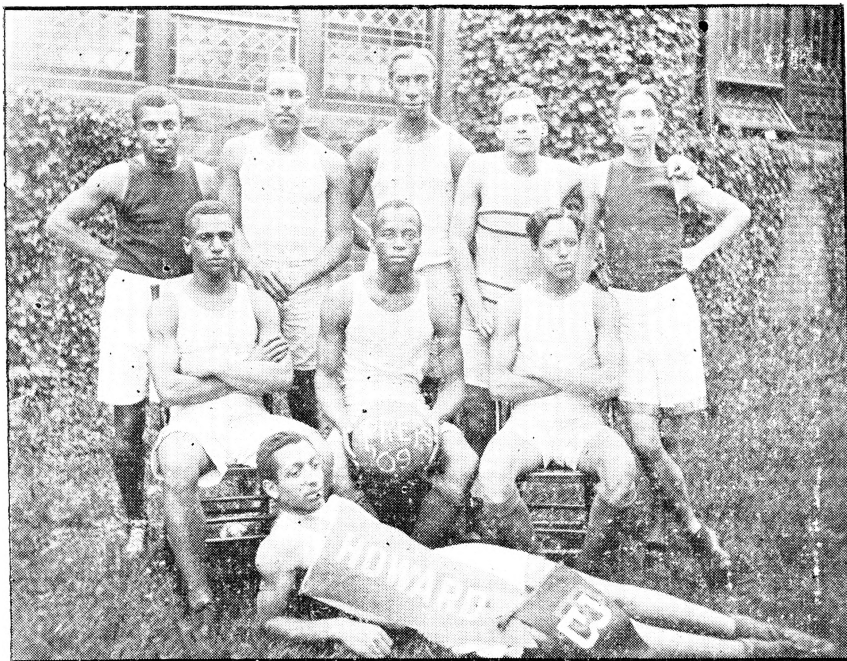
Manager Taylor and Captain Brown have labored hard to select and maintain a real baseball team in the Academy.

It is well understood that the Academy contains a number of boys who are not suitable for the 'Varsity, and yet they play fairly well. They have labored under certain disadvantages—such as lack of material for practice and want of suits, for depending upon the suits of the 'Varsity, they had to suffer the inconvenience of borrowing and returning them, often at serious loss of time and energy.

Now, we think the Athletic Association at Howard should treat its Academy team properly. Since it derives the benefits that come from the games it should provide the team with material. Games between Howard Academy and the High Schools of both

this city and other cities are drawing cards and mean more money for our Athletic Association. Let us hope that we shall be spared this trouble next year either by providing our own outfit (which we can easily do) or by having it provided for us by the Athletic Association.

The game between Manual Tech and Howard Academy plainly showed that there is good material in the Academy. Ex-



THE INVINCIBLE PREPS BASKET BALL TEAM.
Champion team of the District of Columbia.

perience only is needed to make them likely candidates for next year's Varsity.

Captain Brown knew what he was doing when he shifted Lane to second—for he is a star.

Lewis and Merriek make a fine battery; also Turner and Waters.

Winthrop played a star game for the Academy.

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Captain Brown was always watchful and knew every man's play; he is a hard working chap and thinks well of his men.

Brewer works very well for a new third baseman.

The fielders—Wallace, Merchant and Carey—are holding down their positions well.

Nixon, the senior, is playing very good farewell ball for the Academy.

More games for the Academy next year is their cry; watch us, and we'll have them, too, for when the Academy cries all the University stops and takes notice.

Well, it will soon be time for the Preps to exhibit their human racehorses on the track, and, as usual, they expect to take a few honors.

One place the Preps get their rights, and that is on the track; but they have to run for it.

Frank Valentine has proven to us by his first appearance in a meet that before all the medals are given away you must see him.

It is hardly worth while to mention "Fair Knight," as we know he is Taylor II.

F. A. Taylor, better known as "Physical Culture Sam," has served us well as captain of basketball team and also as manager of baseball team; moreover, he plays basketball as well as any man on his team.

To all whom it may concern: The Preps are "champions" of the District in basketball.

Lewis has established quite a reputation among us as a basketball player. Next year we hope to be in some league so that he may have plenty of goals to throw.

Winthrop played a star game of basketball for the Preps against the Crescents.

"Winnie" came to us late but has shown himself a real Prep.

ARMSTRONG TECH vs. INVINCIBLE PREPS.

BY C. BENJ. CURLEY (College '11).

The high schools about us must admit that the adjective "Invincible" belongs to the Preps not only in basketball but in baseball,

as was shown in a game between the Preps and the Techs. There was nothing to mar the game. Nature lent all the background that the scene needed and the Preps portrayed all the spirit, knowledge and work that the game calls for.

Captain Brown rushed his Preps out on the field with "Baby" Lewis in the box and Merrick behind the bat. Things looked promising from the beginning because it was a case of three Techs



THE INVINCIBLE PREPS BASE BALL TEAM.

up and three down. Out went the Techs to show their field work. Merrick was the first man up. He hit safe, followed by a safe bunt from Winthrop. Captain Brown sacrificed both runners. Lane was next up. He fanned the air successfully. A passed ball let in score No. 1. He struck out and the side was retired.

Tech's first man up in the second inning fell victim to a lick from Baby Lewis' wing. He recovered, however, only to pop up one to Captain Brown, who handed it to Winthrop at first. All the Techs showed respect for the Preps' captain, so the second man popped up a little fly to Captain Brown, which, of course, was an out. The third man managed to bunt safely, but his doom laid

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sealed in Merrick's arm because he died at second when the catcher gave the ball to the little second baseman Lane.

With the Preps it was very, very different, and it was, in fact, exciting for which reason. I'll give you the dope, just as I saw it—and, mind me, it was in a hurry.

Old Merchant hit through short. Brewer hit safe. Carey was struck. Three men on base already. Lewis hit but Merchant was caught at the plate. Merrick fouled out. Was all this excitement the result of a dream? Not exactly. There were still three men on bases. Winthrop came up; a passed ball and Brewer came home. The pitcher struck Winthrop which again filled the bases. Captain Brown was next. He hit the ball. A cloud of dust arose. The Techs became confused and when the storm abated Carey, Lewis, Winthrop and Brown had crossed the plate. Lane took pity on the Techs and struck out.

The third inning was very short-lived for the Techs. The first man was out by way of the Brewer-Winthrop route. The second man struck out of his own accord. The third man—to my surprise—hit safe, but he tried to impress upon us what we already knew—that he did not know the rudiments of baseball. He ran beyond first bag and turned to his left. Now, Winthrop, the Preps' first baseman, notices all such. Of course, that was three outs.

For the Preps, Wallace struck out. Merchant followed Wallace's example. Brewer hit to short, who threw wild. Carey hit to third, who threw wild to first. Brewer scored. Lewis hit safe, but Carey was caught at the home plate.

Fourth. Tech's first man hit to Brewer, who threw wild to first; runner turned to his left and was put out, but Captain Brown conceded. Second man hit out to Captain Brown, who caught first runner at third. Third Tech hit to Lewis, who caught runner at third. Third runner died at second on a steal.

Merrick fouled to third baseman. Winthrop walked but was caught at second. Brown hit to second baseman but was thrown out at first.

Fifth. Tech flied out to Lane. Second to Lewis. Third walked. Fourth out over Brown-Winthrop line.

Lane hit safe. Wallace out on a fly to second. Merchant struck out. Brewer walked. Carey hit for two bags. Lane scored. Turner came in the game to relieve "Baby" Lewis, but Carey ran Brewer off third and was out.

Sixth. First Tech was struck. Second bunted safe. Third bunted safe. Fourth man was struck. One run was forced for the Techs, but the second and third runners for some unexplained reason tried to run the forced runner home and two men were out. Fifth man was out—Lane to Winthrop.

Turner was struck. Waters, Turner's receiver, struck out. Turner stole second. Winthrop was hit. Captain Brown flied out to third. Lane hit to second but was thrown out.

Seventh. First Tech hit out. Turner to Winthrop. Second fouled to Waters. Third out—Turner to Winthrop.

Wallace struck out. Merchant knocked a fly to second. Brewer hit safe. Nixon bunted safe. Turner hit safe. Brewer scored. On a passed ball Nixon scored. Waters walked. Winthrop knocked a fly that both catcher and pitcher tried to get, but while they were fumbling Turner scored. Brown was up. A passed ball; Waters scored. Captain walked. Lane up (double steal, Winthrop-Brown) hit to short, who fumbled, Winthrop scored. Wallace fanned.

Eighth. First Tech (Brown to Winthrop) was out. Second struck out. Wallace handled the third fly.

Merchant flied to center. Brewer hit to second. Nixon hit safe. Turner hit safe. Nixon caught at third.

Ninth. First Tech hit safe, but, as usual, turned wrong at first. Second out. Third hit safe. Fourth closed the game with a difficult foul which Waters, the catcher, handled.

So endeth the reading of the word.

"You've heard de readin' ob de minits; now, what's de pleasure ob de house?"

"ALL HAIL THE PREPS."

Score, 13 to 1 in favor of Preps.

