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Neither are we unmindful of the attempts and the failures thereof made by individuals to establish journalistic enterprises in the University, nor of the means necessary for the support of an enterprise. We are, perhaps, somewhat optimistic. Having carefully weighed the capability of the students to support and manage a publication, and also, having come to the conclusion, based on sound evidence, that a journalistic contribution would be productive of no harm, but, probably, of some good, we have decided to publish this second edition, and to crystallize our efforts toward the permanent establishment of the ACADEMY HERALD. We are very desirous to establish the HERALD, because the recent growth of the University almost demands it, and also because it will add much to the pleasure and training of the students of the Department.

We solicit the support of every friend and student of the University, and give assurance that if the impulse for good, caused by the ACADEMY HERALD, is not immediately felt, it shall certainly be felt in the not far distant future.

THE EUREKA LITERARY SOCIETY.

“The great characteristic of our nature,” says Cicero, “that which distinguishes us from brutes, is our ability to convey our ideas by words.” The Eureka Literary Society, conducted by members of the Academy, offers to every student the splendid opportunity of a practical training in the art of public speaking, the mastery of free and deliberative expression, and a general knowledge of parliamentary procedure. These adjuncts are indeed the essential requisites of a well-rounded education; the want of them often throws a damper on the bright qualities which one might otherwise possess; their possession and proper use not only adorn the art of speaking itself, but force a recognition of one’s ability in other branches of culture.

That the object of the Eureka is well sustained, is made

manifest each year, when she sends out representatives to contend on the rostrum for the honor and glory of their respective classes. The superior training of the boys as compared to the literary training of other preparatory schools is most apparent in the College Department, for of the four sons of the Eureka who entered the preliminary contest of the College Department, each easily won a place. Washington opened the debate against Fisk with such mighty arguments and convincing logic that the defeat of the visiting team was inevitable; Butts not only swept the field at Atlanta, but with only three weeks of preparation again championed the victorious cause of Howard against Lincoln; while Neely and Scott easily laid low the proud banner of Wilberforce.

In order that the students may become accustomed to the working of the government of the United States, the Eureka is resolved into a Mock Congress for four months of the school year. The campaigns and election are carried on with great zeal and enthusiasm by both Republicans and Democrats. In the Senate order and dignity are the prevailing features, the Senators are seated according to party, and an adequate number of seats are reserved for the young ladies of the Academy, who, by a special act of Congress, were made honorary members of the Senate. This year the Democrats carried the election, with Samuel Allen as Speaker of the House and John Gray as President of the United States of Howard University. To the Speaker must be accorded the praise for the achievements of the Congress of 1910. For Mr. Allen is a young man who is endowed with a strong force of character, and is also well versed in parliamentary rules, and he not only possesses the courage to command a turbulent house, but knows well how to pilot both parties without incurring the displeasure of the Republicans or the ill-feeling of his own party.

Apart from the training and inspiration which the several important bills discussed this year in the Senate afforded, the Senate of 1910 shall always remember the visit of President

Gray of U. S. of Howard University. As he was announced by the Speaker, the entire body rose, and the President, dressed in evening costume and attended by two officers in uniform, entered the Senate amidst resounding applause. His message, which portrayed the condition of the country, and recommended necessary legislation, was then read in a clear, distinct voice, and after a brief stay he retired with as much grace and pomp as he had entered. The entire scene was so spectacular that even college men who were present wished that they were again Preps.

The students are not wholly dependent upon the mutual exchange of their knowledge for instruction, for members of the faculty are always willing to deliver addresses of interest. Among those who addressed the Mock Congress this year are Secretary George W. Cook and Mr. E. P. Davis, the oldest and youngest friends of the students.

With these unsurpassed advantages the Eureka stands as an indispensable factor in the education of the Academy students. Nay, she is the backbone of the University, for under her walls the lawyer first practices the principles of argumentation, the minister lays the foundation of future sermons, and under her walls the college man receives the impetus which secures him future honors. Thus, in view of the extensive usefulness of this society and its achievements, the Eureka attempts its second issue of the ACADEMY HERALD, feeling assured that its past accomplishments, its present usefulness, and its future possibilities, shall serve to warrant your hearty support.

THE NEW SCIENCE HALL.

How proud every Howardite must be when he looks upon the new Science Hall rising in its splendor. The very thought of the prominent part which this Hall will play in the education of mankind, makes one's heart leap for joy. Think