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## Editorial

WE CALL ATTENTION to the prize recently offered by Uncle Josh for the most popular young lady in Miner Hall. This prize is sure to be awarded.

At the last returns the running was close. Let each young lady join the race. Are you a subscriber?

ALL THROUGH the ages, men have fully realized the absolute necessity of sacrifice, and of a constant and united effort in the accomplishment of great things. There has not been an exception to this general rule. For, in the achievement of a great success, they have always found that success does not run to meet them, but must be long and wearily pursued by him who would capture it. The effect in all cases has had to be constant, persistent and united. These are sure means of success.

There rests before the students of the Academy a great problem; great because there is attached to its solution much

difficulty and a large, earnest, and united effort; great because its worth is incalculable. Having long felt the pressing need of having in the Academy a paper like THE HERALD, the publishing of it was begun by enthusiastic and loyal students of the Academy, men of thought and action, who relied wholly upon the courage of the Academy student body to make the paper a success. Without a doubt, we all recognize the necessity of having this organ. Hence, it is the duty of every Academy student to stop and consider what he can do to make THE HERALD a success.

After a little thought, each one must reach this conclusion. Since this is a great problem, a successful solution of it can be brought about only by a sacrifice of time and money. The time should be used in writing for the paper; the money in subscribing for it. And, as in solving a mathematical problem, if each student uses the correct formula, the result is inevitably correct. So in solving this problem, just a small effort on the part of each student is not a great price to pay. And let it be plainly understood that it is imperative that each student of the Academy pay his subscription, contribute to its pages with whatever good talent he has, and take a general interest in THE HERALD. Also it is highly essential that each student should not delay unnecessarily, but should make a prompt response to this appeal. If he does this, there will be a satisfactory solution of this problem. We look to our students individually, to our literary organization, and finally to our classes to see to it that THE HERALD shall not fail. Satisfied that all students of the Academy will at once

realize their duty, and follow the call to the colors, we are confident of the inevitable result, success for THE HERALD.



### Y. M. C. A. Activities

*D. D. Mattocks '16*

THE President and Faculty decreed that Monday, November 30th, should be a day of prayer for Howard University. In the services that followed the decree, the Y. M. C. A. took the lead. Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Logan, the Secretary, and Mr. Foster, President of the Association, Mr. Mercer had been secured as the

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chief speaker for the services of the day. Mr. Mercer is one of the foremost religious workers of to-day.

Mr. Mercer's theme throughout the five lectures that he delivered before the students of Howard University seemed to be, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways?" the timely inquiry of the Psalmist, David. Mr. Mercer, beginning with his freshman college days gave a synopsis of his college life. He drew pictures such as we see about us daily. The synopsis was followed by a pathetic story of his life after leaving college and of his mistake in failing to take the right attitude towards Christianity. On the evening of November 30, he continued his discourses by pointing out the dangers of immorality in all of its forms. He exhorted that we should keep away as far as possible from all baneful influences. Indeed, the rich experiences;

the timely application; the peculiar fitness of the speaker,—all blended, and made the services more serious to the thoughtful student than ordinary exhortation would have been.

Thursday noon Mr. Mercer gave a brief talk on the physical effects of immorality. "Ye are as holy as ye truly will be holy."

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He pointed out very vividly the disastrous effects of impure lives upon good and virile manhood, upon good citizenship, upon a good community, upon posterity, and upon Christian society. The subject was still, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways?"

At the Tuesday evening prayer meeting, Mr. Mercer showed his versatility by handling his mixed audience in the same captivating manner in which he had handled the young men alone. At the Law School he spoke upon the same subject as before, offering the students the same remedy for cleansing their way. He urged them to do this for the sake of future homes, for themselves and for their God.

Now, fellow students, we have heard the message, our hearts have been stirred. What are we going to do? Are we going to continue in the path of social popularity? Shall we sit idle in

the castle of indolence and watch the battle as it is being carried on by those who are far less competent than we to do it? No! a thousand times no! Fortune has chosen you to fight this battle; friends are expecting you to fight it; your parents are praying that you may fight it; and the very God of Heaven is demanding of you some return for the opportunities which you now enjoy.



## Academy Correspondence

273 Thayer Street,  
Providence, R. I.,  
October 31, 1914

Prof. Charles S. Syphax,  
Dean of the Academy,  
Howard University

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my check for Ten (\$10.00) Dollars which I pledged to give annually to the Academy of Howard University, to be known as the C. C. Robertson Prize.

Yours truly,

Robert S. Robertson

November 3, 1914

Mr. Robert S. Robertson,  
273 Thayer Street.,  
Providence, R. I.

My Dear Sir:

Your Letter of October 31st. enclosing check for Ten (\$10.00) Dollars has been received. In reply I am sending a receipt for same.

We fully appreciate your generosity in pledging yourself to give annually to the Academy the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars as a memorial to your brother to be known as the C. C. Robertson Prize.

The Faculty decided to make two prizes of Five (\$5.00) Dollars so that each branch of the subject taught by your brother might be represented in the contest.

Last May at the anniversary exercises of the Academy the C. C. Robertson Prize of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, for the best work in plane geometry was awarded to Miss Gladys V. Whitmier of Denver, Colorado; and the C. C. Robertson Prize of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, for the best work in elementary algebra was awarded to Messrs. Samuel H. Gibson

of Montreal, Canada, and Lewis K. Madison, of Warrenton, Va.

On behalf of the Academy Faculty permit me to extend to you our heartiest thanks.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Syphax,  
Dean of the Academy, Howard University.

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