


# ADMINISTRATION



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DR. MORDECAI WYATT JOHNSON, *President*

E need say little of Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of Howard University. His entire life has been a record of profound achievement and stands out as one due to inspire, prompt and encourage every young Negro student in the world to greater personal achievement. He is a fearless leader, an excellent administrator, and a true friend of the student body of Howard University. The high respect and regard of the students for Dr. Johnson was most ably demonstrated recently. Under his administration Howard University is experiencing a growth unprecedented heretofore in all its history. The success of his work in the University is excellently exemplified by the arduous greatness of the things he has done. A non-partisan policy has characterized his administration, and the further progress and advancement of the University is assured by his constructive program.

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DR. EMMETT JAY SCOTT, A.M., LL.D.



**D**R. EMMETT JAY SCOTT, well known to every student in the University, came to Howard almost twelve years ago to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. His office is a strategic part of the University organization. Additional executive officers and more clerical help has made it one of the most efficient administrative cogs. The service it renders and performs is very well known to all of us. Dr. Scott's activities have been wide and varied throughout his entire life. He is a speaker and a writer of ability, and is today, without a doubt, one of the most influential American Negroes living. His services have been rendered not only to the Negro race, but to the entire United States, and it is unsurpassed in its scope. His friends and admirers are numbered among all people and races in this country and abroad.

FREDERICK D. WILKINSON, LL.B.

**T**HE student or former student who had contact with the old registration system at Howard can appreciate better the change that has come and which has evolved into the present system of registration. This change has been gradual, and is due to the untiring efforts of the registrar, Frederick D. Wilkinson, who has devoted the past eleven years of his life to making the registration procedure at Howard as simple as possible for the students. Many details, we learn, are yet to be eliminated, and in due time we predict a flawless system of registration. The registrar's office is one of the most important in the University. In it records of all students in the professional and undergraduate schools are kept and are available at all times. The efficiency of the registrar's office and the centralization of these records have greatly facilitated the work in the University. Registrar Wilkinson's life has been dedicated to his work, and his work is something of which he can be proud.



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LUCY DIGGS SLOWE, A.B., A.M.

**H**OWARD UNIVERSITY is fortunate to have as its Dean of Women Lucy Diggs Slowe, a woman whose untiring efforts, versatility and foresight have made her outstanding in the field of education and social service. Dean Slowe is a woman greatly loved and admired by all who know her well and appreciate the depth of her character and the strength and breadth of her mind. She has, we believe, become the intellectual and spiritual leader of the women of the campus, creating a desire in them for wholesome recreational activities in art, literature and music. Her work has touched practically all phases of the student's life, and her interest in student activities has been deeply manifested.



WILLIAM B. WEST, S.B.



**T**HE "Big Brother," as our genial and well-liked Dean of Men is affectionately called, only tells a small part of the frank and honest esteem the general male student body holds for Dean William B. West. He comes into intimate contact with more male students than any other executive or teacher in the University. A more thorough gentleman and good fellow could not be found. He came to Howard University in 1922 as a general liaison officer and Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and later, in 1925, he became Dean of Men. His office has served as a clearing house for male students with all their varied problems. Through his efforts a great change has taken place in the spirit of Howard men: fraternity antagonism has been almost abolished, an employment bureau and a room registry system has been instituted. Male students can always find a cordial welcome from Dean West and a willingness to help them.

EDWARD PORTER DAVIS

A.B., A.M., Ph.D.



DEAN DAVIS' service has been continuous at the University since his graduation from its College of Arts and Sciences twenty-three years ago. No member of the University faculty is more generally liked and admired. He is a stern disciplinarian, yet one who will always go to the limits within the law to satisfy the needs of the students. He is greatly concerned about the thorough liberal education of the younger generation of Negroes. The teaching profession needs more men like Dr. Davis; men who have not simply drifted into the academic life, but men who are interested primarily in the student and who feel a personal responsibility for the fullest development of the student's powers. In the College of Liberal Arts, with its faculty of more than a hundred, just that is attempted, and we believe it is achieved under the direction of Dr. Davis.

DWIGHT O. W. HOLMES, A.B., A.M.

THE College of Education is under the able direction of one of the foremost Negro educators, Dean D. O. W. Holmes. The varied life of Dean Holmes in the field of education has served as an inspiration to many of the youths of Howard University. His advice and counsel is sought by all on matters pertaining to campus and student life. He is not only appreciated by all true Howardites, but by the public in general. He is serving on many committees of national importance studying the problem of Negro education. He holds positions of honor in the Association of Negro Colleges, the Colored Teachers Association, and other educational bodies of significance. Under his supervision the College of Education has increased its faculty and facilities. He has greatly added to its progress by selecting the members of his faculty from the few Negroes who are specialists in the field of education today.



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LEWIS K. DOWNING

A.B., S.B. in C.E. and E.E.

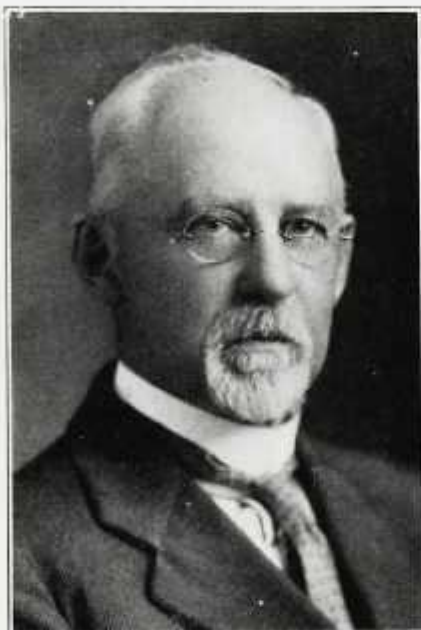
**T**HE College of Applied Science is doing excellent work in the thorough preparation of young Negroes for the opportunities to be found in the fields of Engineering, Home Economics and Art. It is rendering a service unlimited in its scope and possibilities that are necessary to the advancement of our civilization. Howard University is fortunate in having as the Acting Dean of this College one of her own sons—Lewis K. Downing. His practical experience and extensive traveling for study, as well as his educational training, have played important parts in fitting him for the deanship. He is accorded recognition by many technical engineering bodies. His students are great admirers of his ability and the knowledge he has of his work. They find in him a ready helper in all problems that grow out of their work and their general welfare and relationship to the University family.



LULU V. CHILDERS, Mus. B.

**T**HE School of Music of Howard University aims to train musicians in the liberal culture which cannot be found in the private studio. It endeavors also to thoroughly coach the students in the social sciences, modern languages and literature so that they may draw on other fields for that power adequate for their full development. The numerous advantages connected with the University make the accomplishment of this aim easy. One of these advantages is the thoroughly trained faculty of the School of Music. Miss Lulu V. Childers, as the Director of the School of Music, through her great efforts and the help of her faculty, has brought the School of Music to a high place in the University family.

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DAVIE BUTLER PRATT, A.B., B.D., D.D.

**T**HE students in the School of Religion speak most highly of Dean Davie Butler Pratt. His years of service to the University have been many. In the School of Religion men and women are offered an excellent opportunity to prepare themselves for various kinds of Christian service. The school occupies at present its own home, with increased faculty and more facilities. It is rendering a service of great significance in religious work. There is a graduate school connected to the School of Religion, and it also conducts a correspondence department. Annually extension institutes are held at different centers and a convocation is held on the campus. Many other services and activities provide for its students an outlet. It is one of the outstanding schools of the University family.

WILLIAM STEWART NELSON, A.B., B.D.

**P**RESIDENT JOHNSON showed excellent judgment and a deep regard for leadership and ability when he chose Professor William S. Nelson as his assistant. The position is a new one at Howard University, and Professor Nelson is the first incumbent. He has handled very well indeed the great number of administrative details and duties which ordinarily would fall to the President of the University. Professor Nelson is active also in student and faculty affairs on the campus. The promotion of group thinking and discussion among students on the campus claims much of his interest and time. He is also the director of religious life among students.





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### MR. CLARENCE W. DAVIS

**T**HE Department of Physical Education, under the direction of the acting head, Mr. C. W. Davis, has progressed far beyond expectations. It has enjoyed unprecedented growth. The department has grown from an insignificant cog to a dynamic force in the University family. The growth and expansion of this department is due largely to the efforts of Mr. Davis and the very able faculty that serves this branch of our University life. This new interest that has been created in Physical Education may be attributed to the fact that the students are allowed to elect the kinds of recreational activities in which they are interested for fulfillment of the Physical Education requirements. The Physical Education Department, under the guidance of Mr. Davis, is the largest in the history of Howard University, and if we may judge the future by the past, it bodes well to exceed even itself in the years to come.



### MRS. MARY R. ALLEN

**T**HE Department of Physical Education for Women is under the able direction of Mrs. Mary R. Allen. Since her incumbency Mrs. Allen and her assistants have exerted great effort in bringing the department up to its present standard. Many graduates of this department are holding responsible positions at various institutions throughout the United States. Mrs. Allen has been able to place many of her graduates personally. This department is probably the youngest in the University family, and we may well expect to see it take its place with the much older branches in a few years.



DR. ALLEN

*University Physician*

## Student Health at Howard University

**T**HE Division of Student Health is a unit of the University devoted to the care and preservation of the health of the student body as a means of not only creating the greatest effectiveness on the part of the undergraduate during his academic life, but as an educational and health care service to the end of producing individuals physically and mentally strong and intelligent regarding the conservation of their health.

The student group is examined periodically and followed up closely to insure the correction of all uncovered physical defects. This procedure is aided by an extensive early consultation care with the aim of clearing up all minor complaints in an effort to prevent serious disability. The student is encouraged to report for medical care early in the event of illness. These types of medical care undoubtedly keep the student best able to pursue University life with the least handicap of loss of energy, the greatest contentment, and the minimum distraction due to health problems. Besides the actual conservation of life, there are the fewest possible days lost from class work.

The athlete is given superior health care in the protection of the participant against the stress and strain of sports to the utmost and allowing only those physically able to take part.

Campus sanitation and hygiene is given attention through this health agency. The community cannot be neglected in the preservation of health of its members.

### PERSONNEL

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*University Physician, Director of Health Service*

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EMORY B. SMITH

*Director of Bureau of Information*

### The Department of Public Information

**T**HE Department of Public Information is no mere news agency nor local information bureau. It is rather an office of public relations, interpreting to the outside world the policy program and contributions of the University to human welfare.

A twofold objective is the aim of the Department, namely, accounting to the public for the performance of an educational responsibility, and fostering good-will toward the University in accord with the principle that "interest presupposes information."

This task is performed through the medium of the public press and various university publications of both informational and promotional types, exhibits, and by means of direct contact through personal interviews and public addresses.

The office is affiliated with the American College Publicity Association, and is responsible for the University news service, publications, including the General Catalog, Departmental Bulletins, Booklets, Brochures and Circulars, and has charge of all University advertising, including athletics.

News releases are sent out weekly to more than one hundred Negro papers in addition to releases to the local Sunday papers and occasional releases to the local dailies and the national distributing agencies.

The office conducts a clipping service of more than one hundred Negro weeklies in addition to the service provided by Romekie Press Clipping Bureau and the Public Clipping Bureau, the two latter covering metropolitan dailies and current magazines.

Close unofficial relationship is maintained between the Director of the Department and student organizations, making available friendly council concerning the possible reaction of public sentiment to student opinion and activities.

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