"The Banner" Local Alumni Association

Richmond, Virginia Representatives at the Semi-Centennial Celebration

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(See pages 10 and 23.)
Some of Howard's Earliest Graduates at the Semi-Centennial Celebration

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REV. E. W. WILLIAMS, '81
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MR. E. W. Turner, '72
Washington, D. C.
Foreword

The Semi-Centennial Celebration of Howard University presented a retrospect of the University in general and of the alumni in particular. As was hoped and expected there was a great awakening as was evidenced by the presence of many of the alumni from a distance, the hearty co-operation and greetings of a great many more who could not leave their posts, of duty, and finally recognizing what the past fifty years meant and as showing their faith in the future, the tangible expression of a greater number still in response to our plan of jubilee offering, was significant.

Many lessons were brought home to those who were privileged to attend and from localities where organized efforts to cement the alumni had been made echoes of the celebration of Charter Day, March 2, which came pouring in at the Historical Meeting here on the same date, were very gratifying.

The small compass of the RECORD will not permit us to give the alumni abroad anything like a full account of what was said and done, but we are attempting, from the little we present, to have you gather the larger and more salient import of the celebration—a united alumni.

We are entering upon another epoch of endeavor far more auspicious than that which has just closed. With conditions, environments, and resources of the alumni more favorable; and the mutual understanding being made more thorough; and contact with a camporative study of the alumni of other institutions, all bespeak a "Greater Alumni" for the "Greater Howard."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be."

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Alumni Home Coming

The Commencement, June 6th will be a feature of the finished celebration of the Semi-Centennial commenced in March. Every alumnus should at once begin preparation to be present and participate in the event.

The success of the department reunions during the celebration March 1-4 has suggested a similar plan for the June Reunion. The business session, by vote of the Association at its last regular meeting, will take place on the evening of June 5, thus giving the whole day of June 6, to a real reunion of those who are present.

The outlined tentative plan proposes:
June 5—
8 p. m.—Business Session.
June 6—
9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Reunion by Departments
12:30—Luncheon
2 p. m.—General Reunion of all Departments
8 p. m.—Alumni Banquet.
The Development of Leadership

It is not necessary to say here that the purpose of a liberal education is not alone to benefit the person receiving it; that the training received by alumni of institutions such as our Alma Mater, endowed by rich gifts from philanthropists and state or national government, has a much nobler object than to fit the recipient to pursue his chosen calling or profession to his best personal advantage, profit, enjoyment and comfort.

As compared to the great mass of our population they are few who have the good fortune to be privileged to complete a course of study in a college or university; and they who do contribute but little towards its cost. By far the larger portion of the expense is borne by public spirited citizens and the state or national government. University or college trained men and women owe something to society; they owe to it an enlightened and conscientious leadership.

Many of us forget the obligations which superior advantages have placed upon us and pursue a career of self-seeking which ends in the stony ground of mediocrity, the arid plains of discontent and genteel poverty or the quagmire of failure and disgrace. How best to discharge our obligation to society is the question which we must all decide at some time if we desire to live lives of usefulness and duty.

The leadership which we are expected to and should exercise is "not attained by sudden flights." While our accomplishments kindle admiration in the minds of some, in many others they cause envy and distrust. Real leadership like everything else worth while in this life can only be secured through sacrifice and self-denial.
When the Master was on earth He pointed the way which if followed always leads to success. On one occasion two of His disciples James and John the sons of Zebedee came unto Him, and requested that when He came into His glory one should sit on the right and the other on the left of Him. When the other ten heard of it they became displeased with James and John, but the Master said unto them "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." In this declaration is the whole doctrine of leadership. If we would lead we must serve.

While this University was established for the training of men and women regardless of race we all realize that it has chiefly benefitted members of the Negro race in America; and it is for that race more than any other that its alumni should become leaders. Surrounded by and forced to live by the standards of, and compete with, the most highly trained and powerful people in existence, the American Negro needs our service in so many fields that they scarcely admit of enumeration.

To perform this service so as to win his confidence and loyalty we must do more and harder work for the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our duty than we do at the calling or profession from which we earn our livelihood.

Too many of us are content to spend all of the time that we do not devote to earning a living to social enjoyment and self-indulgence. We should be of and in every movement which makes for the benefit and uplift of the communities in which we live. We should worship with the average man to teach him how to worship God in an intelligent manner. We should live beside the average man to teach him how to conduct his household; live in a sanitary condition, rear and educate his children, practice thrift, virtue and morality. In fact, we should be beside the man who has not had our chance, three hundred and sixty-five days in a year; directing him by precept and example, to higher, better and nobler things. If we do this when the day shall come that we desire to be considered leaders we will have some one to lead.

It must be admitted that the trained men and women among us do not enjoy the leadership which they should. Their voices are so often drowned by ignoramuses and blatant demagogues who have lived closer to the people. The latter classes float
financial schemes by which they fleece the people; while properly conducted enterprises languish and die. They trade the confidence of the public for personal gain; while the man of honest mind and purpose cannot get a hearing. They have in their way at some time seemed to serve the people.

When a boy I used to attend a flock of sheep. A stream ran through the field where they were pastured. I have often seen the old bell wether at the head of the flock stop an instant on the bank of the stream shake her head, thus ringing the bell, and then plunge in; all the others would follow her, swimming across to the other side. I have seen that same bell wether on one side of the stream and the rest of the sheep on the other; however much she would ring the bell the others would not come over unless she first crossed to them and led them over. Mankind are very much like sheep; if you would lead them across the stream you must go over with them.

The physician who thinks that he has done his full duty when he has done his best to cure the diseases, alleviate the pains and set the broken bones of those to whom he has been called—and collected his fee—has missed the very essence of his calling. The highest duty of the medical profession is to prevent, not cure disease; and the practitioner who does not join and lead every properly conducted movement in the community in which he lives, which has for its object the inculcation of cleaner habits of living and improved sanitary conditions, with a view to lessening the probability of epidemics, and does not advise, and as far as may be, assist in training nurses who see and serve for him in his absence, is not discharging his obligation to society and is not the leader that we have a right to expect him to be.

The preacher and the teacher should not confine their activities to the services of those who come directly under their charge and for which they receive pay, but should be the leading spirits in every movement for the moral and spiritual welfare of the people and the general uplift of the community.

The men who are learned in the law have in all ages drawn up those instruments, whether treaties, compacts, constitutions or laws which have safeguarded or attempted to safeguard the rights of the people concerned. The Negro lawyer who is an alumnus of a university should be for his race the watchman upon the
wall and sound the alarm when their constitutional or lawful rights are being violated or infringed. He should be willing to assist in resisting oppression whether it means a retainer for himself or not. In order that he may possess that confidence of the community which is necessary to leadership in any crisis he should be faithful in the small trusts committed to his care and ever ready to encourage and direct organizations such as literary and debating societies and building and loan associations which are formed to help our young people to read, think and save.

It is by assisting our neighbors to solve every day problems and directing them in the performance of their daily tasks and the discharge of their public duties that we gain that confidence which we must have when the time comes to lead any great movement.

There has been no time since emancipation when the American Negro stood more in need of competent and trustworthy leadership than now. The great European war which has so profoundly affected the whole civilized world has brought to our firesides many problems for solution. The foreign laborer has been called home to bear arms for his country. The daily death toll and waste and the recently enacted immigration law make it certain that he will not soon return in great numbers. As a result a large market exists for the Negro laborer in localities and at avocations in which he would have been considered an impudent trespasser had he attempted to enter a few years ago.

Many thousands of our people are taking advantage of the opportunity presented to them and leaving the South which they know for the North which they do not know. They are actuated not so much by the increased wages as by the prospect of becoming secure in person and property and having a larger enjoyment of civil and political rights.

The men who should be the real leaders in this movement have been and are still shirking their responsibilities. Those who have profited by the patronage and support of these people should have preceded them for the purpose of inspection at least and seen to it that proper provision for housing them had been made. In many localities this has not been done and there is consequently much illness and suffering.
To many trained men, who have purchased homes, established lucrative businesses or successful professional careers, this exodus from some of the congested districts of the South may be unwelcomed, but they know that it is for the greatest good to the greatest number. They know that the history of the world from the days of Moses to the present shows that where one race has been subjugated, oppressed or proscribed by another and exists in large numbers, permanent relief has come in one of two ways—amalgamation or migration. The thought of amalgamation is not to be entertained. If conditions in the South for the race of which we are or should be leaders are to be permanently improved many of those who now live there should migrate and scatter throughout the North, East and West. I believe the present opportunity is providential.

Today the American Negro is without a recognized leader to speak for him as Hexamer speaks for the German-American, as Meyer Sulzberger, Strauss and Schiff speak for the Jewish-American, as Ryan speaks for the Irish-American. Is there no alumnus of Howard who has served his people well in small things upon whom we may call to assume this role?

As badly as we need a leader today we shall need one far more when the present strife shall be over. The very atmosphere seems charged with the thought that as a result of this great conflict the condition of the less fortunate and oppressed peoples of all civilized nations is to be ameliorated. It does not at present appear that our country will be able to keep out of war with honor. If we enter it, when the call for volunteers shall be made, whether it be to defend our coast from invasion, police the seas or storm trenches in a foreign land, thousands of us will answer: "Here am I, send me! send me!"

And while our patriotism is such that we do not bargain in the presence of a great danger or make demands while the enemy is at our gates, when peace is restored to the warring nations we will need a leader to speak for us; a leader who will not have the voice of Jacob and the hand of Esau. A leader who will speak for us as Redmond will speak for Ireland, as Zangwill will speak for the Prussian Jew, as the leaders of all oppressed peoples
will speak for them; a leader who will demand that human bon-
fires shall cease to burn in this fair land; that all men shall be
made secure in their manhood and property rights; that all of us
in all sections of this country shall be permitted to pursue in
peace that trade or calling for which our talents and tastes qualify
and incline us; and that the path to the ballot box shall be bord-
ered with the flower of equality, which shall bloom and send
forth its fragrance for all men, black and white alike.

The Banner Association

The Local Alumni Association of Richmond, Va., proved
its right to the title "the banner" association at the Semi Centen-
nial, sending a delegation of five (see Frontispiece-photo by Brown
of Richmond) with banner, badges and appropriate greetings re-
presenting graduates in Medicine, 12; Dentistry, 6; Pharmacy, 6;
Law, 2; Commercial, 2; English, 2; Pedagogy, 2; Theology, 1;
and College, 1; with the following personnel:

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Dr. O. B. H. Bowser
Dr. R. C. Brown
Dr. S. D. Calloway
Dr. J. C. Carper
Dr. J. W. Chambers
Dr. D. A. Ferguson
Dr. H. L. Harris, Jr.
Dr. J. E. Jackson
Dr. J. D. Jackson
Dr. M. B. Jones
Mr. G. W. Lewis
Rev. R. V. Peyton
Dr. E. S. Roane
Dr. A. W. Sample
Dr. Wm. H. Smith
Mr. Wm. Thompson

Dr. J. H. Blackwell, Jr.
Dr. A. Brown
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Dr. A. D. Carr
Dr. C. S. Cowan
Dr. H. L. Harris, Sr.
Prof. P. J. Henry
Mrs. C. L. Jackson (nee Kersey)
Mrs. N. E. Johnson (nee Johnston)
Mrs. R. K. Jones (nee Kinckle)
Dr. W. J. Pettis
Dr. L. A. Reid
Dr. A. Robinson
Miss M. Sheppard
Dr. R. F. Tancil
Dr. G. White

The principal addresses at the Alumni Rally, March 3,
were "The Development of Leadership," by the Hon. John C.
Asbury, of the Philadelphia Bar; and the Alumni: an Effective
Force in University Effort," by Rev. George Frazier Miller,
D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y. Both have been widely commented on
and are published in this issue of THE RECORD.
The Alumni; An Effective Force in University Effort

Doctor Christoph Sigwart, in his voluminous treatise on Logic, puts the concept under critical analysis and elaborates the mental image of the essence of being to very great extent. He differentiates the logical, the psychological, and the metaphysical concepts. The logical concept is definite, fixed, and determined—the thing of general or universal acceptation; such as decisions in courts of law, or predicate words as laid down in dictionaries and known as definitions.

The psychological concept we shall here pass over as it concerns itself with the variant thought of being and does not come into our present consideration. The metaphysical concept leads us to the ideal—the highest, loftiest, and noblest conception rather than satisfies us with universal standards or common agreements—this latter being the logical concept.

The logical concept, then, of an alumnus is a graduate—a holder of a diploma or a recipient of a degree of honor from his Alma Mater. It matters not what may be his indifference, incompetence, or other negative character, a graduate is, according to the logical concept, an alumnus.

We are, today, taking the metaphysical concept, or the ideal view—the alumnus according to our highest view, or as he ought to be—an effective force in university endeavor. Such a one should be characterized by a motive power and intensity of devotion that approaches nigh unto religion in this thought of, and attachment to, his Alma Mater.

By religion I mean an all absorbing and over-mastering devotion to an ideal linked with the ardor to realize that ideal as an objective good and appropriate it to one's own service or exaltation.
I admit that definition is philosophical rather than theological or ecclesiastical, and as to me the highest conception of religion is that which makes Christ in God the great objective, I say the ideal alumnus is one whose devotion to Alma Mater approaches well nigh unto religion.

In discussing the alumni hereafter we dismiss the logical concept of the word. When Alma Mater has given academic and cultural birth to the alumnus he no more severs the ties that bind them twain than he thinks to break the native bonds that link him to his mother whose flesh and blood he is—the latter may be tenderer; the former is equally lasting.

Fellowship

This quickened and enduring sense of relationship, tender and ardent, between Alumni and Alma Mater should lead instinctively each alumnus to cultivate a bond of sympathy and benevolence between himself and every son of their common fostering mother. I use the word "benevolence" not in the mean sense of condescension but in the robust sense of a genuine desire for each others' success. The success of a fellow alumnus should afford a ground of good cheer, if not of actual rejoicing, to his fellow alumni. The success of every alumnus should become a stimulus to his fellows to strive for greater things in their various fields of endeavor. Not for vain-glorious or selfish ends but that they, by reflex action, participating in the renown or esteem which comes to Alma Mater through the worthy deeds or grand achievements of any of her sons or daughters, may not continue recipients of others bounties but contributors to the common lot of service and of praise—not reapers only, but sowers; not channels of good dispensed, but sources of wholesome supply. No alumnus should rest in the glory of his Alma Mater, he should endeavor to make her proud of him.

We are particularly concerned in this address, on "The Alumni: an Effective Force in University Endeavor," with our own Alma Mater, Howard University, and her alumni scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land.
The standard and ideals of Howard early became a matter of common knowledge; her splendid service, to the men and women who had availed themselves of the advantages she offered early acquired a wide and favorable report. Men and women and the youth of the land were drawn to her halls, as by magnetic force, from the various points of the compass. Having reaped the benefits of college life, they went back to their respective homes as accredited and creditable representatives of dear old Alma Mater. Every alumnus is an agent—the ideal agent, not for filthy lucre, but out of passionate loyalty founded upon reciprocal service, gladly representing Alma Mater in the community where his lot is cast. We have networked, and are networking, the land with our alumni and local alumni associations.

The immense advantage of such a field of agents, loyal, zealous, worthy, competent, is one whose value we are not able adequately to estimate. Such an agency, such an efficient representation abroad, time was necessary to bring into being.

My own coming to the university was largely through the instrumentality of Prof. Wiley Lane. He made a tour of the South, in the early eighties, to present the claims of Howard to the people in general and to stir with an enthusiasm for the higher education the promising youth of the land. In Charleston he stopped at my mother's house, and so, as a lad I came in close touch with him and caught somewhat of his enthusiasm. My mother and I nurtured the ambition that I should become an educated man—whatever that might be—and so I was led, to my present delight, to become a student in Howard University.

In that day agents like Prof. Lane, travelling in vacation time to herald the claims and worth of our Alma Mater, were a much needed force; but now, by the grace of a wise and loving Providence, our alumni are successful men and women whose impress is for good in every section of our common country. Not only in the greater and smaller cities, but in the towns and country places, in rank four thousand strong; in the ministry, in medicine, in law, in science, in art, in belles-lettres, in commerce, in journalism, in invention, in all departments of the teaching professions, and in the various callings of worth and honor, our alumni
can be found, never forgetful of their first love in the field of learning, but always a constant, mindful, force for the honor and renown of Alma Mater.

Not only so, but sometime the Collector of the Port; the member of Congress, His Honor, the Judge; the Minister Plenipotentiary; the Hon. Register of the Treasury; and His Excellency, the Governor, have been of the alumni of Howard University.

In every community where there are alumni, or former Howard men and women, an effort should be made to establish a local alumni association. Nothing tends more to bring men into sympathetic touch, reciprocal service and concerted efforts than the quickening of their sense of unity through organization for common labors for the promotion of the well-being and glory of the common object of their love.

The isolated alumnus may forget, or cast the tender memories of Alma Mater, and the obligations due her, into the background of consciousness; but where two or three are united for the express purpose of cherishing her memory and rendering her effective and acceptable service, the kindness and keen interest, the mutual helpfulness amongst those alumni will transcend our power to estimate. Who then will estimate the possible common service to Alma Mater dear?

For example: When, four years ago, it was my good fortune to visit the Islands of Bermuda, I met Dr. Smith of Hamilton, a gentleman of culture, polished manners and easy grace of carriage; in St. Georges, I met Dr. Gilbert, a brother of Dr. James A. Gilbert, a college contemporary, now of Providence, R. I. Their interest flagged through isolation, but the sight of me with the mention of Howard, brought vividly to memory with a renaissance of their love all that was dear and interesting to them in the period of undergraduate life.

The telegrams to President Davidson from associations and individuals all over the country telling that the tender recollections of former days and the sense of sonship for Howard dear, are still a flame, are potential enough to impart the heartthrob of lofty sentiment, earnest longing and quickened devotion to every son of Howard where’er he be.
With every man and woman gone from our classic halls, not travelling agents, but permanent and enthusiastic forces in their places of abode, how well should the knowledge and influence of Howard pervade the land and furnish an inspiration to the youth abroad to seek this source of knowledge and wisdom, to reap the like and greater advantages and fruits of application than have been the joy of those whose example they might follow.

Every man of accomplishment, of quality, of force and of worth is the embodiment of an inspiration for nobler things to the less fortunate who catch the gleam of his life and understand the mightiness of worth.

The alumnus—the one who falls under this metaphysical concept—is not a passive influence; his memory is keen, his sense of obligation is quickened, his joy in service is intense, and his consciousness of helpful influence is complacent and delightfully approbative.

But suppose our alumni, scattered as they are, prove instrumental enough to stir in the hearts of the youth whom they impress, or for such youth in the hearts of their parents or guardians, an earnest or insatiable passion for education, and such youth, for proximity to home, or other consideration, wend their way to Wilberforce, Atlanta, Fisk, Lincoln, or any New England or Western college, if you please, let us rest assured, and satisfied in the assurance, that our ultimate purpose is accomplished. Our preference is that Howard should reap the reward of such labors, but our grand purpose, our holy aim—and that is no pietistic expression—is that our youth should be brought out of darkness into light—that the illumination of God's truth and the wholesome knowledge of this world should flood their souls that ultimately they might claim and enjoy that freedom which comes not without a knowledge of the truth.

Intense, devoted, and enduring as our love for Alma Mater should be, we are but big children or selfish beings if we subordinate the grand ends of a college career—culture, vision, initiative self-reliance, and purpose—to the sentiment of Howard's growth and Howard's glory. The primary things are our primary aims, but when we can evidence the adaptability of our beloved University to produce the results desired and demanded, it well
becomes us to set her forth as the fountain of knowledge whence our youth of promise may well drink to their soul’s enlightenment and equipment for the arduous duties and weighty responsibilities which they, in the future, must bear.

**Home Influence Upon Scattered Forces**

The reaction of a quickened memory of home upon the sons and daughters scattered abroad must be one of great salutary effect. With no data at hand to substantiate the claim, the best that can be done in such a contention is to fall back upon moral certainty.

Many a young man has left home and has lost life’s worth—has become the flotsam and jetsam upon the sea of time, still we have reason to believe, from words of testimony and the discovery of motives in human action, that the recollections of home and the tender affection for mother and father have served as restraining influences upon many young men, who, without the thought of the anguish they might cause and the broken hearts that might deject their homes, would have followed the drift and have abandoned themselves to the destructive pleasures of the world.

Oftimes a man is noble enough to feel for others when he does not feel for himself; so the alumnus in unguarded moments when temptations and the allurements of folly would beckon him on, may halt at the thought or sight of his diploma, that testimonium of acknowledged worth and credit to be made good.

The reflection that disgrace upon the alumnus may bring proportional disgrace to his Alma Mater may contribute to the conserving of a mighty moral force in the many alumni who annually after Commencement Day wander forth from the green sward of our campus—that dear old stamping ground.

**How to Stimulate Loyalty**

To nurture that reminder, therefore, every alumnus must become sensible of the fact that he is remembered at home; and his honorable career, whether illustrious or in the retired walks of life is a matter of genuine interest to the college authorities that send him into the affairs of life with their imprimatur.
confidently and hopefully resting upon him. Few things so conspire to dispirit a man as the feeling that those who know him best and wish him the most expect nothing of him; and so few things tend to inspire to worthy deeds as the certainty that much is expected of him by those who know him best and love him well. The pride of life oft stimulates a man to resist resolutely the fate of a disappointment.

Our graduates should not, then, be sent forth as scattered sheep—a faculty or alumni bureau should as certain as far as possible, where they go, on what errand, and amongst whom. Local alumni should be appraised of prospective additions to their groups with a request for their interest and helpfulness to such brother or sister as may come into their community. While discouraging blatant parade, the University authorities should earnestly encourage from their alumni all information of positive and definite accomplishments in their chosen walks of life. Further than that, the alumni should be impressed that they are held derelict in failure to make their services, successes and triumphs known.

To assure this mutual interest and reciprocal service there must be established, in undergraduate life, a veritable interest in the students—collectively and individually: the students, too, must regard themselves, amid all the semi-barbarism of student life, in laco filorum, and be duly and respectfully submissive to constituted authority.

Alumni One

So ingrained and thorough should be the amity between university men that “Howard” shall be a sufficient magic call to bind them all in one; no jealousies, no clannishness should be encouraged, or even known amongst us. It matters not what school or college stands sponsor for the diploma and its recipient, a Howard man is a Howard man; to that sign or signal let all respond, distinctions all unknown.

Our Glory

The glory of a college is its honorable alumni; it is a ground of pride and a basis of rejoicing that our dear old Alma Mater can point to her many children in all parts of this country, and to
many in foreign lands, who have played and are playing worthy, conspicuous, and eminent parts in the innumerable walks of life. “By their fruits ye shall know them” is the highest criterion of worth in all of life’s concerns; and if any demand to know the grandeur, strength, the justification, and further hope of Howard University, we point him not only “to the hill” in all its magnificence, but to the multitude of men and women everywhere, in all departments of human activities, who bearing the insignia of our Alma Mater have made her proud to claim them as her own.

Where Howard men and women travel, to promote this feeling of brotherhood and intensify the love of by-gone days, let them carry the songs, the yells, the hand-clap and every thing that may afford or revive the affectionate recollections of our common love.

Let us sing elsewhere and everywhere, always, and again—

“Howard, I love old Howard!
I love her halls and her campus green
Boys there are strong and sturdy,
Girls the finest that I have seen:
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Sun there is always shining,
Skies there are always blue.
Howard! I love old Howard!
And I’ll always love to love her too.”

Note: The humor, anecdotes and illustrations that lent some cheer and infinite variety to this address as spoken are omitted from the address as submitted by the author.—Editor.

The Alumni in the Semi-Centennial

The Sociological Conference which was featured in the Semi-Centennial celebration presented an alumni phase in the presence of two presiding officers, Dr. J. H. N. Waring and Prof. Kelly Miller.

The discussions of the several sessions were punctuated with alumni utterances, which showed familiarity and research into sociological conditions and literature, and in each instance, in the discussions, gave evidence of preparedness.

The response to the Semi-Centennial appeal for the “Gym” amounted to about $350 in cash and a number of new pledges.

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A Sister College’s Tribute

At the Trustee’s Reception, Saturday evening March 3, representatives from Wilberforce, Lincoln, Atlanta, Fisk, Tuskegee, Hampton, Tallahassee and other representative educational institutions, tendered their greetings to Howard. President Scarborough delivered Wilberforce’s tribute in the following happy manner:

PRESIDENT SCARBOROUGH:

Mr. President, Members of the Trustee Board, and Faculty and Friends:—It fills my heart with joy to stand upon this platform at this time, during your fiftieth anniversary, your golden jubilee, and bring from Wilberforce University, its Board of Trustees, its Faculty, its students, greetings to the President and to the Trustees, and to the Faculty and students of Howard University. Wilberforce loves Howard and I presume Howard loves Wilberforce. General O. O. Howard, who was the founder of your institution, once served on the Board of Trustees at Wilberforce, so General Howard did not confine himself to doing good here, nor at Lincoln, but he came to us.

Wilberforce University was founded by Daniel Alexander Payne, of sainted memory. Payne was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1811 of free parents. While there, he became a student and he taught his people. He taught them so well and they made such progress under his instruction that the legislature of South Carolina passed an act which closed his school and forced him to flee from his native state. He came to Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg and there prepared himself as a teacher and instructor of his own people. And then he became as you well know, an apostle of education—of moral education, and his influence still lingers about Wilberforce University.

As I said Wilberforce loves Howard and I suppose Howard loves Wilberforce and I am glad to be here tonight, to stand in your presence and to tell you for a few minutes, about our work and your work, about our relation to you and your relation to us.

I was present this afternoon, Mr. President, at the meeting of the Alumni Association. I wish you could have been there, trustees and faculty, all to listen to the remarkable addresses made by those whom you have sent into the world. One of the
most remarkable addresses I heard was by Dr. Miller of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has been out in the world long enough to know just how institutions ought to be run and how faculties and students should be related to one another, and he said some splendid things, such things as I shall take back and when I get home I shall tell those at my own institution what Dr. Miller said in regard to the relation of student to teacher and the relation of teacher to student. All he said was really good sense and I wish all the faculty, Wilberforce Faculty as well as this Faculty, could have heard that speech.

Holding up Howard's Banner

I sat and listened intently and I said, "You are telling the truth and you are telling it emphatically." Then I listened also to the President of the Association, Mr. Davidson. The fact is, Mr. President, you have sent out into the world strong men and women, and everywhere I go I find the Howard student holding up the banner of this institution. I was in California a couple of years ago and I met a number of those whose names were read this afternoon. In various parts of the West I have met students holding up the banner in a way that is honorable.

Sending Out Educated Men

This is an age that tries our souls—that makes us think. We think and we think. We dare not come to any conclusion. We do not think it well to come to any conclusion but we think and we think.

We think, "What will be the outcome of it all?" Here we are sending into the world every year young men and young women from Howard University and from Lincoln and from Wilberforce and from Atlanta, and from Fisk—sending them out into the world, educated—with stumbling blocks in their way. If a people, tied as we are, can make the progress that we have made what kind of progress would be made if we could enter this life unhampered—with the freedom of other people. That day may come. I am an optimist. I believe the future of this race lies in the efforts made along the lines we have been following. I believe that just as soon as they can stand on their feet and hold their own, rights will be granted to them. It takes time. See what has been done in fifty years.
Helping to Shape Character

In 1863 Bishop Payne, after a struggle, agreed to buy that property, which is now Wilberforce University for $10,000. With faith in his own ability and faith in God, he went forth and purchased that property, under the African Method Episcopal Church, and to-day we have grown until we get from the State from $100,000 to $200,000—this year $84,000, last year $100,000. And we have a Military Department established under President Cleveland. Aside from that we have Howard University people with us. We have Professor Joiner, a graduate of this institution and a graduate of your Law Department; then we have also Mr. Hugh Browne, looking after the vocational line of our work; and Miss Josephine Washington, as preceptress. And then we have Miss Cook and Miss Williamson—I believe they are from Washington; Miss Carrington from Baltimore—so many of them, among our strongest and best teachers, and they are helping to shape the life and character of our students. I think it is a nice thing, it is a good thing, to have men who are graduates of this institution come to us; then it is a good thing to have some of our people come to you and for some to go to Lincoln, and to Atlanta. Let us all be a good family, working together for the uplift of the people.

It is a pleasure for me to come to you tonight in this way, and, Mr. President, Members of the Trustee Board, and Faculty, I am wishing for you—Wilberforce is wishing for you—another Golden Jubilee. We are wishing for you all the blessings of life and that your future may be as bright as the past, and that the young men and women you are sending out may be continued credit to you.

Alumni Buttons

On the "back cover" will be found a correct representation of the popular Alumni button which was much in evidence during the Semi-Centennial and is still being worn by the Alumni and students as a reminder of the "Home Coming in June."

The success of the Quinquenium idea, in affording rotation for the Alumni in the annual functions of the Association has met with signal success and is again adopted as the plan for the "Home Coming" June 6. The graduates of classes in years ending in 2 and 7 will be the "Honor Alumni" this year.

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Greetings By Wire From North, East, South, and West

One of the happiest features at the Historical Meeting, Friday March 2, was the reading of a score or more of telegrams addressed to the President of the General Alumni Association, from Local Alumni Associations ranging from California on the west to New York on the east; and from the lakes to the Gulf each most happy in felicitous greetings.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

We of the Alumni of Howard University at Los Angeles, California join you in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of its charter. May the excellent work of this University, a part of which was so faithfully done on us, continue with unabated vigor. Let Howard in distribution of wisdom never cease to flow.—JOHN S. OUTLAW, A. C. GARROTT, CHARLES H. DARDEN, W. C. GORDON, AFUE McDOWELL, JAMES J. LEGGETT, FRANK GORDON, ELOISE BIBB-THOMPSON, G. W. WICKLIFF.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Howard University is making Black American men—thank God.—H. J. PINKETT.

GREATER KANSAS CITY.

Greetings from alumni of Greater Kansas City on our fiftieth anniversary, wishing old Howard many more years of usefulness pledging love and loyalty to our Alma Mater we beg to be remembered by you all.—T. C. UNTHANK, President.

DAYTON, OHIO.

To our Alma Mater we send greetings in her triumph; looking to greater glories.—LLOYD H. COX, B. A. ROSE, LEROY COX, E. E. CAMPBELL, J. E. BUSH.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Dallas Howard alumni send greetings to our Alma Mater—DR. R. T. HAMILTON, President, MISS P. L. TYLER, Secretary.

HICKMAN KENTUCKY.

Congratulations! Long live Howard. Our local celebration is in progress.—DR. AND MRS. WM. J. WESTON.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Indianapolis chapter of the Howard Alumni Association is proud of and intensely grateful to its Alma Mater for having waged a successful fifty year campaign among all races for Negro advancement. Our hearts are with you in this great half century celebration and we earnestly hope and pray that it will mark the beginning of a period of a "Greater Howard". A period wherein our Howard standard will be placed on the highest mountain peaks of human achievement. Pledges of our membership will follow by mail. Please read at General Alumni Rally.—WM. E. BAUGH, President; DR. C. R. ATKINS, Vice-president; ROBERT LEE BROKENBURR, Secretary; WILLIAM MACK, Assistant Secretary; DR. EMMET I. BROWN, Treasurer; E. M. DIGGS, B. K. ARMSTRONG, MR. CRAIGHEAD.

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA.

We are with you in spirit. A grateful alumni greets a loving Alma Mater. May she in the next half century produce a hundred Kelly Millers.—O. BENJAMIN JEFFERSON, President, OKLAHOMA ALUMNI.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

Three cheers for dear Howard’s fiftieth anniversary.—SAVANNAH ALUMNI, W. E. TIBBS.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Greetings of congratulations and good wishes. We have sent our representatives and we now supplement the glad tidings they bear with this message of interest and enthusiasm in Howard’s big birthday party. We expect cheering returns from the scenes and activities of this large occasion, under the blue and white banner, and we know that our Alma Mater will not disappoint us. Mingling with others, this our testimonial, over the wire, which we trust will bring many salutations from the absent ones, we are—THE COLLEAGUES at home, of the RICHMOND VA, BRANCH HOWARD ALUMNI.

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

Accept hearty congratulations. Sorry mother’s death prevents my presence.—GEO. W. BOWLES.
CINCINNATI, OHIO
We extend our sincere greetings on the fiftieth anniversary of our Alma Mater. Are interested in all of your efforts of the week. Will do our part to make celebration success.—REV. E. H. OXLEY, President, R. P. MCCLAIN, Secretary.

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA
Wheeling alumni joins me in extending heartiest greetings. Regret keenly our inability to be present and share with you the happiness and pleasure which such an occasion must bring. Success to you.—E. J. GRAHAM, JR., President.

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA
Huntington branch alumni association comprising nine members rejoice with you on fiftieth anniversary celebration.—REV. A. HALL WHITFIELD.

LEROY, NEW YORK.
Greetings and congratulations.—REV. AND MRS. JAMES E. ROSE.

Alumni in Savannah, Georgia
In order to strengthen the ties of fraternalism among themselves, and for the purpose of promoting the welfare of their Alma Mater, Howard University Alumni in Savannah, thirteen in number, met at the residence of Dr. Clarence E. Brent, 905 West Broad Street.

Dr. Brent presided and the following officers were unanimously elected:
President, W. P. Tucker; Vice-president, Albert Lafayette; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Bugg Middleton; Corresponding Secretary, W. E. Tibbs; Treasurer, J. Founville.

When the election was over, amid cheers for old "Howard" the officers and "Judges" Pettie and Kincle, Drs. Brent, Smith, Williams, Belcher, Professor Jason, and Mr. Ford adjourned to a beautifully decorated dining room where they sat beneath the "Blue and White," ate, and related reminiscences of happy school days at Howard.
Before the meeting adjourned, every member pledged his support to Howard University and the cause for which she stands.

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Dallas "Howardites" Celebrate Charter Day

*From Dallas Texas Express*

A large, appreciative and intelligent audience gathered at New Hope Baptist Church, to witness the exercises of the loyal Howardites—who (in response to a request from the General Alumni Association at Howard University, Washington, D. C.,) were celebrating the Semi-Centennial of their Alma Mater.

The rostrum was decorated with the Howard colors and pennants of Howard, and several other noted institutions.

Dr. R. T. Hamilton, president of the Dallas Alumni Association acted as master of ceremonies and the following program was rendered:

Program

Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Master of Ceremonies.
1. Song—"Holy, Holy, Holy."
2. Invocation, ...... Rev. L. R. Mayo.
3. Chorus—"Country Fair" ...... Senior Class of Dallas High School.
7. Music—By the Orchestra, under .... Prof. Polk and Mrs. G. Montgomery.
8. The "Departments of Howard" ...... Dr. J. B. Burnett.
10. Music—The Orchestra.
12. Song—"Loyal Sons of Howard and the Yell."
13. "Nuggets of Life," ...... Mr. Chas. R. Cragg, the composer.
16. Reading of Letters and Telegrams ...... Miss F. J. Chase
17. Song—"I Love Old Howard," with clap.
18. Remarks, ............. Prof. Harlee.
19. Song—"God be with you 'till we meet again,"—words of which were written by Dr. Rankin, one of the Presidents of Howard University.

Letters were read from Miss B. A. Jordan, teacher in Texas College, Tyler, Texas, and Miss Zephra Chisom, San Antonio; telegrams from Profs. L. H. Stevens, and R. H. Newman of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas.

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All of the Howardites wore the "Semi-Centennial" buttons. The large audience was delighted from start to finish as it was an excellent program, well rendered and a loyal tribute to Howard University. The Alumni Association takes this method of thanking the Orchestra under the management of Prof. Polk and Mrs. Gussie Montgomery and also the Senior Class of the Dallas High School for their generous assistance in music.

Hickman, Kentucky

The Local Alumni of Hickman Kentucky, assisted by graduates of other schools celebrated "Charter Day," Friday March 2, at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church most appropriately with the following program:

1. Congregational Singing.
2. Invocation, Rev. R. D. Stoner.
7. "College Training a Stepping Stone to Complete Living," Miss Bertha Nichols, Lane College
8. Solo, Prof. D. G. Rose.
10. "Fifty Years Progress of the American Negro in Education," Prof. G. T. Haliburton, Lane College and Roger William
11. Solo, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Mr. O. B. Flowers.
13. "Fifty Years of Health and Sanitation of the American Negro," Dr. Wm. J. Weston, Howard University
16. "Race Co-operation After Fifty Years," Prof. James W. Hayes, Frankfort State Normal

Every alumnus of Howard should be a member of the General Alumni Association. Remit $1.00 and keep in touch with all university matters.
Alumni Get-Together a Great Success
Chapel Crowded with Graduates and Under-graduates
Foreshadowing a Successful Celebration in March

Howard University Journal, February 9, 1917

When Mr. Robert A. Pelham, Law '04, Chairman of the Get-Together Committee of the Local Alumni Association sounded the call for a “Get-Together” meeting on January 24, he evinced a confidence that was fully justified by the crowding of the chapel with graduates and under-graduates, on last Wednesday night. After the aim of the meeting was stated by chairman Pelham, prayer was offered by Rev. E. W. Williams, Theology '81, and the Rev. Dr. D. E. Wiseman, Theology '84, president of the local body took charge of the ceremonies. It was a "spirit" meeting through and through, for even President Newman relaxed from his scholastic dignity, and indulged in a few pleasantries, as he delivered a most learned and eloquent address of welcome. The President touched briefly upon the spirit of University men as a mighty force in the movement of civilization, with a passion that must have made even the trees feel glad that they were planted on Howard's campus.

The excellent music by the Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Tibbs, received the well deserved applause, and gave impetus for class songs and yells, which were brief and enthusiastic.

Three minute speeches by Miss Fisher, Normal '71, Professor Turner, College '01, and Attorney Thomas Walker, Law '85 gave valuable information of the breadth of the work, life, and spirit of the alumni—Professor Turner dwelt upon the aims and purpose of the local association, and Mr. Walker, upon the work of the graduates of our Law School, and invited energetic young men to enter the field.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Pelham and his corps of assistants, an elaborate number of stereopticon slides were shown throwing light upon the high and responsible positions held by Howard graduates in this city, both in governmental and educational institutions. When the slide of Freedmen's Hospital was shown, Dr. W. A. Warfield, Medical '94, Surgeon in Chief, spoke of the work there, commenting briefly upon the excellent
work of our medical students, and reminded the audience of the place of the Medical School in the first rank of American Medical Colleges.

The climax of the occasion was the sympathetic appeal of Attorney Shelby J. Davidson, Col. '93, President of the General Alumni Association. Mr. Davidson showed the need of a gymnasium, and succeeded in making every one present believe that it was his duty to help in its erection; and no true Howard man feels differently who heard President Davidson, and caught the spirit that he signalized.

It was a great meeting, not merely in point of numbers, but in spirit, feeling, and loyalty to Howard University. No higher tribute can be paid to the graduates and students, than they paid to themselves as they broke out in long and protracted applause when the picture of General Howard was shown.

The Washington Branch of Howard Alumni Raises Fund for Alma Mater

An interesting lecture on the Hawaiian Island, with stereopticon views, was given by Congressman Miller of Minnesota under the auspices the Washington Branch of the Howard University Alumni Association on March 15, 1917.

This Association has pledged itself to give fifty dollars to the University, annually, toward paying for the services of someone, preferably a self-supporting student, as statistician, a service sadly needed at Howard University.

Of the many plans suggested for raising this fifty dollars, the lecture mentioned above, thanks to the efforts of Mr. G. Smith Wormley, proved one of the best. Thirty dollars of the amount pledged has already been realized and turned over to the Treasurer of the University from this effort.

The Washington Association is alive and progressing. Its membership has grown from 23, at its organization, to 85 in less than a year. Of something over $300 contributed during the Semi-Centennial Celebration by Alumni all over the country, $73.50 of this sum was contributed by alumni of Washington.

—EMILY G. BANION, Secretary.