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Professor Logan Addresses the Y. M. C. A.

ONE of the most finished and inspiring addresses that has been delivered before the Y. M. C. A. this year was given Sunday afternoon by Prof. Logan.

What he said was based upon the thirty-sixth verse of the ninth chapter of Matthew, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." The following in substance is what he said: In the physical world we have conditions of rest, inertia and motion. A body may have potential energy but still be at rest; or it may lack the power to move unless acted upon by force, and hence is inert; or it may be in a state of motion. These conditions exist in the world of matter, they also exist in the psychic world. The incident referred to in the text is an example of one of these conditions in the world of mind. We are told that Christ was moved with compassion. Dynamic was his attitude of mind. He might have been satisfied to have been a spectator, the attitude of inertia, or He might have experienced the static modiness of the sentimentalist and proceeded to enter into an academic discussion of what he saw. But what he did we all know. The record is clear. He was moved with compassion. Seeing the multitudes Christ was moved.

Behold the modern multitudes: the waifs, the slaves to vice and immorality, the sick and diseased, the poor ignorant laborers, the out cast and despised. These classes claim our attention on every hand. They are indeed the modern multitudes. What shall be our attitude

toward them? That of the Priest? That of the Levite, or that of the Good Samaritan who poured in wine and oil? This is the dynamic attitude resulting in tangible help. The altruistic Samaritan is in sharp contrast with the little, selfish, withered Priest and Levite. And of all man types of human character, the selfish man is the most contemptible.

Action and not talk is our daily need. The academic discussion as to how many angels can dance upon the point of the needle is mediaeval, not modern. A moral result is of greater importance than an academic discussion and however brilliant and scholarly the discussion may be, it must be judged finally by its consequence rather than by its symmetry and logical order.

The address was dotted with pointed illustrations, several of which were taken from the life around our campus.

Professor Logan closed with the following verse of scripture: "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Mr. W. C. Chance, Principal of Parmele Industrial Institute, Parmele, N. C., is in the city on business.

Dr. Parks is on an extended trip through Illinois and the central west. He will be at Wilberforce, Ohio, to meet the Howard University team which will debate the Wilberforce University team Thursday night, April 22. Dr. Parks' classes in Political Science and Economics are expecting him to bring fresh information concerning conditions in that section of the country.

PROFESSOR MILLER AND HIS BOOK

KELLY MILLER is probably the most learned member of the Negro race in America. His new book "Race Adjustment" is a valuable addition to the literature on that subject, and it is a volume that will become more and more valuable as the years advance. The question of race adjustment is bound to become more and more difficult of solution as the years advance. Mr. Miller brings to his subject a much deeper study and a greater wisdom in deductions than have ever before been dedicated to a work of this kind by any member of his race.

His is infinitely a larger mind than is Professor DuBois's and his wider views and more liberal construction of motives will command a more generous reception by the American people. Kelly Miller is no dreamer and in this particular he differs from Booker Washington. Thinking men of the south will welcome the book, as it tends to illumine the darkened intellect of the northerner, and will make him use his think box to better advantage. Professor Miller is a good logician, and his views are well presented.

(Overland Monthly,) San Francisco, Cal.

The Science Association

The Negro Science Association met in Summer Building last Saturday night. The meeting was presided over by Dr. H. C. Scurlock, President of the association. Dr. Seaman, Professor of Chemistry in the Medical Department of Howard University gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Indus-

trial Chemistry". In this lecture he described the process of the manufacture of cyanamide, artificial indigo, and artificial silk. He exhibited a specimen of the indigo and a number of artificial silks. The artificial silk could not be distinguished from the silk made by the silk worm. The softness, the delicate fibers and the beautiful soft colors were all present in the artificial product. Even the young ladies who are authorities in all such matters could not tell the difference. Undoubtedly the manufacture of silk will revolutionize the silk industry. Scientific competition has forced the silk worm to retire.

The Science Association though few in numbers at present and although it is only a few months old is destined to do a great work in the promotion of scientific interest among our people. It is the object of the association to follow the progress of science along all lines and to do a great deal of research work. From time to time lectures of scientific subjects will be given by men who are authorities in their line. Washington is an ideal place for such an association and there is doubt that the men who are interested in it will bring it rapidly to the front.

NOTES

As the outcome of a meeting held recently in the home of Mrs. Wadsworth on Dupont Circle, in the interests of the Colored Social Settlement, at which President Thirkield and other gentlemen delivered addresses, Mrs. John Hay has sent a check for a thousand dollars for the settlement. Mr. Weller, formerly at the head of philanthropic work in the city, stated that Miss Bibb, who is a Howard graduate, had accomplished more in the last two years than had been previously brought to pass in the history of the settlement. It deserves the warm support of all the Howard students and alumni.

Pay your subscription.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS

THAT college-bred women become the best wives and make the best house-keepers and homemakers is the declaration of Miss Mary E. Wooley, president of Mount Holyoke college. Because of their mental equipment, she says, college-bred women are able to do more than any other class for the public health, the eradication of disease, and other evils coming within the sphere of female influence.

Another woman, Mrs. LaReine Helen Baker, of Spokane, Wash., comes forward with a statement which, while not altogether new, continues to be remarkable. It is this:

My studies of children all over the world have convinced me that not more than 10 per cent of them are children of love. The other 90 per cent are not wanted, and this leads me to think that ten years hence, to be the father of 10 or 12 children will be as much of a disgrace as being a confirmed drunkard is at present.

These two statements, taken together, form a very severe arrangement of millions of mothers throughout the world, the like of which, coming from the lips of man would arouse a tremendous protest from the sex represented by Miss Wooley and Mrs. Baker.

It may be as Miss Wooley says, that many college-bred women make good wives. It may be as Mrs. Baker says, that many children are born into the world who are not wanted. But to lump all college-bred women into the general classification of "good wives" to the disadvantage of women who are not college bred, and to declare that 90 per cent of all the children born into the world are not wanted is to assume more than is proven by facts.

Nature itself is somewhat wiser than most of the prophets who stalk about preaching remedies for things that will always exist. It will be a long time before all wom-

en are college bred, and in the meantime there will be thousands even millions, of women without special education who will prove themselves good wives, good mothers, and good house-keepers.

The qualities of perfect motherhood or perfect wifehood are not exclusively the product of colleges. Rather are they the natural result of purity of spirit moulded by clean, high thought, sympathy and generosity. We venture to say that most mothers have love rooted in their hearts, and that with the maternal instinct there usually goes the instinctive knowledge of properly caring for the child.

Most mothers, be they college-bred or otherwise, know the beneficial effects of cleanliness, fresh air, sunshine, and pure food in the care of children. The diligence and watchfulness, so necessary to preserving young lives, is by no means monopolized by college-bred women. Even immigrant children receive an attention that it would be hard for college-bred women to equal. And the statistics show that in proportion to the number of births there are just as few deaths among the poorer, less educated classes as there are among the more affluent and better educated classes.

As for the wisdom of having large families, nature can be depended on to look after such matters.

Without going into the merits of eugenics, it would seem proper to leave this question to individuals rather than to make it the subject of platform speeches.

(From the Washington Post)

Friends of Howard University are noting, not only the advance in the equipment of the institution, both in buildings and faculty, but the growth of a genuine college spirit. A long time resident of Washington, and an educator of experience, recently addressed the president as follows:

"Howard has taken on a college atmosphere in the last few years which it has not had hitherto. What an excellent class of people go to every thing given in Rankin Memorial Chapel nowadays! You are developing a University in the broadest sense."

PRACTICAL SOCIOLOGY

(Such facts as these, I have been asked to publish from time to time)



STROLLED along our Midway the other day with Mr. Dagler, well robed, energetic, and cheerful was he. He did not tell me, but his cheerfulness no doubt was due to fact that he knows what he is to do next year. In reply to an inquiry as to his plans for the coming year, he informed me that he expects to enter insurance work. Speaking of insurances caused me to recollect some experiences I had had as a member of the Associated Charities. But before relating them, permit me to say that insurance offers a new and useful opening to our able young men today. Two facts make it attractive.

First, it is in the very blood of the Negro to be provident, to prepare for death,—statements to the contrary notwithstanding. Hence we have the great pyramids of Egypt. Hence we have many successful insurance companies today. The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association doing a \$275,000 business annually; the Southern Aid Society of Virginia doing annually a \$140,000 business; the National Benefit Association of Washington, D. C., with a Howard man, Dr. Robert Brown as its head; The Union Mutual Aid working three states; and the Great Southern Home working six, are but a few of them.

Secondly, insurance work offers an attractive field to our graduates, I believe, because my experience in Associated Charity work has convinced me that the white companies, some of them at least, discriminate. I have two cases in mind. A party was insured in a white company and carried a policy for two years. Upon application to renew, he was informed that the company had decided to carry colored people no longer. The agent recommended another company to him. He entered it; was carried two years and, upon application to renew, was again refused.

Another insurance company carries Negroes but in the following way: every thing goes smoothly until you fall sick, even then they send a trained nurse to care for you free of all charge. How kind of them! The duty of this nurse however is not primarily to nurse. It is her duty to observe closely and if any sign of Tuberculosis be present, and by the way this company agrees to pay for Tuberculosis as for other diseases, the office is immediately notified. Immediately, if not sooner, the office notifies its agent to conveniently fail to call, for three or more times, at the home of Mr. Z for his payment. The policy thereupon lapses notwithstanding the fact, that the old man has waited and waited with money in hand for the agent who does not come. Perchance he dies, he gets nothing. Perchance, it develops that he is a consumptive, he can not renew. He informs the office that the agent did not call. The office replies, showing compassion for him in his grief, that they are very sorry, but that the agent's coming is simply a matter of convenience to him and not compulsory. What can he do, but "homeward plod his weary way?" All is lost. Though provident in life, it may be necessary to bury him in the potter's field.

—WALTER DYSON

ANNOUNCEMENT

The first annual prom of the Senior class of School of Liberal Arts will be held Friday evening, April twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and ten at Odd Fellows Hall.

Persons desiring invitations for themselves and friends can obtain them from any member of the Senior class, or by sending in their names to the committee on Invitations, Senior Class L. A., Howard University, Washington, D. C. Admission by invitation only.

Odd Fellows' Hall Fri. Eve., April 29

Senior Prom

Subscription, 50 cts. 8:30 p. m. to 1 a. m.

MRS. GEORGE COOK ENTERTAINS

Mrs. George Cook, assisted by Miss Portia Bird of Boston, Miss Florence Cook, and Miss Mary Clifford very delightfully entertained the young ladies of the Commercial College last Friday afternoon at her home. The young ladies spent a very social afternoon in parlor games, music and singing, among the beautiful decoration of dogwood, lilac and wild-smilac. Refreshments were served in abundance.

Among the guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Dr. Thirkield, Mrs. Hardwick, Miss Dorsey, Miss Howell, Dr. Clair and Prof. Miller. Mrs. Thirkield made a very interesting short talk on "Our Girls". Explaining the meaning of the letters contained in it she said: O, means obedience; U, uprightness; R, reliability; G, goodness; I, independence; R, royalty; L, love; and S, salvation

At five o'clock all left after making expressions of having enjoyed themselves very much.

DON'T

Every day you meet men and women who have some hobby or habit with whom you disagree which grates on your nerves some action or mannerism that makes you say or want to say, "For goodness sake—don't."

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- Don't play the buffoon's part always.
- Don't begin all your sentences with I.
- Don't cut off your nose to spite your face.
- Don't chew more than you can swallow.
- Don't complain about everybody and everything.
- Don't wear a shoe too small and then charge the factory with having an agreement with the chiropodist.

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EDITORIALS

• If you are not sure you have paid your subscription you had better look the matter up for we are going to look you up if you have not.

• Rev. Jas. C. VanLoo, B. D. ex-president of the Y. M. C. A. will address the meeting on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Van Loo is an able and soul stirring speaker and all young men will be especially benefited. Special music and good singing for the occasion.

• The Howard Theater a vaudeville house which is being built at the corner of Sixth and T streets for colored patrons only, will soon be completed. There are many rumors concerning the manage-

ment of this theater. The use of wisdom is the only thing that will pay. Time will tell what is what.

• It is not often that men are overcome at heart, on account of a disappointment to such an extent that they faint away into unconsciousness for several hours, not especially when the disappointment is nothing more than the loss of a trip south with a base ball team, but such was actually the case last Tuesday afternoon when it was definitely decided that the trip south was off, not only the manager and captain but even many of the players.

• One of the greatest faults that can be charged up to a man is that of unreliability. The unreliable man is always a failure. The man who keeps his appointment who is always on time, who always performs his duty, come what may, is the man who wins success in everything he undertakes. A merchant can not trust an unreliable clerk, the business man can not entrust his moneyed interest into the hands of a lieutenant who does not value his own words as his security. To be a man such that no one will depend upon anything you say is certainly to live a life of emptiness and to go down to the grave, as the wise poet has said, "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

• Those who are taking the thirteenth decennial census of the United States are having some wonderful experiences. To the thirty two questions, which the enumerators must ask about every man, woman and child in the United States, they get all manner of replies.

The present census is going to reveal some startling facts in regard to the population and progress of the country since the last census. Many large cities will be found to have increased wonderfully while others will show but little if any advance over the last count.

One very striking fact in regard to negro population is that Baltimore instead of Washington is more than likely to have the larg-

est negro population of any city in the country. The District of Columbia has at present about all the colored people that it can support because they are no business enterprises, shop and factories, here in which the negro can find employment, the tide of migration must necessarily turn toward other cities and since Baltimore probably more so than any other city and certainly more so than any other city in the south, where the great mass of the negroes are, offers these advantages, it seems to be a reasonable assumption to assume that Baltimore will outrank Washington in numbers when all these people are counted up.

No one is without some quality by the due application of which he might deserve well of the world, and whoever he be that has but little in his power should be in haste to do that little lest he be confounded with those who can do nothing. —Samuel Johnson

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ENGLAND'S GREATEST POET

GREATNESS is a relative term, and it is but natural, that men should have diverse opinions, nevertheless, in considering any topic of great general import, one's definitions should to a large measure, be determined by the age in which he lives. Greatness in this age consists in utility and efficiency, and so the relative value of things mental or intellectual, is measured by their power in eliciting action, and achievement. Now who was England's greatest poet?

To this, at once, a great number is apt to reply, Shakespere, and yet the great bard of the Avon, is less beneficial to many who are most familiar with his words, than to some who have never heard of him. This may create laughter, but I think you will deem it evidence enough, when you learn, that numerous discussions, and controversies have arisen by eminent scholars of the two great English Universities regarding the interpretation of his sayings, and the expression of the thoughts he desired to portray in his various characters.

Granting this it will at once be clear, that despite his greatness in depicting humanity as it really is, and his skill in potraying nature, that there are limitations set to his influence, and so we may at least, be justly allowed the privilege of, comparing him with some one else.

The question now arises, from the hearts of many, as to whether it is Milton, we would thus give honour, but while we may do this, in the nature of the case there could hardly be any comparison, in one way the great epic, was his superior, and in another he could not really be classed with him. A contrast of these men, would doubtless prove very interesting a study as to the environment of the bard of the Avon, enabling him easily to command 15,000 new words, pitted against the educational advantages of the other, etc., but all this

could but prove the fact, that of the one was England's Philosopher poet, the other was England's Poet-Philosopher.

But we wish to contrast with these the great poet of the nineteenth century, who for quality and quantity, must by all who know, be placed in the first rank of the world's poets. The dramatist, excellent his style and matter, seldom attempted anything besides drama, and at such times lacked the force of appeal characteristic of him; the Epic embedded in his philosophic learning, too often becomes rugged, and even in his sublimest movements, his expressions will be found faulty, for then they are too lofty for the ordinary mind, and oftimes misleading in their application. But Tennyson was a poetic artist, and while on the one hand, he was essentially a lyric, yet on the other he attempted both the drama, and the epic. What more interesting drama than "Queen Mary?" Compare with Shakespere's Henry V., if the characters may be said in some parts to be less life-like, cannot it also be said to be more elegant in pulsation. True his genius was not entirely suited to the production of this form, but that he succeeded here far greater, than the others in lyric this written in 1875, as well as the Foresters in 1892 prove beyond a doubt. The epic productions of his pen are not so marked but at least without entering into a detailed comparison, one can see that in the "Idylls of the King," based on Malory's version of the Arthurian legends, the exalted ethical and social philosophy, worked into many passages, may do a Milton honour.

The whole constitutes a succession of romantic pictures informed with the spirit of righteousness. "The old chivalric story," says Stopford Brooks, "is transmitted in the spirit of modern christianity, and if the elements are in the strict sense incongruous, none can deny, that the fusion has resulted in beautiful poems." Again it is notable, that he never allowed anything un-

finished to go out from his hand.

His simplicity and philosophy blending as it did, prove attractive to the educated, and entertaining to the less fortunate, hence making impression, and that highly valuable, as in him was found in perfect harmony, all the christian virtues.

The devout spirit of a Cowper, with less of this melancholy, the faith of a Shakespere in humanity with none of his uncertainty, the hope of immortality of a Milton, with added light and serenity, the meditative soul of a Wordsworth, with the boyish heart of a Moore, these made a well rounded and complete man whose life proved a benediction, and whose memory and works an inspiration. Lord Alfred Tennyson, England's greatest poet.—T. B. LIVINGSTON.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Just as we were ready to go to press a flash came over the wireless from Wilberforce bringing the good news that Pollard, Scott and Neely had met the enemy and captured the prize, thus making the third inter-collegiate debate already won during the month of April.

The fourth and last will take place tonight at Philadelphia against Lincoln and there is but little doubt that she too will go the same way of all the rest—defeat.

Our men left this morning, (Friday) for the city of "Brotherly Love" as their objective point and victory their motto.

When the news from Wilberforce was received a wild burst of enthusiasm broke out and all classes were forgotten for a while.

See next issue for full account.

A cheerful mind is not only disposed to be affable and obliging, but raises the same good humor in those who come within its influence. A man finds himself pleased, he does not know why, with the cheerfulness of his companion. It is like a sudden sunshine that awakens a secret delight in the mind, without her attending to it. The heart rejoices of its own accord, and naturally flows out into friendship and benevolence toward the person who has so kindly an effect on it.

Addison.

AN OPEN LETTER

Editor of the Journal,

Dear Sir:

I respectfully request you to publish the following copy of letter which was this day sent to Captain W. H. Jackson, of New York City. The letter not only expresses what I wished to say to my friend, but it also gives the most direct indication of what my stand for the council will be during the coming year. As such it might be of interest to some of the council members as well as friends of the organization.

Yours very truly,

James C. Waters, Jr.

Wm. Hubert Jackson, Esq.,

241 West 143rd Street,

Harlem, New York City

My Dear Jinks:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your favor of recent date congratulating me upon my elevation to the Presidency of the Council of Upper Classmen. You have always been prompt to say something to make a fellow feel "real good," this latest evidence of that fact though pleasing, is no surprise.

You will observe that I use above the word "elevation". I use it advisedly. You may believe that I consider my election to preside over the Council of Upper Classmen in every sense of the word an elevation, and you may believe also that I shall not fail to convince the organization itself of that fact.

I recall the questions you asked last fall about the Council as well as the interest you then evinced in all matters relating to old Howard. I am sure, therefore, that any greater usefulness which the Council of Upper Classmen may display during the coming regime will be gratifying to you. The watch-word of the new administration will be "Energetic Excellence." Drones will be cast out; shirkers will be relegated to the junk heap; the clan of Tobias and Sanbalat will have no representation in the congregation of the workers. Those who heretofore have thought their connec-

tion with the Council was a thing for the Council, and not themselves, to be proud of, will be shown, like Chanticleer, that the sun will rise whether there be any crowing of the Cock-o-the-Walk, or not, and in the showing there will be no bewitching hen-pheasant to temper with kisses any mortification that might accompany the disillusionment. They will not be asked out—they will be kicked out.

Perhaps it were better, Jack, for you to have waited for the accomplishment of some of those constructive plans the new administration has up its sleeve, and then sent your congratulations. But it doesn't matter. All's well that ends well. The end of the Council has not yet been numbered with the things that might happen.

Yours very sincerely,

James C. Waters, Jr.,

President Elect, C. U. C.

FACULTY MEETING

The April meeting of the Faculty Club was held in the amphitheatre of the Medical Building on the evening of the 8th, Rev. Isaac Clark, the president presiding.

The paper for the month was presented by Dr. W. H. Seaman on "The development of the Gas Engine." Beginning with a brief review of the history of prime movers the lecturer led up to the internal combustion engine and gave an interesting and instructive account of the construction of the gas engine and its present development as seen in high class automobiles. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, and a one horse power cycle engine constructed by Professor Scurlock was shown.

After the lecture the members of the Club and some friends were entertained in the Faculty room of the Medical Building as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Seaman. It was a delightful and unique occasion. Many expressions of praise for the host and hostess were heard, whose

graciousness in providing such a pleasant ending to the evening was appreciated by all. Mrs. Seaman was assisted by Mrs. Scurlock and Miss Barker.

At the conclusion of welcoming remarks to the Club Dr. Seaman proposed the following song in view of the present progress in the University:

We've had presidents and presidents

Who've often come and gone
And left no mark behind them
To tell wherefore they're sent.

Gaudeamus igitur, igitur;
Gaudeamus igitur.

Some were men of learning,
Some were men of fame,
But all, whate'er their merits,
They left us just the same.

Gaudeamus igitur, igitur;
Gaudeamus igitur

But now we've got a President
That knows to raise the wind;
He'll leave a mark behind him,
That all who wish can find.
Gaudeamus igitur, igitur;
Thirkield, Thirkield, Thirkield,
Gaudeamus igitur,
Thirkield.

Howard Theological "Grads" Are Making Good

It was reported to the Washington annual conference which met at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania recently by the district superintendent, that the Reverends T. N. Austin, F. F. King, C. S. Harper, George DeYoung, C. C. Gill and A. F. Wallace have done excellent work, many souls have been brought to Christ by these distinguished divines. Reverend C. S. Harper was elected a member of the examining board. Reverend George DeYoung was elected chairman of the committee on examining district superintendent's records.

Don't always appropriate the best unto yourself.

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DENTAL WALLOPED BY PHARMACY

Score 18-8

A very interesting game of base ball was played on the university campus Saturday morning by the senior class in Dentistry and Pharmacy.

The "Dents" led off by making three home runs in the first inning, and it looked for a while that the Pharmacy nine was outclassed. However beginning with the fourth inning, superior batting of the Pharmacy men and the more effective pitching of Turner began to tell and the time when the sixth inning was played, the "Dents" realized that they had nothing to look for but defeat.

LINE UP		Pharmacy	Dentals
Crompfield	C	1	Lawrence
Turner	P		Littlejohn
Hathaway	1 B		R. E. Jones
Bynum	2 B		J. B. Brown
R. E. Giles	3 B		M. A. Morrison
S. Catlette	SS		Lattimore
F. H. Weaver	C	F. Smith	W. E. Giles
Dickerson	R F		Willis
Wright, Minton	L F		Washington

Professor Kelly Miller will address the National Negro conference which meets in New York on May fourteenth, on "Education in the South."

Messrs. E. M. Pollard, H. Scott, and T. B. Nealy, Howard's Invincible Triumvirate left last Tuesday for Wilberforce where they will ease the burdem of Wilberforce by bringing back the decision. These men are all veterans in the cause, all laurel winners. They just can't lose.

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