Mr. T. R. Davis, Editor of Academy Herald,
Howard University, Washington, D. C.: 

Dear Sir,—Permit me to say a few words through the medium of the Herald of the advantages I derived from the training received in the Howard Academy. The great value of any academic training consists not so much in what one learns or studies, but in the discipline which the mind receives in the efforts put forth. One who has been compelled to concentrate his mind on Greek and Latin roots and mathematics during the period required to finish the course mapped out by the Howard Academy, naturally finds it easier to concentrate his mind not only upon technical problems in connection with professional life, but upon any problem he may have to confront. I think I can safely say, therefore, that perhaps no part of my training has been of greater benefit to me than that which I received in what is now known as the "Academy."

I wish the Herald long life, and you and your associates much success in your efforts.

Very truly,
Geo. W. Mitchell.

PERSONALS.

The young ladies of Miner Hall are very much interested in the Middle Class.

Mr. S. A. A. is trying to play a double game.

Mr. W. B. is a great violinist. He says it makes him sad when he plays. Sympathy with his audience, I suppose.
Mr. B. A. W. was asked if there was anything that he could do better than anybody else. "Yes," he replied, "I can read my own writing."

Miss Ethel II. says that there is no one like the architect in her estimation.

Mr. S. E. B. found out that Miner Hall society and the city society were rather expensive. So he decided to drop out of the Miner Hall society and to hold to the city damsel.

Miss Ethel C. says that she is satisfied because she has all the seniors coupled off.

Mr. B. H. Q. says that Charleston is the only city in the United States, but he changes his mind once in awhile to Pittsburgh.

Where are the Preps, and what are they doing? Ans. Everywhere, and doing everything.

At the Council of Upper Class men we found five shining lights—P. G., J. D., S. E. B., F. A. T., and one proud paene, A. W. S. S. E. B. was the only man in the hall qualified to lead the schottische. There are three Preps. on the Varsity baseball team—T. C. B., L. D. T., and E. L. There was one man from the hill on the Varsity football team, a Prep., F. A. T. One Prep, an officer of the Students' Volunteer Movement—T. C. B.—the secretary. Two Preps. as managers—J. J. of the cricket, and F. A. T. of the track. One Prep. in the Rivals—Duncan, the electrician. One Prep. on the teachers' staff—B. H. Q. Two Preps, as captains—Lane of the second baseball team, and Franklin of the Prep. basket-ball team. One Prep. on the champion basket-ball team—F. A. T.

Mr. T. C. B. would like the young ladies to know that the reason for his not socializing is not because he does not like the young ladies, but because he likes baseball and tennis better.