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## EDITORIAL

LAST month we called your attention to class loyalty, this month we wish to remind you not only of class loyalty, but also to departmental loyalty. Since our last issue the basket-ball team representing the College Department has withdrawn from the inter-class basket ball contest on the grounds, that it receives no support from members of that department. To have strength we must have a unit; to be a unit we must be loyal,—loyal not only to our school, but to our department and to our class in everything. So far only one side of this issue has been brot to our attention, but

if there are any who can show just cause for disloyalty, let him come forth with the facts. We seek the truth so that we may remedy the evil.

The College Department has a banner to defend, a goal to reach, and should, at all times, be exemplary. It can accomplish these things by being loyal and by working as a unit. Subordinate petty animosities, dignify your status, let your ideals be lofty, and never forget that it is my class, my department, above everything, save the right.

Again we go to press without any Alumni Notes. Our Alumni reporter has been trying to get in touch with the graduates, but as



THE FAMOUS WILLIAMS' JUBILEE SINGERS

yet her efforts have been in vain. We have tried to reach them thru our paper and even that has been futile. To reach our graduates is becoming a serious problem and daily we are trying to solve it. We are always glad and anxious to hear from our alumni.

Who will be the first to respond to our plea?

A good leader can always help the other man to succeed.

Keep progressing; a standing pool becomes stagnant.

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### EDUCATIONAL NOTES

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Word comes to us that the Dunbar High School, of Washington D. C., has been opened and will take the place of the old M Street High. This building is the last word in modern architecture and is the largest Negro High School in the world.

The course of study offers all the academic and business subjects offered in all high schools of accredited standing, as well as printing, domestic science, physical training and military training. The enrollment is 1,149 pupils.

The school was named by the Commissioners in honor of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Worthy of note is the increased interest in athletics among the high schools of the state.

Garnett High School, one of our first-grade high schools of the State is having a complete equipment of machines installed in their Manual Training Department. With this important addition much work will be expected of them in the future from this department.

The old building at Garnett is being completely remodeled.

Congress has seen fit to make appropriations for vocational schools. For some time this idea of correlating vocational and literary subjects has been discussed among the educators. A few of the larger schools have carried out this correlation and pronounce it a success. The increased demand for skilled labor seemed to hasten this step.

A few of our schools in this state have seen the advisability of such a plan and are making arrangements to carry out this idea.

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### THE TOWN OF NO-GOOD

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Kind friend have you heard of the town of No-Good, on the banks of the river Slow, where the Some-time-or-other scents the air, and the soft Go-Easies grow? It lies in the valley of What's-the-use in the province of Let-Her-Slide; its the house of the reckless I-don't-care, where the Give-It-Ups abide. The town is as old as the human race and it grows with the flight of years, it is wrapt in the fog of the

idler's dreams, its streets are paved with discarded schemes and are sprinkled with useless tears.

—UNKNOWN.

There is no to-morrow.

Birds of a feather flock together, so don't look for a variety in a flock.

Boost don't knock.

#### OUR LITERARY SOCIETIES

THESE societies furnish the members admirable drill both in writing and speaking, and also in discipline and parliamentary usage. This is the announcement that meets the gaze of parents anxious to give their children the advantages of such training.

Indeed, this training is offered, but the student body, as a whole, has failed to grasp the opportunity of training for service. In the athletic work much has been accomplished in order that this school may send out men and women physically developed. But what are the students doing to develop the power of reasoning, of quick thinking, of controlling and governing men and women?

There is only one society that is doing real constructive work. The others are merely existing.

Their meetings are ludicrous, the officials are as lax in the performance of their duties as it is possible for them to be. If one arises to attempt anything beneficial it is almost impossible to secure the attention of those present. Why is this time so lightly thrown away? Does no one hear the call of the Age?

School days will soon be past. Students of today must go forth into the world, there to live and help other men. Because of their advantages they will be looked upon as leaders. The question will be asked, "Can you control men?" "Can you represent us in our struggles for our rights, with your words and by your power of reasoning?" Then the time lost in the literary societies will stand as an accuser before those who neglected and cast aside the advantages these societies offered.

Oratory is power. With it men of all ages have been swayed. It has started the fires of liberty, quenched the ruthlessness of slavery, cast into ruins the proud nations of the earth. But where did this power begin? It was in the debating and declamatory societies of the various institutions of learning, or in the forum of experience.

Then, let the students of this school support the literary societies, take an active part on the programs, suggest programs or do anything that will help fulfil the purposes for which these societies

were organized, anything that will give training in speaking and parliamentary usages. Let us build here a lyceum second to none, let us prepare to compete with other schools and bring them conquered to our feet. Prepare now for leadership. Who knows but that from here might go a leader combining the principles of Washington and Du Bois, and with matchless oratory lead his race to pinnacles of power and immortal glory?

—E. F. J.

Control your-self and then you can easily control others.

Mind is a kingdom to the man who gathered his pleasure from ideas.

#### BIBLE STUDY

The work of the Bible Study Department is being carried on with much earnestness.

There are one hundred and seventy enrolled in this department this year. These are divided into eight classes, these classes are taught by members of the faculty.

Nine students took the second examination in December. Six of the nine made grades of 100 per cent; no grade made was lower than 90 per cent. Recently the returns were received from the examination given in January. All of the twenty-five students who

took this examination were successful in making 70 per cent and over.

These results form the basis of a pleasing consideration of the development of the work in this field, but far more gratifying would be the knowledge that each acquisition of a biblical fact or truth is an addition to the moral and religious life of the student.

No good results from parrot-like repetitions of the most sacred precepts; only sacred truths treasured up in serious hearts, bloom and blossom for the Master's good.

#### EXCHANGES

The Morgan College Bulletin, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., comes to us with many interesting articles and much information,—“A Square Deal,” and “How Happiness May Be Found,” are very interesting and attracted our special attention.

The Biddle Outlook, Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C., is a new addition to our exchange list. We are impressed with the first copy; it has the works of a good and interesting school paper.

The Howard Journal, Howard University, Washington, D. C., reaches us with its many interesting bits of news. Our attention was especially turned to the wise sayings. A few of which we publish:

"You can't beat honesty" and "Why not have good habits" are worth our consideration.

The Agriculture and Technical Register, Greensboro, N. C. is growing with each issue. It keeps us well informed on the most important happenings around the school. As yet we have not seen any editorials.

From Tuskegee Student we get a very interesting article on "Get the Habit." To follow out the teachings of this article we would almost have an ideal community.

#### GET THE HABIT

- Of early rising
- retiring early
- eating slowly
- being grateful
- being punctual
- fearing nothing
- speaking kindly
- speaking correctly
- radiating sunshine
- pronouncing correctly
- closing doors gently
- neatness in dress
- relying on self always
- a forgiving spirit
- being industrious
- apprehending no evil
- anticipating only good
- promptness at meals
- a quiescent concentration
- daily physical exercise
- being accomodating
- being a good listener
- economy not stinginess

Intermeddle not with another's joy, but let him know that you are glad he is joyous.

Joys shared with others are more enjoyed.

#### JUNIORS ENTERTAIN

The members of the class of '17, were enjoyably entertained by the class of '18, on Thursday afternoon, February 22, at four o'clock in McCorkle Hall parlors.

The time was spent pleasantly in social amusements and by the rendition of some of the latest music by the best composers. The colors of both classes were very much in evidence and arranged in an artistic manner.

The reception served to weld another link in the chain that binds these two classes together. Miss Mable Sinkford, president of the class of '17, was introduced, and with a few well chosen remarks expressed the sentiments of all present.

At an appointed hour a delightful repast was served. All present reported having spent a very pleasant afternoon.

#### JUNIOR ORATORICALS

The annual preliminary oratorical contest among the Juniors was held, February 22, in Fleming Hall. A large appreciative audi-

ence greeted the speakers as they marched down the aisle followed by the Junior and Senior classes.

As the speakers arranged themselves in a semicircle on the stage they presented quite a beautiful appearance.

Professor S. H. Guss introduced the speakers and had charge of the program. Intense interest was manifested by the audience from the time Mr. Christopher Morgan opened the contest until Miss Mae Curry closed it. A totaling of the ratings of the judges by the clerk Prof. L. Leonard, he announced the following as winners: Miss Amaza Harris, "The Secret of Lincoln's Power;" Miss Mae Curry, "Emmett's Vindication;" Mr. Christopher Morgan, "The Southern Negro;" Miss Estella Arthur, "Valley Forge;" Miss Lillian Guss, "The American Republic;" Mr. Walter Clarkson, "The Evils of War;" Miss Amy Walker, "Washington's Atlanta Address;" in the order thus named.

Miss Lillian Guss and Mr. Walter Clarkson tied for fifth place. Miss Guss resigned from the contest to be held in May, in favor of Mr. Clarkson.

The judges were: Mrs. C. W. Smith and Messrs W. W. Jackson, A. C. Spurlock.

The Institute Orchestra furnished very appropriate music for this occasion.

'Tis only happiness can keep us young.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday morning, February 25 the Y. M. C. A. succeeded in getting Dr. St. Clair to address them. Dr. St. Clair took for his subject, "Sex Hygiene" and in a most interesting way showed that he had carefully planned his address. His address was instructive as well as pleasing.

Those who heard him express themselves as being greatly benefited by his talk.

Sunday evening, February 25, the Y. W. C. A. had charge of the evening services and rendered an excellent program. These two Christian associations alternate with one another in conducting the Sunday evening Services and a marked increase in attendance is noticed. In the afternoon the two associations conducted prayer services in compliance with the request received from the International Headquarters. That body had declared a Universal Prayer Service, on that day, in all its branches.

Sunday evening, March 4, the Y. M. C. A. conducted the evening services and rendered an excellent program. At the end of the program Mr. Ernest Ndazi, a native of Africa and student here, was called upon to make a few remarks.

As the time was short he promised, if time was allowed him, to tell us all about his native home the next time the association gave a program.

Happiness, like virtue, is acquired by practice.

## ATHLETICS

Much enthusiasm has been shown by the students and the various basket-ball teams this season in the games that have been played here so far.

This is the first time that real coaching has been given the followers of this pastime and as yet we have been unable to schedule games with other teams representing other schools. However next season we hope to have a complete schedule.

The Juniors seem to have been able to develop the best team so far in these interclass events. They have won nine consecutive games, defeating every team that it has faced. The Juniors are under the captaincy of Christopher Morgan.

Dennis Smith, Levi Gilmore, and Clyde Hardy are showing exceptional ability to shoot baskets from the most difficult angles.

On February 12 the Sophs, fresh from an over-whelming defeat a few days before appeared again

in battle array and confident of an easy victory over their less confident opponents the Freshies. While not an easy victory, the Sophs came out victorious. Score, Freshies 16; Sophs 21.

The Junior machine was again seen in action on the 15 when they sought vengeance against the Seniors. In a listless game they defeated the Seniors to the tune of 20 to 13.

The team representing the College Department lost what at first seemed a sure victory to the Freshies, 17-14.

In the afternoon the Seniors triumphed over the Sophs in a closely fought contest. The final score was 18-14.

On February 19 the College team met and was defeated by the fast Junior team in a one sided game. The Juniors threw baskets at will while the College team battled hopelessly. The final score was: Juniors 20, College 8.

The Freshies won their second game on February 22, defeating the Seniors in a well played game. Score: Seniors 12, Freshies 18.

The College team was scheduled to play on the 24, but due to some misunderstanding with the referee and lack of support the team forfeited the game to the Sops. From official quarters it was learned that this team will not

play any more games in the present contests. Discontentment among the players was given as the reason for their with-drawal of this team.

On March 9 the members of the foot-ball team of 1916 will have their annual banquet. As usual this will be the feature social and convivial affair given this year.

At a meeting of the 1916 Foot-ball team, Russel Hardy was elected captain for the next season. Mr. Hardy is the star full-back and is deserving of the confidence placed in him by his team-mates.

The outlook for the team next year is very hopeful. Quite a few of the first team members graduate, but it is expected that they will return and enter the college department.

## HUMOR AND WIT

Something new under the sun: two girls out of three who do not powder.

Adelaide—"I am going to call you Mount, Clara."

Clara—"Why are you going to do that?"

Adelaide—"Because your last name is Hill."

Screens have been put in the windows so that the kisses the girls throw across the campus

won't break the glass out of Atkinson Hall.

My friend W. H. put on a pair of new shoes the other day and went out to break them; the walks were slippery and I am sorry to say he broke the commandments.

A couple of (Riddles)—"Rosa and Myrtle."

Cunningham (on the hall)—"Hay!"

Henry D. (in his room)—"Tain't hay you want, its brains."

Reed observing scar on Lewis' head—Say Lewis, who hit you?"

Lewis—"Fell down."

Reed—"I know that, but Who hit you?"

W. W. declares that if the price of shoes keeps going up that he will have to walk on his hands to keep from getting his feet wet.

Guess who was seen carrying a lantern in broad day light. G. A. R.

An interesting discovery—The first perpetual motion machine. See Miss A. W. Is it Wrigley's?

Two more "R's" have been added to the curriculum. Instead of Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, we now have Reading, 'Riting, 'Rith-

metic, Rice and Raisins.

Guess who said "I dont care if she does quit me." See W. E. L.

Xmas jewelry is turning brass already. Wonder where W. H. got that La Valliere he gave Miss Bee.

A perfect vacuum, see B. T. C.

If eggs were a dollar a dozen, how many could Manila Carey?

Major Davis translating Virgil: "Æneas standing on a lofty stone, saw here and there three ships wandering up and down the sands, which he knocked headlong into the briny deep with a stone."

## HAWAII

Mr. Emmett G. Cunningham, a former student of this institution, and now a member of company B, 25th Infantry U. S. A. stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, writes that he was successful in winning a badge of honor as an expert rifleman. He also writes that he helped in suppressing the vandalism of the crew of an in-

terned German ship.

Mr. Cunningham has many friends here and is the brother of major A. B. Cunningham. Messrs Duffer Price and George Pryor, other former students of W. V. C. I. are also with Mr. Cunningham in the 25th Infantry.

Altho almost seven thousand miles from home they remember their friends and are always glad to hear from them.

## CHAPEL NOTES

On Monday morning, February 26, 1917, the student body had the pleasure of listening to an interesting talk by Mrs. Snow, who is traveling in the interest of the International Sunday School Associations. Mrs. Martin of Charleston, W. Va., the secretary of the Kanawha County branch of the association also made a few remarks.

Reverend Gregory of Institute, W. Va., preached to the students at Chapel Wednesday night, February 28. His sermon was interesting and well appreciated by students. This was Reverend Gregory's second time to address the students since his arrival at Institute.

## BIBLE STUDY AT THE WEST VA. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The Bible study department of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute had its beginning in the organization of the first Bible class in the fall of 1912. The class consisted of twenty-four young women and one young man.

The primary object of this work is to interest the young men and women in Bible reading and cause a desire for more extensive Bible knowledge.

It is hoped that the out-lined work done here will prove a stepping-stone to the consecration of lives to Him who said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

The texts used are Training for Service by Herbert Moninger, and 'Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth,' by C. I. Schofield.

For convenience in examinations the Moninger text is divided into three sections.

The first four parts constitute section 1; parts five and six, section 2; parts seven, eight and nine, section 3.

### SECTION I.

We are to complete section 1 and be ready for examination by the first part of March, each year.

Section 1 is the foundation of

Bible study. It is deeply interesting and affords a great opportunity for varied instruction. The history is taught in connection with the great Biblical characters. The men are beacon lights around which the world's events revolve.

We cannot afford to slight these characters nor fail to present them in their climactic order ending with the Son of God. We take up almost one year with the study of this section.

### SECTION II.

We are to complete this section and be ready for examination the first part of November. Let us strive to develop a realistic knowledge of Bible geography. Use maps and have map drawing. Give careful study of Old Testament institutions, explaining the origin, meaning and connection with present-day worship. Emphasize the dispensations.

### SECTION III.

We are to complete this section and be ready for Examination by the first of March. Origin and growth of the Sunday School and the relation of the Bible school to the church is markedly emphasized. The characteristics, preparation and force of a true teacher, and the careful study of child nature fill



this section with deep interest, and make it one of marked importance to all and most particularly to parents and teachers.

Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth shows Gods dealings with man thru the seven great dispensations, giving light on the advents, resurrections, and judgments.

The closing of the year's work is marked by regular commencement exercise. Those who receive a grade of 70 per cent in each of the three examinations are awarded handsome lithographic diplomas.

#### TEACHERS

President Byrd Prillerman, Professor W. W. Jackson, Professor C. E. Jones, Miss Mary E. Eubank, Charlotte R. Campbell, Miss Cornelia F. Spears, Miss Elizabeth T. Coleman.

#### CLASS OF 1914

Charlotte R. Campbell, Turner Dixie, Mary E. Eubank, Esther Grandison, Cathrine Gamble, Bertha Deans, Willie Townsend, Minnie Wilson.

#### CLASS OF 1915

Mamie Athony, Ola Calhoun, Gertrude Cain, Lucile Dixie, Blanche Fletcher, Grace Green, Amanda D. Gamble, Charles E. Jones, Margaret M. Lowry, Cynthia Lewis, Mattie Martin, Bettie Perry, Jessie Perkins, Mabel Reynolds, Nannie Stout, Lee Scott, Cora Taylor, Evelyn Willis.

#### CLASS OF 1916

Estella Arthur, Mildred Atkins, Nancy Brown, Christine Barbour, Martha Brooks, Lorena Claytor, Thelma Calhoun, Francis Cundiff, Helen Cross, Mae Curry, Bessie Foster, Amaza Harris, Clara Hill, Sarah Johnson, Myrtle Jones, Margerite Jackson, Ruth Leftwich Dallas Morgan, Rosetta Miller, Laura Owens, Jannie Patterson, Rosa Riddle, Sallie Reynolds, Alphonse Simpson, Clara Smith, Mattie Thornton, Carrie Watt, Mammie Wade, Dezora Wormley.

John Branch, Bernard Brown, Stewart Calhoun, Russel Carpenter, A. B. Cunningham, J. A. Davis, F. H. Marshall, Lawrence Prillerman, George Patterson, Dennis Smith, James Taylor, Beatrice Wilkerson, J. A. Kinney.

Happy is the man who keeps out of strife.

#### AROUND INSTITUTE

Mr. William Brown, of Hugheston, W. Va., father-in-law of President Prillerman, died at his home after a long illness, on February 23. He was well known around Institute and had many friends here. He leaves 4 daughters, 3 sons, and a number of grandchildren to mourn his loss. Mr. Brown was in his 84 year.

The student body wishes to extend to President and Mrs. Priller-

man their heart-felt sympathy.

Mr. P. W. Tucker, advance agent for Williams Jubilee singers, was here in February to complete arrangements for an entertainment by the troupe he represents. While here he addressed the school and spoke very highly of the things he had seen while in our midst.

The members of the "Every-youth" play entertained in McCorkle Hall parlors, Saturday afternoon, March third. The time was spent pleasantly in games and music. A delicious repast was served by Mrs. Leonard. A delightful afternoon was reported by all present.

Mrs. Peters, of Beckley, W. Va., was called to Institute on account of the illness of her daughter, Ethel. Miss Ethel Peters was able to accompany her mother home. Her many friends were sorry to see her leave and wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Peters and her sister, Ada, who was also a stu-

dent here, have contributed many verses to the school literary events. We hope to see them both in our midst again.

Miss Eugene Johnson was called to her home in Clarksburg, W. Va. on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Gladys Willis spent a few days last month at home in Montgomery, W. Va.

Major A. B. Cunningham, left for his home in Marlinton, W. Va., on business. He expects to be gone for one or two weeks.

Mr. Samuel S. Gordon, an alumnus of this school, class of 1901, was a recent visitor in our midst for a day. Mr. Gordon is editor of the Pullman Review, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. J. W. Herndon, of Kimball, W. Va., called at Institute March 14, to see his step-daughter, Miss Amaza Harris.

Mr. J. F. Marsh, of the State Board of Regents, made an official visit at the Institution March 15.



