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EDITORIAL

W E HAVE editorially commented on the fact, heretofore that the distance separating the Negro schools of prominence in this area of the country, is such that it makes almost prohibitive the arrangement of a respectable number of inter-school athletic contests. The lack of financial backing is another barrier to the arrangement of such a schedule. Since these things are true, it forces the inter-state schools, State supported, partial State supported, high schools and other schools that manifest any athletic pretension, to depend mainly upon each other for the fostering and development of athletics within the schools of the State.

It is not our purpose to present a brief in support of the beneficial influences to a school, of athletics as represented by football or baseball. That point is conceded, and the most conservative in accepting this point, do not think themselves recreant to any ideals, when these sports—properly governed make for vigorous manhood, quick thinking, equable temperaments, and larger enrollments of the student body.

As an aid towards the success of this idea, we have believed in intramural athletics for their wholesome effect on the student body,
and for the development of prospective contestants in inter-school relations.

We expect to find the best in athletics at our chief schools, and every school, that geographical or civic restrictions places in a given system, should co-operate for the best development of that system.

In West Virginia, the quality of athletics that has become national in fame where Negro schools are considered, rests with the teams sent out by the West Virginia Collegiate Institute.

This vantage ground has been reached thru no costly gymnasium nor at a sacrifice of any of the things for which this school was established.

Unusual efforts have been made by our athletic manager to have a first and a second squad in every department of athletics, to schedule contests with the similar squads from the other schools of the State. For some reason, there has been a superlative paucity of acceptance of any such proposals. We learn, with regret, that some truthfulness or falseness of any is an easy matter to establish from acceptance of any such proposals.

To fail to make such an investigation, and yet to cause any doubt to become rife as to the eligibility of a school's players, is malicious, to say the least.

We hope, that in the future conference of inter-school athletic relations, whether this school is represented or not some one will be fair enough to demand proofs when unsupported accusations are made.

The status of athletics here is such that the budding high school athlete, in the Negro schools of this State, naturally look forward to the time when he may become a star of some significance in our athletic sky.

Some schools have lost their athletic glamour to the Negro youth of this State. He is no longer hypnotized by the prowess of distant schools. These schools, in part have been built up by you. Stop your knocking and help your State by being loyal to your State schools.—S. H. G.

EDUCATIONAL

On October 8, the National Dairy show opened its doors at Columbus, Ohio. This show is held annually for the purpose of showing the latest improvements in scientific and sanitary dairying, together with some of the purest bred live stock in the country. It usually lasts for one week and the conferences are one of the show's greatest assets. In these conferences many practical problems are discussed for the benefit of the farmers who attend the show. The show this year is one of the best ever. Professors A. W. Curtis and D. L. Ferguson, Mr. F. H. Marshall, Jr. were attendance at the National Diary Show held at Columbus, Ohio, last month.

THE STUDENTS' FRIENDSHIP WAR FUND

In all the colleges and the schools above high school rank, there is this cry: "Sacrifice, Make a sacrifice." This call came to us and we answered it.

A great movement is on foot to raise thirty-five million dollars for war relief work in Europe, and to help raise the morale of our own soldiers in this country who are training for active service. Of this sum, the students in the United States are expected to raise one million dollars. West Virginia, as her share, must raise twenty thousand dollars; of this sum West Virginia Collegiate Institute pledged seven hundred dollars. To even raise seven hundred dollars meant work, patience and a sacrifice of the many little luxuries we sometimes think we need. The task of raising this money was left entirely to the students; an executive committee was selected and plans were perfected for raising this sum. In the campaign, the only thing asked of each student was to do his bit, but do it willingly. With a few talks by those who had seen the vision—the necessity of doing our bit—the students answered the call generously, and the amount was over subscribed. As we go to press over one-half of this amount has been paid in.

With the departure of classmates and members of the faculty, this war has been brought closer home than ever before and the question uppermost in our minds is how we can further help alleviate the great amount of suffering. As a direct result of this campaign the young women have formed knitting clubs and are practicing strict economy. The young men are economizing by having their shirts and other things mended, and are doing without the things that young men think they must have to be an up-to-date young man. We all stand ready to do our bit and a little more besides.

"A man is the part he plays among his fellows."

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Soul-stirring words are these. They are, indeed, a challenge to fresh hope and consecrated service when sung, by the great Hampton Institute chorus of over a thousand voices, over the grave of Hollis Burke Frissell, principal of Hampton for nearly quarter of a century, who, though dead, yet speaks from the Eternal Life and summons men and women to help bring in the Kingdom of God.

Under a clear, Southern sky there gathered on Sunday after noon in the Hampton Institute cemetery, where lie General Armstrong and many other workers who have been faithful to the black and red children of the land—a company of influential men and women, representing several races, important business and social interests, education and religious work. There were also present some nine hundred Hampton students who are in training for race leadership.

All had marched in quiet procession to Dr. Frissell’s grave to pay in silent devotion, prayer and song their tribute of affection and to pledge themselves anew to loyal and courageous service.

George Foster Peabody, of New York, who has served for thirty three years as a trustee of Hampton, spoke on “The More Abundant Life,” a theme which Dr. Frissel preached and lived. He said:

“I believe as the world needs more abundant life, we can feel that we are privileged to have known this abounding life and have faith and courage that our lives may hereafter be more abundant in the quality of giving, which was the unique quality of Dr. Frissel.”

The principal memorial service was held in the beautiful school church, from which Dr. Frissel had sent forth thousands of people with a new vision of life and a strong determination to work together for the good of all men.

The clergymen who took part in the devotional service were the Rev. Dr. Eldridge L. Mix of Farmville, Va., the Rev. Dr. Herbert B. Turner and the Rev. Laurence Fenninger, chaplain and associate chaplain of Hampton Institute.—Mr. Anthony Aery.

EXCHANGES

Circumstances over which we have no control, make it necessary that we go to press without a complete exchange column. Doubtless the unsettled conditions all over the country in all the schools may be partly accountable for this delay in receiving exchanges. We hope, however, that the schools, with whom we exchange papers, will mail us a copy before the sixth of each month. At the present writing we are in receipt of only two papers: the Tuskegee Student, and the Howard University Journal. Both are very interesting and may be found on the exchange table in the library.

ALUMNI NOTES

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute is proud of the fact that fifty per cent of her graduates in training at the Officers’ Reserve Training Camp, Des Moines, Iowa, were commissioned.

Mr. Gurnett Ferguson, Normal class of 1912, was commissioned a captain. Captain Ferguson is stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. Messrs Lafayette Campbell, Class of 1916, and Norwood Fairfax, Class of 1917, were commissioned as second lieutenants. They are stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Meade, Maryland, respectively. Lieutenant Campbell, we have recently learned, has been among the first Negro officers to be assigned to the Artillery service.

It is interesting to note that a large per cent of the graduates of the class of 1917 are pursuing higher professions in life. Following is our roll: Robert Edwards, student, Iowa State University, Des Moines, Iowa; Romeo Ferguson, student, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; The Messrs Russel Hardy, Lawrence Priellman, Jervis Woodley, Roy Stephenson, Anthony Calloway, the Misses Dallas Morgan, Thelma Calhoun, Mamie Wade, and Beatrice Wilkerson, are enrolled in the higher classes of this institution.

CLASS NOTES

SECOND YEAR

Class Yell:

Boom-la, Boom-la, who are we?
Sophomores, Sophomores, so you see
Go, Go, Go, Whos a-plenty
Watch the class of 1920

Class Name: Optimist.

Class Officers:

Andrew Wicks, President; Bennie Goode, Vice President; Irene Bowe Secretary; Ruth Mayhew, Asst. Secretary; Pearl Anderson, Treasurer.

Class History:

In the year of 1916, there entered West Virginia Collegiate Institute, the largest Freshman Class that ever trod the campus. In due season, even tho we were dubbed, “Preps,” and treated with contempt, we soon accustomed ourselves to the conditions, and were soon gaining distinction. Tho we were all new, and from various
parts of the state and country, we had the same determination to "Excel in Everything." Very soon after our initiation, one from our class took first prize in the Corn Show. She baked the best pan of light rolls.

This year our number has been reduced, but ideals are just as high. Not only are we maintaining the standard we set for ourselves last year, but we are proving that it is an honor for any one to be associated with the Optimist. The wearers of the Old Gold and Green furnished one man for the varsity foot-ball team and will furnish one or more for the base-ball team. Extensive plans are on foot for a banner year, and as we believe that our past labors and look into the future we firmly believe that all things come to him who labors and looks on the bright side of life.

THIRD YEAR

Mr. Gillespie Lomans, a member of the third year English class, was called to report for duty in the National Army, at Petersburg, Virginia, on October 25. The class has a very favorable report from him since he has been in training for active service. We wish him well, and want to assure him that we will always think of him at home or abroad.

Mr. Max Westerband, a member of the class of '19, recently arrived from his home in St. Thomas, Friendly Islands one of the Islands recently bot by the American Government, from Denmark.

Friday, November second, the class in History of Education held a debate: Resolved that Rome contributed more to the world's civilization than Greece.

The speakers on the affirmative side of the question were the Messrs. Charlie Campbell and Ballard Early. Misses Martha Brooks and Mary Cundiff supported the negative side of the question. The discussion tho interesting and enlightening, might have created more enthusiasm among the class than it did had the young men given as much time and consideration to the subject as the young ladies. The young ladies were masters of the situation from start to finish, and proved themselves well prepared on all sides of the subject. The judges were Miss E. T. Coleman, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Professor S. H. Guss and Mr. Bruce H. Hull. It is needless to say that the judges were thoroly convinced that Rome did not contribute more to the world's civilization than did Greece.

FOURTH YEAR NOTES

Wednesday evening, October 24, the fourth year class gave an "Au Revoir" social in honor of its conscripted members—Elliott Fairfax and Lyman Connors. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games and the popular "Tucker." A special effort was made to prevent any sadness or gloom hovering over this affair. Each member of the class had an opportunity to express his good wishes and to say "Au Revoir" to the departing members.

A recipe for making ginger bread: (This recipe is the result of talking in one's sleep) sift your flour, add your spices, salt, soda or baking powder, and bake alternately in a frying pan. For further instructions see M. F. J.

NORMAL

In the afternoon of October 31, the Normal Department gave an out-door community demonstration. The court was decorated with the school colors—suggestive of the Halloween season as well as the school—Old Gold and Black. High above these decorations the National colors were draped. In short the entire setting breathed the spirit of patriotism the festival, Halloween.

The program was opened with the singing of the National Anthem by the village school children. The next number was the execution of quaint folk dances, the Old Virginia Reel and others. Many of the students were disguised as Indians, Gypsies, Country Girls, Palmists. The festivity was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The Halloween program was continued by amusements opened to all. The pinning of the tail on a big Black Cat afforded much amusement to many of the visitors, while others spent their time having their fortunes told by Gypsies and Palmists. The program was concluded by a grand march participated in by all.

In order to show our appreciation to our Sociology teacher, Prof. Daniel Ferguson, the Normal Department presented him a signet ring just previous to his departure for the training camp. After the presentation of the ring, the evening was spent in playing games and other amusements. At an appointed hour light refreshments were served. Our farewell that to Mr. Ferguson is: "There are many goals, and with every year comes another Spring giving a man new faith and new confidence in himself".

ATHLETICS

On the afternoon of October 27th, before nearly two thousand fans the Howard University football team went down to defeat at the hands of the fast and strong West Virginia aggregation. This is the second time that Howard has been beaten on her own grounds since 1908. In that year Annapolis defeated her, and in 1916 Hampton turned the trick. The game Saturday was a hair-raising battle from whistle to whistle. At no time during the game was it safe to bet, who would come
out on top.

Altho outweighed the West Virginians fought grimly until their much heavier opponents began to show signs of weakening. For West Virginia Captain Hardy and Harris were the best ground gainers. Holland, as usual, displayed his ability as a kicker, and many times during the game his puzzling punts proved too hard for the Howard backs to handle. Coleman, Green and Captain Penderhughes were the best ground gainers for Howard. The game by quarters.

**FIRST QUARTER**

Captain Penderhughes won the toss and chose the north goal and kicked to West Virginia. The ball was fumbled by a W. Virginia back, recovered by a Howard man on West Virginia's thirty yard line. Howard attempted several line plunges and end runs, but each time tumbled up against a stone wall. Howard was forced to kick. West Virginia tried Howard's line, but was unable to make any gains, they resorted to open work and by successful foward passing advanced the ball well into Howard's territory. West Virginia was held for downs on Howard's forty-yard line. After attempting two forward passes Howard kicked into West Virginia territory. Harris received the ball and returned it to Howard's fifty yard line. The remainder of the quarter was a draw. The quarter ended with the ball in Howard's possession.

**SECOND QUARTER**

The first few minutes of this quarter was a repetition of the first quarter, but it looked as if the speed of the West Virginians was overcoming the weight of their opponents. Howard attempted a forward pass which was blocked. Hughes, West Virginia's fast and plunkey half-back was injured. Woodley took his place. A series of end runs and foward passes placed the ball on West Virginia's twenty-five yard line. By a fluke play, Stratton succeeded in crossing West Virginia's goal for the first touch down of the game. Townsend missed an easy goal. About the middle of the quarter Howard attempted a forward pass which was intercepted by Captain Hardy of West Virginia, who made a daring catch of the pig skin, taking it out of the dust. He ran seventy-five yards for a touchdown. Townsend missed an easy goal. The first down found West Virginia marching steadily towards Howard's goal for another touchdown. The first down found West Virginia fighting on Howard's ten yard line. Captain Hardy made four of the ten for second down and six to go; Brown was called back and netted a gain of two yards. Harris plunged thru left tackle for a gain of two yards. Fourth down and two to go. Bartlett tried thru left tackle and failed to register the final two yards. Howard putted out from under her own goal posts. During the remainder of the quarter neither team was able to score. The quarter ended with the ball in Howard's possession in mid-field.

**FOURTH QUARTER**

West Virginia entered this quarter with a grim determination to score. She gained new strength and by a series of line plunges by Captain Hardy and long end runs by Hughes and Harris, West Virginia marched steadily towards Howard's goal for another touchdown. The first down found West Virginia fighting on Howard's ten yard line. Captain Hardy made four of the ten for second down and six to go; Brown was called back and netted a gain of two yards. Harris plunged thru left tackle for a gain of two yards. Fourth down and two to go. Bartlett tried thru left tackle and failed to register the final two yards. Howard putted out from under her own goal posts. During the remainder of the game the ball was kept, for the most part, in Howard territory. West Virginia opened up a series of forward passes, but a brace on the Howard side prevented the West Virginians from scoring. The game ended with the ball on West Virginia's ten yard line. Score—Howard, 6; West Virginia, 7. The line up:

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**W. V. C. I.**


Referee, Mr. Williamson; Umpire, Mr. Savoy; Timekeeper, Mr. Henderson.

The war has dealt our foot-ball squad a severe blow; several members of the squad have been called to the colors. Coach Gideon E. Smith, half-back L. S. Hughes, Charlie Vaughn, a new lineman. These three men left for the training camp at Camp Lee immediately upon their return from Washington. They carry with them the best wishes of the team.
and we feel sure that they will perform their duty for the red, white and blue as well as they did their duty for the Old Gold and Black.

ORGANIZATIONS

The officers of the Young Women’s Christian Association are: The Misses Florence Edwards, president; Amaza Harris, vice-president; Estella Arthur, secretary; Grace Harris, treasurer; Irene Bowe, pianist. The association is making splendid progress under the able leadership of these young women.

Sunday, November 11, was Rally Day for the Young Women’s Christian Association. Each member was required to raise fifty cents. The benefit of this rally will again put the association on a firm footing.

The Young Men’s Christian Association was ably adressed by Prof. S. H. Guss, Sunday morning November 4. The attendance was small, but those present exprest themselves as having been greatly benefited by this talk.

Plans are now being considered by the cabinet of this association for increasing its membership.

FOOTBALL RECEPTION

On the return, from Washington, D. C., of the football squad, the members of the victorious eleven were given an elaborate reception in the Mc Corkle Hall parlors. The parlors were decorated in keeping with the festival Halloween, and the participants were costumed in every imaginable color. In the center of the main parlor was a large shock of corn and suspended from the ceiling, stretching from one corner of the room to the other was a strip of red and white bunting. The young people, with the victory over Howard fresh upon their minds, the prospects of two more victories looming ahead in the near future over Storer College and Wilberforce University; kept time with the sweet strains of music.

It would be quite a perplexing task to say who created the greater amount of laughter by their queer and unique costumes. Each person present was a riot of fun from start to finish. No stone was left unturned by those in charge for making this event a success.

HUMOR AND WIT

Instructor in Chemistry—Mr. Waddy, what does the symbol “HCl” stand for?

Waddy—for the “High” cost of Living”, sir.

Miss. A. C. wants to know where the hole goes when you have eaten the doughnut.

Discipline was so strict last month that the potatoes were forced to wear their coats in the dining hall at least once a week.

They must have been thinking of Willis when they named that city in Massachusetts, Marblehead.

De. W. D.—Say Danny, what is the meaning of “Obstacle”? Danny—Well, that is your position the football team.

The college boys live so far from the main buildings that they must carry their suit cases to breakfast with them.

It has been learned that Mr. W. C. got his name—one pig—from Miss L. J.

Teacher—What is the fruit of the Beechnut tree?

C. B.—Peaches.

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Mr. J. A. K. declares that he has seen a submarine flying over Fleming Hall, recently.

Mr. R. H. must be making a careful study of the biennial report of this institution. He has not reported to class since he returned from Washington, where he was asked how this school was supported.

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LOCALS AND PERSONALS

The talk on "Duty" at the chapel service, October 10, by Superintendent Geroge S. Laidly of the Charleston city schools, made a deep impression upon the minds of the students. This talk was timely and inspiring.

The arrival of Leonard Hughes, captain of last year's football team, dispelled the gloom which had hovered over the campus of the Old Gold and Black. His popularity among the students was attested by the enthusiastic demonstration in the dining hall upon his return.

Mr. J. C. Taylor, a former student of the class of 18, who enrolled in the officers' reserve training corps last summer, was a recent visitor. Mr. Taylor spent part of the summer at camp, but before receiving a commission, was given an honorable discharge; his voice was too weak to command a company. He is now being commanded by a wife.

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute is doing her bit to make the world safe for democracy. She has a Food Conservation Squad which is helping to conserve the crops by relieving the labor situation on a farm a few miles from this Institution. In addition to this, the school has subscribed a little over seven hundred dollars to the Students' Friendship War Fund, and has given two teachers and ten students to the new National Army.

Thursday afternoon, October 25, was declared a half-holiday at the school by President Prillerman, in order that a farewell reception might be held for the visiting Commissioned officers and the men who were called to colors. Captain Ferguson, in a stirring address, touched the heartstrings of all as he dramatically related the horrors and atrocities modern warfare.

At the conclusion of the program, small gifts were presented the officers and men by President Prillerman on behalf of the faculty.

The Sumner High School football squad which held Garnett High to a scoreless tie, visited our school in a body, Saturday, October 28th. These boys were accompanied by their cheer leader, Miss Maude Dandridge, and their coach, Professor Westmoreland.

Mr. Gideon E. Smith, professor of chemical science, was called into service just one day before the West Virginia conscripts entrained for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. Not only is his loss felt by the football squad, but by the entire student body. He stood high in the esteem of all. Mr. Smith was also director of athletics.

Professor Daniel Ferguson, instructor of Biology, left Tuesday, October 30th for service in the new National Army at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. Professor Ferguson received his masters' degree from Ohio State University last spring. His loss will be keenly felt by all.