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## COMMERCIAL EDUCATION

Professor Dyson Says, "Negro Needs Wealth"

**B**YOND a doubt, the most thorough and scholarly paper on "Commercial Education" that has been read before the student body of Howard University for years was presented before the Alpha Phi Literary Society by Prof. Walter Dyson on last Thursday evening in the Lecture Hall of the new library. The energy, enthusiasm, judgment and scholarship which are necessary for the preparation of such a paper argue well for the training Prof. Dyson obtained while attending some of the best schools of our country, namely Fiske, Yale, Chicago Universities, Bryant and Stratton Business Colleges. He is an A. B. from Yale. The Commercial Department should feel proud of Professor Dyson. Gentle and suave in manner, yet forceful and judicious in his dealings. The students at large are not unmindful of him.

Among other things he showed how Germany, the land of schools, a small and not over fertile country, 50,000 square miles, smaller than Texas, yet with 60,000,000 to feed, has through her schools surpassed the United States in the race for commercial supremacy. The advantage we have in this country because of our natural resources and native adaptabilities is being neutralized, he said, by our lack of special education in commerce, banking, and foreign trade. For example, we have the largest banks in the world, yet the worst banking system; the fastest long distance trains, the cheapest long distance freight rates, yet seventy-

five per-cent of the railway mileage of our country has passed through bankruptcy in one form or another. We need commercial leaders and teachers and need them abundantly is the conclusion. Our financiers are indeed great men, yet greatness is relative. They are so great, perhaps because the majority of us are in financial affairs so very small. Speaking of the Negro, he said,



PROFESSOR WALTER DYSON

proving his statements with an abundance of facts, that commercial education for him in this country is not encouraged by the states or by the Nation. Wealth, he added, is what the Negro needs—wealth through business. And for fear we have been interpreting our Bibles wrong, he called our attention to the fact that Christ has said, Blessed are the poor IN SPIRIT—not blessed are the poor.

## SECOND EMANCIPATION

Doctor M. C. B. Mason Addresses Bethel Literary Society

**P**ROBABLY the largest audience, since Howard night witnessed the program of the Bethel Literary and Historical Society, Tuesday night at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The address on that occasion was delivered by the Rev. M. C. B. Mason of Cincinnati. Dr. Mason is one of the most eloquent and most polished orators of the race and it is not to be wondered that there was such a large audience.

He said: "I confess that I do not understand society. I can not understand the society that throws to the wind a woman, who by the deceit and treachery of a low lived man, has lost her position in the community and at the same time takes him who was a copartner in her downfall into its bosom. The Second Emancipation is that which will free us from the bonds of distrust and criticism. This depends in great measure upon the attitude we take in regard to the character of our women. A race goes up or down as it respects its female members.

"Then too," said he, "we cannot afford to give up our claim for a right to the ballot for it is our inherent right, and as citizens of this great nation, I do not say that we should not hold office, and I do not believe that we will always be barred.

I am not a pessimist, I am an optimist of the most extreme sort. I believe the better element of the south will come to realize the fact that the interest of all the citizens are best guarded when and only when all of them participate in the affairs of the government."

WATCH FOR TAG DAY

For Gymnasium Fund

**T**HE Student Volunteer Gymnasium Movement of Howard University will canvass Washington, Baltimore, and vicinity during the Easter holidays. Beginning Thursday, March the twenty-fourth, continuing through Monday, March the twenty-eighth, the students hope to tag every person in the city.

The Volunteer Gymnasium Movement is an association of the entire student body formed to assist the Alumni Association in raising funds to erect a gymnasium. The students have been working toward that end for a month and they hope to be able to make a creditable report at the Alumni Association meeting in May.

The students earnestly solicit the aid of their friends in this worthy movement. A gymnasium is a necessary adjunct to the University as it appears to the students, consequently they are striving earnestly to realize such an undertaking. The teams have no place to train, the athletes are handicapped, and above all our young ladies have no opportunity for physical culture. You can see that this is indeed a matter worthy of much consideration and the students have pledged themselves to make the movement a success.

Let everybody buy a five-cent tag during the Easter holidays. Every tag means a brick in the gymnasium. This is one time the students will appreciate brick-throwing.

"If we are living for the fun we can get out of existence, amusement is of little consequence. When Saint Paul said bodily exercise profits little, he spoke of the professional athletes of his time, who lived only for the sport of the arena. If however, amusement and exercise are to supplement mental and moral growth, they must be regarded as potent elements in modern progress."

SENIORS HONORED

**L**AST Friday evening the hale and hardy class of 1911 tendered its respects to the class of 1910 in the form of a sumptuous banquet. The party gathered at nine o'clock in the parlor of Miner Hall and spent an hour or two in lively chatting and tripping their toes to the strains of light music and then proceeded to the dining room. The tables were arranged in the form of an H. The colors and pennants of the two classes were arranged in artistic manner above the tables, which formed the decorations of the hall. Never before in the history of the University has there been such unity of spirit between the two upper classes of the College Department. The chasm that divides the Seniors from the Juniors was forgotten and the two classes mingled as freely together as milk and water. The grandeur of this banquet holds the first place on the record of all such functions ever been given by classes.

Mr. Numa P. G. Adams was toastmaster on the occasion and just after the first two courses of the menu had been served he rose and introduced Mr. J. W. Parker, President of the class of 1911, who delivered the address of welcome and spoke of the idea of perpetuating such a prescience. When the speaker concluded he was applauded with great approval. Following the President of the Junior class the toastmaster introduced Miss Phoebe Perry Vice-President of the senior class, who gave in a few words a beautiful and very appropriate toast on behalf of her class to the class of 1911.

The President of the Senior class, H. H. Summers was next introduced by the toastmaster and delivered a very interesting and instructive address. Following the President of the Senior class the toastmaster introduced Miss Helen Morris, Secretary of the Junior class, who toasted on behalf of her class to the seniors. Mr. C. B.

Washington, President of the Sophomore class, who had been invited as a matter of respect for his office and for his class, was then presented by the toastmaster. Mr. Washington rose and in his usual manner made one of the most eloquent speeches of the evening. The last speech was delivered by Dean L. B. Moore of the Teachers' College.

The toastmaster read a letter from President Thirkield, expressing his regrets that he could not, on account of a previous engagement, be present. Dean Kelly Miller was also absent on account of previous engagement to deliver a lecture in the city, but he took occasion of an opportunity to drop by and render his excuse.

By this time the small hours of the morning were drawing near, but no one showed any desire to take his leave from that place of such unusual pleasure: there was rather an inclination on the part of all to want to revert the hands of the clock of time that they might remain still longer amid those luring pleasures, but when all realized that they must go we reluctantly repaired for our wraps and then to our homes.

MENU

- Bisque of Fresh Tomatoes
- Olives Sweet Gherkins
- Roast Capon au Jus
- Cranberry Jelly
- Peas Sweet Potatoes a la Creole
- Finger Rolls
- Potato Salad
- Neapolitan Ice Cream Assorted Cakes
- Demitasse
- Cream Cheese Saltine Wafers

PLUCK wins! It always wins!  
 Though days be slow,  
 And nights be dark 'twixt days  
 that come and go,  
 Still pluck will win; its average is  
 sure.

He gains the prize who will the  
 most endure:  
 Who faces issues; he who never  
 shirks:  
 Who waits and watches, and who  
 always works.

J. B. Goode.

## Class of 1911, Law Department, holds Annual Banquet

**T**HE second annual banquet of the class of 1911, Law Department, was held on Wednesday night, ninth instant at Ellis' Cafe on 4th street, northwest.

Among those who graced the festive table we noted the resolutely fixed and expectant faces of the following members of the class: C. Roscoe Richardson, president; Wade H. Carter, Vice President; V. G. de Suze, Secretary; T. B. Cobb, poet; Ulysses G. Binks, Prophet; C. S. Williams, Orator; D. W. Bowles, B. G. Clanton, B. C. Jackson, A. W. McEwen, Aaron Smith, D. R. Tomlinson, A. B. Thompson, J. C. Waters, W. W. Washington, E. L. Winters, E. L. Peace, W. H. Robinson, and W. H. Whiting.

The party sat at eight thirty to a select menu for which each one showed his appreciation in a most practical manner. Between the courses competitive paws and Irish Bulls caged the appetites and one had cleaned up before he realized it. Old Dan Bowles was awarded the Blue ribbon for spinning the most enjoyable and original yarn, but coming events it is familiarly said cast their shadows before and the witty and original jokes even issuing with the accurate ease that they did told a true tale of wit, erudition, resourcefulness, candour, and ability that were to follow. Mr. Richardson as toastmaster opened up with a most eloquent and comprehensive speech representing in his own unique way the idea which necessitated the gathering; in a very terse and succinct manner he spoke of the importance of communion to a class and when he rested to give way to Mr. Bowles it was generally conceded that the standard he had set was not to be transcended. Mr. Bowles responded to a toast to our Alma Mater, in good style reminding his auditors that the fact that the Educational Bureau has placed Howard in a class by itself was conclusive evidence of its worth, in training

and in value and further he said, it is inspiring to contemplate the indisputable fact that with increased knowledge of the Negro prejudice must depart. Mr. W. W. Washington next responded to a toast on class spirit which received the hearty and entire approbation of his hearers. Then followed Mr. Clanton who in the role of prophet assumed the response to a toast to the class of 1911. He declared his honest vision founded on the common course of human affairs to be, that through the years, this class he can discern gray haired and with protruding stomachs, struggling honestly and patiently and at all times brilliantly with problems and perplexities of the world of men. He spoke as though his eyes had pierced the veil that separates us from the outer infinities of our lives.

Mr. Carter on Reminiscences admitted that he never thought much of the past as his energies were concentrated in speculations of the future.

*Esse quam videri*, the class motto being referred to Mr. McEwen he thought that as this motto was sufficiently comprehensive to embrace the whole body of legal ethics, that if each member would accept it as his guide the dazzling destiny that confronts us will be eliminated and we would rise and conquer.

Our colors being referred to our old veteran Whiting one who well knows how to lose an eye in defending his colors especially if he be kicking against Lincoln, he handled it as only one who is well accustomed to being lauded in defense of his colors would, and was a credit to the class. Mr. Thompson told the gentlemen of their duty as lawyers and waxed so warm with his introduction that his time was up when he arrived at the theme. Next came the father of the Upper Classmen who responded to standards and ideals and he illustrated in his erudite manner and circumlocuted most effectively. It seems that Mr. Waters even read the Bible in some time past for in portraying the calamitous results of

having false ideals and low standards he admonished his hearers that they be not like Babylon. Let it not be said of you he prayed that thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Our wives and our sweet-hearts was responded to by dear Ben Jack who in his appeal to the unmarried was evidently so honest that one would think he was holding a retainer for some young lady whom our president knows. There are over two dozen unmarried in our class and a Mr. Jackson's advice was apparently accepted. The ladies may keep near to the boys at that end. The strength of the army is in the rear and that's why our own C. S. was kept to hold up the rear. He expatiated with no inconsiderable precision his conception of the bright future. Mr. Williams is a pronounced optimist and that accounts for his being able to arrest the individual attention of his auditors for forty minutes and sat then only regretting that time prevented his going more fully into details of the bright possibilities of the future. All the others present were then given an opportunity to make five minutes speeches and right fittingly did they rise to the occasion. This brought us to the end of the road so we had to turn right about and branch off to our respective homes slinging on our arms the early hours of the morning.

V. G. de Suze, Secretary.

Wherever in the world I am,  
In whatsoever estate,  
I have a fellowship with hearts,  
To keep and cultivate.

I would not have the restless will  
That hurries to and fro,  
Seeking for some great thing to do,  
Or secret thing to know.

I ask but for a thankful love,  
Through constant whatcing wise,  
To greet the glad with joyful smiles,  
And to wipe the weeping eyes;  
And a heart at leisure by itself,  
To soothe and sympathize.

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Friday, March 18, 1910

## EDITORIALS

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute is going to give four weeks training in a business course this summer, beginning June fourteenth to July twelfth. This is a fine opportunity for a young man who did not during his college training have a regular business course. Attention will be given, in property matters, to the study of titles, deeds, wills, real estate mortgages, deeds of trust and other items of practical property knowledge. Instruction will be given in the formation, incorporation and management of banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, and insurance companies.

Every young man whose aim it

is to enter upon a business career, and who is able, ought to grasp this opportunity. This course will be under the supervision of a corps of very efficient and successful men.

The Y. M. C. A. under the supervision of Mr. B. L. Marchant has made a wonderful progress. It began the year with a handicap of about fifty dollars indebtedness and a small and non-interested membership. It has during his short administration already cleared away all indebtedness, sent one delegate to the General Convention at Louisville, Ky., sent four to the Students Volunteer Convention at Rochester, N. Y., and besides has a nice little sum in the treasury. The present membership has doubled what it was last year, and has an average attendance, three times larger than ever before. The Y. M. C. A. has found employment for between fifty and seventy-five young men who are compelled to work their way through school. Having accomplished all this in so short a time and under such disadvantageous circumstances, we have every reason to believe that with more favorable conditions Mr. Marchant could do a deal of the much needed work in the University. The making of a position for a Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in the University, was a mere experiment by the Trustees, which has proved a success, and the placing of the present man in the position is the best choice that could have been made.

## PERSONALS

Leroy is praying for Merrywether now.

J. W. Parker is making a study of Liberia.

J. A. W. was in the lime light at the banquet.

Mr. Dyson addressed the Alpha Phi last Thursday evening.

C. B. C. tested his strength Sunday afternoon by not getting in line.

A certain Senior college man takes great pains to take off his finger ring every afternoon when he goes upon the "front porch," guess why?

## To the Memory of Dr. John L. Ewell

Thou art gone, but not thy greatness,  
Thy work still lives, and shall for aye,  
Continue through the works and lives,  
Of those who inspiration caught  
From thy blest spirit:

Thou art gone, indeed 'tis due  
For in His strength whose resurrection is  
Thy daily walk, proved firm and strong  
An influence great. Well done:

Thou art gone, ah, never, never more  
Shall we forget, the hours spent.  
Beneath thy feet, in wonder great,  
As truth sublime in freshness fell  
Forth from thy lips:

Thou art gone, indeed, and we  
Must mourn as memories thronging come  
Of wisdom deep, in great simplicity  
Which, added charm, to all instruction lent:

Thou art gone: we grieve-farewell.

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**UNION OUTCLASSED**

Score 60—22

**H**OWARD Varsity defeated Union University in a one-sided basket ball contest last Saturday night at True Reformers' Gymnasium. The game afforded the Varsity a good opportunity for practice. Union was simply at the mercy of our fellows and the rooters enjoyed the sport.

The Union team was unable to put up a good defense and their score was due, for the most part, to the fact that the home boys would not interfere, but let them have a chance to redeem themselves. Captain Nixon put all his subs in but the poor Union boys were unable to cope with them.

Merriment reigned rather than enthusiasm. Howard won from the start. Hard playing throughout the game would have netted a much larger score. But Union stuck throughout and played hard. The team played its first indoor game and consequently was unaccustomed to the floor. The team needs much development in speed and passing. Many chances to shoot were lost because of slow playing. The game was not one to determine stars at all. However, "Snake" Sykes took the honor for Howard with twelve field goals to his credit. Union had no stars but her men played well considering their training and class.

**LINE UP**

Howard	Pos.	Union
Nixon (Capt.)	R. F.	Johnson
Young, Merchant	L. F.	Stevens
Sykes	C.	Pack
Winthrop	R. G.	Long (Capt.)
Taylor, Myers	L. G.	Smith

Summary — Goals; Nixon 9, Young 5, Sykes 12, Winthrop 2, Myers 2, Johnson 3, Stevens 2, Pack 3, Long. Free tosses: Sykes 2, Stevens 4.  
Referee — Mr. Robinson; Timers, Messrs Brown and McKelvie. Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

**Academy Wins Again**  
Score 20—14

The Academy team is rounding into form again and is approaching its old record. It has lost only one

matched game this season and the team is anxious to play that off with the victorious M St. team. The Preps defeated the North Western Club last Saturday night in the second game of the double header thus giving old Howard a double header for two consecutive Saturday nights. This game was more closely contested than the main game as the result shows.

The Northwestern team is very good. The fellows have developed speed and teamwork, two essentials of the game, but as are most of the teams, are unable to shoot goals. Both teams played well but committed too many fouls. Otis Walker took the honors for Northwesterns, while Dunlap led for Howard in spite of his five fouls. He made probably the most difficult shot for a goal that has ever been made in a matched game at the Hall. It was not wholly accidental because Dunlap practices such shots all the time. He has the ability to develop into a good guard like "Hutty" Oliver if he will acquire a little more speed and ease in playing. Sub Valentine is showing marked improvement in his work and the captain gives him every chance possible. Lafayette is doubtless the best forward on the squad and should not be kept out to the detriment of the team. Wilson has not measured up to his usual standard in free tosses. More practice is needed. He got only four out of eight. The team is showing much improvement, however, and is attracting the attention of the fans as of yore.

**LINE UP**

Academy	Position	Northwestern
Lafayette,	R. F.	Hayes, Capt.
Valentine	L. F.	Maybrick,
Wilson	C.	O. Walker
Franklin, Capt.	R. G.	Cooper
Dunlap	L. G.	Davis
Stratton,		Walker

Quarles  
Summary — Goals; Wilson, Valentine, Franklin 2, Dunlap 3, Hayes, Maybrick, Cooper, O. Walker 2. Free Tosses; Wilson 4, Cooper 3, O. Walker.

Referee — Mr. Henderson; Timer, Mr. Brown; Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

**The Teacher as a Model Citizen**

It was surely a rare treat to have been at the Pestalozzi Froebel Literary Society on last Friday and to have heard Judge Stanton J. Peele address the society on "The Teacher as a Model Citizen." For one half hour Judge Peele held his audience very attentively. In the course of his address, he explained citizenship as meaning more than obedience to law; it is the looking out for the rights and privileges of others. Much of the time was given up to the discussion of dealing out justice. One thing which seemed to impress most of the audience was his idea of dealing out justice. He came not with the policy of humility, which is so often heard, but he showed us the necessity of struggling for and maintaining our rights. It was plainly evident that he was a man who was talking from his soul and meant all that he said. The responsibilities of the teacher as a trainer of citizens were well brought out in his discussion of the teacher as a great factor in character building. He said that it behooves all of us to build up a character and in doing that we should be cautious in helping some one else.

The attendance was not as large as it might have been but when the program was ended all who were there felt that they had spent a very profitable hour.

**NOTICE**

For more than a week now placards have been posted and cards have been distributed announcing the presentation of "The Rivals," by the College Dramatic Club, to be given in the Rankin Memorial Chapel, on the evening of Tuesday, April twelfth. A number of circular letters also have been sent to the teachers in the University and to representative citizens in the city. Orders are being received from the city people every day. Teachers and students who desire seats would do well to buy now.

## Must Win Five Hundred to Wed

College Girls to Bar Matrimony  
until they Make Suffrage Converts

**B**Y banding together the most progressive college girls of America into an organization that will bar matrimony until the assigned work of each member in the cause of suffragettes is completed, the most radical movement yet devised by the leaders of the women's vote workers is soon to be put in force. Each of the college suffragettes in Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Smith, Radcliffe, and other women's colleges will bind herself to forswear the marriage vow until she has won over to the women's cause five hundred bona fide men voters. The plans of the advocates of this notable movement were explained by a member of the Equal Franchise Society, of which Mrs. Clarence Mackay is president.

To make easier the task, values are placed on the heads of the captives that will enable the suitors to win their brides in a few masterful battles. The signature of a United States Senator will count for two hundred. A Representative will have the value of one hundred, a former senator fifty, a state senator or legislator fifty and other influential citizens will be rated in proportion.

Washington Post.

## PRICES MAY FALL

We may at least now hope for a fall in the prices of brooms, since Professor Edwin B. Frost, Director of Yerkes observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., tells us that on the 18th of May Halley's comet is going to sweep the earth. The time is not a great ways off and the consumers may be able to withhold the purchasing of brooms for that short period hence the dealers will have to lower their prices in order to dispose of the stock on hand.

The Professor also tells us that

the comet is in hiding and will remain so for over a month, this we take to mean that it is resting up in order to make a clean sweep of the earth.

## SPRING

Hail fairy Spring thy magic wand,  
Exerts its influence round  
On all before quite bare and dry  
New vigour doth abound:

Life, beauty, shed their radiant  
forms

To deck dame nature's garb,  
And oh, a thousand pleasing charms,  
That spellful keep our orb

Hail lovely queen, we wonder not  
Loud cupid seeks thy bowers  
For oh, delightful 'tis to dream  
In these entrancing hours:  
Such was the time young Adam  
found

His Eve in form divine,  
And as the ages go their 'round  
His seed falls in the line.

Hail fairy Spring, thy magic wand  
Exerts its influence 'round  
'Neath thy all charming fragrant  
bowers.

May kindred souls be bound.

T. B. L.

## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas: Death has removed from our midst James L. Shell, a loyal member of the class of 1910 of the Academy of Howard University, and

Whereas: He was held in such affection and esteem by his classmates, be it

Resolved: That we offer our most sincere condolence to his relatives and friends in their bereavement.

Resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased.

E. T. Green, Chairman,  
A. H. Parker,  
C. I. Browne,  
A. A. Adams.

## Theological Notes

Profs. Woodbury and Ewell are ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Agin Wan debating fraternity seems to be doing things, it is hoped they will continue.

A committee on the Gym movement, was appointed recently, and is working heartily to accomplish something.

The debate that was arranged with the Law School did not come off, because the lawyers "showed the white feather."

The Maynard Prize Debate of the school of Theology takes place in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on the 18th inst. The exercises promise to be very interesting and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. The Lyric Orchestra will furnish the music.

## SHELL'S FUNERAL

The funeral of James L. Shell was held Saturday at one-thirty o'clock in the Andrew Rankin chapel. The scene was a solemn one. The Academy Faculty headed the line that marched behind the corpse as it was borne into the Chapel. Dean Cummings made a few remarks on the life and character of Shell since his connection with the University. The President delivered the funeral address and the body was laid to rest in the Mount Harmony cemetery.

## NOTICE

Those who attend our Sunday afternoon worship will be glad to learn that on next Sunday afternoon at the regular vesper hour, the vested choir will appear in song service. The choir will sing the Story of the Cross as is told in the last seven words of the Savior's dying.

A silver offering is expected at the door of all who attend.

**NEWS NOTES**

Remember the date, April 12th. Remember the play, "The Rivals."

The Honorable Henry Lincoln Johnson who is to succeed the Honorable John Dancy as Recorder of Deeds, will take charge of the office May first, nineteen-hundred and ten.

Mr. T. W. Grissom, Col. '09 and principal of Eufaula school, Eufaula, Okla., writes that he is very well pleased with his work and that he is getting along about as well as could be expected under the present conditions which he has to labor.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty, lays the present high cost of living directly at the door of her own sex. She asserts that man is driven daily nearer and nearer poverty by woman's extravagance.

Dr. J. Mildron Waldron, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and head of the Alley Improvement association, gives out the startling statement that there are nineteen thousand colored people in Washington living in alleys and courts whose moral and spiritual conditions are deplorable.

Much to our regret we learn of the death of Dr. Raphael H. Hutchins, Phar. '08, which occurred last week at Bellevue Hospital, New York city. The cause of his death was paralysis of the brain and bronchial pneumonia. His doctors attributed the attack to overstudy which the constitution would not sustain.

Director of the Census, Durand, has given another evidence of his fitness for the high position he holds by appointing Dr. Thomas J. Jones of Hampton, Va., to have charge of the statistics for colored people. Dr. Jones is well qualified for this position, and his work will be well done. He brings to this important division a ripe experience. For years he has specialized in statistical work for the race

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