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EDITORIALS

THE ANNIVERSARY

The Fiftieth Anniversary of Morehouse College which has just closed was without doubt one of the biggest features ever witnessed in this school. It was very interesting to see so many of the old Alumni coming back for a visit once more. Many had not seen the grounds since the name was changed from Atlanta Baptist Seminary. Their feeling of joy and exultation, then, may be imagined. Surely the surroundings which met their gaze were far different from those twenty-five years ago. But here we see the results of the present college spirit which was present in the days when our school was young. The man once bound to such a school can never be free from the influence of the prevailing spirit.

Such a collection of prominent visitors and such a large number of practical and scholarly addresses were never witnessed here before. An occasion like this gives some insight into the wide reputation this school has attained in the last fifty years. Morehouse has really grown, within the last fifty years, to an incredible eminence. What shall we look for within the next fifty years?

SCHOOL POLITICS

Some recent private investigations have disclosed the fact that almost all of the colleges and secondary schools of the south are, from time to time troubled, one way or another, by the entry of politics into the students' organizations. A late periodical of an institution in Alabama bore an account of some very effective work of a political machine in some of the local organizations. Most of our schools can tell this same story.

In consequence of these phenomenal conditions the question inevitably arises: Is not politics a sort of a dirty game for students to tamper with? Is not the political machine a little too

dangerous to let loose in a body of students? Politics bears a kind of fascinating charm. It attracts a great deal of time and attention; and there is a kind of a pleasure experienced when one is successfully steering a political machine. But the victors seldom remembers that the pain of the loser is as intense as the happiness of the winner. He throws his intellectual, moral, and physical self into the fray and thus loses time galore. The college politician often sacrifices conscience and morality to carry some point which is not worth a moment's notice. Such a price is too much to pay for gratification of one's political propensity.

The personal feeling of times enters into political intrigues and produces serious results. Students can not always be political enemies and personal friends. Scheming in politics will breed a mutual distrust for one another which will be lasting. This is exactly opposite to what our schools stand for. Cooperation, and not separation, is the slogan.

Then, there is that spirit of low imitation which creeps in with the advent of politics. Some one who wishes to be styled a political boss in his school tries to rehearse the political intrigue of some famous demagogue who has led a ring such as Tammany Hall; and in so doing will mold himself into a vicious intriguer and leave school having accomplished nothing worthy. With these evils in view it may well be conceded that politics is an evil for a school and with its promoters should be rooted out.

CRIBBING

Cribbing is an evil. It may well be called one of the worst evils that find a place in a student's life. No reasonable penalty is too severe to inflict upon a deliberate cheater. Stealing a word from the Greek vocabulary is as vicious as stealing a dollar from a depositor's safe. One is stolen by a glance of the eye the other with the fingers. One lingers in the mind; the other in the pocket. The result of both is the placing of the offender in the roll of criminals. Yet cribbing is a common evil. It is so common that it is not always looked upon by students as a wrong. The cheating student knows that it is not fair, but he dries his conscience and cheats again more easily than before. The honest student knows that cheating is wrong; the instructor

knows it. Both see it every day, yet both let it go by, saying that "Cheating is almost universal—the college man cheats, the academic man cribs, so let it go; they will see their mistake when they get out into real life." And so it goes until the cup runs over and the worst happens.

Now, here comes a clash of opinion between student and instructor. A student is found stealing in the examinations, and is severely disciplined. Some one will say "I knew he was a thief; he has been by my side cheating for four or five years." The teacher naturally asks, "If you are an honest student, why allow a man to cheat by your side in every examination for five years? Will you allow a man to steal honors from you in this way? Will you allow him to bring disgrace upon himself and school by this sort of thing? Why do you not take a stand against such practices? Why not report such a fellow to the teacher?" Then he decries student leadership and initiative and says that the students are asleep. But the so-called honest student has a reply. He wants to know "Why do you, as an instructor allow a man to sit by me and recite daily from a scrap of paper or with his finger in his book? Why did you not call the man down for cheating in daily recitations instead of waiting for the examinations? If daily work is more important than examinations certainly he steals more by stealing daily. If it is wrong to cheat at one time, is it not wrong to cheat at another? Wherein lies the difference between a crime committed on Monday morning in October, and the same crime committed on Wednesday morning in January?"

The culprit comes forward with a different point of view. He asks whether it is wrong to cheat at all at any time. He has been cheating very boldly every day and nobody seemed to object until the day of examination. But he does remember hearing someone say (jokingly) "If you ride, don't violate the eleventh commandment, that is, don't get caught."

Now, what is the trouble? We are simply too slow. If we do not want cribbing in the examinations we must begin to work to that end no later than the first school day. Sentiment and not rules must work fair play among the students, and sentiment against a fixed rule cannot be made in a day. If a stu-

dent has stolen daily for four or five months it is hardly necessary to tell him to be honest for the next three days. He may be frightened into outward honesty but, afterwards will be no better off at heart for his three days of grace. Fair play, square dealing from June to June—this is what we want.

LINCOLN-DOUGLASS EXERCISES

For a number of years on the twelfth of February Morehouse College has held exercises in honor of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. This year the usual exercises were held and an inspiring program rendered by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen and the students themselves.

Having read the scripture responsively, the audience first was favored with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by James B. Franklin. This address being well rendered filled its hearers with zeal and prepared them to listen very attentively to the pathetic and enthusiastic oration delivered on the Abbeville Lynching. In this oration Mr. David Tittle recalled the base horrors connected with the lynching of Anthony Crawford and pointed out to his spell-bound audience the necessity of thorough preparation in order that the problems of life may be handled adequately and courageously. Following this oration Mr. J. Pius Barbour, an advocator, and Mr. W. H. Hubert, an opposer, extemporaneously discussed the Migration of the Negro. Thus, while the part of the program rendered by the students was invigorating and fresh, it somewhat served as a preliminary to the address of the principal speaker.

The speaker of the occasion, Dr. Bowen, came forth with his masterly dignity and most eloquently depicted the outstanding features in the heroic life of Frederick Douglass. In doing this he reminded us that Douglass like Lincoln and other great heroes had a vision. And in the midst of his discourse he said, "Great men are like geysers shooting above the level of waves—they show that something underneath is in action;" thereby showing that Douglass and Lincoln voiced the sentiment of their time. Dr. Bowen sounding a prophetic note concluded by giv-

ing an optimistic view of the future. Hence in this connection he recalled the history of nations and very gratifyingly pointed out the outlook for the Negro. Therefore, I believe that with the same enthusiasm that actuated Lincoln and Douglass, we too may be important factors in shaping the future history of our country and of the world. Thus, I think it was not strange that the students and teachers responded so freely to the liberal offering taken on this occasion for the Douglass Memorial. May these great men forever be remembered and may their spirit remain to bring us greater and nobler results in the future.

E. T. MOORE, '19

OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the college began Sunday, Feb. 25, and closed Tuesday, Feb. 27. It was surprising to see the many graduates of long ago rally to the "old hunting grounds." "Some could look back over forty years of the college history, some thirty, some only ten, and others less," said Rev. Crawford. Besides the graduates many former students returned. There were also many distinguished visitors and friends, among whom were the following: Mrs. A. E. Reynolds of Boston; Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University; Dr. Howard B. Grose, Editor of *Missions*; Dr. Gilbert N. Brink of the American Home Mission Society; Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, Editor of the *Watchman*; Dr. Clifton D. Gray, Editor of the *Standard*; Mr. Hale of Rochester; Dr. D. W. Abercrombie, principal of Worcester Academy; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois; Dr. R. R. Moton; Mr. W. T. B. Williams of the Jeanes Fund; Rev. J. A. Booker, president of Arkansas Baptist College; and many other representatives of the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Rev. W. H. P. Faunce delivered the anniversary sermon Sunday. He was so clear and forceful that all were deeply impressed. President Faunce took as his text Luke 22:27: "Which is the greatest, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth?" He set at nought the theory of the "survival of the fittest" and the modern socialist's idea of the equality of all men, and emphasized the inequality of the family with its weakest

protected and nourished by its strongest. "Education is the overflow of a full cup into an empty one," said he, and showed that a Morehouse man could be "he that serveth" by finding boys of good purposes, increasing educational facilities, and consecrating common labor.

Greetings from other institutions were received Sunday night through the following: Pres. Tapley of Spelman; Pres. Fountain of Morris Brown; Pres. King of Clark University; Pres. Watters of Gammon Theological Seminary; Dean Adams of Atlanta University; Pres. Sumner of Tallagega College; and Prof. Turner of Shaw. President Hope in an address, "Fifty Years of Negro Education and the Outlook," gave us the history of Negro education since the Civil War and showed that Morehouse men had taken high ground in Georgia and in other places during this time. He said that we must support our own schools in the future if we wish them to be free from the influence of philanthropy.

On Monday morning, Feb. 26, occurred a conference on Moral and Religious Training with President Hope presiding. Those present were eager to hear Dr. C. T. Walker on "The Influence of the City Pastor on the Moral and Religious Training of the Youth," and were very much disappointed when he did not appear. Another speaker who did not appear was Dr. G. R. Hovey, president of Virginia Union. Dr. C. D. Gray opened the program in the place of Dr. Walker and in a stirring address showed that we should never fail to choose the best when we see it, and not neglect to keep in touch with one whose outlook is greater if there is an opportunity. Pres. J. A. Booker of Arkansas Baptist College followed with an address on the promotion of religion in schools. Mr. M. W. Johnson who is now in the Y. M. C. A. work gave a brilliant plea for spiritual training and put forward the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. In a brief address Dr. C. L. Laws said that we should magnify personal holiness, intensify personal zeal, and clarify personal faith.

At 3:00 P. M. the dedication of Robert Hall occurred. Dr. H. B. Grose delivered the address of the dedication in which he pictured the work of Dr. Robert. He also spoke of Dr. H. L. Morehouse. "Finally," said he, "the rise of a race must be found within the race itself." Dr. D. W. Abercrombie of Wor-

chester Academy followed. Pres. Hope arose in reverence to his old teacher of thirty-one years past. Dr. Abercrombie delivered the most scholarly address of the celebration. He showed that more and more great places were filled by men of classical education. As he closed he presented to Pres. Hope a check for \$100 as a compliment to Morehouse from the students of Worcester Academy.

Rev. D. W. Cannon, president of the Alumni Association, presided at the Alumni Program Monday night. There was an historical address by Dean Brawley. Rev. W. E. Holmes, president of Central City College, who taught here for more than twenty years, spoke on "Dr. Robert as his students knew him." In a brilliant address Prof. P. M. Davis, principal of Slater School, Birmingham, Ala. made a plea, which we can not forget, for Morehouse men in the field of public schools. Rev. M. W. Reddick called our attention to "Morehouse College and the Negro Baptists of Georgia." He was dynamic throughout and held out hope that the union between the college and the Baptists of Georgia may grow stronger. The meeting closed with "Bless be the tie that binds."

A conference on education was held Tuesday morning. Dr. Brink in an address on "The Educational Outlook" inspired us to get higher visions. Dr. R. R. Moton requested the educated Negro to help the common man and woman. He said that his attitude toward the migration was one as an "adviser to a panic stricken people." Mr. W. T. B. Williams delivered an interesting address on "The Influence of the Jeanes Fund on the Public Schools." Dr. DuBois, the last speaker of the occasion, emphasized the fact that lying will never solve our problem, that we must be fair, frank, and truthful. He predicted that after the present war diplomatic relations between countries would be open because of the terrible result of the previous lying system.

Tuesday night Prof. Harrelld ended the celebration with his orchestra and cohort of singers. The melodies rendered were superb and the classical numbers showed appreciation and finish. The orchestra was at its best. We were all reminded of the talent of Prof. Harrelld by his smooth bowing, attack, and tone. Mr. J. D. Lewis, '17, displayed his rich voice in "Mother Machree." Another whom we must soon lose is Mr. G. D. Brock,

'17, whose rendition of "The Deserted Plantation," Dunbar, was far beyond the ordinary reader. The Chariot Race from "Ben Hur" was read by Mr. N. P. Tillman, and Mr. F. Hall performed well on the piano. The college quartet was above par. The Anniversary Concert reached the high water mark in concerts at the college. We hope always to enjoy such well rendered programs. All were inspired and elevated by the exercises and are hopeful of the future.

N. P. TILLMAN, '20

FOOT PRINTS OF HEROES

"Carthage has crossed the Alps, Rome the sea." France has crossed the continent, and fought beneath the shadows of the pyramids. These three nations were represented by Hannibal, Cæsar, and Napoleon, whose names were synonymous with the country in which they lived. The names of these three heroes are landmarks in the zone of a progressive civilization. The noteworthy thing about each was that he obtained common thought of his people and by his tact made them feel that the right man was on their side. What were the returns for their daring deeds? An unlamented sepulcher, that is true, but to-day they are known not as Hannibal, but Carthage; not as Cæsar, but Rome; not as Napoleon, but France. We who look out of our college windows and stretch our imagination upon the sunny side of the mountain upon which these men traveled, have need to be up and doing. We who reflect on the daring deeds of the Carthaginians at Cannæ against the Romans; of the Romans at the Sambre River against the Nervii; of the French at Austerlitz against the Russians and Austrians are extremely fortunate. We fortunate school boys who read the pages of history that have been immortalized by the lives of these men, should by reason of our obligation to humanity, be up and doing. There is no time for such trusted sons to hold malice for political opponents as a flint holds fire for dry leaves. We are charged by Him who stands in the dim future keeping watch over his own to be our brother's keeper. We sing, "America, America, the land of the free and the home of the brave." We sing our college songs

which no one understands except the familiar. Is this what Hannibal did for the Carthagians? Is this what Cæsar did for the Romans? Is this what Napoleon did for the French? Our knowledge of their daring deeds in behalf of their people force us to answer in the negative. Has the time come for us to cease singing our national epic? No. A thousand times No; but the time has come when we should make that song ring like silver in the ears of each Afro-American; not by the sword nor by the forty-two centimeter gun, but by superior skill, tact, and benevolence. Has the time come for us to cease singing our college songs? No; a thousand times no; but the time has come when we should make our songs and our joys a common property of each Afro-American; not by some untried theory, but by the nobility of our purposes and largeness of our hearts. Shall we seek to make the burden of the Afro-American a common burden of humanity? is the question. When we shall understand the cooperation between heart and hand before an honest day's work is accomplished, and then govern our lives by the laws thereof, "burdens will be lighter, skies will be brighter." Then theories of justice will vanish and the practice of justice shall reign.

WILBUR HALYARD, Ac. 17

BENEFIT CONCERT

As a means of securing funds to meet the financial needs of the Athenæum Publishing Company, the management scheduled a concert to be given by Morehouse and Spelman students, jointly, at Spelman Seminary Friday evening, March 9. As an additional inducement to the students of both institutions to attend in large numbers, the tickets for admission were sold at the small price of ten cents. When the appointed time arrived, a very representative audience was present to enjoy the exercises.

With Business Manager W. Anderson presiding, a varied program, consisting of readings and vocal and instrumental solos was rendered. The orchestra and quartet of Morehouse also rendered selections. The program throughout was appreciated and enjoyed by all present. In passing, however, mention should be made of the readings by Mr. R. S. Reid, whose ability and possibilities as a dramatic artist were in evidence. The reading by

Miss A. L. Ward should also receive a word of comment. Miss Ward, who received training under Miss Rickmyre, former instructor in elocution at Spelman, gave a word portrayal of the characteristic prying mind and earnestness of a child.

Every number was heartily received, but, as it was feared by many that encores would infringe upon the time, that might be given to an anticipated social, applause was somewhat restrained. When the last number had been rendered, all eyes were fixed on President Tapley, who relieved many an anxious heart when, in the conclusion of her remarks, the familiar clause was heard, "—and they have left us time for a social."

The Athenæum is grateful to all who, in any way, contribute to the success of this effort to entertain the people and to realize funds to meet pressing financial obligations.

C. E. JACKSON, '20

FRAUGHTFUL NIGHT.

The giant Day's within the west
Engaged in battle fierce with night;
The black battalions of the dark
Break through the phalanxes of light.
The plant world weeps with drooping heads;
The west is gory from the fight;
The earth stands egging waning day;
I sing and shout, I cheer for night.
For night when daily toils are o'er;
For night of peace, repose and rest,
For night to muse and meditate,
To plan alone—ah! that is best.
For night with stars, the moon beam's glow,
For dark, the shadows, earth hushed still,
The owl's complaint, the cricket's tale,
The lonely moaning whipporwill.
For night with sleep; for sleep with dreams,
That waft us to some foreign shore,
Where we behold, again embrace
One from the world reft evermore.

Since these, my revels, bring delight,
I sing and shout; I welcome night.

G. D. BROCK, '17

ATHLETICS

BASKET-BALL: MOREHOUSE 17-TUSKEGEE 16

Tuskegee began the game confident that they should win as a matter of sequence. In fact this game had been termed "Our annual flogging." The Morehouse team, however, went on the court full of spirit and determination to make new history by putting an end to the term "Our annual flogging." A few minutes of play registered a basket for M. C. and a goal from a foul. The team thus took the lead in scoring and kept it throughout the game. The first half ended 11 to 7 in M. C.'s favor.

Tuskegee came back fierce in the last half, and took long chances at the basket. They made several sensational baskets from the center of the field. Morehouse, however, kept adding enough to stay ahead. The foul shooting of Dunson figured materially in winning the game.

The game was thrilling throughout. Even though Morehouse was always in the lead, it was by just so small a margin as to keep the teams at top speed. The final score was 17 to 16.

This historical victory marks the end of Brock and Lewis in this branch of athletics at Morehouse. As these two hard fighters pass from us, let us all say, as they go to fight the greater battle of life, "Well done."

MOREHOUSE 10-CLARK 6

In the opening game of this season the Morehouse Tigers on March 11 met and defeated the Clark University nine, on the diamond of the former, by the score of 10 to 6. The game was rather interesting and hotly contested from beginning to end. The game was especially interesting to Morehouse enthusiasts, because it was the "kid team," for the most part, that was arrayed against the Clarkites. The boys, however, "had the stuff" and literally starred. Clark showed her usual spirit of fight, and once seemed about to tie the score.

Batteries: Clark; Bridges, Moore. Morehouse; Goodloe, Jones.

M. C. 2-A. U. 15

The first game of the season between Morehouse College and Atlanta University was played on the Tigers' diamond on Saturday, March 18. The crimson and gray waved triumphantly over the Morehouse nine. There was some spectacular playing, however; the excellent work of A. U.'s infield was especially noticeable. The usual drive of the Tigers was lacking. The final score was 15 and 2 in favor of Atlanta University.

Batteries: Morehouse, Maddox, Goodloe and Jones. A. U. Jefferson and Maxwell.

SPELMAN

Athletics at Spelman Seminary are awakening with spring. A new tennis outfit has been placed in the hands of the girls. This delightful sport has charmed many from their sequestered nooks out into the balmy air that breathes the essence of life into one's being. Regular practices will be held in order to train and select material for Field Day. The athletic committee of the Y. W. C. A. is very diligent and sees to it that every girl who desires it has a chance, to develop herself along the line of sports.

Basketball has created such an enthusiasm and interest among the girls, that many of them spend their entire recreation time at this sport. The court out of doors will be in readiness as soon as the weather permits. Under the instruction of Misses Berry and Jones the lively young folk display real sportsmanship and skill. Two teams have been organized and are in training. They are the Seniors and Juniors, who will let the public judge them on Field Day as to their ability.

Mr. C. H. Tobias and Mr. G. W. Moore, Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, spent some days with us recently, and held some important meetings with the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. Some of our other visitors were Mr. J. D. Avent, Prof. Roberts of Tuskegee and Mrs. Townsend and four other representatives of Roger Williams University.

Rev. D. Horton, who sailed for Liberia, has recently written to some of his Atlanta friends. He had just arrived at Liverpool. We wish for him and his bride a safe arrival at Monrovia.

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