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Poet's Nook

PASSING OF AUTUMN

More lovely morn has failed to dawn this year!
 The very air seems living—yet scarce moves
 In all its turbulence across the weir,
 As 'twill be wont to do. But it behooves
 Those tiny ones whom Zephyr dearly loves—
 The sylphs—to rouse the morn with dance and song
 Ere Autumn, from these wintry regions moves,
 And starteth on a journey sad and long;
 Ere Autumn leaves, behind this silent, sylvan throng.

Those Arbors—where for many quiet hours
 With rustic Virgil I sat and communed—
 Have stripped in obeisance to higher powers;
 And those that spread so widely have been pruned;
 Once towering branches, now are large, rotund
 Tops; and the novel galaxy of hues—
 The gay, mosaic scene is sentenced, doomed
 To flee these wintry regions 'till the muse
 Receives orders from Autumn: "Bring forth my grand views."

Yon fellow, with its dull, aureate tint,
 Now seems to vie with clement, ashen skies
 In praising the autumnal seasons spent
 In bringing Ceres nearer paradise.
 Maturity in everything! Surprise
 Pervades my mind as I behold a change—
 A gradual changing in the clement skies
 From ashen to a hue of blazing orange,
 And Autumn's laudations are now on even range.

The tranquil, flattering lake amongst the hills
 Deludes vain phoebus as the speculum
 Deceived that vile queen who resolved to kill
 Snowwhite. The bird of dappled stragulum,
 The shrub of light, satiny tomentum
 Grieve 'neath Autumn's aural, farewell caress;
 And met in sea and in aquarium
 Are they of old Neptune's kingdom to bless
 And bid Autumn farewell ere he makes his egress.

The lark from her blithe chirping has refrained,
 The swallow does not swiftly homeward fly,
 Gay Robin's merry eye with tear is stained,
 All warble soft, sweet, harmonic "goodbye."

Now swiftly Luna sails in open sky
 To hide her countenance in yonder cloud,
 Violently weeping, for she dares not try
 To bid Autumn farewell; she is too proud
 To let herself be seen lamenting long and loud.

"Farewell, farewell to Autumn and farewell!"
 Reverberates incessantly in air.
 What earthly power could this expression quell?
 This essence erratic, this deep despair?
 This voice stupendous sounding everywhere?
 Alas! Ceres no longer can defy
 The king of seasons and his frosty airs.
 Scarce Autumn leaves when Winter drawing nigh
 With Morpheus, makes Ceres once more barren and dry.

—O. E. Jackson, '28.

 THE ATHENAEUM

Go thou, take wings and go
 Where hearts are gayly singing
 To sighing mortals here below—
 Tell them of our upspringing.
 Sing of our noble name,
 And scatter far our fame.

She went,

A maiden won by tricky love
 Or flirting phrase, and raised
 By words high as the skies above.
 She trusted him, that praised
 With Sinon's tongue, as she obeyed
 And tried his fame to tell—
 He turned and from his bond he fled,
 And credulous, the maiden fell.

—Gardy Farley, Ac. '25.

AUTUMN SIN

It rains,
 The oak tree drops its golden leaves
 And I my sparkling line of thought;
 For who can think in sunshine mood
 With window near
 To see and hear
 It rain, rain, rain?
 Who would show ingratitude
 And turn a heedless ear

To the music of November's falling
 rain?

Its drolling song I cannot slight,
 For to me it brings along
 An hour of perfect peace;
 I close my book, incline my head,
 And on its airs I drift.

My eyes are steady, deep, and large,
 And gazing on the wall,
 Your picture is there
 And from it fall
 Memories of you—dreams of my child-
 hood days.

My eyes closed, my book dropped to the
 floor;

When I awoke 'twas four o'clock,
 The rain had stopped,
 And I had cut my class.

But mother,
 When the marks come home
 And you learn of the class I've cut,
 Remember 'twas no un-godly cut,
 No rash departure from thy ways,
 No vile premeditated wrong;
 Just remember that it rained,
 I thought of you,
 And then I dreamed.

—Martin W. Hawkins, '25.

Clubs and News

B. R. Brazeal, '27.

THERE seems to be a complete laxity on the part of the constituents of certain literary societies and clubs in having their regular meetings and in sending in their reports and news to their college publication. Possibly this laxity is caused by inaction of the officials or possibly the fault lies in the dilatory action of the members. A common undstanding between both will probably eradicate the lack of interest.

I will take for instance the Academic Debating Society which is supposed to meet twice a month and which hardly meets once a month. The Society furnished the college with 3 men on the debating squad in 1924 and debaters of former years received their fundamental training by appearing in debates at the different meetings of the society.

This Society should have regularity of action and continue to be the prolific source of capable collegiate debaters. If this source should stop, possibly it would be detrimental to the college's unequalled debating records. Consequently we appeal to the President and members to begin anew and instill into the organization the spirit which formerly was exhibited and worked for the debating victories of the future.

The M. Club this scholastic year seems to be in a very morbid state of inatcion. This club which is composed of stellar athletes, All-American and All-Southern football players, basketball players of exceptional ability and baseball players of national renown should be very active in college activities as a club. Why? In order that they might bring to the student body those things which vitally effect athletics on Morehouse college campus and which they are more intimate with than the ordinary student. Flagrant violations of training rules should be considered by an M Club committee and the perpetrators should be given punishment in the form of "game" suspension, or otherwise, by the committee. And most of all there should be a scholarship committee to investigate the scholastic standing of the athletes and boost up the faltering ones.

Therefore we appeal to the men who wear the sacred and hard earned M to obliterate the mythical, so far as club activity is concerned, M club and organize one in reality that will bring results and thus help the athletic council, coach and director, and the athletic Association to put athletics on a higher and more systemitized plane.

For the benefit of the younger generation at Morehouse there has been established a club familiarly know as the Comrades Club. This club gives intermittent programs in chapel on Thursday before

chapel but the spirit seems to be lagging. We suggest that they should appoint a member to act as their reporter so that this news can be given to the club editor.

There have been several attempts to organize a student branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Morehouse's Campus. The most recent attempt seemed to arouse the students to action and quite a number of students paid part of the students yearly fee and pledges were made by some others.

Prof. E. Franklin Frazier of the Atlanta School of Social Service and formerly of Morehouse's faculty made the appeal, showing the dire need of such a national organization and the good it is accomplishing for the colored people not only of the United States but of the entire world. He insisted that we become an integral part, by virtue of membership, so that we could do our share.

Our share can not possibly at present be the rendering of any financial aid but we can have meetings in which we can bring to the "ideal conscious fore" the problems and injustices which are confronting us, as a race, daily. Consequently we will become intellectually conversant and will know better how to face the intricate problems when we get ready to make our way in the hostile world. We can also participate more effectively in the Inter-racial meetings and Student Councils because of the knowledge gained in such meetings. A lack of information and statistics in Inter-racial and Student Councils might be very, very detrimental to our local and national prosperity.

Therefore let us all rally to the call and join in and make the branch at Morehouse the ideal Student N. A. A. C. P. Branch.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

January 6, was the first meeting of the Science and Mathematics Club for 1925. Everyone was seemingly refreshed by the holidays and imbued with greater vigor to "carry on"—as President Hope would say. The meeting opened with a goodly number present.

Everyone is now thinking of the approaching examinations. In our meeting of the 6, we decided to postpone our next meeting until after examination. That is, instead of occurring on the 20, it will occur on the 27.

It is interesting to note that there are many A men in the Science and Mathematics Club. And all of the members of the club are passing in one hundred per cent of their work.

The club has an efficient system of collecting fines for absences on meeting nights; that is, we presume it is efficient, for the members are so interested in the club that they do not give us a chance for collecting fines.

Our program committee is now working on the year's program. In the near future it will be published on the bulletin board.



EDITORIALS

OUTSIDE OPINION

UNDER ordinary circumstances it is our policy to pass unnoticed any isolated cases of derogatory remarks concerning one or a group of our students. Not because we believe the remark justly or unjustly occasioned, for the merits or demerits of the individual instances have not seemingly warranted investigation; but we have kept silent because we felt that they were possibly the result of preconceived notions, and preconceived opinions are likely to be more immutable than the pillars of Hercules. In general Atlantians have been found to have a fairly high regard for Morehouse students. But day after day, in home after home, there has been a favorable expression of esteem with a reservation somewhat on this wise: "You know, I think well of Morehouse students; there's something about them I admire; but don't you think that some of your fellows like to 'lord it over' a bit too much?"

These lines are aimed neither at the group of students who have been likely to offend in this manner, for the less thoughtful student, buoyed up with the knowledge of the College's glorious career in athletics, might easily be tempted to boast overmuch; nor towards the intelligent Atlantian who has honestly expressed his opinion about a propensity that is certainly intolerable in cultivated circles. But it is our hope that we may make some worthwhile suggestions to the fellow with an exalted opinion of himself or his college, and that we may at the same time clarify for interested parties the basis of the aforementioned propensity.

It is a fact that some of our fellows are prone to boast too much. It is bad taste to say the least to try to impress upon your city friends your belief that you have the best football team, the best baseball team, the best basketball team, the best College Publication, or the best debaters; although it may be possible that we have made an enviable record along one or two of these lines. An arrogant boaster is certainly deserving of the most scathing criticism, and we deprecate the fact that we have fellows of this type among us. It would be far more commendable to voice your admiration for the excellent qualities of your worthy and friendly rivals; and you can depend on it—your meritorious feats will not go unsung. To say that the vainglorious form a small minority and come chiefly from the ranks of the less thoughtful is by no means an attempt to justify the presence here of any of their ilk.

But let us go a bit further into the somewhat more general feeling that we can and ought to win. Overconfidence is without doubt an undesirable trait. But a reasonable amount of confidence is

absolutely necessary to the successful completion of any task. That determination to put the job over, to go the other fellow one better, characteristic of Morehouse men on the athletic field and off, far from being undesirable is worthy of intensive cultivation. True it is that "there's more to fishing than fish;" there's more to a contest than victory. But that by no means dwarfs the victory nor belittles the winning spirit. To go in to win, to carry the fight to the opponent we believe to be the only honorable attitude. The attainments of Brawley, Edmond T. Jenkins, Davis, Garry Moore, and Mordecai Johnson give unmistakable evidence that the will to win inculcated in school days will carry on into subsequent life that excellent spirit that enables men to put the job over.

Those who overstep the bounds of decency in their joy of victory are often a serious menace to the college's reputation, but we would utter no word that could be calculated to dampen the ardor of those who nobly strive for victory by any and all honorable means.

THE COLLEGE ANNUAL

For the embellishment of the distinctive features of Morehouse College, the perpetuation in visible form of our college ideals, and the erection of an attractive monument more permanent than statutory to our extra-curricular activities, the class of '25 is sponsoring the institution of an annual college year book.

It is rather late to begin a work of such great proportions, but it is to be hoped that those to whose lot it falls to attempt this job will carry to it that intelligent direction and enthusiasm to which success will be undeniable. But the wholehearted co-operation of every Morehouse student is essential to the assemblage of an annual of the dimensions we propose. The lateness of the start makes punctuality in compliance with the editors demands absolutely indispensable.

The class contemplates an annual of no mediocre type, but one of the highest workmanship, wrought out with great skill, complete in every detail, first rate designs and engravings, a work of art that will creditably represent the college and all of its departments and activities. This book will no doubt contain a viewsection, a Senior section, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, Academic, and Divinity sections, organizations, including every organization of any type whatsoever of Morehouse students, a beauty section with "Miss Sperman" and other outstanding contestants if permissible, athletics, characteristic poses, outstanding events of the year, jokes and all live features.

There is no student who will fail to appear in at least one department and the outstanding along any line may have their prowess immortalized. Every student must have an annual as the only permanent visible memorial of his school days and associates, a worthwhile heirloom to his progeny.

**THE NECESSITY OF THOROUGHNESS IN
OUR SCHOOL CAREER****By F. P. Payne, '25.**

THIS is an age which demands thoroughness. From the most highly developed executive office to the smallest cattle ranch the call for thoroughness comes. Industrial America, and along with it the entire civilized world, sends up this unceasing demand.

It thus becomes imperative that we, as college men and women, if we would keep abreast the times, prepare ourselves thoroughly while we are matriculated in the various colleges and universities. Lay well the foundations for an intellectual superstructure and build well that structure thereupon.

No sadder mistake can be made than that of an individual who satisfies himself with "just getting by." He is placing a false support in the scaffold which shall some day cause his downfall. He overlooks and discards the laws of habit. If the individual during the first eighteen or twenty years of his life lives his years based upon "getting by," it is inevitable that this principle become a part of him and out in the problems of life he will seek to cheat society as he cheated himself. It is during the period of development that we must form those desirable traits which will guide us through life. The man who gets eighty-five percent of his lessons is more likely to get eighty-five percent of life's principles than the man who is a habitual sixty or seventy percent man.

With thoroughness goes not only more knowledge but also certain other concomitant goods. An individual to be thorough must have self confidence. He must observe closely. He must possess a high power of concentration. He must be of a persevering type. He must be true to himself in addition to many other requisites which I shall not mention.

The foregoing factors of thoroughness hold an important place in life problems. How necessary it then becomes that we make thoroughness an essential factor in our school career.

The dawn of a new day is upon us. The inefficient and poorly prepared are quietly sleeping upon their couches of self deception and unpreparedness. They shall sleep on for their day has passed. The orders of the day call for men and women thoroughly prepared in the various life work; persons whose foundations are not fake but solid. He who would answer the call must be fitted to meet the requirements. Let us as college men and women make thorough our college careers.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The article "Ki! Ki! Ki! Team!" was withheld from the last issue of the Athenaeum in order that we might ascertain the truth of certain assertions made therein. This done and the statement found to have basis in fact, we welcome a reply through the columns of this publication, as a controversial note has been sounded.

ANNUAL CONCERT

W. B. Scott, '26.

The most classical event of the school year at Morehouse, with the possible exception of the commencement exercises, is about to take place in Sale Hall Chapel. Although this has been an annual affair for more than a decade, it is always looked forward to with great eagerness, and each occurrence of this event is more than a compensation to those who give it their whole-hearted support for their anxious waiting from one year to the other. Perhaps you have already surmised that the classical event referred to is the annual concert of the Glee Club and Orchestra. No doubt this is pleasant news to the music lovers of Atlanta. Not only to the citizens of Atlanta do we rejoice to make this announcement but to all throughout the country who are interested in the welfare of the student activities at Morehouse and to those who have real appreciation for the best that there is in music.

We are pleased to say further that most of the stars of recent years will appear this season, among whom are John Hervey Wheeler, renowned violinist of college circles, whose tone and technique are superb; Oliver E. Jackson, also a noted violinist of the collegiate world, whose playing in the largest cities throughout the South has made for him a host of friends and admirers; Andrew J. Taylor, Morehouse's greatest baritone, who will be at his best this his last year at Morehouse.

The Orchestra and Glee Club have been rehearsing day and night and are putting forth every effort to make this the greatest concert in the history of the school.

No one who attends this concert will leave disappointed, for the arrangement of these annual programs constitutes such a broad variety of numbers as to include something suitable to the taste of all. Therefore let all be present on the evening of Friday, Feb. 6, when the doors swing open at eight o'clock.

KI! KI! KI! TEAM!

W. A. Richardson, '25.

Like the old gray mare Morehouse "aint what she used to be." This idea has been a singsong among old Morehouse men during the last few years. But it has received a new stimulus within the last few weeks as a result of our recent defeats in football. The idea expresses an absolute truth and deserves respect for so doing.

We agree that Morehouse is not what she used to be; that Morehouse has changed. But the change has been a progressive one in many respects, in others it has been the reverse. There are certain courses responsible for the Morehouse of today as compared with the Morehouse of former years. Today we have younger men laboring under different conditions and aspiring toward many and varied ideals. But this is shooting at the wrong mark.

Betting on games was at one time considered a habit practiced exclusively among that class of people whom we ordinarily regard as the riffraff of society. The habit has spread so rapidly among college students that the few who refuse to engage in it are considered behind the times. This practice is rapidly taking the place of the old Morehouse spirit which formerly motivated competitive athletics. In the good old days students supported the teams in order to establish the fame of their beloved college. Today students get behind the team because their money is at stake. The truth of the matter is they are behind their money and are merely using the Morehouse spirit as a pretense. If our team is defeated the players are objects of rebuke and contempt as a result of financial loss. Such practices were demonstrated perfectly when many students ventured to commercialize our last football game. This habit has cheapened college athletics and discouraged the participants of the games.

In our efforts to unite as one, each of us would do himself no injustice by letting such a song as "give me that old Morehouse spirit" permeate his very being, thus restoring that moral support to all our athletics which it so rightfully deserves.

THE NEED OF NEGRO COLLEGE MEN IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

J. C. Richardson, '27.

The rural communities to a large degree have been neglected by the young College men of today. The public health conditions in small towns and rural districts are not looked after as they should be. There are hundreds of people dying annually for the lack of medical aid to overcome the various diseases from which they are suffering. And in some of these unfortunate communities there isn't a single colored physician, therefore the unfortunate citizens will have to take as their family doctor a white physician. In a certain town in Georgia whose population is 3,022, and this particular town happens to be the county seat of a county with a population of 18,541, there isn't a single colored physician although over one half of the population is colored. In these communities drug stores could be very profitably operated if there were any Negro physician there. There is a great opportunity for the Negro college man in the field of medicine in the rural districts. The body must be physically fit before it can be educated properly.

The system of education in the rural districts is a system that needs immediate "intelligent" and sympathetic attention. The length of school terms in some districts is from 4 to 6 months. After the children have finished harvesting the crops the short school term begins and closes as soon as the work on the farms is light enough for the children to help. The schoolhouses are poorly equipped and they are from 5 to 6 miles apart. The children have to walk to school

poorly clad. Hence when the weather is rather severe many are forced to remain at home, thus shortening the time of actual attendance to something like 3 months per year. The meager salaries paid teachers in such districts make it very hard, if not altogether impossible, to get competent teachers. On the other hand the white children in the same communities are given from eight to nine months and are furnished with trucks to take them to and from school. If we had enough efficient leaders who were willing to work, this sort of condition would not exist. The young college man can add much in bettering the educational system in these communities.

The social conditions for the training of children and grown up people should be improved. There are no social clubs organized for the amusement of the young people. The young people get together only on Sundays at the different churches. There should be some organizations established in these communities to bring the young people together in other than meetings of a pseudo-religious nature. Most of the parents of these children have to work hard throughout the day, and at night they are too tired to pay very much attention to the children. Therefore the parents of the children are not acquainted with just what the children have been doing through the day. They should be taught games and a plenty of exercise. Social workers are needed in these districts. The field of ministry is now standing and waiting for the trained college man in the rural districts to bring to them new ideas. In these vicinities we have inefficient men who are not able to lead the people intelligently. The men who are going into the ministry should be thoroughly prepared because ministers in rural districts are regarded as the best prepared men in the vicinity. The young college man can improve the agricultural conditions with his knowledge of science by analysing the soil, finding out what will grow best in this or that particular kind of soil. He knows just what this soil will yield in the greatest abundance, when to plant, and how to cultivate the soil best.

Many and varied, loud and persistent are the calls that come from the rural districts for really prepared men. The farms await intensive and methodical agriculturists. Medical men with health programs are needed to drive out the quacks and insure the health of those who constitute the nation's backbone. The pulpit is crying for ministers with a social outlook and an eye single to the welfare of the communicants; the educational needs and problems are so urgent and so apparent as to mock all attempts to set them forth. College men will do well to consider the Rural field because of the possibility of realizing there their highest selves and at the same time rendering invaluable service to our people.

Progress in after life depends largely on the habits we are forming in the period of our plasticity.

Success is dependent, not simply on working hard, but mainly on the intelligence of effort coupled with the amount.

ROLL OF HONOR

Under this heading will appear each month the names of alumni and friends whose subscription to the Athenaeum has been paid in for the present scholastic year. We appreciate interest in the activities of the student body at Morehouse shown by those who are already out in the great old world. If your name is not listed below rest assured it will be there in the next issue if we receive your subscription before we go to press.

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THE NEURO-MUSCULAR THEORY OF THINKING

The general assumption by men of the past that thinking was something very mysterious has given birth to many theories and much speculation concerning its nature. This assumption early led to the promulgation of theory of the dual nature of man—a theory to which a large part of the masses still give credence.

The so-called mental man, or soul, was supposed to have an existence apart from the physical and to have the physical man merely as a temporary place of residence. Thinking was considered the function of the mental man. Thinking was conceived of as an abstraction which attached itself to things merely as a means of communicating its product to others.

This theory with modifications and variations is found at the basis of the theory of the present day proponents of pure thought. They believe that it is possible for man to think without imagery. An example follows:

A man sitting in his study hears his daughter playing a piece of music at the piano. While listening he wonders whether that is a familiar selection. Presently he realizes that he has heard it before and that he is familiar with it for that part, he observes, is the trio. A few moments later he recalls that during the process of recognition of the piece he thought neither of the name of the selection nor of the author. In fact only by additional thinking is he able to recall the name. He concludes then that, since he has been thinking about something and has even recognized it without a word image of it, images or words are not necessary for thinking.

Many feel that thinking is something we can talk about and discuss and whose manifestations we may observe, but whose essence we shall never be able to discover. Still others believe that it is a correlate of brain activity and goes on wholly within the cranium.

But late scientific observation and limited experimentation, although not entirely conclusive, lead us to take the position that not only are words or some sort of symbols substitutable for words necessary for thinking, but also that in the process of thinking our mechanism of nerves and muscles actually forms the words or symbols. We are warranted in believing that thinking is an integrated bodily process which covers all implicit language activity and all activity substitutable for language activity.

As language is the vehicle of thinking the genesis of language necessarily involves the genesis of thinking. The infant has a native equipment for the the production of vocal sounds and begins his vocal career with a cry at birth. Every desire of the infant is expressed by crying. He makes a different cry or utters different sounds in response to varied situations, as the violent cry of anger, the breath-catching cry of intense fear, and the babbling coo of delight. By analyzing the various sounds made by infants it is found that their vocalization embraces all the elements that go to make up our spoken words.

The child learns its first words by imitation, or to use more exact psychological phraseology, by means of the conditional reaction.

When the child has reached a reasonable age the mother will say "doll" whenever she gives the child the doll. As long as the doll is present whenever desired the child is not likely to attempt to use the word doll. But when the doll is absent, the child having heard "doll" several times at the same time that he saw the doll, will call out "doll" If the doll is brought at his call the conditioned reaction is completed, the word "doll" being substituted for the doll will now arouse the same response. In a similar manner the mother says "open box" when the box is opened by the child, "close box" when box is closed, "put blocks in box" as the child performs that operation, and thus word habits are put on the conditional reflex level. This is later supplemented but not superceded by the formation of words on the integrated and associated level.

The membranous glottis together with the vocal cords is the exclusive seat of voice production. The larynx controls the pitch of the voice. The chest cavity and the throat and mouth cavities act as resonators. In speaking the diaphragm, lungs and muscles of the larynx, nose, and palate; the cheeks, tongue, and lips and the nerves serving these parts are all brought into play. It is found by experiment that these parts also participate in subvocal behavior or thinking.

Of course deaf and dumb people use the muscles of their fingers (toes if these are repressed) in thinking. During infancy organizations are put on without verbal parallels and this is the case also in the main in the emotional field. But here thinking is done through the nerves, muscles, and viscera which perform these organizations and are substitutable for word organizations.

In general however a word habit is put on with each manual habit. The verbal and manual habits are put on simultaneously. As we learn to play tennis we begin to talk tennis. We control, initiate, correct, and modify our manual habits verbally, either vocally or subvocally. Thus it is clear that the verbal is an actual functioning part of every act of skill and the word organization becomes dominant.

That we use the same mechanism of nerves and throat muscles in thinking or implicit language as in explicit language has been demonstrated experimentally by the tracing on a smoked drum. A subject was commanded to repeat a sentence overtly and then to go over the sentence implicitly. The same tracing was noted on the smoked drum in both cases.

Thinking then, whether it be the unwinding of a vocal habit of the routine type with invariable word sequence, the solving of problems with acquired formulas in the trial type, or the solution of entirely new problems—the facing up to sudden situations with trial and error behavior, is an integrated bodily process carried on through neuro-muscular activity. It is a constituent part of every adjustment and its general method is by trial and error. The thinking adjustment is achieved when the final word grouping or bodily reaction makes the initial stimulus inoperative or inert.

WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN

Friends, have you ever stopped and considered just why you are Christians? Do you think that your conception of the man of Galilee will enable you to best appreciate His teachings? Are you following Him simply because your fathers and mothers are leading the way, or because you think it improper not to belong to some church? Or do you exemplify Christ in your life because you are thoroughly convinced that His philosophy of religion is the greatest the world can possibly look to and live? Whatever may be your answers to these questions, I would have you consider them again as I attempt to give a few of the many reasons why I am a Christian.

Now, in the first place, life is but a privilege for a unit of energy to incarnate itself and live in the world a few years, and then go back to its God. It is a privilege to be born, to grow up, to dance along on your way to school, to romp with children, to make friends, to love and marry, to make your contribution to civilization, and a privilege to die. Although many of us use this privilege for evil as well as good, some of us have thanked God for our lives. In order to use this privilege for Him that sent me, I take the responsibility of being a Christian.

Again, I am a Christian because the Kingdom of God with its great principles and laws guarantees my greatest protection and my highest state of happiness in this life. Say what you will or may about the protection supposed to be warranted by the laws of the land and backed up by police, sheriff, and army and naval forces; but when I can turn the other cheek, go the second mile, or give the cloak when my coat is stolen, what need I for the protection of a policeman. Force is not effective. Christ plainly said "Sit thou on my right hand and I'll make thy enemy thy footstool".

You speak about happiness—a sentiment which Ford's millions cannot buy, Irwing Bacheller says of it that it is the reward for christian service to humanity. I know no other way by which I can be of real service to man than by being a christian. Whether you are a ditchdigger or a College President, all that you do should tend to make you happy. When I go to bed at night, I think about the good things, great or small, which I have done to make someone happy during the day. I cannot feel contented if I have seen poor, bare-footed children playing in the cold. Whenever I eat, I think about those who are hungry. Then I wonder to what extent am I responsible for the amelioration of mankind's suffering, and I resolve with my whole heart to do all I possibly can for the well being of man as my christian brother. Then I shall be happy.

McKinley Christopher, Ac. '25

Morehouse progresses as its student body progresses.

If everybody would tend to their own business, things would run a little smoother.

CURRENT NOTES

By John W. Lawlah and T. Harvey Burris.

Homo Africanus—At first reading, this article in the *American Mercury* by L. M. Hussey appears indeed to be a revelation even to the close student of Negro psychology. We wonder at his insight and are forced to concur to many of the conclusions derived from his keen observations. That the Negro is playing a role in many instances of mock servility cannot truthfully be denied. The wisdom of this pretended deference to the white man is, however, questionable. We fear lest life or limb purchased at the price of servility, pretended or real, is far too dearly bought. Is life so dear or any position under heaven so entrancing as to be purchased or kept at the price of servility and self abasement? A great number of Negroes have practised mock servility just once too much. Any act habitually cultivated becomes ingrained into the system and soon becomes almost ineradicable from the regularly functioning mechanism. Let no Negro be dastardly enough to pat himself on the back because it is possible that he may be fooling some self vaunting Southerner. These bowing and scraping traitors to their race are setting miserable examples for the young at a time when our souls are crying out for real Negro manhood, and the lives they save by their servility aren't worth the hats which they doff.

TIME.—Time is your most valuable asset. A man will steal your watch or other possessions and you raise a howl, but you never say anything when a person uses your time. You daily throw away your time, use it up unreservedly, and never stop to consider what a great portion of real life you are missing. Consider yourself one minute closer to immortality each minute you lose, and you will cease giving away your most valuable possession.

"Lose one moment loitering, 'twill be the same old story,

The next and then the next more dilatory,

Each indecision brings its own delays,

And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute,

What you can do, or think you can, begin it—

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

Only cease losing minutes and then the work grows heated—

Begin saving time, and the task will be completed."

AUTONOMY—Have you ever considered what it means to have an autonomous mind? Too long have men relied on their brothers to think for them, and now it is showing itself, in that men are led to think it their duty to lie idly by and wait for the thought to be worked out in order that they might act. Nothing has ever been accomplished except where self governed minds launched out and grasped for external unknown words. Autonomous minds made possible; 1. the

Declaration of Independence; 2. a rising standard of Christianity; and 3. many "Industrial Revolutions." The effort these factors have had on all subsequent history are well known to all of us. Begin today creating in yourselves an autonomous mind in order to be able to impart as much as possible to the world in which you live. It is necessary as a means to an improved posterity.

ATHLETICS—Remember that athletics have their good side as well their bad side. There is much discussion today on the subject. Athletics have contributed the following factors:

1. Principles of clean sportsmanship;
2. Clean rivalry has been stimulated;
3. Contact with students of different localities has been stimulated;
4. The habit of co-operation in united action against evils (team work) has been instilled;
5. Minds have been aided to quick and alert thinking;
6. Athletics have been a means of advertising and attracting students to the school.
7. And many other good benefits have been derived.

To those who advocate the abolishing of athletics I would ask, "What means for accomplishing the above mentioned results are you going to substitute for intercollegiate athletics which will accomplish as good, or even better results than intercollegiate athletics are now accomplishing?"

TRYING AND WINNING—The first question which has usually been asked a person when he went out to compete for something was, "Did you win?" Of late people have accepted a new adage and ask, "Did you try?" People are coming to their senses and are realizing that winning is not all in a contest, but persistent effort, and undying courage are the landmarks which are noted.

"When the great scorer
Starts to write against your name,
He writes not that you won or lost,
But how you played the game."

THE BOGEY OF COLOR—From time to time there appears in the columns of the daily press warnings to the white world that the darker races may soon turn and strike back. These ominous forecasts are no doubt the outgrowth of an awareness on the part of the white man that the darker races are gradually awakening to the knowledge that they are being exploited. To say that such a course is warranted would be but to repeat what southern lynchings, Haitian usurpation, African and Chinese exploitation, and arrogant insults to Japan already attest. To say that such predictions might soon be fulfilled would be to fail to take into account the present backward state and lack of military machines of most of the darker races save Japan. To say that it can never take place would be to disregard the unchanging and unchangeable natural laws which demand an eye

for an eye though a million years separate the two acts. But to say that we should not concern ourselves thereabout because of its remoteness would be to fail to appreciate the precariousness of our position, situated as we are in the midst of the white world. Too long have black regiments under European Governments served to keep their black brothers in subjugation. All this bluster and clap-trap about the possibility of a Japanese attack is no doubt unfounded, and the bogey of the Rising Tide of Color is certainly premature—but contemplate for a few minutes the position of the Negro in America in case of a war with Japan.

Literary Notes

"THERE IS CONFUSION" and "THE FIRE IN THE FLINT"
By H. J. Bowden, '25.

Two of the most outstanding novels published within the last year have been written by members of the Negro race. It is quite encouraging at this time to welcome these books to readers of the best literature for their study and approval. Both of the authors are young and well trained in the literary field, and even though they have not been surrounded by men who are well versed and authoritative in the field of literature and art, they have shown what capabilities lie in individuals if they will only develop them.

"There is Confusion" was written by Jessie Redmon Fauset in 1924. The book is now in the third edition and has received many favorable criticisms. The theme of the book is taken from Tennyson's works: "There is confusion, worse than death," "Trouble on Trouble, Pain on Pain." It treats of Negro life. "There is Confusion" when the Negro attempts to rise from the low and subservient positions of life to places of responsibility, respectability and fame. The author carries along several plots very successfully and holds the interest of the reader all the time. The novel is typical of the condition of racial affairs here in America. I believe, though, that the main purpose of the book is not to bring despair but hope to every Negro. "Where there is a will, there is a way," and he will succeed who sticks to his task until he has accomplished that for which he set out.

"The Fire in the Flint" was written by Walter F. White and has aroused diversified comment. It is full of emotion and has been spoken of by a reviewer of the "Red and Black," an organ of the University of Georgia, as being "perhaps the most cussed and-discussed book of the hour at that institution. Carl Van Doren, literary editor of the Century says, "I find this book deeply moving and dramatic." The book is one which calls out emotion and sympathy for a downtrodden race. Although many persons have tried to deny that the true condition of affairs is told, anyone who reads it and is

acquainted with conditions in the south knows that it is true. The book is now in its third edition and is selling rapidly in all parts of the country, especially in the middlewest. In some schools and colleges it is being used as prescribed reading. It is being translated into Russian and arrangements are being made to dramatize it under the name of "Fire in the Flint."

As stated before, these two novels have not been off the press a year, but untold results have been accomplished by their having been written. Such representative works by Negroes should be an inspiration to Negro youths the country over. Even though hard pressed on all sides, even though "There is Confusion," there is hope and success for those who continue to the end. To the fore Young Negro Youths. "The times call for the best that is in you."

KAPPAS HOLD 14TH ANNUAL KONKLAVE IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

Notables Gather From All Parts of Country

Robt. S. Abbott and Elder W. Diggs Honored by the Fraternity

The 14th Annual Grand Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity met in St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27-31 in what is declared to have been the greatest konklave in the history of the fraternity. 320 members from all parts of the country took part in this mammoth gathering of college men and race leaders. Lawyers, Doctors, Ministers, Journalists, Students, Educators, Business men and representatives from every field left their offices and travelled to the Mound City to formulate a constructive program for the coming year. Pi Chapter of Morehouse, Upsilon of the University of Southern California, Chi of the University of Boston and Psi of the University of Minnesota, which four chapters form the outposts of Kappadon, were well represented.

St. Louis Alumni Chapter was the host, and the program which had been mapped out for the visitor left the latter no time for sleep. Beginning with the meeting of the Grand Board of directors on Saturday and ending with the Grand Chapter prom on Thursday morning, the visitors were kept on the go. Sunday morning, Dec. 20th the convention went in a body to attend the annual sermon preached by Bishop W. T. Vernon of the Kansas City Alumni chapter at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Bishop Vernon is a man of wide experiences, having been Register of the Treasurer, and having travelled very extensively throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. The theme of his sermon was "Gifts and Giving."

In the course of his sermon he said: "The big hour has arrived for any man who is willing to pay for his blessings; big in the great need of the moment to rescue mankind; big in the opportunity to serve. What can we do? How can we best give? The Greeks are at our door. 'To us much has been given. Of us much is required.' As fraternity men of affairs we each seek to master our calling, to know the mysteries of science, the beauty of art, the value of indus-

try, the vital and necessary place of religion in the life of man. To have acquired much, has its corresponding obligations." * * * * *

"Fraternity, knowledge, fidelity—what wonderful words. How well they fit into this scheme of uplift and betterment, fraternal, friendly, knowing, having knowledge which is power, with fidelity unquestioned."

Bishop Vernon's closing remarks were frught with meaning, and every word carried a message to every Kappa present. He said "my brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi, the hour will come when the followers of Hippocrates will cease the practice of medicine, the disciple of Blackstone will lay aside his brief case, the man of business will close his ledger; the teacher will no longer give instruction. Then will the shadows lengthen, the sky turn to yellow, then gold, then mauve. "The long day closes." "Sunset and evening bells—after that the dark." May we not in this present while the day is yet full ask ourselves—what of the morning?"

In the afternoon, the public meeting was held at Poro College Auditorium which was packed to it capacity. Speeches of welcome were made by the Hon. Cuniliff in behalf of the city of St. Louis, Mr. Aaron Malone in behalf of citizens, and Prof. Purnell in behalf of the fraternities and sororities. Dr. Gilbert Jones, President of Wilberforce University was the principal speaker. His subject was "Modern Education, the solution for Modern Problems. "The daily papers declared that his address was a masterpiece of eloquence and oratory.

Monday morning, a breakfast dance was given by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in honor of the visitors. Fraternal spirit ran riot and it was hard to tell whether the hosts or the visitors enjoyed themselves the more. The other social affairs were no less enjoyable. Monday night, St. Louis Alumni Chapter held its bi-annual Prom. Tuesday night, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority entertained with a complimentary dance. Beautiful women and well groomed men danced to the strains of intoxicating music in an extravagantly decorated hall.

Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock the convention got down to business and continued throughout Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday's session opened with observance of memorial hour for the Brothers who had died during the year. The Chapters then made their reports and discussion for the higher development of the fraternity took place. Besides the favorable reports from all over the country in regards to the part the organization was playing in helping to uplift the race, the most significant feature of the entire convention was awarding of the Laurel Wreaths to Robt. S. Abbott, editor and owner of the Chicago Defender and Elder W. Diggs of Indianapolis. Mr. Diggs was voted the Laurel Wreath some years ago, while Mr. Abbott's was voted last year in the 13th Konklave held in Louisville. The Wreath is given yearly to that member of the fraternity who is the most outstanding figure in his field. Kappa Alpha Psi

felt that the achievement of Mr. Abbott in the field of journalism and Mr. Digg's work for the government in the recent war, merited this honor.

Equally significant was the report of the Guide Right Commission. The results of the Guide Right campaign in the first year of its operation were far beyond expectation. More than 3000 high school students were reached and interviewed by leaders of the various professions, regardless of their fraternal affiliations. The fraternity hopes to achieve greater results in its efforts to help the high school student select the vocation for which he is best adapted by nature, attitude and training.

One of the most noticeable and outstanding features that characterized the 14th annual Konklave, was the prominent part, taken by the student delegates. Never before in the history of the fraternity, have students been so unwilling to take a back seat and leave the workings of the fraternity to their elders. One result of this active participation of students was the election of the Grand Vice Polemark and a member of the Grand Board of Directors from the student element.

The officers elected for 1925 were as follows: Earl B. Dickerson, Grand Polemark; Clarence Hunter, Grand Vice Polemark; J. Ernest Wilkins, Grand Keeper of Records and Exq.; Fred A. Clements, Grand Strategus; Nathan D. Scott, Grand Lieut. Strategus; J. Edgar Dibble, Chairman of Board of Directors.

Wednesday at 6:00 o'clock at Menelik Hall, the delegates gathered for the 14th annual Grand Chapter Banquet. Speeches were made by the various delegates, the fraternity songs were sung and stories told of the early days of Kappa by Elder W. Diggs, Byron and B. K. Armstrong, three of the founders of Kappa. After the banquet, the delegates and visitors drove to the V. F. W. Hall where the 14th annual Grand Chapter Prom took place. It was the Grand Climax to a meeting that had been one of unprecedented thrills and inspiration. Hour after hour of enjoyment and pleasure slipped by until finally the orchestra began to play "Home Sweet Home." The last note sounded as the New Year's sun began to shoot its beams of light from the East. With handshaking and best wishes for a prosperous New Year, all began to gather their wraps and coats, and two hours afterwards, trains carried delegates and visitors to their respective homes, North East, South and West. The 14th Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, had passed into history.

—A. Louis Irving, Pi Chapter.

Yes, all unsigned articles are by the editor, especially if they miss the point altogether. When you see an article of merit you are likely to find it underscored, W. B. SCOTT. Page him, he's the guy with the pen that's mightier than Krupp guns. Embryonic word slingers take notice! That boy, Scott, bears watching, for his writing has the directness of Mencken coupled with the easy style of Heywood Broun.

**OMEGA PSI PHI CONVENES IN WASHINGTON
DECEMBER 27-31, 1924**

Believing that men of like attainments and of the same ideals of fellowship and manhood should bind themselves together in order to approach these ideals, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was organized in November, 1911 at Howard University. After thirteen years of successful growth and service, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity returned to Washington, the city of its birth, to conduct the greatest convention of its career.

The open session of the convention was held in the Howard University chapel on Sunday afternoon of the 28th. At this session, the Fraternity was welcomed to Washington and to Howard University by Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, President of the University. The annual address was delivered by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta. The subject of Dr. Bowen's address was, "Young Men of Brain and Conscience to the Fore." The speaker clearly pointed out to his audience that all stages in the civilization of man have been brought about by brain and man's consciousness of his environment. The speech was directed to the young college man with an appeal to step to the fore and evolve this scheme of affairs into an environment in which breathing is welcome, and amalgamation is happiness. A second speaker on the program was William Stuart Nelson, Instructor in the School of Religion of Howard University. The subject of this address was: "The Negro and a World Vision." This address, though delivered by quite a young man was also directed to the young college man and woman. An earnest appeal was made to broaden our vision of world affairs, tearing down every enclosure, and fixing our eyes upon the eternal ages as a limit to our achievement.

On Monday, the 29th, the convention was received by President Coolidge at the White House. From the White House, a caravan of was placed on the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier" as a token of cars carried the delegation to Arlington Heights, the government cemetery overlooking Washington and the Potomac, where a wreath Omega's respect for the members of the Fraternity who served in the World War. A wreath was also placed on the resting spot of Col. Chas. Young, who was one of the most active members of the Fraternity during his life time, as a token of his brothers' respect for his service to Omega, his country and humanity.

Delegates in attendance at the convention report that the business transactions are indicative of a continued success and service; and that the spirit of the convention was one that would arouse in every thinking man those higher ideals of scholarship, manhood, perseverance and uplift. The presence of Dr. E. E. Just, Prof. Frank Coleman, Dr. Chas. Herbert Marshall, Atty. Geo. L. Vaughn and others of the vanguard of Omega's existence, assured the wisdom of each action taken, and gave to the convention many valuable lessons taught by years of experience; while the presence of a large number of col-

lege youths gave expression to the ideas and ideals of the young college Negro for whose development the Fraternity is especially designed.

The Fraternity closes its thirteenth year of existence with a roster of fifty-five chapters reaching from McGill University in Montreal to the Gulf, and from Boston to the University of Southern California. The officers who are to steer the Fraternity through the year 1925 are: Geo. L. Vaughn, Grand Basileus; J. S. McClain, Vice Grand Basileus; Walter H. Mazyck, Grand Keeper of Records; Daniel B. Taylor, Grand Keeper of Seals; John B. Garrett, Grand Marshall.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

For the second time in the history of Alpha Phi Alpha its general convention was held in New York City, the seat of Eta Chapter. The convention held its second annual meeting there in 1908 just sixteen years before. One of the things continually brought out was the remarkable growth of the organization since that time.

It was an intensely interesting, very, very busy gathering of men, mostly young men, from all parts of the country. These men were assembled with the intent of devising ways and means of climbing to greater heights than yet attained, carrying with them as they went the entire group. As a most effective way of doing this they spent much time in internal construction and reorganization without which no growing body can thrive. The annual Go-to-High-School—Go-to-College campaign remains as the most useful means of encouraging Negro children to try to better themselves as a group. The work of its men must show day by day what the organization stands for in any community and all men who would be in the vanguard must be men who will work.

Among the many outstanding occurrences during the convention were; the address of General President R. W. Cannon, the Pilgrimage to the grave of W. A. Hunton, and, the address of Emory B. Smith at the public meeting.

President Cannon scorned the low, mean sort of interfraternal rivalry which sometimes crops out. That type of rivalry which resorts to underhand competition as to the means used in pledging desirable men, which allows insinuations, false statements, accusations and recriminations should be eliminated by all. He praised and upheld that rivalry which lead to participation in forensic discussion, to the development of higher degrees of scholarship to athletic contests and to the uplift of the group as whole. He also encourages all organizations to attempt to obtain recognition from the schools at which there are units organized.

William A. Hunton, first salaried colored officer of the Y. M. C. A. began his life work when he become general secretary of the colored 'Y' at Norfolk, Va. Within two years he became General Secretary of

the Inter-national Committee of the Y. M. C. A. an office since held by such men as J. E. Moreland and C. H. Tobias. Mr. Hunton achieved his best work in the building of character in the young men who came under the sway of the influence of his own highly spiritual, strong and beautiful character. To him is largely due the honor of the development of 'Y' work among Colored youths. He was exceedingly active in this his chosen field, having been a delegate to the Jubilee Convention held at London and to the Worlds Student Federation held in Tokio. For these things Eta asked the convention to worship for an hour at his grave.

At the public meeting Emory B. Smith spoke on "The Crucible." He likened the conditions which the Negro of today is meeting to the fires of the crucible of industry which remove the dross and leave the refined gold therein. Out of the crucible of industry comes the refined metal always. But out of the human crucible in which we find ourselves comes what? Something high and noble, or something lowly and broken? Out of it must come those who are to lead a toiling race in its attempts to reach higher levels than it has seen. The college man and woman must be those leaders. They must come out of the crucible of college straight and upright, and with well prepared minds to enter a world of work and take a high and noble place and must not bend and break in the fight occurring after college walls have been left behind. They must give, and give their all to carry the Negro race to its rightful place.

The great city of New York gave room for more social entertainment than the delegates could take in but chief among the affairs were enjoyable evenings spent with Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororities, and the splendid dance and banquet provided by Eta Chapter. The convention became history with close of the banquet after Detroit had been chosen as the next place of meeting for the fraternity.

—C. W. Sellers, '25.

PROSPECTS OF '25's BASEBALL TEAM By Leonard P. McPherson, '27.

Hark! Hark! Hark! Lend me your ears, do you not hear the voice of a mighty lion coming from amidst the calm and misty air, saying: batteries for the day's game Clark and Williams.

I imagine that on these beautiful Spring looking days your very soul hungers for a hard fought game with Morehouse on the winning side. To show and to keep in harmony with the Morehouse spirit it will be your desire to sing; "We have the t-e-a-m team on which the hopes of Morehouse lean," I am thinking now that it is perfectly adequate to consider this in another view.

It is the general sentiment among the older students that never in the annals of history has Morehouse witnesses such prospects for a baseball team as for '25. In order to give you facts so as to sustain their statements, I shall point out to you with pleasure such men as Lockhart of Talladega College, who was ace mound hurler for the

above named college for more than three years and has lost only one game since he has been pitching College baseball; Saunders of Wilberforce, who played on the varsity squad as short stop for more than two years; Blackburn of Alcorn College who is well known throughout that vicinity as a swift man and a substantial catcher. There are many other such competent men who are due worthy respect and will no doubt show their ability to play the game scientifically.

It will by no means be a dream to make Prof. Harvey's team of '25. Its going to be a man to man fight, and the best man will win out.

The "vets" of '24 who are here don't even think that their positions on '25's team are by any means preserved. But they are all willing and ready to do their part toward the success of the team. The fears of M. C.'s championship team are very few. She is going to out think and out class all of her worthy opponents.

It should be the will of every man to sing with sky high voices: "Yes we'll have no bum players," "We'll have no bum players this year," "We'll have a 1st sacker, 2nd sacker, short stop, 3rd sacker, and all kinds of fielders they'll say."

"We'll have an old fashion catcher, and all kind of pitcher,"

"But yes! we'll have no bum players;

"We'll have no bum players this year."

We lost only two first string men last year. They were Kelley a veteran receiver and slugger, who did it with power of a giant; and J. T. Walker, a flashing fielder, and one of the swiftest and safest hitters on the team, who fought hard for the name of M. C.

The following men are back to the fold ready for the voice of 1st practice: Capt. Clark, Marlin, Williams, Dunn, Hawkins, Rodgers, Idlett, McPherson, Sykes, Collins, Coleman and Starr.

Be not carried away with the elapse of time, for no man is able to retard or accelerate it. But may we all consider what the team of '25 will mean to the student body and to the college for those whom I parade in prospect are made of championship material.

We wish to apologize openly for the use of the name Helen Carr's in our Cream O'Wit section. When we went to press in November we were not aware of the presence of a fair personage in the capital city adorned with that cognomen. We sorrowfully repent our indiscretion.

Moral—Names, the distinguishing mark of individuals are sacred. Hazard not a pun upon any of them, known or unknown, lest thou bring upon thyself swift destruction and dire misfortune. For what greater misfortune can come to a man than to realize that he has unwittingly caused offense to a member of that sex especially wrought out by Nature in her moments of supreme joy.

Athletics

MOREHOUSE OPENS BASKETBALL SEASON WITH A RUSH By L. Slater Baynes

Morehouse having played and won her first four straight games of the season has little to fear from any Southern team. Each year the cage game in the Southeast draws more interest and most of it is centered around Morehouse Quintette, which has lost to only one College team in eight years of playing. Each year the Morehouse five takes an extended trip through the East and middle west playing the leading Basketball teams of these sections. Coach Harvey this year has turned out an unusually good team. He lost one of the greatest Basketball players who ever came South when he lost Ceasar Gayles of the last season. Sykes, last season's guard, has been performing creditably as forward and Archer, a rangy fighting lad, has been placed in guard. With this exception the team is the same as it was last season, Clark playing forward, Captain Traylor jumping center and Bailey in guard. The Maroon Tiger already has four scalps dangling from his belt having defeated Clark University 25—22; Morris Brown 42—25; Atlanta University 36—9; and Talladega College 39—20.

The game with Clark University is perhaps the closest that the Atlanta fans have witnessed. The lack of practice caused the Maroon team to give a poor exhibition of passing and shooting. Clark University showed the results of being tutored by Ellis, an Eastern basketball Mentor. The first half of the game ended with the score 15—10 in favor of Morehouse and both teams had a number of personal fouls. The last half of the game was very exciting, Clark playing even with Morehouse until the last minute of the game when Bailey dropped a long one from the middle of the floor. Dalton was high point man for Clark registering 13 points during the game. Capt. Traylor was high point man for Morehouse totaling 11 points.

In the next game Morehouse showed a decided improvement winning from the strong Morris Brown Quintette 42—25. Lee of Morris Brown registered 15 points and Capt. Traylor of Morehouse 13 points and Bailey 13.

Atlanta University, since fate allowed them to win a football game from Morehouse for the first time in 20 years, on a fumble, had suddenly become ambitious and came out with high hopes that fate would fumble the basketball. But Coach Harvey had drilled his team to perfection and when the final whistle blew the score stood 36—9. This was the most decisive defeat that Morehouse has ever administered to the Atlanta University basketball team. Morehouse's floor work was excellent and the entire team was shooting with ac-

curacy. Sykes lead the parade with 12 points followed by Captain Traylor with 11 and Clark with 7. Sykes performed creditably for Morehouse. A. U. men were so well guarded that the five were only able to make two baskets, one in the first half and one in the last half, the rest of her points coming from fouls.

Talladega had a wonderful defense but could not cope with the fast passing system that Coach Harvey has taught his men. The first half of the game was very slow but in the last half the Morehouse players began to shoot with more accuracy and rapidly left Talladega in the dumps. At the end of the game the score was 39—20 in favor of Morehouse. Capt. Traylor tallied 16 points for Morehouse, Sykes 9, and Clark 6. Cooper, Watts and Solomon made 6 points each for Talladega.

From the results of the first four games of the season it seems as if Morehouse, with a little more practice, will lead all Negro Colleges in culling basketball honors.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE RUNS OVER TUSKEGEE 51—9

By L. Slater Baynes

The peerless Morehouse Quintette marked up another game to her credit when she decisively defeated Tuskegee's basketball team Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. Tuskegee started the game playing a jam up five man defense and for a while were able to keep Coach Harvey's scoring machine from running at full speed. However, due to the fact that all of the Morehouse players are unusually tall and exceptionally fast when getting the ball on the tip, Tuskegee's five man defense soon lagged behind. Both of the Tuskegee forwards were kept so busy playing a defensive game that they had little time to shoot at their own basket. They failed to make a field goal in the first half which ended 26—3. In the second half Coach Abbott sent in a new line up. They fared little better than the first but were lucky enough to run up six points, to Morehouse's twenty-five. The score would have been much larger if Coach Harvey had not sent in a host of substitutes during the last minutes of play. Clark of Morehouse showed exceptional shooting ability marking up twenty-one points for himself.

Morehouse	Pts.	Position	Tuskegee	Pts.
Clark	21	R.F.	Neal	1
Sapp	5	L.F.	Pendelton	0
Traylor (C)	8	C.	Anderson	2
Sykes	8	R.G.	Young	1
Archer	4	L.G.	Faulkner	0

Substitutes for Morehouse: Bailey (4), Archer, Dobbs, Foster Clark, Traylor (1). Substitutes for Tuskegee: Burnel (4), Howard, Smith, Maxel, Robinson, Allier. Referee, Brandes.

ATHENAEUM'S ALL-CAMPUS FOOTBALL ELEVEN
 By "Red" Williams, "Chick" Clark, and "Peck" Tondee
 Morehouse Varsity Center, Halfback, and Halfback Respectively.

FIRST TEAM

Position	Man	Team
End	Blackburn	Freshman
Tackle	Collins	Freshman
Guard	Culpepper	Trojan
Center	Mann	Freshman
Guard	Gadson	Sophomore
Tackle	Lyons	Freshman
End	Lewis	Rising Stars
Q. B.	Maxwell	Rising Stars
H. B.	Dunmore	Trojan
H. B.	H. Maxwell	Trojan
F. B. (c)	Finley	Freshman

SECOND TEAM

End	Jackson	Freshman
Tackle	Thomas	Trojan
Guard	Gardner	Trojan
Center	Donnally	Trojan
Guard	Johnson	Freshman
Tackle	Stevens	Trojan
End	Burris	Trojan
Q. B.	Hawkins	Freshman
H. B. (c)	Williams	Sophomore
H. B.	Reynolds	Rising Stars
F. B.	Richardson	Rising Stars

The Athaeum announces its all-campus mythical eleven. These men were not picked at random but by scouts and coaches who watched them in every game that they participated in. The men whom we have given single honor are not only star players on the campus, but during the past season they have displayed a brand of football that has entitled them to a berth on one of the mythical elevens.

Our thought is not for the player in question but for the brand of football he has displayed. We believe that either of the teams could stack up against any intramural team in the country.

Each team has been gone over many times and we have been forced to move this man or that man because he excelled in but one thing.

ENDS

In the selection of the first eleven two men stand out as the best ends of the season not because of their work in certain games but because of their work during the entire season. These men are Blac-

burn and Lewis. Both are fast, especially down on punts, and deadly tacklers. Their hobby is smashing the interference and getting the runner single handed. Both are trusty receivers and tossers of the pass. They both are versatile and are called to alternate with backs in carrying the ball. These two ends are pushed very hard by Jackson and Burris, both playing a stella game during the entire season.

TACKLES

It has been very hard to select tackles for the first eleven, because they have all played a wonderful game, but after much changing and consideration we give Collins and Lyons these coveted positions because of their experiences and wonderful ability for breaking up punts. They are both hard and deadly tackles, fast and aggressive oft times breaking through and throwing the runner for anywhere between five to ten yards losses. It is a very hard thing for them to reach the highest heights with such fellows as Thomas, 210 lb., tackle of the Trojans, and his running mate Stevens trailing them.

GUARDS

There is no question about big Jim Gadson and Culpepper, the first eleven could not be complete without these two stalwart piles of grim determination. They are a terror on offense and a stone wall on defense. Every body will agree that no other two men could be chosen to bear the brunt of the frontal attack. They have very little rivalry in Gardner and Johnson.

CENTERS

Mann of the Rising Stars wins the center position hands down. Although given a very close race by Dick Donnally of the Trojans, there is no question in naming him. He is fast and aggressive, has a very uncanny ability for following the ball and breaking up punts. He is the best pivot man we have seen in intra-mural athletics. His heights were not reached by any ease at all because the ever alert and fighting Dick Donnally was chasing him hard.

Quarterbacks

At quarter the veteran Maxwell has all the odds for himself. He has proved his ability to think and be cool under hot fire. A wonderful receiver and tosser of the pass. He was given a close second by Hawkins, but experience counts.

HALF-BACKS

For halfbacks we have Dunmore, Maxwell, Williams and Reynolds. After a careful consideration. Dunmore and Maxwell are entitled to the berths on the first eleven. They both have the squirming, twisting, dodging, style of running, especially off ends, and open field. They are the "Tondees" of intra-mural football on end runs, and the "Battering Bam Clarks" on line plunges. When Maxwell can't make the required yardage, then Dunmore saves the day with his booting toe.

FULLBACK

Finley, the freshman's great fullback, has the position sewed up without a doubt. And the most logical contender for his crown is Dick Richardson. Finley is a power in himself, being a sure yardage man and a very accurate tosser of the bullet like pass. And on secondary defense he is without a peer. He is the most versatile man on the team, being able to fill any line position or back field position. And for these and other reasons holds the coveted office of Captaincy.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ends, Means, Rising Stars; Garrison, Freshman. Tackles, Lawson, Trojans; Guards, Johnson, Freshman; Quarterbacks, Lash Trojans; Brown, Freshman. Halfbacks Owens, Trojans; Fullback, Bostic, Trojans.

Time is a precious jewel which when dropped in the desert of procrastination is irretrievably lost.



Cream of Wit

Sap: "Have you an opening for a highly educated student?"

Pap: "Yes, but don't slam it when you go out!"

Wife (from bed) "What are you doing with my false teeth?"

He (from washstand) "Only cutting off the end of my cigar, dear."

Tit: "What makes your cat so small?"

Tat: "I brought him up on condensed milk."

Judge: "Prisoner, the jury finds you guilty."

Prisoner: "That's all right judge: I know you're too intelligent to be influenced by what they say."

Prof. Frazier at 3 a. m. "What do you mean waking me at this hour?"

Student imbued with race consciousness: "I just want to pay a penny on my N. A. A. C. P. account, professor."

Mother: "Don't ask so many questions child, curiosity killed a cat?"

Willie: "Mamma, what did the cat want to know?"

Angry Papa, at 3 a. m.: "Mary ask your friend if he likes his toast buttered."

Orchestra leader: "We will now play, "Home, Sweet Home?"

Cornettist: "What? Why that's the one I just played."

Grocer's Wife: "Hiram, you'll have to stop selling "Shredded Wheat! The Mattress on my bed is so thin now that I can feel the springs through it."

H—tells me that a certain member of the basket ball team has a mouth so big he whispers in his own ear.

Chapel Chats

The other day I was talking with some friends of the city about attending church. One of them said: "If I went to as many religious exercises as you, I would never go to church." I wonder how many of us think like that. I should like for each one of us to ask himself this question, "Just what does the chapel service mean to me."

Mr. I. A. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Price were our guests at the chapel services Dec. 11, 1925. Mr. Thomas spoke as follows: "This is a day of co-operation, federation, and fellowship. Wherever you find these three, you will find faith and many other good things, growing as a consequence. Ninety-five percent of the leadership when the inter-church world movement was in operation were men from Christian Institutions. As you young men go from Morehouse strive to be an outstanding character in the Christian religion. As you go home carry with you the spirit of Christ, of Morehouse, and of love, and let these be seen in all you do."

Mr. Price spoke as follows: "There are three great things which are essential to life. The first is work; second education; and third religion. There are people in the world who believe that it is a disgrace to work. This attitude is rapidly passing away. I am thinking just here of a Chinese student who, against all his traditions, came to America and worked his way through school. Christian Missionaries are teaching the people that work is essential."

"Education is absolutely necessary for the transmission of civilization from generation to generation. Get all you can because you can't have too much. I read the other day where two men were giving about forty million dollars to at least two schools. These men

know the value of education. The time is rapidly passing when people use the schools as resorts."

"You are the salt of the earth. You who have training go back home and keep things palatable. Much shall rest upon the shoulders of you young men in the line of Christian service."

Mrs. Price spoke as follows. "I am an ardent lover of the arts. The thing which has impressed me is the singing. I want to urge you to preserve this art which you have contributed to civilization, the only contribution which America has made to civilization along musical lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele visited our chapel services Dec. 12. Mr. Steele made an interesting talk on the development of the Western territory.

Miss Ruth Banks was our honored guest Dec. 30. Miss Banks is from Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo. She is an accomplished pianist. The orchestra together with one selection from Miss Banks gave a very much appreciated little musical at the morning service. It would be a splendid thing if we could hear our orchestra not only when we have visitors but at times when only the home folks are present. This, it seems to me would give to the student body a deeper appreciation of music in general and of our orchestra in particular.

The orchestra played as a first number "To a Water Lily" by McDowell, an American composer; as a second, the German March "Valse—Bluettee" by Drigo; as a third "By The Meadow Brook" by McDowell; and as a fourth, "Murmering Zephyrs" by Jensen. Miss Banks played "Etude-Concert" by McDowell. The last number was played by the orchestra, "Dreamy Delaware" by Walter and Violinsky.

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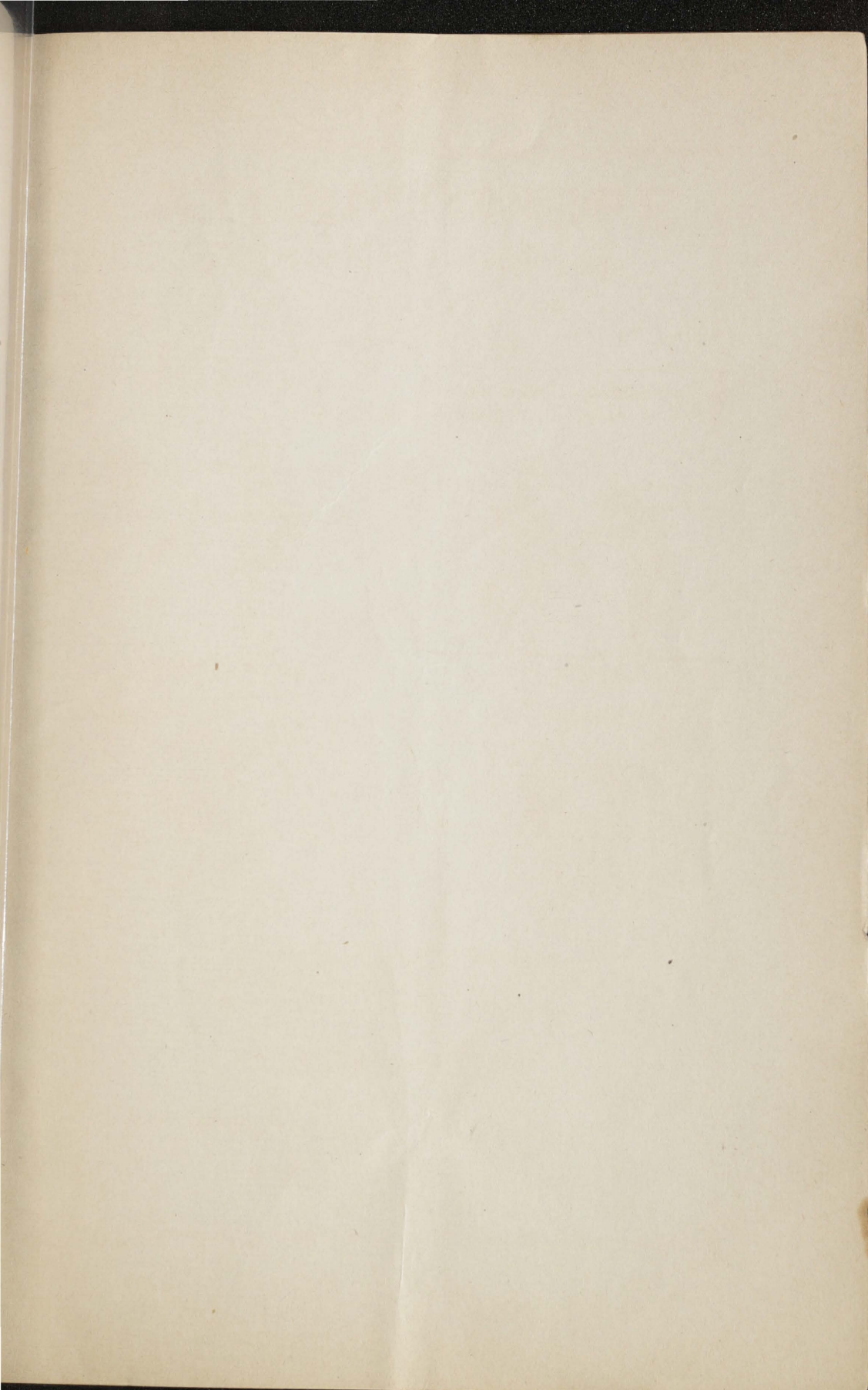
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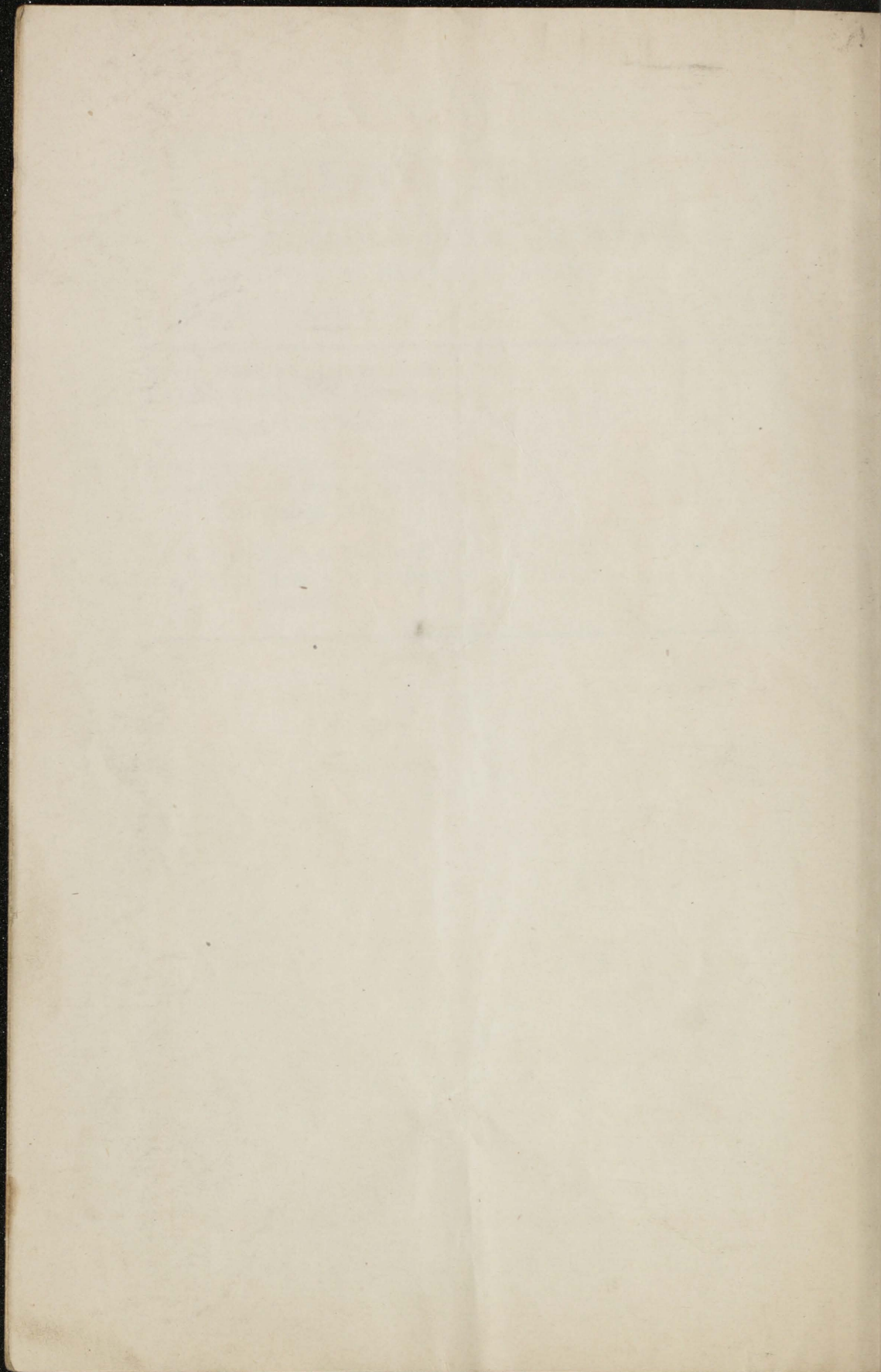
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