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## EDITORIALS

**I**T is our intention in future numbers of the Monthly to edit the President's page, which will contain the executive's ideas and suggestions for the development of a more efficient student body, the shaping of a great Collegiate Institute, and the advancement of ideas along the line of uplift that will benefit the race, state, and nation.

He has mailed a circular letter to the Dear Graduates and Former Students of Dear Old Institute. It means not only you, but any thru you, whose lives have been touched and inspired to nobler and holier things.

The personal appeal in it, ought to go straight thru your reason of your heart, and make you resolve to assist in making this the biggest and best school in the greatest state for you in the union.

Help us to furnish volunteers to answer to the Call of World Service.

Thanksgiving Day will find the two representative bodies of Negro State Teachers in session at Parkersburg and Charleston respectively. With out any mental reservations we venture to say that the most progressive teachers, those that are really doing things in the profession, are the men and women who year after year, spend their money, inconvenience themselves and travel hundreds of miles to get in touch with the latest thought in education.

At one time we dreamed of one large association of Colored teachers formed by a union of the two present bodies. We doubtless were in advance of our times, and our reasons presented for such a union found no responsive act of common consent.

We thought that in union there would be greater strength, and, in whatever movement for educational betterment, an association representing the Negro teaching force of the whole state stood sponsor for, there would be more dynamic energy towards realiza-



tion of results than the best meaning efforts of a bifurcated body could exert.

We are yet hopeful. Each association is accomplishing much good and is due the hearty support, thru attendance, of ever colored teacher in the state.

Those who preside over these bodies have for their respective membership, the foremost teachers of the state, and they are united to push illiteracy to the wall.

The Monthly bears kindly greetings to you, and asks a part in whatever you do towards taking the State for Education.

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### EDUCATIONAL RALLY AT MONTGOMERY

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Friday night November 14, the little Metropolis of Montgomery opened wide her doors to welcome president Davis, the advance agent of the great educational drive, that is being put over in the interests of the Colored people of the state.

The Odd Fellows' Hall was filled with a representative audience. Montgomery has been among the leading cities of the State to send her boys and girls to the Institute for better training, and she lived up to the reputation established by staging a reception of the president that was cordial and inspiring.

Over thirty grads of the school were present, and they decorated

in the old gold and black, sang the school song of their Alma Mater, barked its yells, and turned the Odd Fellows' Hall into the College Chapel, as it is when spirit runs high.

President Davis was very much pleased with the interest shown, and the little city was generous in its expressions of commendation for our president.

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### ROOSEVELT DAY

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Roosevelt Day was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies October 27. The observance of the celebration here was a part of the program proclaimed by his excellency Governor J. J. Cornwell, to be celebrated thru out the state by educational and civic organizations.

Hon. Houston G. Young, secretary of State, was the feature speaker of the event, and it was a treat to those to whom it was the privilege to listen to the rising young statesman.

Mr. Young is a native West Virginian and belongs to that class of virile progressive men who rightly observes and comprehends the march of events.

He revealed by his speech that he was a thoro student of the Great American, and all felt that the lesson drawn from the life and character of Roosevelt, had broadened the vision of the speaker, and

had left a legacy of priceless inspiration in the hearts of his audience.

The Institute, will always welcome, the presence of Secretary Young.

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### WEDDING BELLS

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The nuptials of Miss Ethel Blanche Spriggs, and Dr. W. J. Bamfield of Omar, were solemnized Wednesday, November 19, at 10 a. m. at the residence of the bride's parents in the village.

Miss Blanche is an academic and commercial alumna of the Collegiate Institute, and served for a few years as assistant teacher in the commercial department of the school.

She resigned her position to enter Fisk University conservatory of music as a piano student, and graduated with merit.

After graduation, Miss Spriggs accepted the position of commercial and music teacher in Douglass High of Huntington, where she served with credit for three years.

She resigned this position in the spring of 1919, opened a conservatory for vocal, violin and piano students.

The fortunate Dr. Bamfield is a successful practicing physician of Omar West Virginia.

The happy pair will visit the large cities of the north and east

on their honeymoon, and will be at home to their friends at Omar in January 1920.

The ceremony was witnessed only by the parents' immediate members of the family and a few intimate friends.

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### CHAPEL NOTES

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The chapel exercises for the past month have not been without their results. The splendid talks given by President Davis and other members of the faculty have been timely.

We are living in abnormal times. The world conditions are growing more acute each day. Pres. Davis in his chapel lectures, warns the students not to let these affairs pass unheeded; but as students, to prepare ourselves (by serious study) to combat with the outside world.

We have had quite often persons of note with us this past month; among them the Rev. M. W. Claire an eminent West Virginian, now doing a noble work in Washington; also Miss Catherine Lealtad and Mr. Channing Tobias who are devoting their lives and labors to the uplift and advancement of the youth of the race.

These persons have left messages which have awakened the deepest thoughts of the students, and given them a broader vision of the things in life that count.



## ATTENTION!!

We are asking all graduates and former students of the WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, to look over their old numbers of the Catalogue of this School, and ascertain if you have the SECOND, THIRD, or SEVENTH numbers. ¶ If you have, Your School is asking you to send the same to President John W. Davis, Institute, West Virginia.

OUR FILES LACK THESE NUMBERS.

### LITERARY ACTIVITIES

On the 24th of October the literary society comprising the college and normal students of the Institute assembled in their third meeting. Among their achievements at this time, were the adoption of the Constitution, the selection of Miss Agnes Perry as journalist, the selection of Mr. Bernard Brown as judge Advocate to succeed Mr. William Fergusson, who has withdrawn from school and the decision that the organization shall be known as the Philomatheon Literary Society. The meeting adjourned following the announcement of program for the next meeting.

Despite the inclement weather prevailing on the seventh of November, a full membership responded for the first program of the society. The meeting was convened at 7:30 p. m., and after the conclusion of the necessary routine, the program of the evening was

entered into.

### PROGRAM

Inaugural Address	President Henry Davis
Declamation	Miss Naomi Grant "Toussaint L'Overture's Place Among Great Men"
Reading	"Tact and Talent, a Contrast" Miss Muriel Brown
Vocal Solo	"Who Knows?" Miss Cora McDaniel
Oration	"Fifty years of Negro Progress" Mr. Christopher Scott

The program was creditably rendered and the several visitors in attendance were not unrewarded for their presence. Prior to adjournment, the President announced the subject for discussion at the next meeting, November twenty-first. At that time, twelve designated members of the society will discuss the subject, "Americanism, what is it?"

### SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Sunday evening services here are especially interesting this year. The school choir under Mrs. Mitchell's direction, renders special music for these services.

On October 19, Misses Martha Madison and Mable Brown sang a duet *Whispering Hope*. An excellent address was delivered by President Davis, the subject of which was "Baffling Reflections and Understandings."

On October 26, the subject of Mr. Davis' address was "Self-Respect." The school quartette sang a folk song.

On November 2, Misses Gertrude Smith and Myrtle Taylor sang, "I come to Thee." The school was greatly honored on this date, by the presence of two of our greatest "Y" workers, Miss Catherine D. Lealtad and Mr. C. H. Tobias. Mr. Tobias delivered the address of the evening.

These services are well attended, not only by the students of the institution but large crowds are attracted from the village as well.

### Y. M. C. A. NEWS

The Association was favored with a visit from Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Student Secretary of the International Committee.

On the morning of Nov. 2, Dr. Tobias delivered an inspiring ad-

dress to the young men of the association.

On the evening of Nov. 2, he gave an address to the school and visitors which held the audience spell-bound.

We earnestly hope that each one will catch the spirit and significance of the Students' Volunteer Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, from Dec. 31, 1919 to Jan. 4, 1920.

Our membership is steadily increasing, but not fast enough. Come out and help us as well as receiving help. We need you and you need us.

### HUMOR AND WIT

Hank—"I got this car for a song."

Chris—"Yes I heard that you gave a note for it."

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Worse—Lady—"Here my poor fellow, is a quarter for you. It must be dreadful to be lame, but I think it must be worse to be blind.

Tramp—"It is, mum. When I was blind they was always handing me counterfeit quarters.

—*The American Legion Weekly.*

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To the fair co-ed, who is about to be wed—"Never judge a ring by the jeweler's name on the box."



Men take notice: A much admired girl does not always make the most admirable wife.

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It's as cowardly to speak ill of a man behind his back as it is dangerous to say it to his face.

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Experience is a good teacher, but some men are conceited enough to think that they can give experience a few pointers.

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Brilliant Student—"Prof., Why is Haiti like Russia?"

Teacher (History)—"In what connection do you mean?"

Student—"Just generally."

Teacher—"Do you know?"

Student—"Yes sir. It's because they both have all kinds of generals except general prosperity."

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What did he say?—Observant Youngster—Oh, look at the funny man, Mother! He's sitting on the pavement talkin' to a banana-skin.

--London Tit-Bits.

## ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES



UST before the setting of the October sun, football for the West Virginia Collegiate Institute started in with a rush. On the last Saturday in this month, the local squad of pig skin warriors

invaded the camp of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Lynchburg and routed the enemy by the score, 14-0. This game indicated but slightly the strength of the Institute machine. The whole team played well and while no outstanding stars were produced, the work of Dandridge Brown, the big tackle and of Hamlin, the plunging full back deserve special mention. The squad returned home on the 25th to put on the finishing touches for the season's crucial game with Howard.

### The Gridiron Classic Of The Year

Howard University And  
West Virginia Collegiate Institute  
Battle To Scoreless Tie

### Nearly Two Thousand Supporters Of The Two Schools Watch Gladiators On Rain-Soaked Field.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of November first, the football teams of Howard University and Institute trotted out upon Lakin Field, a veritable sea of mud, and began, in a continuous down-pour of rain, the gridiron classic of the year. The stage was set for a great game. The crowd was in high spirits. Hear and there floats of Blue and White commingled with the more numerous banners of Gold and Black.

### A Representative Group

Those present represented every

walk of life. Here sat a member of the Board of Control, nearby was a gentlemen in clerical garb, directly across was the chief college janitor, and near him sat a lady who didn't know what it was all about, but who wanted Institute to win. Charleston, Institute, Nitro, St. Albans and many surrounding towns were represented. Many former varsity stars returned, among the latter, were "Iron Man" Hardy, a back; Wilkerson and Kincaid, quarters; "Patsy" Crawford; "Fellah" Spriggs; "Big Boy" Jefferson a lettered tackle from Ohio University and Burke, who is justly renowned as the greatest receiver of forward passes that Institute has ever developed.

### Intense Interest From Moment Of Kick-Off

Howard won the toss and chose the south goal. Simultaneous with the kick-off to Fairfax who returned the ball 15 yards, Max Westerband, the Institute Cheerleader, lead the local rooters in the song "The Old Gold and Black is going to wave over the White and Blue." An Institute fumble, at this point, gave the ball to Howard on the local's 40 yard line.

The visitors failed to make the required distance, Holland recovering the ball on a fumble. Insti-

tute bucked the line without result for three downs and Holland punted out of danger. The struggle was now on in full earnest and the enthusiasm of the large crowd was at its height.

### First Half Played in Howard's Territory

Not once during the entire period of the first half was Institute's goal threatened. The battle was in the visitors' territory. The half ended with the ball in Institute's possession on Howard's 25 yard line. The expiration of time robbed Institute of what was probably their best opportunity to score. A successful pass from Bartlett to Holland had netted 15 yards when the whistle blew for the end of the half.

### Individual Stars

In spite of the slippery condition of the ball, making it difficult to kick, Holland's toe greatly supported the Old Gold and Black. His punt for fifty yards at the beginning of the second quarter was the longest kick in the game. His average punt was 45 yards, which, under the circumstances, was remarkable. The latter part of the game resulted in a punting match between Holland and Williams, the trusty punter of Howard.

Hughes, the 1918 All American



Halfback of Howard, who made his debut in football at Institute, measured up to expectation. More than once he circled Institute's flanks for substantial gains which loosened pandemonium among Howard's rooters and brought the Institute backers to their feet in silence. The speedy back demonstrated that he had lost none of his former skill with the pig skin. Captain Downing, Brown, and Howell are other Howardites whose work stood out as commendable.

The generalship of Captain Bartlett, the defensive work of Few, Brown, and Morgan, and Hamlin's tackling ability, were especially noticeable. Good's line plunging and returning of points brought him into the limelight.

#### Howard Shows Strength.

Howard clearly outplayed Institute in the third quarter. The end runs of Hughes and Brown kept Institute busy. There were times in this quarter when it seemed that Howard might score. Repeated failures to reach the desired mark convinced the visitors that their efforts were useless, and in the latter period her tactics had changed to that of defense.

#### Some Facts

An analysis of the game play by play gives comparatively little

light on the question relative to the merits of the two teams. The first half was played in Howard's territory. Howard outplayed Institute in the third quarter. Howard made longer gains than Institute. Holland, of Institute, outpunted Williams, of Howard. Institute effected one forward pass with one attempt, Howard failed to succeed in five attempts. The game ended with the ball in midfield with a representative of each team claiming the ball after a fumble. Neither team scored.

The line up.

HOWARD	Position	INSTITUTE
Hardwick	l. e.	Holland
Thomas	l. t.	Brown
Camper	l. g.	Saunders
Lawrence	c.	Morgan
Smith	r. g.	Moore
Nurse	r. t.	Fairfax
Paris	r. e.	Few
Downing, Capt.	l. h.	Goode
Brown	f.	Hamlin
Hughes	r. h.	Harris
Carter	q. Capt. Bartlett	

Substitutes.

Howard: Gardner for Nurse; Brown for Downing; Jackson for Thomas; Jefferson for Hughes.  
Institute: Brown for Few; Wilson for Brown, Mitchell for Hamlin.

Officials:

Referee—Lively.  
Umpire—Donnally.

Head Linesman—Beers.

Time keeper—Stratton.

Time of quarters—15 minutes.

Score—Howard, 0; W. V. C. I., 0.

Attendance—2,000.

The remainder of Institute's schedule comprises the Virginia Normal and Industrial School at Petersburg, November 22 and Wilberforce University at Institute on Thanksgiving Day. It is expected that the Wilberforce game will be the occasion of another home coming day.

#### LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Lewellyn A. Spriggs, domestic science teacher in the Kelley Miller High of Clarksburg and W. Lloyd Spriggs, student at Ohio University, both grads of Institute, are at home to witness the marriage of their sister Miss Ethel Blanche Spriggs to Dr. W. J. Bamfield of Omar, West Virginia.

The Sunday evening talks by the president are attracting large audiences, and arousing more than usual interest.

The citizens of the village are manifesting much appreciation if, we are to judge from their attendance. The programs of the occasion, from voluntary to voluntary, are impressive and beneficial.

The minstrel given Friday night of November 14, by the young men for the benefit of the Athlet-

ic Association was a success in every particular.

The audience enjoyed the songs, jokes, and impersonation of the actors. The Hawaiian impersonation of Dora Dini, by Max Westerland was above ordinary. The act from Pinafore was a treat.

About 150 old grads of the Institute were present at the Howard-Institute game. Some came from as far away as Toledo, Ohio. Never before have so many grads shown their interest in the athletic classic of the school.

A very pleasant time was spent by the student body in entertaining the Howard squad in the dining hall, the evening of the game. In spite of the gruelling fight that Howard and Institute stage against each other on the grid, cordial relations exist in their social relations.

The Director of Agriculture, Mr. A. W. Curtis is planning to hold a Farmers' Institute and Fair here the latter part of December. He is in correspondence with lecturers suitable for the occasion. The Fair will present an opportunity for the farmers, housewives, and boys' and girls' clubs to vie with each other, as to the excellence of their products.

The football squad leaves for Petersburg, Thursday night the 20th, inst. to play the strong eleven



of the V. N. I. I.

Professor Gideon E. Smith formerly chemistry teacher here is the coach of that eleven. The boys expect a red hot game, and victory.

Mr. Harry S. Davis, teacher of painting, has been confined to his home since November 9th with a severe case of flu. He is reported improving, and his return to his classes is anxiously awaited.

Miss Amelia Lowry, primary teacher in the Clarksburg City schools was the guest of her brother R. H. Lowry for few days of the first of the month. Miss Lowry was one of the grads to travel over two hundred miles to witness the Howard-Institute game.

She visited the departments of her Alma Mater, and renewed old acquaintances.

Miss Lowry is rated as A1 by Superintendent Jackson of Clarksburg.

Miss Rosetta Miller, and Mrs. M. T. Sinclair grads and teachers at Slab Fork, are enjoying a forced vacation at the home of the latter in the village. The presence of diphtheria in their school has enforced a vacation.

The faculty and various classes of the school are pushing a campaign to raise two-hundred dollars for the purpose of sending delegates to the Des Moines meeting of the Student's Volunteer Movement in January. Much enthusiasm is being manifested in the raising of these funds.

Attorney J. H. Ellis of Oak Hill and Mr. J. S. Caul of Winona were visitors here Oct 29. Attorney Ellis was but paying an accustomed visit and J. S. Caul has two sons in school here.

Mr. E. F. Merrit expert Bible reader who has been conducting classes in Bible reading among teachers and Senior students, left the 5th inst for Chicago. He is expected to return in January.

The readings of Mr. Merrit are very much appreciated among faculty and student body.

Prof. J. F. J. Clark, principal of Garnett High School and president of the State Teachers' Association was a visitor at the School November fifth. Professor Clark was perfecting the places of the State Teachers' Association with some of the local officers of the board of directors.

## Friendship

TO HAVE a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring. To have a friend is to have a solemn and tender education of soul from day to day. A friend gives us confidence for life. A friend makes us go outside of ourselves. She takes heed of our health, our work, our aims, our plans. A friend remembers us when we have forgotten ourselves. A friend may praise us, and we are not embarrassed; she may rebuke us, and we are not angered. If she be silent, we understand.

"It takes a great soul to be a great friend, a large, catholic, steadfast, and loving spirit. One to be a friend must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs to be a friend. Nothing else in life, except motherhood costs so much. It not only costs time, affection, patience, love, but sometimes a man must even lay down his life for a friend.

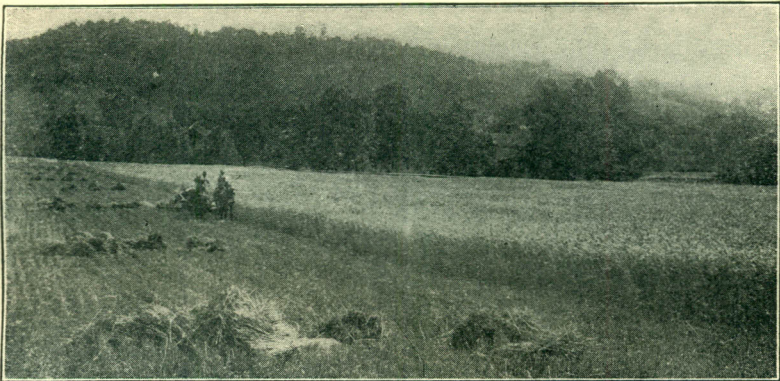
"There is no true friendship without self-abnegation, self-sacrifice." One of the dearest thoughts to me is this, that a real friend will never get away from me, or try to, or want to.

"It is a great and solemn thing to say to another human soul: "In this one life that we have to live, let us share all things, temporal and spiritual. Your joys shall be my joys, your sorrows shall be my sorrows.—In absence you shall be near me. You never shall be so far away from me but I can hear your voice in the twilight and the night season. Your letters shall make me strong and glad. With you I shall never be greatly reserved. To you I may speak the deep thought of my heart. With you alone I laugh; with you alone I may shed tears and not be ashamed. To you only can I say, Behold here am I, an undisguised soul. All others know me in some one mood; you know me in all moods.—Selected.



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