

## Howard Graduates

REGISTRAR SPEAKS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

**Urges Efficient Work.—Advises Creativeness and Warns Against Destructiveness.—Diplomas for 110 Students.—Treasurer Reports to Trustees \$100 on Hand, with All Bills Paid.**

The commencement exercises of Howard University were held yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Church, in M Street between 15th and 16th Streets. Dr. W. T. Vernon, registrar of the United States Treasury, delivered the address to the graduating classes of the university, bringing to them a message of hope for the future.

There were 110 in the graduating classes. To them President W. P. Thirkield presented their diplomas at the conclusion of his address.

The graduates include students of all departments of the university—medical, law, classical, scientific, teachers and theological.

### Dr. Vernon's Speech.

"It gives me pleasure to speak to the candidates for graduation from this historic institution, noble in tradition—so valuable in its contribution to the great work of uplift and humanity's betterment," Dr. Vernon said. "The day is inspiring because of the presence of those of influence and character who are giving the best in their lives to foster this work."

"Gen. O. O. Howard, valiant in war for right, and militant in peace for the cause of the oppressed, left here his monument until remotest time."

"Howard University is rich in achievement, rich in tradition and brilliant with illimitable possibilities for the future. Like a city set upon a hill it can never be hid."

"It is a great thing to be young and strong; to stand at the threshold of a career; to realize that the struggles of school days are over, and that you stand ready to enter the battle of life. With high hopes and lofty aspirations; with sympathizing teachers and friends; with those who have known and cared for you hoping for the best in your career; with the records of the lives of great men and women of all ages who have done things in life worth while to inspire you, how important to you must be this time, this day."

**"Efficiency" Qualifies for Success.**  
"If I were called upon at the outset to give you in a word the necessary requirement for a successful life, I would say efficiency. It is the watch-word of our day and generation. Never before in the history of the world has it been required in such superlative degree in all departments of activity."

"This world is not the world upon which your fathers entered. Within the lifetime of many here today complete revolutions in the moral and physical worlds have been effected. In every line of human endeavor which has seen a forward movement which has literally changed the things that touch our lives, and problems of state which we inherited from the past have been brought to a solution. These accomplishments have required a high degree of personal power and efficiency. But the permanent good accomplished in the world is the result of the effort of those men who went forth resolved to live lives of service."

"That there may be sustained and consistent effort on your part in the service, to which you go, your training here, in this institution, has been of that high character which will enable you to carry the most beneficial and useful gifts to humanity."

**Creativeness vs. Destructiveness.**  
"Be creative, resourceful, and do not play for fame upon your powers to destroy. In your investigations of old truths, in your search for new ones, carry with you an openmindedness, in order that you might escape the pitfalls of prejudice."

"Be not simply an image breaker, tearing down those who have succeeded, fault finding or criticizing your seemingly more fortunate fellow-man."

"There is no spectacle more disappointing than the trained man who sees nothing of merit in his professional rivals, and who has a mistaken idea that he can best succeed by seeking to belittle them."

"It is my earnest hope that your training will not make you seek the retreat of cloistered walls or cultivate reserve which keeps you from direct contact with your fellow-men. Learn to live as much as possible in God's out of doors. Commune with nature; keep in touch with living things."

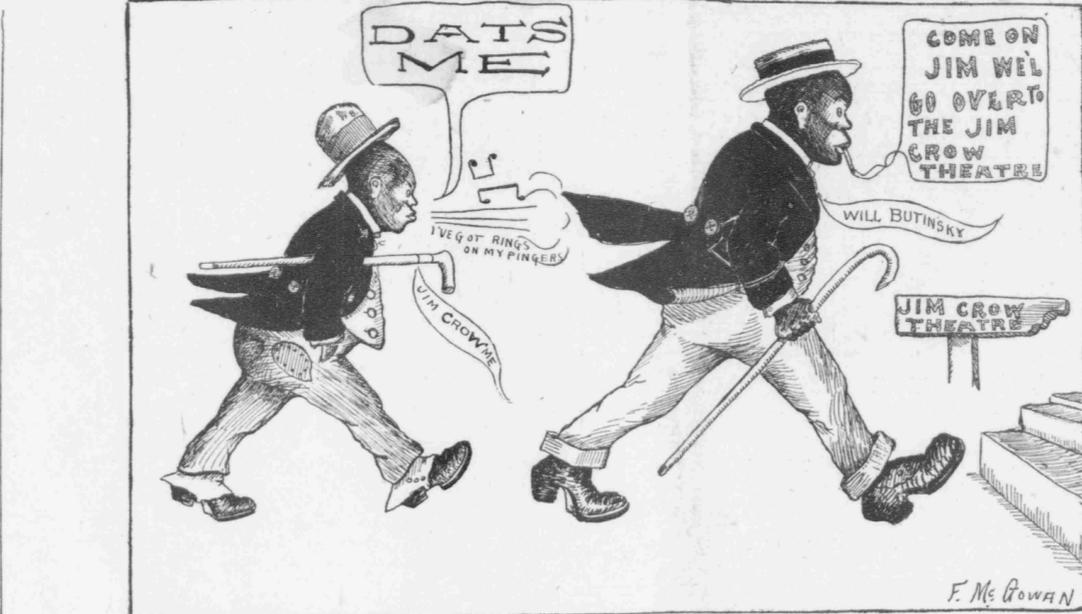
"Your place in this fight must be in the van. The command 'Forward,' must find you far in the front, fighting for those ideals taught here."

### Degrees Are Conferred.

At the conclusion of Dr. Vernon's address President Thirkield conferred the degrees upon the graduating students. The degrees conferred were as follows:

Bachelor of arts—Charles W. Barnett, Joanna M. Berry, Norma E. Boyd, Jonathan S. Butts, William Calvin Chase, Jr., Joshua W. Clifford, James F. Dagler, Ethel G. Jones, LeRoy E. Jones, Julius H. Love, William A. Love, Reginald L. Lynch, Sarah N. Meriwether, Frederick D. Morris, George W. F. Oldham, Ernest M. Pollard, John C. Ridout, Carrie E. Snowden, Howard H. Summers, Harriet J. Perry, Welford R. Wilson.

Bachelor of arts and teacher's diploma—Henley L. Cox, Sadie B. Davis, Bertha Hanson, Rufus J. Daw-



There are better five-cent theaters conducted by colored Americans than many controlled by the whites, and why do you insist on going where you are not wanted?

kins, Alice P. Murray, Phoebe E. Perry.

Bachelor of pedagogy—William R. Williams, A. B.

Bachelor of divinity—Anthony Deans, John C. Diamond, John T. Jackson, Lloyd A. Perkins.

Doctor of medicine—Charles A. Allen, John Harold W. Ayres, Joliet C. Bagley, A. B.; William Henry A. Barrett, Henry C. Bembry, A. B.; Edward Eleazer Best, Harold M. Braithwaite, Clarence E. Brent, Charles S. Brooks, A. B.; William A. Coleman, Michael M. Edwards, John C. Ellis, Alfred W. Harris, Jr., William J. Harvey, Jr., A. B.; George H. Haskins, A. B.; William F. Holmes, LL. B.; Walter M. Levy, Thomas L. Lowrie, Robert A. McDaniel, Edward S. Mason, Clements B. Mercado, Henry L. Muckleroy, John W. Pierce, A. B.; Christopher M. Roubiac, Walter L. Scott, Raphael Stella, Roscoe M. Vaughan and Geo. N. Woodard, B. S.

Doctor of dental surgery—James B. Brown, Joseph B. Cherry, Conrad F. Clarke, Carey V. Freeman, William D. Giles, William D. Godfrey, Gene B. Goggins, Adolph L. Hyman, Andrew L. Jackson, Isaac M. Lawrence, B. A.; George F. Lumsden, Phar. D.; Moses A. Morrison, B. B.; Egerton L. H. Rance, Park Tancill, Anthony V. Washington, Linford R. Willis.

Doctor of pharmacy—James H. Bynum, Reginald Q. Campfield, Sherwood L. Catlett, Enoch W. Dickerson, Robert E. Giles, Arthur S. Gray, LL. B.; James L. Hathaway, Nathaniel G. Minton, Frank H. Weaver.

Bachelor of laws—J. Fenwick Bush, George W. Blackwell, William R. Blackwell, James E. Floyd, Elijah J. Graham, Jr., Robert L. Harvey, Tommie L. Higgins, John G. Hodges, A. B.; Joseph H. M. Johnson, Isaac C. Mason, Jesse H. Mitchell, Brown W. Payne, A. B.; Charles E. Sexton, Wilfred F. Shellman, Jerome B. Smith, Clifford H. Tavernier, Walter R. Taylor, A. B., A. M.; John W. Thomas, John B. Thorne, Andrew D. Washington, John W. White, Ralph W. White, A. B., A. M.

### Funds Low, But Bills Paid.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Howard University yesterday afternoon, Justice Thomas H. Anderson presided, in the absence of Justice Job Barnard.

President Thirkield made a report showing that advancement has been attained in all departments during the past year, and that harmony and earnestness prevail. The report commends the high character of the student body, four-fifths of which is self-supporting.

The report of the treasurer showed that there is less than \$100 in the treasury. While the fund is low, the bills are all paid and the endowment fund is intact and invested.

The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on the Rev. George V. Clarke, of Cleveland, Ohio, class of 1881, School of Theology, the Rev. Matthew M. Clair, pastor of Asbury Church, and the Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, of this city. Dr. Marcus W. Wheatland, an alumnus of the school of medicine, was elected a member of the board of trustees to succeed John F. Cook.

Resolutions appreciative of the character and services of Mr. Cook were passed by a rising vote. A number of teachers were reappointed, among them being Prof. P. B. Perkins, Ph. D., of Harvard and Yale. He was made full professor of physics.

### Theological Alumni Meets.

The Alumni Association of the Theological School of Howard University held its twentieth annual meeting and banquet last night. The banquet was served in Minor Hall.

President Thirkield of the university made an address of welcome to the alumni. The other speakers included Dr. E. L. Parker, Dr. A. C. Garner, Dean I. Clark, of the Theological School.

A resolution was adopted indorsing the bill now before the House committee on appropriations providing \$20,000 for the agricultural department of the Industrial Institute for Colored Boys and Girls at Tux-

edo, Md.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Rev. Sheton Miller, D. D.; vice president, Rev. J. V. Beaman; secretary and treasurer, Rev. D. E. Wiseman; statistical secretary, Rev. Aquila Saylor; recording secretary, Rev. S. Geriah Lamkins.

It was voted to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the association some time next month.

## Our Soldier Boys

### HISTORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

In the fall of 1891, Prof. F. L. Cardozo, principal of the High School, then located in the Miner School Building, 17th street, near P street, after conferring with his teachers about the advisability of organizing a military company among the boys of the school consulted Captain Arthur Brooks of the Washington Cadet Corps, whom he wished to act as military instructor. Although there were no funds with which to pay him he consented to do the best he could until funds could be provided.

For two years the boys drilled under very adverse circumstances without uniforms or guns. To secure money to purchase the necessary equipment to a military organization an entertainment was given in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in 1892 by the pupils of the school, the main feature being an "exhibition drill" by the boys under the command of Captain Albert Ridgely. For this occasion they borrowed uniforms from the members of the Washington Cadet Corps. Every one of the uniforms was entirely too large for the boys, but they were so enthusiastic that they put paper, pillow cases, shawls, etc., into the trousers and coats of the borrowed uniforms to make them "fit" and fit they did. The sight was ludicrous but the spirit was most commendable.

At the beginning of the next school year, 1893, the first uniformed company of the Colored High School Cadets was organized and after a competitive examination the following officers were chosen:

Captain, Lewis Cornish; first lieutenant, James Walker; second lieutenant Benjamin Washington; third lieutenant, Marcellus Syphax, the company having about seventy members.

President Cleveland, at his second inauguration made a special request that the High School Cadets be a part of personal escort. Of their appearance on this occasion "The Evening Star" of March 4th, 1893, said, in part, as follows:

"Today for the first time in their history the High School Cadets participated in an inauguration parade. Today was a momentous one in the

history of the Colored High School Cadets for in today's parade their company appeared for the first time in public as a uniformed and fully equipped organization and in spite of the fact that the boys have had the advantage of being drilled only twice a week since November of last year, they made an excellent appearance and clearly indicated that they will with time and experience obtain a high rank in military bearing and profession."

It was at this time that the famous "High School March" was composed and dedicated.

On May 25, 1893, the same paper said:

"The first appearance of this company on March 4, was in very disagreeable weather—a heavy snow storm and an unusually cold blizzard prevailing, the boys were so enthusiastic that their principal, Prof. Cardozo, allowed them to take their place in line. They were in line from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. No sickness resulted, although they were the only soldiers in line without overcoats."

The first competitive drill of the High School Cadets occurred at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, April 19th, 1893, when the first platoon under Lieutenant James Walker drilled against the second platoon under Lieutenant Benjamin Washington. Since then every year has witnessed competitive drills, between platoons, at first; and as the organization grew, between companies. The attendance at these competitive drills has become so large that it has become necessary to secure a large field suitably arranged to give the public opportunity to observe them.

Since 1893 the winners of these drills have been as follows:

1893, 2nd platoon—Lieut. Benj. Washington.

1894, 2nd platoon—Lieut. Charles Minkins.

1895, Co. A—Capt. H. D. Burwell.

1896, Co. B—Capt. Clarence Wormley.

1897, Co. B—Capt. A. B. Ray.

1898, Co. C—Capt. J. C. Montgomery.

1899, Co. C—Capt. W. Brown.

1900, Co. B—Capt. W. J. Howland.

1901, Co. C—Capt. R. Mattingly.

Since 1902 when the Armstrong School began competing with the M Street, the winners have been as follows:

1902, Co. B—Capt. C. Davis, M Street.

1903, Co. B—Capt. H. Francis, M Street.

1904, Co. C—Capt. J. H. Wilson, Armstrong.

1905, Co. D—Capt. A. Albert, Armstrong.

1906, Co. C—Capt. W. Henderson, Armstrong.

1807, Co. A—Capt. J. Pinckett, M Street.

1908, Co. A—Capt. E. Gray, M Street.

1909, Co. E—Capt. A. Taylor, Armstrong.

Out of eight competitions each has been victorious four times, therefore this drill is watched with a great deal of interest by the adherents of both schools.

The effect of the formation of the military company and the discipline enforced is most excellent for the general bearing and conduct of the boys. It is observed in their carriage, in the habit of obedience enjoined, and in the thoroughness, precision and quickness required in military maneuvers. It instills the principles of patriotism and loyalty to their flag and their country. It lays the foundation for the future defense of the country. That the boys are made better citizens is shown by the records that so far as is known not one boy who has been an officer of these cadets has ever been arrested, charged with a misdemeanor.

In the recent Spanish American war seven of the nine officers selected from this city were formerly members of the High School Cadets.

Some of our ex-school cadets are engaged as follows:

Albert Ridgely (first captain) Physician, Faculty Freedmen's Hospital; Lewis Cornish, Physician, Cincinnati, O.; Benjamin Washington, Teacher A. M. T. School; B. O. Davis, first lieutenant 10th Cavalry, U. S. A.; Charles Minkins, Spanish American war, now in Liberia; Walter Loving, Spanish American war, Band Master U. S. A., 1st lieutenant Constabulary, Philippines; Frank Steward, Spanish-American war, lawyer, Pittsburg, Pa.; Roscoe Bruce, assistant superintendent of schools, Washington, D. C.; Major Thomas Green, United States Pure Food Department, Chicago, Ill.; J. Moria Saunders, clerk to Assistant Superintendent Bruce; Benjamin Wade, instructor at Tuskegee, Ala.; Benjamin Hailstorks, druggist, this city; Shermont Catlett, graduate pharmacist; Wm. Manly, electrician, Pitt Plate Class Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. James E. Walker, supervising principal public schools, this city.

### GILMER SAVED

President Taft has just commuted from sentence from dismissal from the United States Army Lieutenant David J. Gilmer of the Philippine Scout Service to the loss of fifteen numbers. Lieutenant Gilmer had been tried by court marshal as a result of some difficulty between him and a superior officer.

That the old reliable Bee continues to publish all the news, and be regarded as the only newspaper pub-

## PARAGRAPHIC

By Miss G. B. Maxfield

In Statuary Hall, the Capitol Society of Children of the American Revolution, decorated the statues of thirteen of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, on Decoration Day.

About eight thousand witnessed competitive drill between M Street High School and Armstrong Manual Training School, Company A of the M Street School carried off the laurel. All the companies did well.

One hundred and seventy-four years ago, on May 29, in Hanover county, Va., was born Patrick Henry. His ringing words, "Give me Liberty or give me death, will ever be in the hearts of all true Americans."

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe celebrated her ninety-first birthday anniversary in Boston, Mass. She is loved by all true Americans.

Miss Melva B. Wilson of New York, has been commissioned to do the sculptured frieze for the new Catholic cathedral in St. Louis. The frieze will represent fourteen scenes in the life of Christ.

It is asserted that the funeral of King Edward cost \$1,500,000. This must be paid out of the public fund.

Fred W. Carpenter, Secretary to President Taft, has resigned, and has been appointed minister to Morocco.

The Durham Textile Mills, the only Negro hosiery mills in North Carolina, has met with such success that it has doubled its capital and working quarters, and within a month, will have in operation a number of new machines.

J. M. Johnson of Fountain City, who died at the age of 91, is said to have assisted Mrs. Harriet Bucher Stone of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame by means of the underground railroad.

The Clansmen by Thos. Dixon, was again barred from playing in Philadelphia, Pa., it was asserted that the play raised race prejudices.

A monument to Grover Cleveland has been unveiled at Princeton, N. J. It is hoped that the Republican President will keep faith with the colored Americans as Ex-President Cleveland did.

William R. Green of Cleveland, Ohio, son of John P. Green, well known in this city, has been nominated for the legislature by the Republicans of that State. It is hoped that he will be victorious.

According to one of our exchanges Mr. A. N. Bryant, the editor and publisher of a colored weekly in Brookhaven, Miss., was ordered to leave the city on the first train and his printing plant was burned to ashes. Oh, the sins, the white men will answer for.

Isaac C. Wyman, who graduated from Princeton University in 1848, by his will, made that institution the beneficiary of three to thirty million dollars.

We have received a copy of the National Medical Association Journal published at Tuskegee, Ala., which is a credit not only to the management, but to the entire race.

Don't fail to get a copy of McCall's Magazine for June.

For the first time in the history of the Brown University, a colored student, Gough McDaniels won the Gaston Medal. This medal is awarded annually to the member of the graduating class, who delivers the best original oration in English.

Rev. Howard Johnson, the venerable race champion and pastor of Baltimore, Md., was surprised with the gift of a gold headed umbrella, as an appreciation for having the Maryland bar opened to colored lawyers in March, 1885.

A monument has been started for an appropriate celebration throughout the country on June 14, 1911, at the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Harriet Bucher Stowe.

Popularity, popularity, popularity—wonder who the popular teachers are?

Keep your eyes on the voting contest among the teachers.