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BISHOP PARKS RETURNS. The General Conference of the A. M. E. church has closed and the Episcopal committee has seen fit in the face of fierce and ominous opposition to return Bishop Henry Blanton Parks for the third time to preside over the Fifth Episcopal District. Many Ministers and Laymen were out spoken as to the unwisdom of this act but now that it has been done it remains for the District to determine what the future shall be.

And so, Frederick Douglass will have a place in the American Hall of Fame. I think we can be justly proud of the honor thus conferred. Douglass is one of the unforgettable figures of American History. He was of the upward and forward urge of the nation in that period in which the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence received their severest test as a code for democratic conduct. He conceived no "movement" and he did not found any school for specific educational training. But, somehow he towered above men. There was something of the "larger soul" in the man. He thought as a seer and he spoke as a prophet. He was big, generous of heart and sincere in spirit. And, finally, I do not believe it was his possession of white blood—he might not have possessed any white blood—that made him a great man. Nature has an odd way, at odd times, of "forgetting" blood and making men out of the very mud of life.

The death of William Dean Howells recalls to mind the very gracious appreciation he gave to the poet, in Paul Lawrence Dunbar as a work in a more general sense. Mr. Howells will be remembered as a notable figure in the realm of what we sometimes call "American literature." On my own account, I cannot help recalling the many pleasant hours, I have spent in the company of his books and "chats" I found charm and if not distinction in the more exalted sense, a strength of quality and a poise of temper which was adequate and permanently satisfying. I also feel free to confess that I got my completest satisfaction out of my reading of "The Imperative Duty," the novel in which Mr. Howells endeavored to solve a phase of the "race problem." The book was so kindly conceived and so delightfully executed, from my point of view, I have never lost my faith for it as a story. It follows, I imagine that the rank and file of our people will best remember him for the part he played in bringing Dunbar into the notice of the lovers of poetry throughout the country and the English speaking world in general. In the wider instances however, he will be remembered as the author of "The Rise of Silas Lapham," "A Chance Acquaintance," "The Quality of Mercy," "The Landlord at Lion's Head," and his "chats" delivered from the "Editor's Easy Chair," of "Harpers" for so many years. Long live his memory.

BRAITHWAITE PLAYERS PRESENT SECOND ANNUAL PLAY. The second annual play of the Braithwaite Players of Western University was presented Wednesday evening May 5 to an even larger audience than witnessed the Senior presentation in March, that being the largest crowd that ever packed into Ward Hall. The play was entitled "Titus" and was the production of Prof. Crews, director of the Players and founder of the organization. The lines were ably interpreted and were notable for their sprightliness and sparkling humor. The Choruses were tuneful and well sung and the audience took them up in sheer delight. A drama probably "Fixed upon Jehovah" will be presented next year.

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