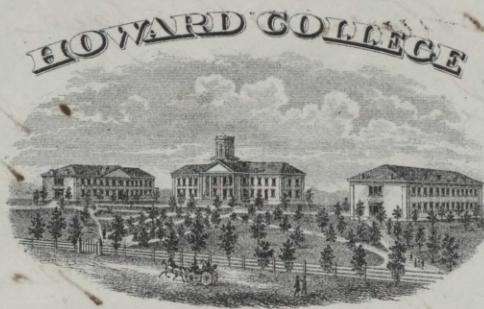


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Marion, Ala. May 27, 1895.

Mr. President,

Your Circular, asking for copies of Catalogues & publications of this College, is at hand; & I take pleasure in complying with the request.

I send you by mail a pamphlet entitled "A New Scheme of College Organization & Government," which was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Univ. of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, after thirty years experience under the old system, most of the members being graduates of such institutions as Yale, Brown, & Univ. of Va. - But before the system could be put in operation at the Univ. of Ala., the state was reconstructed and the Univ. was thrown into the political disorders of the times. The new system was withheld by the politicians. I left Tuscaloosa, & came here by invitation of these Trustees. The plan has been in operation here four years, & the results have surpassed expectations. - We have now more pupils than any other College or Univ. in this state, & the scholarship & conduct of our students are confessed by far

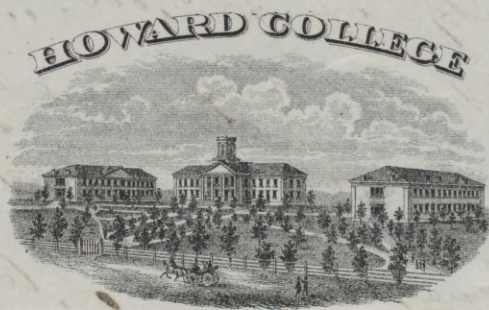
above what obtain elsewhere in Alabama, Miss.,
or Georgia. This result comes from our discipline
& mode of instruction. - In Chemistry & English
we have made quite a departure; & in the latter
study, think we have discovered what the
whole world seems just now so anxious to know
- a plan by which all students can be made
respectable composers in a comparatively short
time & a plan by which regular graduates
are made most accomplished. The plan
is entirely different from that laid down
in any of the text books; & quite a new
method of presenting the subject is given.

The objects held in view are: -

1. To enable the student to compose readily;
2. To analyse any book or composition;
3. To declaim well.

In accomplishing these purposes with the means
used ~~and~~ in one fourth of the usual time, the mind
is quickly disciplined and enabled to master
other subjects of the college course; and in
the course of Chemistry, the student does what
is commonly done only by the professor. He collates

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from the text books; & delivers lectures & makes experiments. So in other departments, we find that undergraduates of the College may be trained to do much more than has been thought possible. It is not possible under the common methods of instruction.

I speak thus unreservedly ~~about~~ the merits of the discoveries that have been made here in Rhetoric; because I am not the author of the discovery & the solicitation of your considerate card leads me to infer that a mention of the subject may not be without interest to you. - The author Rev. E. T. Hinkley, D.D., is one of the most distinguished scholars of the Baptist denomination, & all who have seen his literary productions or know his mental powers are prepared for the announcement herein made.

I might mention some of our financial agencies; but I am not sure they would possess any interest to your Univ. organization. To a College organization, our plans accomplish very much more than any I have seen.

With an annuity of \$25,000. ^{xy}/₁₀₀ ~~and~~ building,
we could sustain a faculty and give
board, tuition, full, furnished room, to
100 worthy beneficiaries, besides providing
at usual rates for as many pay students
as might attend.

Thanking you for the kind offer to send us
copies of your publications, with respec-
tments of the highest regard,
I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Yours obt. servt.,

J. T. Munroe

Prof. A. C. Gilman,

Johns Hopkins Univ.,

Baltimore,

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Marion, Md. June 25, 1845.

Dear Sir,

Your polite favor from West Point came during our Commencement Week, & engagements of that occasion prevented an earlier answer.

We are pleased to know that you purpose to visit the South this fall or winter; we shall feel highly honored by your presence in Marion.

The adverse circumstances, under which Southern colleges have labored, have not been without their benefits; & I hope you will find in these States much that will interest you. Many of our young men will always go to more Northern States, to complete their education, & no place is more popular with the Southern people than Baltimore. Besides there is an impression that Harvard, Yale, & the Univ. of Va. are not doing exactly the work most needed by our young men, & much patronage

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can be turned to "The Blues Hopkins" when
your plans are known. I hope you will
honor our people by a tour through our
Country. I can assure you of a hearty
welcome by Alabamians.

When you arrive in Marion, please
come directly to my house, and give me
the pleasure of entertaining you while
here. - If you will let me know some time
in advance what points in our state you
will visit, I would like to write to such
persons as may make your visit pleas-
ant & profitable.

Hoping to be honored by your personal
acquaintance soon,

Yours, dear Sir,

Your obt. servt.,

J. T. Kufner

To
Pres't. A. C. Gilman, Esq.,
Baltimore, Md.