BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S SUCCESSOR SPEAKS TOWARD MORROW

President-Elect of Tuskegee To Address Thursday Noon Meeting In Union—Plantation Songs By The Hampton Quartette

The Thursday noon speaker at the Union this week is Robert Russa Moton, commandant of cadets at the Hampton Institute since 1906, and the unanimous choice of the board of directors of Tuskegee Institute to fill the place of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. With him will be the Hampton quartet, which will give to the spirit of the old-time negro before the war.

Morton, as he has come to be popularly known on account of his official position at the Hampton Institute, is the descendant of an African prince who was taken by an American slave trader and brought to Virginia. He has this to say of any ancestry:

"About the year 1735 there was a fierce battle between two of the stronger tribes on the west coast of Africa. The chief of one of these was considered the most powerful of his time. He succeeded in overpowering his weaker rival and captured and slaughtered a great many of his band. This chief delivered away to his son a dozen of these unfortunate survivors to be sold to an American slaver.

"The young African chief delivered these men to the captain of the ship and received his pay in trinkets. He was then asked to go out to the ship and see this wonderful sailing vessel. After he had inspected the ship, he was asked by the captain to dine. He said that they gave him some very nice things to eat, and some other curious things to drink, all of which he enjoyed so much that his face fell asleep. When he awoke he was chained to one of the creatures that he himself had sold, and the vessel was headed towards the United States. It was said that he brought more at auction than any other member of the party. He was a 5'6" physically specimen, weighing two hundred pounds and standing about six feet two inches. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should have been captured.

Robert Russa Moton was born in 1867, in Prince Edward County, Virginia, on what is known as the Vaughan plantation. He spent his early years at "Pleasant Shade." There he made "Mr. Willy," the planter's son, his ideal, and copied him (Continued on Page Three)

CHESS MATCH LOST

The League chess match between Technology and Harvard last Friday resulted in a 5 to 1 win for Harvard. The Technology team showed poor form in contrast to that of their opponents. A. B. Sanger at sixth board was suspended until tomorrow. The score is as follows:

Harvard

Pray

Elenberger

January

Woodbridge

Keelenge

Lightner

Sanger

Next Friday Technology will play Wells Memorial at their rooms.

CATHOLIC CLUB

This evening at 6:00 o'clock the Catholic Club will hold a meeting in the Union. Mr. Fay, head of the Latin language classes, and Professor Ford of Harvard, are the speakers. Professor Ford’s topic will be "Impressions of South American travel." Mr. Fay’s subject has not yet been announced.

WELCOME ADDRESS

Ladies and gentlemen, I find myself, in the midst of a civic gathering, in the company of men whose names are in every home and in every heart, and whose achievements will make the story of our city's development an interesting one. I find myself in the company of men who have made the city what it is today, and who will make it what it will be tomorrow.

The Boston Athletic Association is to be congratulated on the splendid way in which it has celebrated its centenary. The games of the season have been well attended, and the enthusiasm of the public has been evident.

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THE CLASS SHOULD DECIDE.

The Governing Board of the Senior class some weeks ago appointed a Class Day Election committee and Planning committee whose duty it should be to prepare the ballots for the Class Day elections and, in general, to outline the policy which should be followed by the class, both in the elections and in the various functions at the end of the year. This committee decided to recommend that the old form of Class Day elections be abolished. This method of election has been to make the man receiving the highest number of votes first marshal, and the committee in marking its recommendations felt that such an election was due to chance as much as to popularity, and that in any event it did not follow that a first marshal so elected would necessarily fill all the qualifications of the office, some of which are rather exacting.

The committee had two alternative plans in mind. One was to vote for twenty-five men as usual for the Class Day committee, and in addition to place a double cross after the man who appeared to be best qualified to be first marshal. This method has the obvious advantage over the old one that it makes the class think about its choice, that it is a real election, and that it does not award a very important office to the man in the class who has the largest speaking acquaintance.

The other plan was to vote for twenty-five for the Class Day committee and then to take a rebel of the class on the three or five men that stood highest in the first ballot. The man receiving the highest vote on the second ballot would be first marshal. This method has the advantage of bringing in the element of competition between at least two or three of the best men in the class. This follows the spirit of the method used at Harvard, where nominations are made for the first ballot. However, it has the disadvantage that even among the first five men on the first ballot there may not be a man suited to be first marshal. Such was...
the young man's language, walk and draw. As a worker in the mission house, Moton had a great deal of leisure, and was encouraged to learn. Before his graduation from Hampton, Moton spent one year as a school teacher in Cumberland County, Virginia, where he taught boys to read and write the plantation remnant, and where he taught the older children and parents how to make life worth while.

Upon his graduation from Hampton, Major Moton was anxious to take up law as a profession, but General Armstrong dissuaded him, saying that his race needed teachers more than they did lawyers. So he remained at Hampton and has since that has been so thorough that never has there been any complaint about the conduct of the students there on the streets of Hampton. It is he that has made the singing of the Hampton students of such a remarkable character that it has become a byword among those who have listened to it. It is also he that has been the most valuable speaker in the national finance campaign, although he professes not to be a speaker at all. In short, his personality has pervaded the whole

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school, and his advice is sought by everyone on the most perplexing problems.

He has been a close friend of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder and president of Tuskegee Institute, who said of him: "Major Moton is one of the best read men, and one of the most interesting men to talk with, that I have ever met. Education has not spoiled him. It has not emmibled nor narrowed him in his affections. He has not learned to hate or distrust any class of people and is just as ready to assist and show kindness to white man as to black man; to a Southerner as to a Northerner.

"At Hampton Institute they have white teachers and colored teachers; they have colored students and white students. Major Moton knows how to keep his hands on all these different elements, to see to it that friction is kept down, and that each works in harmony with the other. It is a difficult job, but Major Moton knows how to negotiate it."

SWIMMING TEAM
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back stroke events, both of Technology, have previously swam for Brookline High School, where they made a very creditable showing. 100 yard, 1st Foster (T), 2nd Marling (H), Time 61 seconds. 50 yard, 1st Marling (H), 2nd Undersee (T), Time 55.4 seconds. 25 yard, 1st Marling (H), 2nd Foster (T), Time 11.3 seconds. Relay, 1st Technology, Time 58 seconds.

DIVING, 1st Vogel (H), 2nd Devins Back stroke, 1st Marling (H), 2nd Undersee (T). Plunge, 1st Wales (T), Harper (H).

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