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From George Sprague

I am aware that the readers of The Star are associated with workers from Africa so frequently that one of so little experience as I have had cannot hope to say anything new to them. Hence the motive which prompts the writing of these lines is a promise exacted of me by the Editor before I left Houghton.

The experience of traveling so far in a few weeks of time makes the world seem smaller to me geographically but the great variety of people with whom I have come in contact has opened my eyes to the fact that it is much larger socially than I had dreamed. Some things in England surprised me. I expected to find the people as ready to proclaim the glories of their native land as Americans are to boast of their great institutions and achievements. On the contrary, it was easy to discover much of unrest and dissatisfaction among the common people. Our host boasted that he always refuses to bare his head to His Majesty, the King. Referring to the popular cry, "God save the King" he remarked, "I would be pleased to see the King saved and I would like to see the people saved too." The dentist who did some work for me was profuse in his praises of America but had no words of commendation for his own country. This feeling seems to be quite prevalent among the common people. Doubtless it is due to the class spirit maintained so vigorously by the aristocracy. On shipboard, on the trains, in the trolleys and even in church, the class lines are quite rigid. None but the rich can own his own home. The nobles seek to oppress the poor in every way. Wages are low and there is a great deal of

poverty. It seems to me that capital has much greater vantage over labor in England than in America although the struggle takes a little different form. Some predict a revolution in the near future.

I have also been interested in studying society in Freetown. Here and on shipboard, I have learned a little about the lives of English officials. There are exceptions to the rule, but as a whole I must describe them as a smoking, drinking, gambling, lot of men. There are many drink shops here, English, French and native, but I have watched in vain to see any drunkenness or drinking except on the part of the English. Many of the government men come here with the respect of their families and people left in England but out here they enter openly into the most vile practices.

It is an encouraging thing that the natives are beginning to make a distinction between "Government-men" and "God-men." Yet the influence of this so-called civilization is very derogatory to mission work.

In Freetown the result of faithful Christian work of many years past can be seen, for it is a central point with many denominations. I have met some of the boys who have come here from the interior mission schools to attend the academy and I enjoy their association very much. Last Sunday I heard an excellent sermon, worthy to have been listened to by a Houghton audience, preached by a native who was educated wholly in Africa. The schools here in the town are manned largely by native workers. I believe I am not too American to learn to call Africa my home and to give it first place in my thoughts if I am permitted to work here long.

Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. March 5, 1912

A Letter From Mrs. Sprague

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land;
Whose heart hath ne'er within him
yearned,

As home his footsteps he hath turn-
ed

From wandering on a foreign strand?"

Often of late I have thought of these lines by Scott. On Thursday afternoon, February first, we saw the shores of our Beloved America fade from view. When leaving New York harbor we gazed long at Bartholdi's statue, not comprehending fully as we have later, all that the word "Liberty" means. When we were far out at sea we still saw in the distance the magnificent buildings of New York city, all unstained by dust or smoke.

When next we saw land it was the verdant banks of the Emerald Isle. There the weather is always mild, and even in February we saw cattle grazing in the pastures. But although everything seemed so congenial and we know that one of the American staples of diet grows there in abundance, we would not choose that for a home; for we have heard too much of the tyranny of the English over the Irish; and we learned from fellow passengers that there are hundreds of people, even in that small island, who are not any better provided for than American cattle.

We had heard much of the delightful climate of England, and we did find the weather quite warm; but when it comes to comparing countries we are conceited enough to think that the Daughter that rebelled against her Mother so long ago has far outstripped her mother in the matter of progress. There are some fine massive buildings in Liverpool, one of which is St. George's Hall, which contains the next to the largest organ in the world; there are some nice statues there but both these and the buildings were spoiled for us because they are so black from the bituminous coal

soot by which the whole city is defiled. Another thing that came to my attention most strikingly in England is the class distinction. It has almost as firm a hold upon the people as the caste system of India. My whole being rebels against this custom. I prefer a country that honors a man for his true worth and not for the distinctions that high birth may bring.

We saw many of the English people that we admired and were given a hospitable welcome at the home of Mr. Platt in Liverpool. We left Liverpool February fourteenth enroute for Sierra Leone. I should like to describe to you the whales, sharks, flying fish and phosphorescence on the water which often may be seen coming down the coast, but alas, I had other things to take my attention. I spent much of the down-coast trip tossing in my bunk with a sore, vaccinated arm, while my husband tried my patience by entertaining me very little with any conversation. In fact, most of the talking he did for several days was to his food, and on this wise:

"When we asunder part

It gives me inward pain."

but no amount of persuasion could induce him to repeat the rest of the stanza in this connection.

We expected to find Sierra Leone a charming country, and we were not disappointed. It seems somewhat strange however, to be among a people of so different a color from ourselves and to see the streets of a city so narrow and so unlike those of our land. As there are few conveyances here, the highway is thronged with pedestrians from early in the morning until late in the evening. When I reached here and found my sister, Mrs. Smith, ill in the hospital about one mile from our boarding place, it gave me a chance to make use of the African carriage in order to pay her regular visits. This conveyance is a two-wheeled cart with shafts in front. The power that runs it is one boy in the shafts pulling, and one or two boys at the back pushing (shuving) as the Creoles here

say. My rides in the cart have been very enjoyable for the most part, for we carry a bicycle bell to warn the natives who throng the streets, so they will clear the way. One morning I invited Mrs. Elliott to accompany me to the hospital and as chance would have it, we forgot the bell. We had the cook at the Mabai station in the shafts. All went well until we came to the most crowded streets, then grasping the shafts for dear life that Limbah boy gave a huge spring and broke into a dead run, his loose garments just flying in the wind. I grasped my helmet with one hand and the seat with the other. Mrs. Elliott did the same, and away we went, fairly flying through the streets while the boys shouted, "Look out, look out!!" as a warning to travelers. Ahead of us the streets were full of people conversing, and others carrying large loads on their heads. We ran over dogs, chickens and the feet of the natives. Several times we saw the wheels of our cart crash up against people while they would leap to one side with a scream. When there were few people in the street, the boys would run up behind some one on the opposite side of the road and frighten them by nearly running them down. It was a very exciting ride and we were both glad when we were landed safely at our own door.

We enjoy the warm climate here, and are attracted to the place because we see so many ways in which we may be useful, but we are learning to appreciate our own America much these days, and for her we pray:

"Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might, Great God,
our King!"

Student (mounting dangerous stairs.) "Why, if anyone should fall there, they wouldn't stop till they landed."

M. D. (walking thru a field) "I don't call this very good farm land."

G. S. "That is because you don't understand pharmacy."

One Week in Africa

The experiences of any week in Africa would doubtless be somewhat varied, but the first week especially. A new people with new customs and language, new scenes and a new climate conspire to make every step and turn involve something of newness.

Four H. S. students stepped on African soil Sunday morning, February 25. It was a beautiful day with an ideal combination of sun and breeze. This party of travelers spent the Sabbath attending service in a native church and visiting a friend who was sick in one of the hospitals. Monday was a very busy day for there was much to do in preparation for going up country the day following. Because of the serious illness of the friend mentioned above who was a sister of one of the party, two of the four remained in Freetown a few days, leaving the other two to continue the journey alone on Tuesday morning.

These two, guided by the acting superintendent B. I. Eddy, boarded a steam launch at eight o'clock Tuesday morning and were soon ploughing the waters of the Maboli River. It was nearly four o'clock when the boat reached Port Lako. Nearly one hundred men were there to meet the party for a large order of provisions was being taken to the mission at this time. The travelers were greeted very cordially and heartily. They tried to grunt a note of appreciation. The best of everything was placed at their disposal. The leader managed the men tactfully, selecting first the hammock men and then assigning the loads which were accepted in turn with only a little dissatisfaction on the part of the men.

A few loads were not given out before morning, but the party was on the road before very late. This was the time of moonlight evenings hence it was decided to walk awhile after supper letting the hammock men rest. The next day's march brought the party within three hours of the mission. They arrived late at a town the second day of the march expect-

ing to find the same hospitality which they had found on other days. But not so, no place could be found in which to lodge in this town. Finally after some discussion a place to lodge was found a little way out of the town. Here they rested a little time in a government building. However, at a very early hour they were seized with an intense desire to complete journey so were on the road again long before break of day. They were royally welcomed at the mission with bells and cheers.

The Sunday following was the occasion of dedicating a new church at Kunso. Mrs. Eddy preached while Pa John "turned the word." This native church is a very simple structure, yet there is no doubt the people who helped build it gave their best. The service was very touching. Some of the people seemed to take much interest in the message.

This is a mere hint concerning the happenings of a very busy week. A complete account would fill the pages of this issue. These travelers thank God for a safe journey so free from the annoying and unpleasant features. They are now stationed at Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa, trying to learn how to work in a new land.

E. L. and A. M. Elliott.

Dr. Forbes

Dr. Forbes gave the last number on the Union Literary Society Lecture Course Friday evening, April 26. Of the three scientific lectures which he gives: "The High Heavens;" "Niagara, A Masterpiece;" and "The Mountains," the speaker chose the last one for the evening and gave some very interesting information on the subject coupled with some splendid illustrated pictures showing many of the most famous of the world's mountains. Dr. Forbes has the faculty of combining didactic speaking with beautiful thought imagery and though his lecture was scientific in nature, yet it was given in simple language easily understood by all who heard him.

R. A. S.

Education Versus Health

Geo. H. Sprague

"Man is fearfully and wonderfully made." This is true of his physical being as well as of his higher nature. Practically all of the mechanical and many of the chemical principles found elsewhere in nature are at work continually within the human body. Look at the unique construction of the framework, notice the wonderful adaptation of the lungs to receive and utilize the atmosphere, consider the work of refinement and selection and change wrought by the digestive system, compute the mighty results of heart action, study the efficiency of the nervous system, and contemplate the harmonious co-operation of all of these parts and you cannot fail to be impressed with the marvelous intelligence displayed in originating this human mechanism. But no complicated machine can be operated safely without careful supervision. Usually no one understands the working of a machine better than its inventor. If anyone attempts to run a machine contrary to the laws which he says must govern it, the results will be disastrous. God is the creator of our bodies. He has placed their care into our hands. Our position as keeper of this magnificent piece of workmanship is fraught with tremendous responsibility. For our aid in performing this task, He has enabled us to discover certain laws. This makes our task comparatively simple. To obey these laws is to insure success to the machine and to discharge our responsibility. To violate or disregard them is to court disaster for the machine and to bring the guilt of faithlessness upon us as God-appointed watchmen. These laws are more fixed than any human laws. They are absolutely without alteration. Every violation will bring punishment.

But our bodies are more than ma-

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chines. Into them the Creator has breathed the breath of life. To them God has assigned a great mission. In them the Holy Spirit deigns to dwell. All things which God uses, are sacred. Of all things material, the human body is most sacred. Commensurate with its sacredness is our obligation for its care. These are simple truths. We all accept them. Are we all meeting the responsibility which grows out of this knowledge?

Many people meet very insidious temptations to violate the laws of their physical being. This is especially true in school life. These temptations may be the result of an inherited abnormal ambition. Of a young farmer who is thoroughly devoted to the service of his fellowmen, it was recently said, "He is inconsistently ambitious." Of a student in school it was said, "Her worst fault is an overstock of ambition." These statements are not paradoxes. Excessive ambition is not something of which to boast. It is a fault quite on a par with its opposite extreme—laziness. It surely is its equal in bringing suffering and grief to the human family. If laziness is a disease, so is abnormal ambition. If the inward condition which produces inactivity is sin, so is its opposite. If laziness is a temptation, so is intemperate ambition, and to yield to temptation is sin. Excessive ambition is no better an excuse for suicide than discouragement or anger.

Again the inclination to slight the care of the health may be the result of environment. It is possible for the students and instructors in an institution of learning to create a mental atmosphere which fosters this tendency. In order to do this, it is not necessary to openly belittle the value of health. It is often accomplished by saying much about mental development and little or nothing about physical development. It is possible to place so high an estimate upon education as

to unconsciously create the impression that nothing is too dear a price to pay for it. This influence is destroying the usefulness of many devout people. In our schools, many people are induced by this teaching to secure an education at the cost of their own health or that of those who are toiling and sacrificing to give them their opportunities. No matter how highly we esteem an education, some things should be placed higher in the scale and among them is obedience to God's laws including those governing the care of our physical beings.

But this temptation comes especially strong to those into whose hearts, God has placed a burning desire to serve Him and their fellowmen. Common sense should teach such ones that the body is a fundamental part of a human being and its care is an essential part of their service. Those who are conscious of a divine call to some special line of service should remember that the call includes an obligation to prepare for that service and as a strong body is an aid to any service and an absolute essential to some lines of Christian service, the care of the health is an important part of the preparation.

By plainly revealed laws of God, by our own good sense, by our obligation to our fellowmen we are taught that there is absolutely no excuse for us if we destroy our health by neglect or by unwarranted activity, or if we influence others to do so.

Odds and Ends

Miss D. "Mr. M., did you ever catch a fish?"

Mr. M. "I caught a Minnie once."

F. H. W. (Teaching church history.)
The Scots behaved in a sort of Carrie Hatchet way.

H. H. (Repeating scripture text after studying cautions for English.)
Let your light so shine before men that there can be no doubt as to what you intend it to modify.

For information as to how to make a trunk serve as a bed, apply to Timothy Doane.

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Editorial.

In sending out this issue of the Star we feel that we are fortunate in being able to present some articles from some of our fellow students who are at present far away from us. At the request of the editor Mr. and Mrs. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, who left us in February for Africa, have given us a little account of their journey and some of their first impressions on reaching the scene of their labors. The editor has also had on hand for some time an article by Mr. Sprague on Education Versus Health, which has heretofore been crowded out because of lack of space, but which he trusts will not come amiss even this late in the year.

The next number of the Star to appear before our readers will be the annual commencement number. Profiting both by successes and failures of the past, the staff hope to put out an issue this year that will do somewhat of credit to the school. We want the various departments of our school work represented in such a way that our readers may get a clear glimpse of what our school life is like. We are planning some new features which we believe will add much to the appearance and attractiveness of the paper.

Before the next issue shall be in the hands of its readers the staff for next year will have been elected. In anticipation of that election we would solicit the best thought and most careful consideration on the part of the U. L. A. electorate. To the casual observer the editorship of the Star may mean nothing more than the assembling of material the looking it over for grammatical errors, writing something to be called editorials, and then sending the whole mess to the printer. The editing of a school paper means much more than this. The editor should be a student who has caught the real spirit of the school and who has at heart its highest interests. He must represent the very best that his school stands for and must be ready to wage warfare against everything of an opposite nature.

The editor should be a thinker and a worker. No shoddy efforts are of any benefit to a school paper. No half-hearted effort will do him or his paper any credit.

Houghton is a Christian school and the editor of her paper should be an earnest Christian, a man not afraid to stand boldly by principle, and yet free to see other people's ideas.

Finally the editor ought to be a popular student. One who does not stand well with his fellow students cannot be assured of their heartiest co-operation. This does not mean that a man may be a time server, but it does mean that he must at least have the genuine respect of his fellow students.

There are other qualities that might be named as requisites, but we forbear. We have here defined no angelic creature, but a mere manly man, such an one as ought easily to be found. We are sure that if these points are considered, and to them added a reasonable degree of scholarship, the Houghton Star will next year enjoy a period of increasing usefulness and popularity.

From the Business Manager

Some of the patrons of The Star have asked whether the money received is used for the benefit of the students. There are no salaried officers on the staff of the Houghton Star. Although the Editors, Associate contributors and Reporters put more time on their respective departments than an inexperienced person realizes, yet their services are given entirely without remuneration. All moneys paid to the Star are expended for printing and publishing. Hence there is no financial gain to the Union Literary Association which has control of the paper. If the subscription receipts were the only source of income, the price would have to be much higher in order to meet expenses. The support of our advertisers is therefore very much appreciated. Do not skip the ads but notice each one carefully. **PLAN TO MAKE YOUR NEXT PURCHASE FROM ONE OF THE FIRMS NAMED IN THE STAR!**

The next issue will be the Commencement Number. Each subscriber will receive his copy as usual. But all of you will want several extra copies to give or sell to your friends and to carry home for use in interesting other young people in Houghton Seminary. That this demand may be met Commencement Stars will be on sale at the College building during Commencement week June 21-27. Out of town orders will be gladly filled by mail.

I will conclude this article by a few interesting words from eight former students:

"Dear B. M., Enclosed please find... etc. I won't deface coin card and

it may be used again; you see I was B. M. once." Rev. Stanley W. Wright '10. Mr. Wright was the first Business Manager and the second Editor of the Star.

"In my opinion the Star has improved greatly in the past two years, and while I do not have the opportunity of seeing other school papers I feel safe in saying that at present it is second to few—if any—as a school paper. I am proud of it. I like the increase in the news columns. I am always glad to get it and read it thru, usually, before laying it down. I certainly wish the paper continued success and feel sure that the old students will stand by it in subscribing for it." Chas. F. Pearce.

"I am teaching a mountain school down here in N. Mex. I have received the Stars so far and have thoroughly enjoyed them." Hanna A. Greenberg. "The Star is a welcome visitor to my study and when I begin on the little thing I don't let up very long at a time until I have perused its pages." Rev. C. A. Hendrix. "In renewing for the Houghton Star, I wish to say that it is a very welcome paper at our home. I consider it is improving year by year. Success to 'The Star' and the 'Dear Old Sem.' How I would like to step into Houghton and spend a few days, yes or a few years. Expect to start a college course by mail shortly." Rev. A. H. McKnight.

"A full page argument is not necessary to convince a reader of the worth and merits of 'The Star'—it speaks for itself. I would not be without it for much more than the subscription price." Roy M. Douglass. "I assure you that I do not wish to be without The Houghton Star. Long may it shine." Rev. M. E. Warburton. "I greatly appreciate 'The Star' not only for its contents but also on account of the intelligence and devotion of those young people who are responsible for its production and management." Rev. Chas. Sicard.

Yours for success,

C. Floyd Hester, Business Mgr.,
Houghton, N. Y.

Exchanges

OWEN M. WALTON, '15, EDITOR

The Star acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following exchanges:

The Hour Glass, Rochester, N. Y.
The Hermonite, Mt Hermon, Mass.
The High School News, Visalia, Cal.
University Life, Wichita, Kansas.
The Albright Bulletin, Myerstown, Pa.

The Oberlin Monthly, Oberlin, Ohio.
The Budget, Lawrence, Kansas.
The Volcano, Hornell, New York.
The Cascade, Seattle, Wash.
The College Monitor, Miltonvale, Kansas.

The Picayune, Batavia, New York.
The School Voice, Baltic, Ohio.
The Ogdensburg Academy, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

The Alfred University Monthly, Alfred, N. Y.

The Starkey Seminary Monthly, Lakemont, N. Y.

The V. H. S. Student, Victor, N. Y.
The Wheaton College Record, Wheaton, Ill.

The Argus, Harrisburg, Pa.

The High School News is a departure from the usual form of high school paper. It is decidedly "newsy." It would better the paper to have a literary department to show what your school is doing that way.

The School Voice is to be congratulated on the appearance and material of its initial issue.

The Oberlin Monthly greets us for the first time. It is purely literary in character but loses none of its excellence by the absence of other departments.

The Hermonite is the first commencement number we have seen. The cuts are exceptionally fine.

The many short stories of the Hour Glass are interesting. Inasmuch as you have headings for your other departments, why not give your literary department one?

The V. H. S. Student is a new-comer. Your sketches are good but why not criticise your exchanges?

University Life is a clever weekly

of interesting news from Friends. The editorials evidence good school-spirit and contain good thought.

It is nearly time for the Commencement issues. We hope to receive a goodly number. The commencement Star will be out early in June.

Athletics.

R. W. Hazlett, '14, EDITOR

Spring is here—Stop! Do not become alarmed, gentle reader! List a fleeting moment! This is not going to be an effusive rhapsody on "Spring, beautiful spring" with variations ad infinitum. I was merely about to make the naive and interesting remark that the advent of spring also witnessed the appearance of baseball which statement to those of athletic minds is of course tantamount to my first rather inauspicious observation.

And all our enthusiasts of the glorious old national games (and they are legion) are supremely happy. Once more their fervid yells, mingled with the familiar crack of the bat and other characteristic echoes from the diamond, make the welkin ring. The grounds have been put in fine condition and beyond doubt or cavil, with three rival teams of high order lined up—the Preps, College Freshies and Upper Classmen, everything presages our best season, although only several snappy practice games have been played yet.

Doubtless readers of this column would feel themselves very much defrauded, if there were not some specific mention of the doings of the much-maligned Freshies who by the way are unusually verdant at this time of the year. They have a penchant, however, for getting themselves in the limelight and this time they have gone to extreme lengths in their mania for distinction. They have actually had the colossal audacity to challenge the school to a track meet. Of course they expected that no one would take them seriously and on the whole it is rather amusing.

Organizations

R. A. SELLMAN, '13,

The Athenian.

The last meeting saw us in our new society room with surroundings more congenial and facilities much better than heretofore for successful society work. It is hoped that this improvement will add interest to the society and induce several not now members to join.

The clause in the faculty resolutions which suggested that the entertainment feature be eliminated from society work will not modify materially our future programs from those previously given. When the society was organized it was recognized imperative to good society work that the program must not be arranged to entertain an audience but to qualify those taking part for future usefulness. In the light of this, our programs have dealt largely with scientific, political, ethical and literary topics and have been instructive not only to the audience but to the speaker as well.

R. A. S.

Neosophic Society

Due to the fact that for some time there has been a falling away from the purpose for which these literary societies had been founded, the Neosophic and Philomathean societies have agreed to take a recess during which time the women of these societies will organize one new society and the men another.

The men's society has been organized under the name of "Neosophic," desiring to retain a Neosophic society.

Instead of adopting the old plan of leaving all of the arranging for programs in the hands of the program committee, a new system has been adopted which will prevent the entertainment feature from becoming too prominent in the society work. This system will not only be interesting to the members, but will give to those who want it a thorough train-

ing in the kinds of work which they will meet in active life. B. H.

Prohibition League

At our last regular meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. F. Hester; vice president, R. W. Hazlett; secretary, C. B. Russell, Treasurer, Gail Thompson; Reporter, O. M. Walton. Prof. Luckey, Mr. Hester, Mr. Theos Thompson and Mr. Overton were selected as delegates to the state convention of the I. P. A. at Ithaca April 23-24. Prof. Luckey and Mr. Overton were unable to go so their places were taken by Mr. Scott and Mr. Hazlett, alternates.

On Monday evening, April 22, Mr. Hazlett, our orator, left for Cornell accompanied by four delegates and the male quartette. Mr. Hazlett did credit to himself and his Alma Mater in the contest on the following evening. His oration was marked third in thought and composition, being inferior only to those of Mr. Hamm of Colgate and Mr. Lott of Syracuse. Mr. Thompson, one of the delegates, spoke at one of the sessions on "Getting up an Oratorical Contest." Mr. Hester, our local president, was elected state president of the I. P. A. for the next year. On their return the delegation was greeted at the station by a number of the students who assisted Mr. Hazlett to his home amid cheers and yells.

Our male quartette furnished several numbers for the convention programmes.

The late programmes have been interesting and profitable. Already we are anticipating a successful year for 1912-13.

O. M. W.

Sopheanian Society

We desire to introduce to the Athenian and Neosophic societies and to the Faculty the "new creation," namely, "The Sopheanian Literary Society" composed of the loyal and true daughters of Houghton whose motto is "Higher Plains of Thought and Living for Women." We held our

first meeting in the pleasant reception room at the Women's Hall Friday evening, April 19th at which time our new officers were installed. Their speeches were full of hope and good cheer and filled their audiences with enthusiasm.

If you do not believe we are a reality, we invite you to come and listen to one of our programs. We feel sure that with the following officers we are sure to be successful.

President—Miss Grace Bedford.

Vice President—Miss Mary Kerr.

Secretary—Miss Lulu Benning.

Program Committee—Misses Emma Agnew and Elsie Hanford.

Literary Critic—Miss Verna Hanford.

Music Critic—Miss Cathern Sperzel.

We believe that all the girls who are not college girls should belong to the Sopheanian Literary Society. If you have any words of encouragement, speak them to us but if they are otherwise, don't say them. We do not mean for this society to be a "joke" but to be a strong factor in our lives and conducive to the realization of our motto. G. B. S.

Reorganization of Societies

An important change has been brought about in the Literary societies of the Seminary, affecting largely the two Preparatory organizations. Heretofore these societies two in number, have been composed of both men and women from that department. Some efficient work has been done in the past but the faculty committee on Literary Societies thought that much improvement could be made by dividing them on the sex basis. Much correspondence was entered into with several schools and colleges eliciting information on plans in use by them and on the success they were securing. Most of the schools were divided on the sex basis and reported that much more effective work was being done by that method. The great argument in favor of such division was that the nature of the subjects which interest women is entirely different from

that which interests men. The former like art critique, literary interpretation, essay writing and the like while the latter are concerned with debate, oratory, science, politics and kindred subjects.

Both societies have taken a recess for the rest of the year to test the new plan. The young men meet in the study room of the Seminary and the young women in the reception room of the girls dormitory. R. A. S.

Alumni & Old Students

G. T. McDOWELL, '15, EDITOR

Rev. William Frazier is supplying the Houghton church for the summer.

H. H. Hester '11 is to be in the field in New York for the Prohibition Party this summer.

Miss Mable Benton is now in Canandaigua, New York, where her father, Rev. J. L. Benton, has taken the Wesleyan pastorate.

Rev. and Mrs. Noah Shaffer of Akron, Ohio, are rejoicing over a daughter, born April 10.

We sympathize with Alfred and Stella Glover in the death of their mother. Her home has been in North Branch, Kansas.

Professor McDowell met several old students in his work for the school at the various spring conferences. All those who had been at Houghton were extremely loyal in their endeavors to assist the school. We learn that Steele White has left his position in the post office at Homer City, Pa., to take up work in the Alleghany Conference. In the Lockport Conference, Rev. C. W. Smith was re-elected president and returns to Hess Road. Rev. Chas. Sicard was elected vice president and returns to Levant, Rev. H. R. LaVere goes from Eagle Harbor to Ransomville. In Canada, Rev. Daniel Sommers is Conference Secretary.

Rev. A. H. McKnight sends the following notes concerning old students attending the Champlain conference.

"Those in attendance were: S. J.

Liberty, L. C. Mattoon, S. W. Wright, A. H. McKnight, W. A. Wilson, W. J. Seekins, G. H. Clarke and Ethel Chase Gibbs has married a wife and therefore he could not come.

W. A. Wilson was elected Conference Secretary with L. C. Mattoon assistant. Mr. McKnight, who was ordained during the session, was elected Sunday School Secretary.

Walter Lewis, one of our promising young preachers, went on a Chase the last Sunday afternoon of Conference. Monday morning he left for Macomb to continue the Chase. We sincerely hope he may soon overtake the long-sought dear.

It seems that Brother Seekins as well as some others of our Houghton men are still somewhat boyish. Friday evening, while Brothers Clarke, Teter and McDowell, who were guests at the same place with Bro. Seekins, were at service, Bro. Seekins went home, locked the doors and went to bed. We are informed that the others got in thru the cellar window.

The sum of \$690 was pledged Friday evening toward the support of Brother and Sister E. L. Elliott.

Locals.

J. W. ELLIOTT, '14, Editor

College Locals

Mr. Ray Hazlett, Mr. Theos Thompson and Mr. C. Floyd Hester spent two days at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. Walter Willover went home for a few days last month.

Miss Crystal Rork visited friends at Rossburg.

Mr. Harry Ostlund accompanied Professor Rindfusz to Moss Lake for the purpose of making geological observations.

Miss Maude Benton has been improving the shining hours with the womanly occupation of sewing.

Rev. Ralph Davy supplied the pulpit of Mr. Wallace Neville at Lamont April 21.

Several of the juniors are considering a course in Ohio Wesleyan for the coming year.

Rev. Frank Wright recently sold his road horse and is now looking for another.

Miss Cheeseman returned from a visit to her sister near Buffalo a short time since.

Mr. Glenn Barnett has a new piano.

Mr. Owen Walton and Mr. G. Tremaine McDowell spent a day in Belfast advertising the lecture by Dr. Forbes.

Mr. Everett A. Overton is busy with his flock of full-blooded white leghorns and already has perfected an improved brooder.

Messrs. Calhoon, Bedford and Frazier went to Buffalo recently to hear the London Symphony Orchestra.
C. B. R.

Preparatory Notes

On the evening of April the twentieth Misses Helen Kerr and Esther Dieter entertained the Senior Preps at the Dormitory. All had a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Messrs. Wagner, Scott and Beverly, who are members of the Quartette, accompanied the contestant, Mr. Ray Hazlett to Ithaca.

Miss Bernice Bulton has returned to Houghton and has resumed her school duties. She is at the Dormitory.

Miss Mildred Burr's sister visited Chapel a few days ago.

Miss Ella Jones and Miss Mary Kerr went to Belfast last week.

Several of our Prep students have made shopping trips to Fillmore. I presume spring hats.

On April thirteenth the girls of the R. B. C. gave one of their members, Miss Mary Kerr a surprise party in honor of her birthday, April fourteenth.

The dining room table was prettily decorated with candles. Probably Miss Kerr would object if the numbers were mentioned.

Mr. Bethel Babbitt is going to board down town hereafter. I wonder what the attraction can be.

The Juniors are aroused at last.

For information about taking moonlight walks after prayer meeting, ask Mr.—, Miss—, and Miss—. A. J.

Musical Notes

Time waits for no man. This will be the last report of the music department to a regular number of the Star this year. Advancement along musical lines is very marked during the present year. Come back next year prepared to do wonderful things in music.

The music students, also Miss Eastwood, the instructor expect to take a prominent part in the concert to be given May 29th. The Male Quartet is expected to give about half the program.

The Male Quartet is just home from a trip to Cornell University where it rendered the music part of programs given by the I. P. A. state convention. We all like the imitation of the banjo but C. Floyd Hester. Ask him why.

We expect next year more students will be interested in music than there are this year. D. H. S.

Miscellaneous

What do you think of those hats? Rather mature colors for freshies aren't they?

During the absence of Mrs. Luckey from home for a few days, Miss Russel, a member of that noted freshman class, assisted in caring for the house. We are delighted to report that the president and his offspring survived and are apparently unharmed.

Who says, "Baseball?"

Keep on Hazlett—you will make it next time.

Have you seen the mud turtles?

Oh yes, Hamilton is doing very well; but how about you?

It has finally been necessary to say good-bye to Mr and Mrs. Lapham. We are all sorry to have them go because every student for the last quarter of a century has been helped by their presence here.

At the last report, Mrs. Lewis Churchill, who has been sick for some time in the Buffalo hospital, was getting along very well.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. Will Frazier who is to be our pastor

until September and is then to become a member of the faculty.

Professor McDowell has been working hard visiting the conferences and carrying his school work.

Bring all your friends to the concert May 29. The quartet is better trained than it has been before and the other parts of the program will be perfect.

Professor Smith has done some hard manual labor on the campus

We were glad to see Mrs. Dow in the German room again after her long illness.

Some of the hermits of Houghton Hall were perfectly delighted one evening with a short call from three cowering timorous creatures who live on the hill.

At the time of the Titanic's terrible disaster it was a very great grief to the people of Houghton and many neighboring villages that the wireless telegraph instruments of Professor Samuel O. Miner, X. Y. Z., had suffered so much from a north wind blowing due east that he was unable to report the disaster until it appeared in the morning paper.

On Saturday evening, Apr. 27, some of the Seminary ladies, growing tired of the buzz and hum of town life planned a short trip into the suburbs. For some unaccountable reason they neglected to take a chaperon. The destination agreed upon was the home of Rev. D. S. Bedford on Houghton Hill. About 6:30 o'clock in the evening the quintette set out by what they supposed to be the nearest way. They travelled through an endless labyrinth of pastures, meadows, gullies and hills, stopping at the home of Mr. Dwight Arnold on the way. At length they reached their destination having traveled a mile and a half in about an hour and a half. We trust this will be a lesson to the dean of the women never to send her wards out in the evening without either chaperons or protectors.

O is for orators.

Who honors hope to gain;

If they were less in numbers,

They'd cause their friends less pain.

Miltonvale

"What is so rare as a spring day in Kansas?" These lovely days, when everything is putting forth new life and the earth is flooded with golden sunshine cause us to wonder if Lowell's "day in June," could have been more rare.

We were recently favored with two lectures on Prohibition by Chas. F. Hall of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Hall is an eloquent speaker and gave us some interesting, instructive addresses. He also spoke from the chapel platform, his subject being, "Mind the paint." Although necessarily short, his talk was full of good things. Some of the kinds of paint to be avoided are ignorance, laziness, discontent and dissipation and sin.

Owing to a mistake of the averaging committee at the I. P. L. contest, our orator Wesley Dow, was given fourth place instead of third, which was rightfully his.

Resolved, that a co-educative system of education is more beneficial than a segregative, was the subject of a spirited debate, between the Ladies' Debating teams of the two societies, a short time ago. The judges decided in favor of the negative which was represented by the Clisophics.

Not long since some of the men of our faculty were seen dexterously scaling the windmill at the dining hall. It affords us great pleasure to know, that while they are trying to lead us to higher things, they are themselves seeking to attain greater heights.

These are busy days in M. W. C. Everyone is doing his or her best to make our Commencement week a success and we are looking forward to it with pleasure. S. S.

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