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This, naturally, led the Americans to inquire after their former history to discover if they were as new as painted. And after much research it was found that we had an aristocracy of birth as old as that of England. The reason for this is evident. Many of the descendants of old families in England, desirous of acquiring large estates in the new world, took advantage of the Charta of the Virginia Co. and settled in the vicinity of Virginia and Maryland. But in the migratory movement most all of the traces of ancient lineage were lost, therefore class distinctions have been to a great extent abolished. Nevertheless, this aristocracy of birth existed in America as the first aristocracy.

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democratic nation, nevertheless we have preserved to a great extent the customs of our European forefathers, demonstrating the truth of the proposition that there will be, of necessity two classes—the aristocracy and the common people. Aristotle defended the thesis that aristocracy is the best form of society, and that all civilization rests on slavery. Boiled down to brief and simple expression, his philosophy was that any slavery which is created by the brutal power of the strong to subjugate the weak is an abhorrent thing, but that some men and women are slaves by nature. They would rather be lackeys to the great than to lead self-respecting lives in obscurity or poverty. In like manner, the aristocracy that is born of mere wealth is a spurious article which levels the pride of nations by reducing them to vulgar vice and imbecility.

The only true aristocracy is that of those great souls who are aristocrats by nature; the men and women of noble ideals, of civic courage, of fortitude in days of trouble, the men and women of thought, of moral power, of beauty of spirit. Happy indeed for America, is the thought that such aristocrats have and ever will hold sway.

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Our Great "When"

E. A. Overton

Every age has its problems. Each generation of thoughtful men views its own peculiar problems and inquires, "When shall we see our problems solved?" We, too, have our problems. Among them, there is one which, because of its position in our national life, and because of its train of attendant evils, demands our special attention. And as we consider this, the liquor problem, we are led to ask ourselves that old, old question, "When?" If we would answer it, we must study impartially the work of the past; we must view fairly and comprehensively the present situation; and we must determine what is our great objective, the one

condition without which no solution is possible.

As we turn to the past, we are almost astonished at the number and variety of forces tending toward a solution of the problem. The teaching of the Bible is clear. Though the voice of the Church has sometimes been uncertain, there have always been some who have dared to denounce a business that could bring only harm. This attitude has been influential with those who have been subject to good religious influence. We must acknowledge the debt we owe the Christian Church. Another factor has been the observation of the effect of intoxicants on the drinker. Men have seen the unmistakable results in his personal life. They have seen him lose his self respect, his moral sense, his business and social standing. They have seen his family deprived of even the necessities of life, and cast out from the society of their fellows. And they have learned to hate that which contributed to his downfall.

The sentiment growing out of these and other influences has crystallized, in our country, in the form of various organizations. Among these may be mentioned the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Good Templars, the Washington Society, the Anti-saloon League, the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, the Prohibition Party. All these and many others have done important and necessary work in directing the attention of our people to the wrong of the liquor trade and the right of its banishment. Still another influence must be spoken of—the scientific study of the effects of alcohol on the human system. The conclusions reached have been most convincing to a class of people who choose to judge of matters largely from an intellectual point of view. This is one of the more recent of the powerful influences whose work must stand.

Our present situation is the result of all the factors working in the past. The various efforts put forth, though sometimes unwise, sometimes untactful, sometimes made by men of

narrow views, have at least helped to direct the attention of the people to the question. Men have seen that the enemies of the liquor business, with all their arguments, all their efforts, all their errors of judgment, had at heart one great, all consuming desire to better human conditions. Men have seen that those who would prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, were not acting from selfish or personal motives. And as men have seen them put forth efforts again and again, always seemingly defeated yet always renewing the struggle—as men have seen this, their scoffing has given place to interest, and interest has become approval. Now newspapers give space for Prohibition news; religious publications no longer shrink from discussing the question; men are becoming more willing to be called anti-liquor men. All this means a changed atmosphere in which the generation of to-morrow is growing up. They have a better opportunity than any previous generation to know the true position of the liquor business and all its kindred evils. In them is our chief hope. For they must take up the work of the various anti-liquor organizations—a work that is now being prosecuted more sanely and vigorously, perhaps, than ever before. They must help in gaining our great objective.

The enemy are not idle. With the advantage of almost unlimited wealth, they have thoroughly entrenched themselves in American politics. They have studied the situation and left undone nothing that might aid them. The general public seems to know little of their machinations; but it is sufficient that liquor organizations have gone so far as to publish the names of governors, judges, congressmen, and other public men for whose political defeat they claim responsibility. On every hand we see evidence of the millions the brewers and distillers have spent to popularize their products. Simply advertising no longer suffices; and these men realizing the change in public sentiment, are now engaged in an effort to make their business appear respectable. A member of the President's cabinet is

invited to preside in an honorary capacity at a brewers' congress. The products the people would no longer buy as ordinary intoxicants, are offered at an exorbitant price as cell builders or natural tonics. Thus the enemy recognizes the change in public feeling and endeavors to anticipate us in reaching our great objective.

What is that great objective? A state of intense feeling—not pledge signing, not local option victories, not a majority vote for an anti-liquor party—none of these primarily, but rather a state of intense feeling regarding the trade. Why a state of feeling? Because prevailing public feeling is America's absolute monarch. We commit our lives and fortunes to the pleasure of the majority, and live or die according to that majority's decrees. And the solution of a national problem like that of the liquor trade may be stated in very simple terms. We must have a state of feeling so intense that every man is for us or against us. And we must make those who are for us a majority. Legislation is properly only a confirmation of the majority's victory.

All our present conditions indicate the nearing of our great objective, an intensity of feeling that knows no middle ground and leaves no man neutral; a feeling before which business, social, political, and religious differences can no longer stand; a feeling that shall breathe from the school, that shall speak from the press, that shall thunder from the pulpit; a feeling such that, on the street, in the shop, by the fireside, out on the open highway, everywhere, men's ordinary conversation—that most potent factor in shaping public feeling—shall be fired by a single theme. In that day, strong God-fearing men shall pray with clenched fists, and walk their floors at night because they cannot sleep. Then all our preliminary struggles forgotten, we shall wage the final conflict for the majority. On our side will be all the forces of righteousness, the sentiment growing out of the work of the past, the prayers and toils of a countless multitude of workers, the sobs of heartbroken women, the hopes of drink-

shattered men, the cry of generations yet unborn. Opposed to these will be the legalized traffic with its countless wealth, its organized system of political control, its whole brood of social and economic evils, and all the powers of darkness. If, in that day, our eyes be divinely opened that we see the horses and chariots of Jehovah in the mountains about us, and seeing be inspired to battle, we shall triumph; we shall answer this generation's "when?"

The day of supreme conflict is nearing; the forces are mustering. Ours it is to fortify every strong hold, to garrison every strong rock, to leave no pass unguarded, to pray as though God alone were to win the conflict, to fight as though we alone must win. If we do this we must conquer. And if we conquer, this nation shall enjoy an era of economic prosperity exceeding our fondest dreams, an age of social purity unparalleled, a reign of righteousness that shall be an inspiration to all the peoples of the earth.

Prohibition Oratorical Contest

On the evening of January 28, 1913, occurred the annual oratorical contest of the Houghton Branch of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

After an overture by the orchestra and a vocal solo by Miss Suessa Dart, the contest began. The first speaker was Mr. Everett Overton with the subject, "Our Great When." He dealt with the past, present and future of the liquor traffic. His solution was to educate the people until they would take sides directly for or against the promotion of the liquor traffic and then secure the majority for Prohibition.

Following him came Mr. Nathan Capen with "Joan of Arc." He advocated the rise of a modern Joan of Arc who should go forth and battle until the liquor traffic, at once and forever ceased to exist.

The third speaker was Mr. Shirley Babbitt, who chose, "The Great Question." He proved that the degrading influence which came from contact

with the liquor traffic could forever be terminated by overcoming the public ignorance in regard to the nation wide destructiveness of this evil.

Following this the listeners were favored with some vocal selections by Mr. Miles Wagoner.

The contest was reopened by Leo Raub, who took for his subject, "In Darkest America and the Way Out." His solution was by using daily, weekly and monthly periodicals to print literature which tended toward temperance. He wanted all liquor advertisements excluded from these papers.

The only representative of the fair sex spoke next, Miss Edna Hester with, "The Spirit of Sacrifice" as her theme. She cited as examples such worthies as Lafayette, Martin Luther, Marion, Moses and George Washington. She said God was the true instigator of all sacrifice. Then appealed for some one to come to the front and help win this battle.

The last speech was by Mr. David Scott entitled "A Valley of Dry Bones." In this he likened the present condition of our country to Ezekiel's vision of a valley of dry bones. He desired that the unawakened consciences of the people should respond to the call, "to arms" even as the dry bones of old did, and fight until victory was assured.

While the averaging committee were doing their work a mixed quartette gave two selections.

The prizes were awarded to Mr. Everett Overton and Miss Edna Hester. But the next day it was found that through a mistake in a telegram the prizes were not properly given and the first prize was then given to Mr. Shirley Babbitt with Mr. Overton as the second prize winner.

Mr. Shirley Babbitt is, therefore, to be Houghton's representative in the state contest which is to be held here in April.

The annual oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of Houghton Seminary was held in the College Chapel Tuesday, January 28, at 7:30 p. m., with the following program:

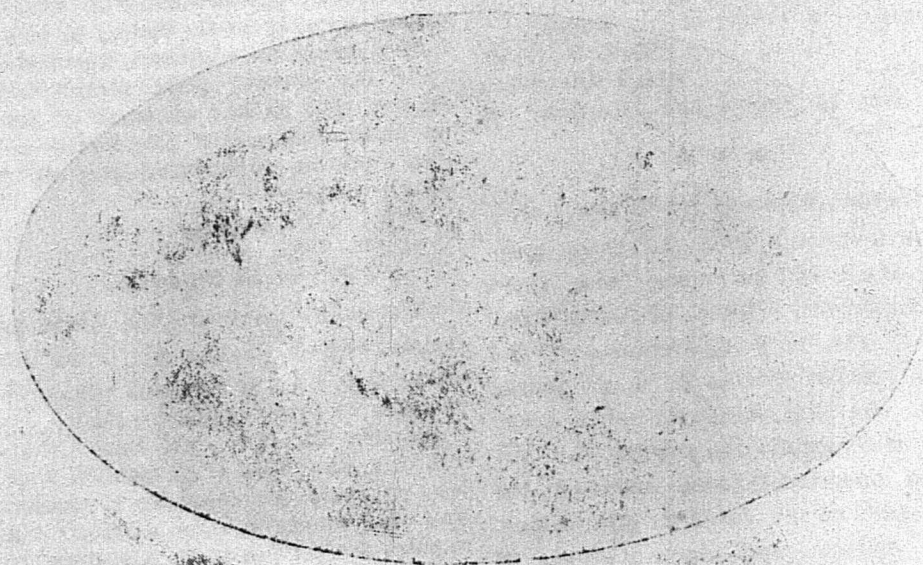


The Prohibition Orators

Back row, left to right—Shirley Babbitt, '16, Edna A. Hester, '16, Leo Raub, '16

Front row—David H. Scott, Theo., '18, Everett A.

Overton '15, Nathan Capen, Prep., '18.



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PROGRAM

Music Orchestra
 Prayer Rev. Chas. Sicard
 Vocal Solo Suessa L. Dart
 Oration—"Our Great When" . . .
 Everett A. Overton
 Oration—"Joan of Arc" Nathan Capen
 Oration—"The Great Issue" . . .
 Shirley Babbitt
 Vocal Solo Miles Wagner
 Oration—"In Darkest America and
 the Way Out" Leo Raub
 Oration—"The Spirit of Sacrifice"
 Edna A. Hester
 Oration—"A Valley of Dry Bones"
 David H. Scott
 Music Mixed Quartette
 Decision of judges and awarding of
 prizes.



Ex-Gov. Glenn of North Carolina

On February 10th the third number of our lecture course was filled by Ex-Governor Glenn of North Carolina. The very appearance of the man marked him as a man among men, one who possessed those qualities of accomplishing results.

An opportunity was afforded the members of the Faculty and wives, the college and older students of the preparatory department to personally meet Mr. Glenn at a reception to his honor at the ladies' hall in the evening previous to his lecture. Pres. Luckey gave an appropriate toast emphasizing the principles on which the school was founded. Professor Coleman most warmly welcomed the Ex-Governor to our midst, to which he responded with exceptional sincerity.

Mr. Glenn's lecture on "The American Nation, its Perils and Prospects" led his listeners, in the hour and three-quarter discourse, thru the history, and touched upon the spirit of the nation at the time of the Civil War and the rapid and unparallelled development of the South since. He called to mind the present industrial and commercial prosperity of our land. Yet with all these marks of

progress the nation is in peril of degeneracy and downfall thru corruption and vice, which is slowly, however surely, sapping the vitality and manhood of our citizens. He closed with a mighty appeal to the young man and woman to live lives of honesty and purity in order to go out into the world's activity with a determination to confound and defeat those forces which are ruining our nation.

To the unprejudiced mind Mr. Glenn's lecture was one of high order, containing just enough of that eloquence peculiar to the South to make it fascinating as well as entertaining while the listener could scarce help but feel that he had obtained a better understanding of the South and been made to realize that after all we are all brothers.



Advice to Students

(We gladly reprint the following clipping which was handed to us, for we believe that it contains advice invaluable to every student.—Ed.)

January 22, 1913—Mr. Earl Cranston, Jr., East Side High School, Denver, Colorado. My Dear Mr. Cranston: You may quote me as saying: A request for advice from a student to one who has passed middle life can best be granted by a response which will be useful, and the obligation to make such answer is the greater, when as in this case, it is to reach a large number of students.

I need not dwell upon the necessity for education; it may be assumed that those to whom these words are addressed already appreciate the vital importance of mental training. They need rather to be warned against the temptations that come with education, and there are two which most deserve consideration.

The first temptation is to forget God; the sin of the first pair in the Garden of Eden grew out of a determination to trust the head instead of the heart. They could not see why limitations were placed upon them, and therefore they resolved upon disobedience. The mind must not think of itself too highly; it is not the

commander-in-chief of man's destiny. Faith is greater than reason. Pascal truly says that "the heart has reasons that the reason cannot understand, because the heart is of an infinitely higher order." Learning is good, but remember always that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Religion is the most practical thing with which man has to deal, because it alone gives him a conception of life, and furnishes a foundation upon which a moral code can be built.

The second temptation is to put selfish interests above the common good—the temptation to regard education as a means of getting ahead of others rather than as a means of larger service. Let not the training of the mind wean you from sympathy with your fellows. Education will make you stronger; put that larger strength at the service of those who are weaker and learn a lesson of paramount importance, namely, that life is measured, not by what we get out of the world, but by what we put into the world.

I venture to offer these two suggestions for your annual, in the hope that they may, in some small degree strengthen your readers for a large contribution to the welfare of society and thus justify a large return from society. Very truly yours,

W. J. Bryan.

Were all men saints, what would be left for us to bear at others' hands to please our God? But now hath God ordained that we should learn to carry each the burden of another.—Thomas a Kempis.

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.—Michael Angelo.

Mere financial success is purely metallic. The man who gains it has four metallic attributes—gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face and iron in his heart.—Abraham Lincoln.

Exchange Department

W. LaVay Fancher, '15.

As the hour draws near for us to grasp the implement, "mightier than the sword," and good naturedly (?) pen words of approval or of adverse criticism several of our former acquaintances have not yet presented themselves for inspection. Yet we rejoice to see a goodly number of January exchanges and expect to yet receive others.

The Congress, Olean, N. Y. We have heard several members of our school remark about your neat appearance and pleasing style. We are glad to have you with us.

The High School Recorder, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. We noticed your gentle reminder in your January number, and we are glad to profit by it. Your Mother Goose rhymes are clever.

The Walking Leaf, Cook Academy, Montour Falls, N. Y. Our greatest desire is that having finished one you will always have another 'Kick' of the right kind coming.

Visalia High School News, Visalia, California. We are pleased to see an increase of news and literary articles in your paper of Jan. 24.

The Forum, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. We were pleased to see the picture of your staff in your last number. With twenty enthusiastic workers your paper is certain to be a success.

We also acknowledge the following exchanges. The Collegian, Waynesburg, Pa.; the Albright Bulletin, Myers-town, Pa.; The Miltonvale Monitor, Kansas; University Life, Wichita, Kansas; The Rapid Soo, Sioux Rapids Iowa.

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The word VARSITY has not long been found in the lexicon of Houghton Seminary, but there is nevertheless considerable significance and importance attaching to its derivation that is well worth our notice. While to some it may denote little or nothing beyond that expressed in the or-

dinary usage of the term, it has come to fill a far more specific and essential place in our etymology, for in reality it marks the development of a College spirit and incidentally of a College department. It is still a matter of comparatively recent history when the College department existed more or less in name only, while the Preparatory department easily ranked foremost in the social and intellectual life of the institution. We now, however, view a vastly different situation. No longer struggling and unimportant, but with numbers augmenting and with influence expanding, Houghton College has at last come to assume its rightful and proper position. Not only are we the college students first from a competitive standpoint, but we stand firmly welded together as leaders of the highest thought and with the best interests of the school at heart. The growth of a distinctive college spirit has played no small part in this. All this and more is implied in the word VARSITY. Truly its future is prophetic.

Judge us not harshly, oh reader, when we tacitly acknowledge our desperate straits by grasping at that time-worn straw which has served on so many occasions to extricate from divers embarrassing quandaries those unfortunately afflicted with a mental and lingual impediment—the weather. The only extenuation we would offer for adopting such a hackneyed procedure, neglecting our present extremity, is that the particular brand of weather with which we have been served recently has been most capricious and unfamiliar to say the least. Even grocery-store politics

have been suspended in order to discuss this latest topic, and that, too, is unprecedented. It has indeed been a time when all signs have failed and when all records have been broken. Instead of the expected formula of frosty snow-drifts and cutting northeasters indigenous to an ice-bound region, seemingly Old King Boreas has been exiled and in his stead have come the soft, balmy breezes of spring, plentifully interlarded with April showers. As might be expected, speculation has been rife and the causes advanced to account for this paradoxical state of affairs have been multifarious. A popular theory has been promulgated to the effect that the Gulf Stream has so shifted that the climate on the eastern seaboard has been modified in much the same manner as that of the British Isles by the influence of the same thermal current. Whether this be true or not, we would not presume to say, but whatever the cause, we are at least perfectly assured of the fact that a grave peril is thereby threatening us. Although some doubtless will greatly rejoice at the prospect of seeing our bleak northern winters turned into a perpetual summer, we, however, foresee from such conditions a situation charged with apprehensions of the most serious consequence.

Already we view with alarm indications of some subtle, indeterminate influence in our midst much resembling the overpowering lassitude of the springtime which is stealing over some and manifesting its malign presence by lulling such victims into a state of semi-activity where they are apparently unable to put forth their strongest and best efforts. When the bracing atmosphere and invigorating cold of this clime, however shall have been entirely replaced by the insidious languor and indolence of the tropics, we tremble lest this dread malady become more prevalent. While as we said, there are undoubtedly those to whom the dreamy seductiveness of such an existence with no incentive for action and with nothing to do but to listen to the liquid warbling of gaily-plumaged birds and to inhale the heavy perfume of exotic flow-

ers, would make strong appeal, we take hope in the fact that there are still those few to whom such conditions would be absolutely repugnant and utterly without their scheme of life. The flat monotony of such a life would be unendurable, even if the sleeping sickness and hookworm were not to be feared. The only thing for those who feel these symptoms of decadence fastening upon them to do is to bestir themselves at once and shake off all such stultifying tendencies before they shall have wrought their baleful consequences.

After all, perhaps, we may have fallen into error concerning the causes of these conditions which we have been describing, but that is immaterial as long as these effects are so plainly discernable. There are always plenty of inducements to draw the weak along the line of the least resistance and obstacles without number to intimidate and baffle the irresolute. It is a deplorable fact that the far-famed American spirit of enterprise and thrift and aggressiveness coupled with high integrity of purpose and trust in God is rapidly dying out, especially among the rising generation. If this republic is to retain its present position among the nations of the earth, it is this spirit among our citizenship which must be stimulated into life anew. What the world needs and demands is men of power and determination, men upright and true, not physical weaklings and moral cowards. The panacea is simply an application of that old Gospel of Hard Work to all the manifold relationships of life. That grand, inspiring idea that we are the architects of our own fortunes and the masters of our own destinies is comprised in this creed. Then when opportunities are lacking, we will create them. No door shall remain barred where we demand admittance. The force of circumstances will be impotent to turn us aside. Nothing can defeat us but ourselves. We are pleased to believe that this is the type of manhood and womanhood that Houghton stands for and is turning out. It is not the kind who possess a false and conceited notion

of grandly going forth to "help the world," but those who humbly go forth, each in his sphere to do his best for suffering humanity and God. So may it ever be.

We have just about reached our conclusion now, but we began on weather and by every rule we should end on the same subject. And so, if there are still those who are unwilling to follow the course we have prescribed, we have yet one more hope and alternative left. There is an apothegm extant among the rural wiseacres hereabouts to the effect that the inhabitants of this region never fail to receive less than one genuine, full-sized winter annually. We shall see.

From the Manager

The Houghton Star subscription list now contains 322 names. You see it is still increasing. But there are yet enough "1912 Prohibition Year Books" left to enable us to continue the offer of last month. **SO SEND IN FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIVE YOUR PRIZE BY RETURN MAIL.**

Several of our friends have been sending in their renewals. Notice the following clippings from some of their letters: "We still find great pleasure in reading from the columns of the Houghton Star," Rev. Hiram W. Thompson; "We welcome the Star to our home," Rev. Noah K. Shaffer; "Enclosed find 50c as renewal for the Star," Wm. R. Smith; "Best wishes, my brother," Rev. A. J. Tiffany; "I do not want to miss a copy of the Star," Louella J. Newton, '08; "The Star has shown much improvement. I hope that it meets with the best success for the New Year," L. L. Babbitt; "Enclosed please find 50c to pay for the renewal of my subscription to the Houghton Star," Belle Plummer; "A short time ago I received notice that my time for the Houghton Star had expired. I wish to renew my subscription," Ava A. Curtis; "I still enjoy reading the Star although I find many new names in it. I am attending the Oshkosh Normal school this year," Florence Judd '10; "I enjoy reading the Star

very much. Everything else is dropped when it comes, no matter what I am doing," Kathleep Banker; "I hasten to remit 50c for the Star with a glad heart and with gratitude to God for the great things he is doing for our connection," Rev. A. N. Bullock; "We enjoy the Star and wish to continue it," Cora Wilcox; "You will find enclosed my subscription for the Houghton Star. Best wishes for its success," Lois H. Thompson, '11; "Inclosed find 50c for the Houghton Star. I am teaching out here near Nunda and would like to keep in touch with the school." Bessie Lewis.

Seventy Subscribers

Have not yet sent in their renewals. Either an expiration notice or a personal letter containing coin card for remittance has been sent to every one whose time to the Star has expired. If you are among this number, will you not please attend to your subscription **AT ONCE?** We are depending on you for support. Do not wait for another appeal to be sent you. Remember that all the cash receipts are used to pay the actual expense of printing. One way you can help to reach the 400 mark this year is to renew your own subscription and not require some new subscriber to fill the place vacated by you. **LET US RAISE THE NUMBER TO 340 BY THE NEXT ISSUE.**

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

The Class of '87 of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., has presented it with a new gymnasium at a cost of \$150,000. The gymnasium has been built and is now in use. It contains a swimming pool 30 feet by 75 feet in size, bowling alleys, room for inside baseball, basketball, handball, boxing, wrestling, a squash court and the main gymnasium for general athletic exercise. The building is equipped throughout with the most approved modern apparatus. It is built of Harvard brick with limestone trimmings and is fireproof throughout.

ORGANIZATIONS

GRACE B. SLOAN, '15, EDITOR

The Athenian

The Athenian society has held two interesting and instructive programs during the past month. In one, we were given a review of Mr. Wright's latest book, "Their Yesterdays." This part given by Mr. Bird was especially appreciated by all as he conveyed to our minds a very clear conception of the author thru his book. In the other program, Mr. Bowen gave us a very full and detailed discussion of the present Turkish war, also Miss Miner presented a well written paper on the "Early Life of Francis E. Willard." Although I have mentioned merely two or three of the parts rendered perhaps these will be sufficient to give our readers an idea of what the society is doing.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected for this semester: president, Ward Bowen; vice-president, Ray Hazlett; secretary, Gertrude Graves; treasurer, Glenn Barnett.

G. B.

I. P. A.

Since the last Star was printed we have had one regular meeting and only one owing to mid-year examinations. However, we have been busy in an oratorical contest, the report of which appears elsewhere in this paper. We are also still engaged in the journalistic contest to which we referred in our last issue. We are informed that the last contest lasting through November and December was won by the league from Cornell University with about eight feet of material printed. For January our official record was twenty-six feet and ten inches. We are therefore enter-

taining hopes of winning this contest which closes March first L. F.

Young People's Missionary Society

Our regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 4. A short but interesting program was given consisting of a paper on "Missions" by Mr. Hester; a reading, "Let Me Live in a House By the Side of the Road and be a Friend to Man" by Miss Sloan; a solo by Miss Verna Hanford and a duet by Misses Reid and Hubbard.

After the program our president, Miss Yorton, gave a talk and conducted a short prayer service. Several earnest petitions ascended to the Throne of God in behalf of our home and foreign missionary work.

The March program will be about Livingston. Let each one remember the request and read one of his biographies before that time.

E. A. H.



(From Odds and Ends)

A narrative glowing with color,
Whose substance 'round Houghton doth float,
Is of Beverley's Christmas vacation
And his wonderful little tee-goat.
He created a ripple of laughter
By way of a chin unshorn
As he strode down the aisle of the parish
On a snowy Sunday morn.
The choir went into hysterics;
The parson turned pale with despair,
To see all eyes turn from his sermon
To a little knot of black hair.
From Beverley's chin it projected.
And waved as the wind blew through,
While we noted the red that was natural
Had changed to a dark, inky hue.
But ere he came back to old Hoton,
For fear 'twould tickle Miss G—
He put his old axe on the grindstone
And severed his precious goatee.

(The Editor regrets that she is not at liberty to divulge the names of the gifted triumvirate who composed these thrilling and beautiful stanzas.)



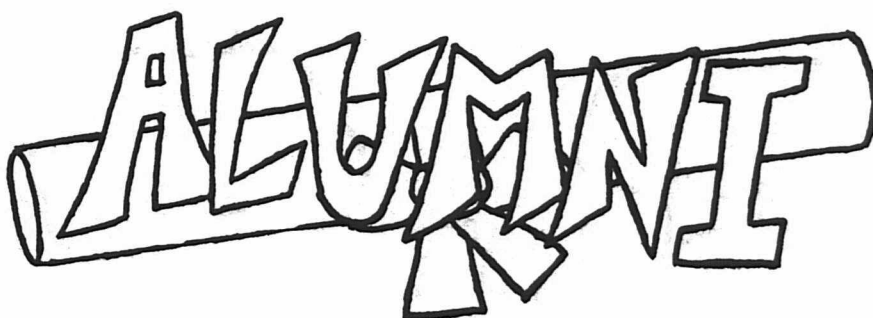
PAUL FALL, '14, EDITOR

Since we are, in time, one synodic month's journey nearer the vernal equinox it again becomes my incubus to concoct some sort of a concoction about an almost inconcoctable subject therefore I fear my elaboration will be somewhat inconcinuous.

However, I desire to call to your mind by way of remembrance that we still have in Houghton Seminary some fancy ball tossers and basket shooters. Many times has some egotistical quintet had the unmitigated audaci-

ty to post on the Bulletin Board a challenge to any team of the school and almost as many times has the aggressive team met defeat. Nevertheless some excellent fast games have been played and the enthusiasm is not waning.

Another open game and double header was held a few weeks ago. The Prep girls still hold first place, but it seems hard for Prep boys to gain a victory over Varsity boys. We might add to all concerned to "Beware the Ides of March."



MARY P. HUBBARD, '15, EDITOR

College

'01—Rev. John Willet is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Eastwood, New York, and is also the manager of a book store in Syracuse.

'04—Rev. C. P. Sage is engaged in evangelistic work and makes his home at Pasadena, California.

'05—Miss Elsie Rush is teaching in a Business College at Richmond, Indiana.

'07—Mr. William Greenberg is living on his claim near Newell, South

Dakota. He also teaches about a mile from his home.

'10—Mr. Leland Boardman and Miss Maggie D. Waite were married at the home of Mr. Olin Higbee at East Randolph, New York, December 25. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman will make their home at Lincoln, Nebraska, where Mr. Boardman is teaching in the State University.

'10—Rev. Jason McPherson, who is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Cold Water, Michigan, has just closed a very successful series of revival meetings.

Preparatory

'04—Rev. Francis Eddy is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Baxley, Indiana.

'04—Rev. Waldo R. Emerson, who is president of the Iowa conference, has been holding revival meetings at Marengo, Iowa.

'06—Mr. Benjamin Clawson is professor of biology in the Kansas State University. He is also doing original research work in milk tests.

'09—Miss Ethel Hester is teaching in Tully, Kansas.

'09—Rev. Wellington Neville is pastor of the Methodist church at Lakeside, New York.

'10—Miss Florence Judd is attending the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

'11—Mr. Owen Walton, who has been attending Hiram College, has returned to continue his work here.

'12—Miss Helen Kerr has returned to school this semester.

Old Students

Mr. Walter Crosby is manager of the Union Pacific tea store at Olean, New York.

Miss Zelia Miner is at her home in Richland, New York.

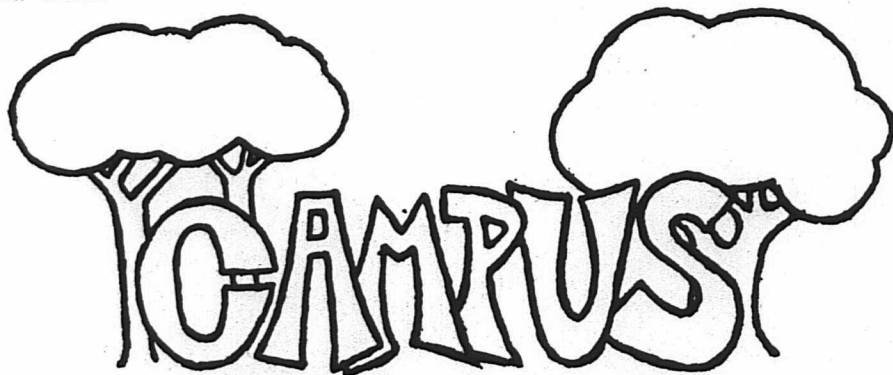
Miss Edna Benning is teaching near her home at Orchard Park, New York.

Miss Winifred Molyneaux of Elkland, Pa., is visiting her brother and other friends here.

Rev. Charles Sicard and Rev. C. W. Smith were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. McConnell.

Mr. Everett Worth is farming on a large scale near Rushville, Indiana.

We are glad to hear of the interest that the Alumni and former students are taking in obtaining subscriptions to the Sunday School Times. Mr. William Ayers has sent in the largest number of subscriptions and several others have done splendidly. However many more subscriptions are needed that it may be possible for President Luckey to attend the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich next July. Would it not be possible for those who have not sent in any subscriptions as yet, to do so at once?



G. TREMAINE McDOWELL, '15, EDITOR.

College Locals

Rev. Frank Wright was obliged to remain at home a few days last month on account of the illness of his wife.

We are glad to see another member in the Freshman Class, Mr. Frederick Overton, from Adams, New York.

Mr. LaVay Fancher had the pleasure of a visit from his mother recently.

A few weeks ago a Sophomore and a Freshman had a narrow escape from a very severe shower that came up

suddenly as they were boarding the train.

Nine college men have enrolled in the new course in surveying.

Miss Aurilla Jones recently spent a few days at the home of Rev. Dean Bedford.

We fear that some of the boys in the Chemistry class are in a very precarious condition. They actually worked in the Lab one day for a whole hour without saying a word.

L. A. M.

Prep. Items

We are glad that Miss Verna Hanford has recovered from the grippe and has also decided to stay and graduate with the class of '13.

The new Preparatory students, Miss Presley, Mr. Amsdel and Valjean Churchill are welcome additions to our number.

Don't be alarmed if you see several of our Prep girls boarding the five o'clock train for Tuscarora.

Miss Vivian Sanders spent a day at her home in Portageville during examination week.

Mabel Parker spent Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, with her mother at Cuba.

We regret that Glenn Sheldon has found it necessary to leave school because of ill health.

Mabel Acher has been out of school because of illness.

George Bois caused considerable excitement recently by leaving town on the five o'clock, but we were all relieved the next day when we found he had walked back—from Fillmore.

E. J. A.

Music Notes

The Male Quartet gave a concert at Rushford last month and will sing at Fillmore soon.

There are a number of new students in the Music Department this Semester.

The Second Male Quartet sincerely regret that Mr. Edgar is to leave town the first of March. He has very pleasingly filled the position of second bass.

The music teachers are planning two recitals to be given by their pupils in the near future.

We have heard rumors that we are to have a permanent mixed quartet. We hope the rumors will prove true.

E. M. S.

Miscellaneous

Those taking the Regents Exams last month found some of them rather harder than usual.

The officers of the Student Body for 1913 have been elected as follows:

Paul Fall, President; Mary Hubbard, Secretary; George Whittaker, Treasurer.

Professor Bedford has been re-elected President of the Union Literary Association which publishes THE STAR and runs our lecture course. Ward Bowen is Vice-president; C. Belle Russell, Secretary and Grace Sloan, her assistant; Professor Rindfusz, Treasurer.

G. T. M.



ODDS AND ENDS

C. BELLE RUSSELL, '14, EDITOR

Dorm Maxims

1. Spend not thy money upon foolishness or thou wilt not have the wherewithal to pay thy board bill.

2. Thou canst not stay in bed and have thy breakfast too.

3. She that putteth off her washing till Saturday shall have cold water wherewith to wash, while divers cleaners shall manifest themselves in her way.

4. Stay in thy room during the study hours, for the creaking board bewrayeth her that wandereth abroad.

L. F. at Prohi League (referring to certain celebrities.) "I can not tell you of the authors—where they were born or where they were died."

The vicious senior usurped the place of Jessie in Third German, but Light has been shed upon the mystery. We quote from a letter Charles wrote to a fair sophomore. "Yes, I bribed him. He gets big salary for sitting with me."

We note with regret Clara Smith's long absence from school. What in the world could Aylor?

If B. I. were buried in a landslide would Sam Miner?

If Hester went to Fillmore, perhaps Miss Eastwood.

If Miss B. should disappear would Charles Bues (booze)?

If Miss Sloan should ride on 2,000 pounds of coal, would it be Grace Over-ton?

No less an authority than G. B. issued in Lit. and Crit. the following interesting bit of information: "Frank-

lin's first trip to England was to buy a typewriter."

Sam has enlarged his field of operations in "Wireless" to include the study room where phenomenal success appears to be attending his efforts.

The mind of our assistant in physiology is rapidly broadening. His devotion to the Butterfly and the Robin Moth are touching indeed. "There's a Reason."

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?

Or a key for a lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called an academy
Because there are pupils there?
—Selected.

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