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HOUGHTON, I LOVE YOU.

Again I can hear your voice calling,
Oh land of the bright Genesee:
The yesterdays ever entralling
Have brought your own message to me;
And now when the autumn leaves shimmer
Their tresses of purple once more,
And gold-tinted miracles glimmer
Your colours are dear as of yore.

When morning light wings thru yon portals,
Aurora flings nightshade away,
And thrills a L'Allegro to mortals
Of sunrise—hued, beauty—crowned day;
I waken and glad thoughts keep bringing
An echo of sweet memory—
Love's harmonies ever are ringing
A melody, Houghton, for thee!

At last when new scepters of glory
Descend from the sunsets of time,
And eventide whispers a story
Begun by the vesper bell's chime,
I fancy I hear you—I know so!
Your magical challenge "Be true!"
When night brings her Il Penseroso
And dreams, my own Houghton, of you.

So Heaven's best treasure possessing,
A heart that shall answer your call;
To bless the wide world with your blessing,
To give from your splendor Life's all.
And clear as the azure above you,
Bright as your honor shall shine,
Because you are Houghton I love you
Ever eternally mine!

L. K. H.

RUSSIA AND DEMOCRACY.

The Russian peasant or the proletariat have for some time been becoming more and more discontented with the autocratic rule of the old bureaucratic regime. Up to the beginning of the twentieth century Russia was a peasant empire. At about that time, many industrial establishments were set up along capitalist lines and this necessarily brought objection from the industrial proletariat and formed grounds for revolution. Many were the strikes and the uprisings against the capitalist rule. The two socialist parties, the Social Democrats and the Revolutionary Socialists, were even at war with another. The actions of the Duma, largely socialistic in membership, were interfered with by the government. Revolution came and

what were the results? What could be expected when Russia had to face war both without and within? The country was in a great state of disruption for it was ruled first by one party and then by another. At the close of 1915, Premier Goremykin retired and his successor, M. Boris Sturmer, was an object of suspicion on account of his German descent. His administration appeared to be successful, however, for the army carried off the victory at Erzerun. But the ministry soon found itself at odds with the Liberal element and at the meeting of the Duma on Feb. 14, 1916, steps were taken to overthrow the Sturmer ministry.

Amid all this uproar and confusion is it any wonder that when the Germans offered peace under certain conditions, the Russians did not stand together with themselves and the other Allies for the complete downfall of Russianism? One of the leading factions that grew up at this time was the Bolsheviki. Led by Leon Trotsky, they present a new phase of the question and a new attitude that is not and seemingly cannot be understood by the other nations as a whole.

The Bolshevik faction is led by Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotsky, the latter a Russian Jew who was called from Brooklyn to fill the office of Bolshevik Minister of Foreign Affairs of Revolutionary Russia. The attitude of the Bolsheviki is the attitude of Trotsky. These men are not exactly what we would call the proletariat but they are working for the benefit of this group. Lincoln Steffins insists, "Trotsky is not pro-German—He isn't pro-Allies: he isn't even pro-Russian. He isn't a patriot at all. He is for a class, the proletariat, that working people of all countries, and he is for his class only to get rid of classes and to get down or up to—humanity. And so with his people."

Trotsky himself says, "The present war is at the bottom of a revolt of the forces of production against the political form of nation and state. It means the collapse of the national state as an independent economic unit." "The war proclaims the downfall of the national state. Yet at the same time it proclaims the downfall of the capitalist system of economy." "The future development of world economy on the capitalist basis means ceaseless struggle for new and ever new fields of capitalist exploitation, which must be ob-

tained from one and the same source, the earth." He says too, "The German-English war is really being waged for the freedom of the imperialistic exploitation of the peoples of India and Egypt on the one hand and for the imperialistic division of the peoples of the earth on the other." He believes that "the only way in which the proletariat can meet the imperialistic perplexity of capitalism is by opposing to it as a practical programme of the day the Socialist organization of world economy."

With these ideas in the foreground, should we be surprised that Trotzky and the Bolsheviks do not feel that they have a place in the war and insist on making peace with both sides? Can we blame the Bolsheviks for wanting to revolutionize the whole world when they really are following out their beliefs as they state them?

When the Bolsheviks began to apply their singular tactics, the rest of the world smiled. What faith they had in their plan! It seemed foolish and hopeless to try to get the Germans to see their point of view. But Trotzky did not rely on the journalists. Although he got some support from the German progressive press when he insisted on a public debate at Brest and dragged out the discussion of peace terms, yet this was not what he was working for—he depended on the common people. He was constantly emphasizing his main object—to bring about a social revolution in the various countries. First he got the Austrian proletariat to strike, and then the German. But, you ask, what good have these "demonstration strikes" done? They have been put down and the German capitalistic autocrat goes on ruling with his abominable cruelty astonishing the world. But wait, the plow strikes a deeper furrow. They show that the German people are reaching the limits of endurance and will eventually cause the German statesman to make peace—if he can. The Allies have been fairly sensible and we expect them still to be. If they do their part, they will not make peace until the German autocracy is completely demolished. Its overflow is likely to come not so much by the armed victories as by the demands of the German proletariat.

In this the Bolsheviks and the allies are agreed—German autocracy must be put down. But Trotzky thinks the same thing should be done among the allies—the common people should rule everywhere. Apparently, he does not see the democracy of France, he neglects to observe the American—Wilsonic aims—"the purpose to bring more democracy and a greater equality of opportunity to all."

Trotzky has a far better insight into the real meaning of the struggle between capital and labor than many of our leaders, but this plan is not without its faults. Is the rule of the masses, complete democratic rule, much better than capitalist rule? Look at the government of Greece and the plebian struggle at Rome. Did complete democracy bring the best results? Trotzky forgets the old principle that "there is no greater injustice than the equal treatment of unequals."

When the Bolshevik plans seemed to give Germany such an advantage, or when Germany took such advantage of the Bolshevik plans, the Americans began to denounce the latter as traitors and pro-Germans. But this does not better conditions at all. If America and her allies should try to "wash their hands" of Russia, which is one of the alternatives suggested by Lloyd-George, they would soon find that they have made a serious mistake. Such a course would give Germany a great economic advantage for Russia cannot cope alone with the capitalist powers of Germany.

Russia needs, not our harsh criticism, but our help. If we can get her to see things as we see them, if we can get her to unite with our aims, then capitalistic and autocratic German rule is doomed to failure. As one of the editors of the 'New Republic' says, "Political victory depends upon the quick and thoroughgoing democratization of the policy of the Alliance and of its leadership, and of the resolution, once this democratization is complete, of continuing to fight until the German autocracy admits defeat."

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ARBOR DAY

The students of Houghton Seminary may always expect a vacation of one day in the fall. This is Arbor Day. Some work that is quite necessary to be done is selected and every one helps. The boys do the greater part assisted by the girls. The dinner is put up by the girls and it is a regular full-sized one.

That glad day happened to come this fall on Thursday, Oct. 17th. President Luckey informed us that the potatoes on the school farm were to be the objects of our endeavor. After a short meeting in the chapel at 9:00 A.M. during which instructions were given, the boys went to the potato patch leaving the girls to follow later with the dinner.

The patch was only three-quarters of an acre and the digging went like play because there were so many of us. We were finished almost an hour before

dinner so we fellows played leap-frog, crack-the-whip, switch tails, standing broad jump, running broad jump, and the high jump.

The best part of the whole affair was the dinner. My, all the sandwiches and potato salad you wanted, pickles, baked apples, cake, coffee, and a big red apple apiece. We all sat down in a semicircle and were quickly served. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Miss Grange, Miss Tarey and the different committees who helped prepare the dinner.

The next thing on the program was picking up the potatoes. The girls and boys lined up and marched toward the crates. Each couple took a crate and was assigned a row. Soon the larger potatoes were conquered and then the little ones. In an hour that potato patch lacked the potatoes and every one was ready for the ball game.

Bullock and Shultz were the batteries for the Gold, Smith and Bruce for the Purple. Inasmuch as it was the first ball game you can imagine how interesting it seemed to all of us. Both sides were pretty evenly matched but the Purple won nine to four.

In the minds of all as they went home passed this thought, "Hasn't this been a happy day?"

Open Forum

On Wednesday of this week the young ladies of this institution were found congregated near the diamond. The excitement causing this gathering was afforded by the boys who were frantically endeavoring to find enough men for a game. After drafting several it became necessary to seek aid from the weaker sex for umpires. It was highly entertaining to say the least. It would be impossible to state who the stars were because they were all stars. Some showed much inclination toward knocking fouls and umpires were hard to keep. The score being 14 to 6 you will readily realize that the game must have been excruciatingly interesting.

Wonderful spirit is displayed in the way the girls take hold of their athletics, and some say that the boys might imbibe some of their spirit.

Thursday afternoon a very thrilling game of basket-ball was played by the girls. In this case the stars were easily picked for they shone brightly. Ruth Luckey, our president's daughter, shows herself to be a budding star forward. Heres hoping she will soon blossom. Miss Rogers also is a shining light as a

guard altho somewhat inclined to throttle her opponent. Of course there are many other splendid players too countless to mention. The score was 10 to 4 to the distress of the vanquished, altho they proved themselves to be good losers. We hope more entertainment will be afforded in this line for the enthusiasm shown is inspiring and later championship games are to be played.

Some girls have taken their six required eight mile hikes and still keep on, thinking it beneficial. Surely it will amply repay any of us tho we only take the shorter ones.

Altho tennis has not been much patronized this fall it is hoped that next spring when the court ceases to be a swimming tank that more interest will be manifested. Plans are underway for a tournament in this as well as basket-ball.

A. H.

The Neosophic Society of Houghton Seminary was not established simply for a few minutes to be wasted or idly used but for the same purpose that all other things in Houghton were brought forth—that we might better fit ourselves for the walks of life. No one can say that he does not need the practise in writing, reading, singing, or speaking, which this society affords. This society not only gives each one a chance to sit and listen to others but it breathes within him a desire for nobility which has possessed the entire being of some worthy character who is quoted or read. Who can read or listen to the poems, readings, or essays of those men and women who have gone to the topmost round of the ladder, without hungering for a chance to follow them. Those great ones of the past were a few years ago at the bottom of the ladder availing themselves of every humble opportunity toward success. Can we, like Europeans, be content to live in the past? Let us make the present society one of high nobility and of great achievement.

S. L.

I am almost ashamed to tell why I like the Neosophic Society. One of the biggest reasons is that it shortens the study hours on Monday nights.

Then we always have more or less fun. This is sometimes caused by the program but more often by the janitor and some of his cronies.

Besides this I appreciate the chance we have to get used to speaking before people. However I really do not enjoy this very much.

M. W.

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Editorial

WE THANK THEE, GOD!

In times of great distress the heart of man often feels a keen sense of his dependence upon some one or some thing that is able to successfully combat the forces that prevail. It is then that one may, or rather, often does, look up to the Invisible One and offer a prayer, either for help or of praise, which varies according to the condition in which the individual is found. Thus it would appear that we are such delinquent mortals that we must be whipped by trouble, distress and misfortune in order that we should do the very thing which is innate in us and most natural to do—worship.

This is not the normal attitude of a thinking, reflective soul. Why should one be more thankful to God because he has seen some dangers and escaped, than he is going thru an ordinary day seeing no danger? With our limited vision we only see a fraction of our perils and dangers that hem us in on all sides, so how do we know how many times during the day our lives have been in jeopardy? If it is our duty to thank God for preserving our lives when we see from what we have escaped is it not as much our duty to thank Him when

we do not see the danger? If more Christians looked at it from this angle, instead of forever holding on to their own selfish, sightless self there would be a very marked increase in spiritual fervor and devotion.

It is time we are thankful that the Influenza is not raging within our borders. We are singularly free from it. So far we have been invisibly, miraculously delivered from it, still the point is this, let us not forget God after the epidemic ceases, but rather be as thankful to Him and serve Him as well then in the rare days of June as we would in the blustering days of February.

THE ISOLATED LIFE.

Many years ago it was very common for men to shut themselves away from their fellow-beings and endeavor to be pious by avoiding the temptations and snares of the world. We now realize that they had a mistaken conception of true purity and strength. Only by meeting and conquering temptation can we become really strong. As truly as it is a fact that our arms or legs would lose their strength if not used, so it is with our will power—we must increase it by facing squarely, instead of shirking the problem that comes to us.

Even now there are people who, although they do not exactly live the life of hermits, shun the association with others which is so necessary a part of our development if we are to grow symmetrically. We were not made to live alone—it is not a natural life. Only by mingling with the individuals about us can we hope to attain the happiness that is produced by bringing joy to others.

And it is not solely for ourselves that we should do this. We are to live for others, to give our time, ourselves in order to bring them, as far as we may, to a fuller realization of the true meaning of life, its heights and depths. We must learn to see the God-like in everyone as Christ did. If we are busy looking for this, we shall not have time to consider the repulsive and distasteful. When we consider that our Master said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least, ye have done it unto Me," how can we do anything beneath our best for others, lowly and great?

Surely no one who has caught the vision of a lost world can with a complacent conscience live a life of self-centred isolation. God forbid that we should do such a thing.

BE YOURSELF.

There comes a time in the life of every individual when he must take himself for just what he is worth. He is like others in a great many ways still he is not

them. He is a new character, a new personality introduced to the game of life. The individual sees faces about him and wonders why he should come where he apparently was not needed. It is not however for nught. Heaven lies about us when we are young and we come into the world to express ideas and ourselves. Who knows what potential life, development, meaning lies within the throbbing walls of the infant? He is not thrust upon us without meaning, there is work for him to do which no other can do quite so well as he.

If then the individual has a definite work to do he should be first of all a non-conformist. He should express the divine idea which troubles his heart no matter what the opposition may be or with what severity it may come. Courage may sometimes fail, manhood may be feeble, and as a result the man has succumbed not to his identical self but to his artificial and purely arbitrary self. If institutions, offices, customs and practices have become dead to him, then he should quit them, and not burden the world with the example of a living lie or the weight of his own insincere life. The life is more than meat; it is more than external actions and appearances; it is the good for which the constitution craves, and reaches out, it is no apology, not even a living but a life. It is. It not only exists but it becomes. It is continually out growing itself; losing the old relations that found it; discarding old friends that are not keeping pace with it; books that once pleased and breathed an harmonious consistency have long ago grown old and are nothing but rubbish to us now. One path remains open for him to pursue, all others closed --he must follow his path of duty which if he does will create a need which others will feel, and which he only will be the one to satisfy as he follows the voice of his inner monitor, not the opinion of the people. No personality is justified in existing unless it be itself. Do not be consistent if to-day you think differently than you thought yesterday. Do not endure the hobgoblin of consistency it will dwarf you and your life work; throw it to the winds. But will not the individual be misunderstood? Yes, by little minds and those who live by rote and never realize themselves, there surely will misunderstand him. But is it such a bad thing for Divinity to be misunderstood? Were not Pythagoras, Christ, Luther, Wesley, and Lincoln misunderstood? But by being misunderstood millions have grown to love the Christ with such a devotion that with each successive moment he has a great self-realization of His universal Virtue.

Be yourself, and do some thing for God and the world instead of being a burden. Leave the results to nature.

WHAT THE RED CROSS DOES

The American Red Cross has given the men at the Front a fresh, new conception of his own task. It has done this largely by removing the things which distress the body and the mind and destroy the soul--the mud, the filth, the anxiety, the heart-ache, the loneliness, the feeling of hopelessness--the clod which weighs down more heavily than all the accoutrements of war.

Its chief function overseas has been to develop the morale of the fighter-- that peculiar element without which no army can win in battle.

It has given the fighter spirit as well as life. It has strengthened his character and deepened his stamina.

If any American Army or Navy nurses are captured by the Germans the American Red Cross will support them during captivity, supplying them not only with food and clothing, but with money to pay their board in case the Germans treat them as of officer's rank. The Red Cross will assume this responsibility until such a time as the Government changes its regulation that, under the law, the pay of the army nurses, if captured, cannot be paid because they are not technically on duty.

Two hundred families in America are now receiving reports each week on the conditions of relatives stationed in England. This service, which enables the families of our fighting men to keep in touch with their absent ones, is conducted through the home communication branch of the Red Cross. The constant increase in number of inquiries received at the bureau in London, all of which are answered as promptly as possible and the many grateful letters received are evidence of the great popularity of the service, which is also at the disposal of families whose relatives are in training camps in this country.

To battle with the epidemic of Spanish Influenza that has been sweeping over the Atlantic seaboard, the American Red Cross has called out Home Defense society nurses and assigned them to camps, hospitals, and building plants. Emergency orders have been sent to Red Cross divisions to secure the nurses needed to meet local problems. Several thousand contagion masks have also been released from a reserve supply at headquarters for distribution division directors.

Village Notes

Houghton as well as other places is feeling the loss of friends.

Mrs. Lewis Churchill passed away on Tuesday Oct. 22, and just a few days previous to her death, her son Leslie also passed away.

Mrs. Will Francis passed away very suddenly early Friday morning, Oct. 25, although she had not been in good health for some time, her death was very sudden and a great shock to her relatives and a large number of friends.

Miss Fidelia Clement passed away at the home of her niece Mrs. Dean Bedford on Thursday Oct. 24. She was brought here for burial on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Dean Bedford, two sons Clement and Donald and Miss Martha Parker took dinner at Mrs. C.J. Crandalls, on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Willard Francis of Rome were here to attend his mother's funeral. Mr. and Mrs F.S. Lee accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnett are visiting their son Wallace of Lockport.

Mrs. Silsbee and Miss Alice Bowen were called here by the illness of Mrs. Silsbee's son Lewis.

Mr. Will Daniels is here helping care for his brother Fred Daniels.

Miss Nora Mattoon has been ill for the past week but we are glad to see her back in school again this week.

Mrs. P.S. Bowen and Mrs. Lelia Bowen were called to Ithaca by the illness of their son and husband Ward. Mrs. P.S. Bowen returned Thursday leaving her son on the gain.

Miss Tanner, one of our returned Missionaries from Africa spent Wednesday night Oct. 23 at Mrs. N. J. Peck's.

Mrs. Hattie Tucker returned from Rochester Saturday Oct. 26.

Mrs. Gertrade Clocksin has been visiting friends in town a few days.

Miss Anna Carsons, a friend of Gertrude Clocksin is attending school in Houghton.

Mr. Chas. Bentley and family of Pondunque have moved into the old Buck house. Mr. Bently will work for Mr. P.B. Loftis.

Mrs. Alfred Parker and Veva Parker spent Saturday night with Mr. Chas. Burr. Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Lapham of Rushford spent Sunday evening at Will Lapham's.

Mr John Wilcox spent Sunday at Rev. Mattoon's of Rush Creek.

Miss Edna Caryle has been home for the past two weeks because of the illness of her parents.

The Misses Hall, Williams and Andrus visited Fillmore Friday Nov. 1, at 4 A. M. It rained very heavily so they varied their mode of locomotion any where from a walk to a swim. They returned late for breakfast.

Mr. Will Lapham has been ill for a few days. He was poisoned by holding nails in his mouth while he shingled. His condition is much improved.

Alumni Notes

Mr. Claude Reis, college '18 who is taking graduate work at Asbury, Wilmore, Ky., has been very low with Influenza. Late reports assure however, that he is gaining and is once more able to attend school.

Miss Leona K. Head, Preceptress of the school at Spring Creek, Pa., has had a nervous collapse. She is resting now and soon will be able to resume her duties at school.

On October 16, at Little Ferry, N. J., occurred the marriage of Bonnie Jean Frazier, formerly a student here, to Mr. Edward Wm. Vogel, of Camp Humphry.

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A LETTER FROM A MERCHANT MARINE.

Dear Bev. and Mac.-

Undoubtedly you will be surprised to get a letter from me. I have thought of you two quite often. Even now I wish I could be with you in school. I enjoyed those days more than any others in my life for various reasons. Every day I go to work I realize the greatest vacation in a fellow's life is when he has a chance to go to school and make good. As I look back to those days I can see real joy in them.

I guess I am the only fellow in school that is connected with this branch of the service. I belong to what is called the "black gang". It is not a very elevating name but nevertheless it is the most respected class in this branch of the service.

I have finished my training and am now rated as a first class fireman. I am to leave training this week but where I am to be sent I do not know however I am anxious to get out on the briny deep and do what I can to help my country stamp out German Autocracy.

The morale of the men in training here is higher than in any other military organization. There is a varied class of people here. I know several actors that are prominent in the New York theatrical circle. Then there is a big bunch of millionaires here. They come here with an idea of roughing it awhile. But it does not take them long to find out that roughing it in real life is an altogether different proposition than roughing it in reel life or book life. I was discouraged the first couple weeks. I didn't know what to do with myself but now I am enjoying it fine.

The really weak point in this service is the eats. It is all steam cooked and of course it tastes altogether different from what the boys have been used to and two thirds of the time it is not cooked thoroughly nor flavored. The first week or two the fellows will go hungry rather than eat it. I used to buy almost all I ate at the Y. M. C. A. canteen. Now I have learned to relish it and you know what an appetite I used to have. Well you ought to see it now. I tell you what, fellows, if the boys at the Dorm could be made to take their meals here for a week they would go back to Miss Grange's tables with the feeling that they were going to meals prepared for kings. I would like to hear from you fellows but I am leaving here this week for regions unknown so I guess

I'll have to do without. I received a copy of the Star last week and I certainly enjoyed reading it. Then I learned of Meek's and Wm. Russel's death. It certainly is too bad but the Lord knows best.

In Boston over 4000 deaths have resulted from this epidemic. I was in the hospital three weeks with it but wasn't very sick. I enjoyed every minute of the time because they kept me fed up full every minute.

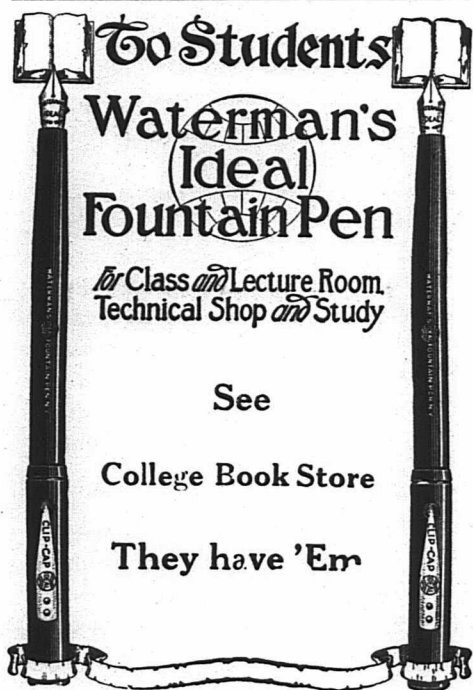
Fellows, I don't know how I could have gone thru this life straight were it not for Houghton's influence on my life during the time spent there. Well, so long, fellows, remember me to all of the old friends and tell them to say a prayer for me because I need them. I sure wish you could be here and see the fellows out in in the yard and hear them sing. They sure put the vigor in their words. It certainly sounds great.

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How can a sailor be sure there is a man in the moon?
Because he's been to sea!

If a man was born in England, educated in France and died in America what would he be?
A dead man!

Elaine Hall rushes into Miss Kelly's room — "Do we have to tell an 'antidote' for Monday's lesson?"

To Do With Fish
Some people are fond of fish on Friday. But others have different taste, Bascom for instance prefers his on Sunday afternoons.

'Tis often said that women go out searching for men with a light but it was never thought men would be so foolish as to go searching with no oil in their lamps; nevertheless, good luck to you, Mac.

"Did you hear about the terrible shock Miss Davis received yesterday?"

"No, how did it happen?"

"She stepped on a cookie with a currant in it."

UP-to-Date
Little Johnnie, aged seven, was being admonished by his father for fighting with the boy next door. "I never got into a fight when I was a boy," said his parent. "I know, dad," said Johnnie; "but these are war times."

It would almost appear that Miss Lina Sullivan has come all the way from Michigan on a botanical hunt for trees. Well, if so, she certainly found a S-Bruce tree.