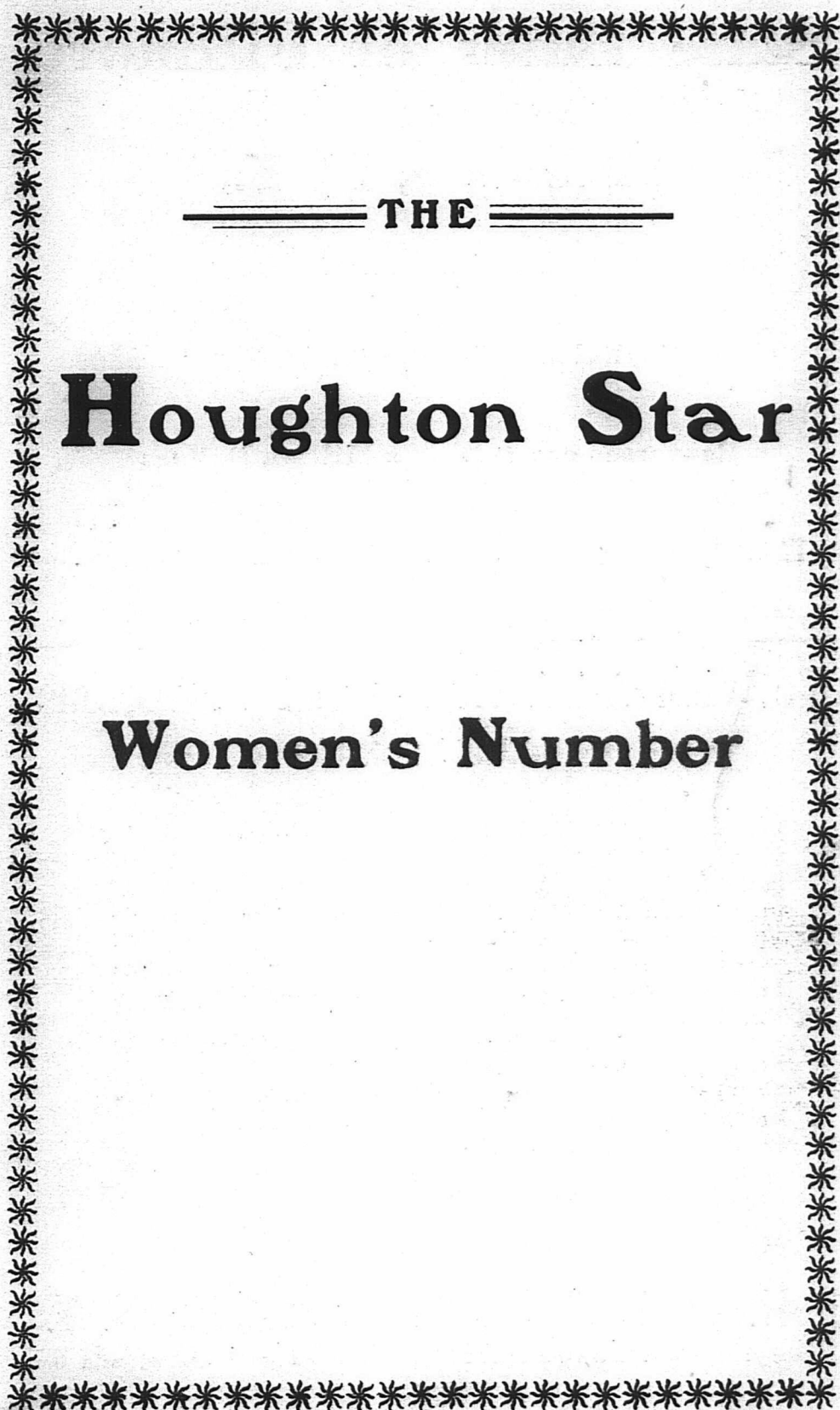


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## *The Awakening of Elmer West*

Bessie M. Fancher

In a beautiful Metropolitan church in the large city of B——, an enthusiastic young minister was speaking to the people, not in the eloquent flow of language, which he had at his command, but in a simple heart to heart talk on the subject of "Humanity and Its Needs."

The church was crowded but the listeners were spell-bound as they followed the emphatic words of their leader. "We who live in the lap of luxury, nurtured by wealth and riches, have not the slightest conception of the condition of mankind around us. They are creatures of another world, without feelings or desires as far as we are concerned. Can we as we follow the teachings of the One great Master neglect the needs and sorrows of those He came to save?"

With a simple, direct appeal, he dismissed the congregation. Quietly they passed out into the beautiful morning sunlight. Many were thoughtless, some were indifferent, while others were deeply moved; Among the latter class was Elmer West. It seemed to him, who was the indulged only child of wealthy parents, that the minister had been greatly mistaken. But still those words kept ringing through his mind.

That night he did not rest, a sense of responsibility weighed upon him as in all his gay life it had never done before. At last he arose from his bed, sat by the window and

watched the luminous lights of the great city. He could not forget, but he did not choose to remember. Finally he exclaimed, "I'll prove he is wrong," then crept into bed and slept peacefully.

In the morning he made hasty arrangements for leaving home. He went to a distant city and there bought a faded, second hand suit of clothes and became as a poor wanderer.

He roamed the streets searching for work. Usually he was curtly dismissed but now and then some more kindly employer would give him a smile or a bit of advice. When he might have obtained a situation, he had no references and was therefore not considered worthy. For three days he searched for employment but each time returned to the cheap boarding house, tired and discouraged. But still he would not give up. Several times he saw people among whom he would have been welcome, had he told who he was. But no he chose to be poor that he might prove to that minister how mistaken he had been.

On the fourth night his footsteps turned into a street, on which were beautiful mansions. These seemed to him more desirable than ever before, as he saw the great contrast between his old, wretched clothing and almost benumbed condition, and the beauty, warmth and comfort to be found just inside the doors.

While walking along, he saw a large house all agleam with light and he watched the graceful movements of the carefree dancers. On



walking a little farther, he saw another brilliant house, yet quite a different scene; five pretty children were playing in a room lighted by dozens of candles. There seemed to be no grown people except the servants about the house. Perhaps they were at the ball. Why, yes, it is New Years eve. How could I have forgotten exclaimed Elmer in astonishment. There was to have been a ball at the Wordens and I was to have gone and here I am instead. I believe I will go home and leave all this. What is the use in all this foolishness he soliloquised as he turned to go.

But what was that scream, a flash, and then without a thought Elmer broke through the heavy plate glass window and rushed inside the room. He tore a curtain from its fastenings and wrapping it tightly about the frightened child soon smothered the flames.

The servants had all fled at the first sign of fire except poor crippled Jasper, who took the precaution to telephone to his master, that the house was on fire.

Meanwhile Elmer had restored the fainting child to consciousness and had succeeded in quieting the fear of the other children.

It seemed scarcely a moment before the master of the house arrived and almost simultaneously the fire company came clattering down the street.

Wallace Grayson was terrified to find his beautiful granddaughter in the arms of a rough, bloody stranger. Then snatching her from him, he cried, "Who in the world are you, and what are you doing here?"

Elmer tried to answer but the pain from his cuts, bruises and burns together with the sudden release from responsibility proved entirely too great for his strength and he fell to the floor insensible.

The firemen were still standing outside and wondering why they had been called when Mr. Grayson came to the door and motioning the chief to come nearer, said, "Something strange has happened. Little Marjorie is burned. An uncouth man is unconscious on the floor. I can not and will not have him here. Take him in your car and carry him to the hospital. I have no time to summon an ambulance. The fire chief did as he was directed, although he was sorry for the bruised piece of humanity, of which he had charge.

When Elmer recovered consciousness, he could not remember, where he was. All the details pertaining to his injuries did not come to him until some hours later, when he received a note from Mr. Grayson which read.

"Sir, Little Marjorie and the other children say you come and saved her life. If that is so I thank you, but the servants say, had you not so frightened them they would have put out the fire unaided. At any rate, I am sending you one hundred dollars. Do not come for any more, and hereafter do not loaf about the streets, if you do you will get into trouble. Even now I might have you punished for housebreaking, but if I hear no more from you I will not.

Wallace Grayson."

Elmer drew from his pocket a roll of bills and enclosing the one hundred dollars in a larger bill, he sent them back with his compliments to Wallace Grayson. For a long time, he lay on his cot musing, then he exclaimed aloud, Lowell was right when he said,

Not what you give, but what you share,

For the gift without the giver is bare.

It was several years later and Elmer West the philanthropist and slum worker was visiting at his own



home when on going down to dinner, he was presented to Mr. Wallace Grayson, who had business with the elder Mr. West. During the dinner Mr. Grayson told the strange story of his granddaughter's accident. As he ended, Elmer reached into his pocket and brought out a soiled bit of paper, which he always carried with him and handing it to Mr. Grayson asked him if he had ever seen that.

It was the harsh, cruel letter received at the hospital. Mr. Grayson's face changed rapidly from red to white and then to red again. Elmer then said quietly, "I was that tramp. To prove that the poor were not unkindly treated, I became as one of them. Do you blame me now, for giving my life to relieving the conditions of the poor and wretched as I have seen and felt them?"

Mr. Grayson extended his hand, "Will you shake hands with me," he asked. I never can be the man you are but if you ever need assistance, remember I would like to serve you." And in silence they shook hands.

### *Woman's Entrance Into College.*

C. Belle Russel.

The land was filled with horror when woman decided to go to college. That made no difference. Her mind was made up, and to college she went despite the gauntlet of stinging criticism.

Hitherto woman's realm had been bounded by the four walls of her home, but now she began to voice the thought of Charlotte Bronte, who said, "I believe single women should have more to do—better chances of interesting and profitable occupation than they now possess . . . The fathers order them to stay at home, to sew and to cook. They expect them to do this, and this

only, contentedly, regularly, uncomplainingly, all their lives long; as if they had no germs of faculties for anything else . . . .Keep your girls minds narrow and fettered—they will be a plague and a care, sometimes a disgrace to you; cultivate them—give them scope and work—they will be your gayest companions in health, your tenderest nurses in sickness. Your most faithful prop in age.

Something within woman was demanding expression. That something yearned for activities in life mental as well as physical. She knew that her Creator had endowed her, as well as man, with gray matter, therefore, why should she not have an equal chance to develop it? College appeared to solve the problem.

The college grew out of the seminary and academy. Between 1789 and 1845 scores of these schools were opened to women, particularly in Massachusetts and New York; while in the Gulf States of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Texas, there were several incorporated colleges for women, but slightly inferior to those for men. These colleges were about on a par with the seminaries of the Northern states.

The first real college to admit women was Oberlin, Ohio, where the Coed made her appearance in 1833. Oberlin was censured for encouraging woman to leave her sphere, yet later many other colleges followed her example, while even at this time, the cause was not without friends.

One of the ablest advocates of higher education was the Rev. Joseph Emerson, a Harvard graduate, without mention of whom it is said, no account of this subject would be complete. He declared that the education within the reach of woman was artificial and worldly and straightway set about to reform it. In 1818, he established a school at Byfield, in 1821 one at Saugus and in 1824,

one at Withersfield, Connecticut. About one thousand New England maidens attended these schools where a three years course sought to inculcate principles which should lay the foundation of strong character, not neglecting a high standard of mental training, which was to be sought as a means of usefulness to others, rather than for the joy of possession.

Among the most distinguished pupils of Joseph Emerson was Mary Lyon, who later founded a school for women at Mount Holyoke, Massachusetts, which from the first ranked high in scholarship. Among the branches taught were Political science, Latin, Mathematics, and the sciences, while daily Bible lessons were conducted.

The college woman from the first manifested a remarkable liking for education and displayed an aptitude for learning fully equal to that of man. In the first schools as well as in the hundreds of colleges and universities which, later admitted her, she received the training and culture which helped her to demonstrate to the world that a woman can do other things besides cooking and sewing, and what is more, she can do those not requiring too great physical strength just as well as the lords of Creation.

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### *Co-Education.*

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As long as the stars shine and the moon sheds its soft, mysterious beams upon happy lovers, the question of association between the sexes will be more or less discussed. In the days that are past and buried by the dust of several centuries, woman was secluded and seldom saw any man, except the male members of her own family.

Now, all is changed. Woman no longer consents to be secluded, but demands the right to mingle with

men as their equals. In the matter of education, however, there are some people who wish to draw the line and to revert back to the customs of our ancestors, by again separating the sexes during the school period. These people seem to forget that the great purpose of education is to fit men and women for life, and that to do this, they must educate the young people for the environment in which they must live after leaving school. Men and women must necessarily be thrown together in all the activities of life, so why not allow them to mingle with each other during the period when habits and character are formed?

There are many reasons which might be given in favor of co-education, but as space is limited, I will mention only the three which seem to me most important.

Co-education is a benefit to the school in which it exists. It brings more students to the school because it increases the pleasure. Fun is always more abundant in mixed companies than when each sex meets alone. It may, also be used to bring about a higher standard of work in the class room. Recognizing this fact, many schools have organized the boys and girls into opposing teams and have offered a prize to the team maintaining the highest average of scholarship.

Again, co-education is a great social educator. It keeps alive the spirit of chivalry in young men. It betters their manners and improves their speech. Few young men care to appear rude in the presence of ladies. On the other hand, let us see what co-education does for the social training of the girl. At an early age she learns that man, even though he may himself, be carelessly dressed, abhors slovenliness in a girl. As she is possessed of a natural desire to be well thought of by men, she straightway endeavors to correct any fault that she may have of this kind. Continual association does away with the shy reserve which most girls feel in the presence of men, which makes them appear self conscious and awkward.

Lastly, co-education furthers the plans of the Creator. No doubt the original plan was that woman should marry and that man should be her protector. It has been said that a very large percent of the attachments which result in marriage are formed before the age of twenty. But, if boys and girls are not allowed to associate before that age, how are they to become acquainted? And "How can a man marry save he find a wife? And, pray, how can a woman marry save she be asked?"

The separation of the sexes during the developing period is, no doubt, one reason why the number of unmarried men and women is so rapidly increasing, and the number of homes so rapidly decreasing. Whatever affects the home, affects society. As long as society needs the home, the home needs true men and women. A properly regulated system of association will help to supply this need and to better society. M. E. D.

### *Mrs. Harriet Houghton.*

Mrs. Harriet Houghton passed from this life the twenty-fifth day of November, nineteen hundred and eleven, at the age of eighty-four years, six months and six days.

She was born and lived all her life in Allegany County, New York, except four years spent in the West with her children, after the death of her husband. Then she came back to Houghton, her old home town, to spend the rest of her life.

She was a woman of an exceptionally sweet disposition. I have never known a person so perfectly contented and uncomplaining as she has been, never a word of faultfinding, everything was right. A woman of a modest and retiring nature, she avoided publicity.

She was a true helper to her husband, and it was through her unselfishness and self-sacrifice that he was able to carry on the work for the church and for the school he founded. She kept up the home while he was away, and when he came home from his evangelistic trips tired out and often sick, she was always there ready to nurse and care for him till he was ready to go again.

Many of the older students of Houghton Seminary have been helped by

her kind sympathetic words and motherly encouragement. She always had a deep interest in them.

She loved the church and it was a great trial to her the last few years of her life that she could not attend on account of her defective hearing.

Her beautiful Christian life has been a benediction to many, especially to her children. Words cannot express our tribute of love to the dear little mother.

She was buried by the side of her dear husband in the Houghton Cemetery.

Mrs. Leonard F. Houghton.

### *Morning at the Dorm.*

P. G. Freshman.

Tell me not the bell is ringing;  
It's not time to rise, I know,  
For I'm sure we put the gas out,  
Not more than two hours ago!

But through sleep we miss our breakfast—

It's so cold, turn on the steam;  
Don't disturb me for a minute  
While I end that gorgeous dream.

Don't fall o'er the chairs, my darling;  
Crash! The ink has hit the floor!  
Weep not near the dismal ruin—  
Tears but help to spread it more.

You rose first and took the hairpins—  
O my hair! What shall I do?  
But I reckon I can tie it  
With a shoestring from my shoe.

There's the last bell—yes I'm ready—  
Now! I've tumbled down the stair,  
But don't laugh; the act was graceful;  
Do it better if you dare!

Pancakes made by Grace remind us  
Learn to cook, girls, if you can;  
Maids relying on this method  
Win with ease the heart of man.

Only half an hour to classtime,  
And I haven't looked at math!  
Now I'm bound for execution,  
Zeros, and Professor's wrath!

In Trig., Prof. Luckey—"Miss Churchill, don't you remember about permutations and computations in Algebra?"

Miss C.—"No, Professor, I don't remember one thing about my algebra, I had it many, many years ago."



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## Houghton, N. Y.

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## Editorial.

We are glad, as women, to have charge of this month's issue of the "Star." We believe in woman's ability to do things. At this stage of the world's history woman, in our land, is recognized as man's equal not as his inferior. In nearly every vocation and calling we find women who are demonstrating their ability to stand shoulder to shoulder with man and to help him in doing the work of the world. We have famous artists, poets, teachers and reformers. We need only name such women as Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Jane Adams, Maude Ballington Booth to show this, for they are well known. One woman is said to have political

influence in the state of Oklahoma as great as that of any other person. At present there is talk of electing a woman to the United States Senate.

There is another thing that we believe, that is that the girls of Houghton Seminary are in no respect inferior to the girls of the same grade in any other school.

Of course in this one paper, but few of our girls can be represented, but there are many others who are as capable as these, had we but space to represent them all. We hope that our readers will find this paper somewhat interesting and that any failure will be blamed not to the inability of our girls but to the inexperience of the editor.

## Exchanges

### OWEN M. WALTON, '15, EDITOR

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:

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Forum, Mt. Vernon, O.  
Budget, Lawrence, Kans.  
Item, Amsterdam, N. Y.  
Albright Bulletin, Myerstown, Pa.  
Hermonite, Mt. Hermon, Ill.  
College Monitor, Miltonvale, Kans.  
Red and Black, North Chili, N. Y.  
The fair coeds demand this space,  
To them we always yield;  
It's prudent to give up the race,  
When they demand the field.

## Organizations

R. A. SELLMAN, '13, EDITOR

### Athenian Society

A Thanksgiving program was rendered at the meeting just preceding Thanksgiving Day. Some splendid papers were read dealing with the origin and history of Thanksgiving and with the life and customs of the Puritan Fathers.

China was the topic discussed at the last meeting. A presentation of her history, both past and present together with her philosophy and religion gave us a very clear and comprehensive idea of China's condition.

The interest and diligence shown in the preparation of the various programs are indeed a great source of gratification.

R. S.

### Philomathean Notes

The purpose of society work is to cultivate the mind. The broadening influence of the mingling of mind with mind associated by a common purpose and common desire for advancement can be secured in a well conducted society in a manner in which it can not be in the school room. Perhaps if the highest ideals can be kept constantly before us in our preparations and in society relations there will be greater success; and our work will count for more at each meeting.

At the last meeting before vacation new officers were elected. Mr. Harold McMillian is now President.

The society was pleased to see in their midst again Mrs. Stanley Wright a former member, who is now the pastor's wife at West Chazy, N. Y.

Several of the members have left school, but as others are joining the number has not decreased.

The work for the last month has been creditably performed, but we are looking for and expecting better co-operation, better preparation and better rendering of each program throughout the year.

B. M. F.

### The Prohibition League

The Prohibition League has not done much of late. In fact some might consider that it "went on the tail of progress." It boasts of forty members out of a student body of four times that number. Be that as it may. It holds its sessions bi-monthly. At these sessions moral questions have been analyzed both chemically and physically. Even Socrates would tremble could he hear "our young league philosophers" prove what are and what are not right principles. There is one other thing which the league has accomplished. It has arranged for an oratorical contest and has entered for the aforesaid contest "only twenty-four orators" after Demosthenes own heart. T. J. T.

### Current History Club Notes

The meetings of the Current History Club have been receiving more attention during the past month than formerly. A very interesting and successful meeting was held recently in the reception room of the Dorm. Prof. Smith in a very able manner gave the history of the origin and development of the modern novel. The last meeting previous to the Holiday vacation was enlivened by a few minutes spent in a social way. Chocolate and wafers were served and a general good time prevailed. There will be no meeting during the vacation.

R. D.

### Can You Imagine

Miriam not sleeping in class?  
Ray not going to Virgil?  
Harold not longing for June?  
Prof. Smith without his satchel?  
Rindfus without his saying "Association isn't allowed?"  
Mary without Cecil?  
Maude not talking?  
Tremaine behaving in Rhetoric class?  
Anyone who doesn't know the college song?

It has been discovered, by means of a Philo question box recently, that the two most important battles of 1777 were Bull Run and Lexington, and also that DeSoto discovered the Pacific Ocean.

## Athletics.

R. W. Hazlett, '14.

With the following lineup the College Freshmen and the Varsity basketball teams clashed in a series of spirited games for the championship of the school in which the Varsity came off with first honors.

### Freshies

### Varsity

L. Bedford ..	. f. .	T. Thompson
J. Frazier ..	I. f. .	R. Hazlett
O. Walton ..	c . . .	W. Willover
R. Calhoun ..	r. g. .	P. Fall
G. Thompson ..	l. g. .	R. Edgar

The first game was won by the Varsity after a most stubbornly-fought battle with the score a tie at the end of the last half. Score 10 to 12.

The aspiring Freshies opined that this game did not prove anything when won by such a narrow margin and accordingly, after assiduously practicing in preparation, they were overjoyed to have the score standing 7 to 10 in their favor when the second game was called by darkness, which also did not prove anything.

In the third and deciding game, however, their high hopes were laid low and they went down to defeat by the decisive score of 6 to 18, thus firmly clinching the championship for the Varsity.

One other game has been played since with a somewhat altered lineup in which the Freshies won in a listlessly-played struggle by the score of 10 to 12.

These games have been the most successful in our history from the standpoint of attendance and also of the high degree of interest and enthusiasm manifested by the spectators.

Miss R. in debate—"Mr. O. does the negative need an introduction?"

Mr. O.—"Not if they are acquainted with the audience already."

Prof. McDowell\* in Economics class—"Miss Benton, what is your idea of a boy cott (boy caught)."

Miss Benton—"I am afraid I have not a successful idea of that subject."

## Locals.

J. W. ELLIOTT, '14, Editor

### Town Chat

On Dec. 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Lynde were pleasantly surprised by a party of thirty or more neighbors and friends in honor of their twelfth wedding anniversary.

On Dec. 15th, the same good company gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Crawford and reminded them that they had enjoyed married life for some years.

The next day the twenty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. McConnell was the occasion of a pleasant surprise by their friends.

A few days before Christmas the circle of surprises was completed by a large gathering of friends and relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Houghton in honor of their anniversary.

A new baby girl has arrived at the cheese factory recently.

Rev. C. Leslie Smith is holding revival meetings for Rev. F. H. Wright at Higgins.

Mr. Robert Molyneaux, formerly a student of Houghton Seminary, came to Houghton a short time ago with the intention of buying a farm in the near vicinity. Mr. Molyneaux intends to move here in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Walldorff expect to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Woodhead in Bradford.

Uncle Stephen Houghton has been quite ill with a severe cold, but is now recovering slowly.

We are glad to wish our townspeople a very happy Christmas and a glad New Year. O. L. S.

### A Correction

The Local Editor wishes to say that the last local item in last month's Star should not have been signed with the initials O. L. S.

Prof. Smith in College Rhetoric—Mr. T., if we know we are only to set forth one idea in a well rounded paragraph what effect does it have on our writing?"

J. G. T.—Desired effect I presume."



### College Items

C. Belle Russel spent her vacation at Eagel Harbor.

The college students, who passed their holiday vacation in town were Ray Sellman, Theos and Gail Thompson, Ward Bowen, Tremaine McDowell the Misses Edgar, Miriam Day, Opal Smith and Miss Dow.

We regret that Isabell Stebbins has been obliged to leave school because of ill health.

F. H. Wright spent the Holidays in holding a series of Revival meetings at Higgins Mills.

The College students extend sympathy to Charles Bues of Ohio whose home recently burned. We are sure, however, that he has received sympathy from other quarters, for we learn that he spent his vacation at Orchard Park, N. Y.

Milo Kingsbury has recently taken possession of the last vacant room at Houghton Hall.

Robert Presley spent his Holiday vacation at his home at Jasper, N. Y.

James Elliott spent his vacation at his home in Pittsford, Vt.

At Houghton Hall—What will go up the chimney up, but will not go down the chimney down? Ans. The fumes from a tin can containing live coals, sulphur, and red pepper. What will go down the chimney down but will not go up the chimney up? Ans. Water from the room above.

M. L. C.

### Faculty

Several members of the faculty were present when the students met to practice the college song. They seemed to make pretty good progress especially for as "old" people as Professor McDowell.

The students enjoyed a rare treat in chapel a few days ago, when Miss Grimes called upon the rest of the faculty to sing a stanza of our national hymn. They made a great hit, and were vigorously applauded.

Very few of the teachers were in town during the vacation. What's that old saying about the cat and the mice?

We are looking for some good advice relative to New Year's resolutions in the near future. W. C. B.

### Music Department

On Monday the 11th at the home of Mr. L. S. Bedford, a few of the music students were highly entertained by violin music rendered by Mrs. King, a very accomplished student of Mr. Hartmann. Mr. Miles Wagner of Bradford, Pa., also rendered a vocal solo.

The music teachers spent their well deserved vacation at their homes.

The Wednesday before Xmas vacation the chorus class gave the student body a fine selection. A vocal solo was given by David Scott.

Mr. Kiine, another one of Mr. Hartmann's students, who has been playing first violin in the Seminary orchestra, has gone to his home in Buffalo until spring.

Mr. Hartmann, the world renowned violinist, who has been residing in Houghton for some time, left to spend the remainder of the winter in Buffalo. Before he left he presented to Miss Grimes and Miss Hilpot each a copy of his own composition.

Miss Calhoun and Miss Banker have dropped their music work because of failing health.

The Seminary Band gave a concert Saturday evening, Dec. 16. D. H. S.

### Preparatory Notes

We are glad to see Miss Leta Calhoun in Houghton again although she is not able to take up her school duties.

Some of our number are leaving us. Miss June Keeler has returned to her home in Olean where she will attend school.

Miss Kathleen Banker was suddenly called home because of the severe illness of her mother. Miss Don McCarty accompanied her.

Miss Aurilla Jones spent a few days with her friend Miss Florence Eldridge of Fillmore.

Since Prof. McDowell has threatened to change the seats of two of the students in Prep. Bible II, and one a Senior, who sit in the back row, there has been better attention in class. I wonder why?

Most of the students spent Christmas at their homes; a few remained in Houghton while others visited friends.

The Seniors are wearing their new class pins.

A former Preparatory student, Glenn Carpenter, recently spent a few days in Houghton.

We are glad to welcome a new student, Mr. James Betts.

A Happy New Year to all. A. J.

Miltonvale

Sadie Sinclear

We presume that the first thing one looks for in a report from Kansas is an account of the weather, also, that the name itself brings to mind soft, golden sunshine and balmy, refreshing zephyrs. Surely our state does not stand in the front rank in ideal weather, but when a "zephyr" from the northwest arises especially at this time of year, we begin to wonder just how much ground, or perhaps better, wind, that word zephyr, covers. A few days of such wind lately helped us to appreciate the lovely weather we are enjoying at present. We were permitted, for two or three days to enter the building through the back door of the chapel, on the south and even then every one seemed to be in the clutches of shaking palsy or a similar malady.

The readers of the "Star" will be pleased to note that Professor Hester has not relaxed his diligence along Prohibition lines since coming to Miltonvale. The Study Class of the League, is progressing under his leadership and we are expecting some interesting, instructive orations from at least a part of the members at the Local Contest next spring. It was on one of the above mentioned days, that Professor, "not without a tremor in every limb," delivered a stirring address at chapel in which he called for at least a dozen contestants.

We are in the midst of a Holiness Convention led by Evangelist L. J. King. Rev. King was a loyal Catholic for twenty-five years, and is now just as loyal to the religion of Jesus Christ. He surely is a mighty man of God, not afraid to declare a full gospel in the face of discouragement and opposition. His lectures on the great Anti-Christ, or Roman Catholic church, as well as his books and magazine, are highly interesting.

#### New Year's Chimes

Once again at the midnight hour,  
Chimes peal forth from the steepled tower;  
The old year's gone, the new year's come—  
Ring out! old chimes, ring loud and long;  
Re-echo then from far and near,  
The glad refrain "To all good cheer."

At the close of day in the twilight,  
When shadows are deepening without,  
And sitting around our own fireside  
With loved ones gathered about;  
Cherished thoughts come o'er and o'er,  
Of brave deeds done in days of yore.

With minds aroused to fond memories  
Of lives well lived in the past,  
Shall we strive to be men and women,  
Like this honored and noble class?  
Thus trodding the road of those we revere,  
The path will seem brighter for each New Year.

K. Sperzel.

#### Woman in Fable

According to an ancient fable, the creation of woman was as follows: In the beginning, when the creator, Twashtri, came to make woman, he found that he had used all his materials to make man and that no solid elements were left. After long meditation, he took the rotundity of the moon, and the curves of the creepers, and the clinging of the tendrils, and the trembling of the grass, and the slenderness of the reed, and the bloom of flowers, and the lightness of leaves, and the tapering of the elephant's trunk, and the glances of deer, and the clustering of rows of bees, and the joyous gaiety of sunbeams, and the weeping of clouds, and the fickleness of winds, and the timidity of the hare, and the vanity of the peacock, and the softness of the parrot's bosom, and the hardness of adamant, and the sweetness of honey, and the cruelty of the tiger, and the warm glow of fire and the coldness of snow, and the chattering of jays, and the cooing of the kokila, and the hypocrisy of the crane, and the fidelity of the chekrawaka and compounding all these together, he made woman.

How swift the years have gone with winged flight,  
 One after other passing from our sight;  
 Until the twenty-eighth is now half o'er,  
 Gone since our school first opened wide its door.  
 Here as the years so silently have flown,  
 True hearts and brave have nobly struggled on,  
 On toiling ceaselessly from sun to sun,  
 Not one, but many have diplomas won.

Some have been scattered here, and others there,  
 Everywhere showing by a life of prayer  
 Mingling with true devotion, that 'tis wise  
 In Him to trust who reigns above the skies.  
 Never may she from the old paths depart  
 Always hold the affections of the heart,  
 Right and truth ever hold the sceptre, here to stay  
 Year after year, till her walls crumble and decay.

M. L. D. '12.

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