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Our whole country is rocked occasionally in the throes of an industrial conflict. The lives of men and women and of little children are sacrificed as the victims in this warfare. The evils that follow in its train are not all physical, but moral evils as base as are the result of actual war, are in its wake. But again, greed is the cause of this conflict. A desire on the part of the laborer to become rich, or at least to live in luxury, meets a demand on the part of those already rich to add to their present holdings. The yule-tide message here also would secure an amicable solution. Jesus was born to a life of toil and in it, according to the greatness of his own nature, he must have fully met the demands placed upon him. He conquered in every sphere of human achievement where he wrought. The working out of his teaching and the living out of his life today means the peaceable solution between capital and labor.

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International peace "makes haste slowly." With all the peace congresses, and Hague Tribunals and peace endowments one would think that the settlement of international questions by arbitration might soon be realized. The difficulty lies in the fact that nations are but the organization of individuals, and men are still lustful. This individual lust enlarged to national proportions takes on the form of extending markets, commercial supremacy and national recognition. The reign of Jesus Christ in individual life will produce really Christian nations, which would find some other way of settling differences than by carnage and war.

We look for the day when He who humbled himself shall be exalted until every knee shall bow to him and every tongue confess, when all things shall have been put into subjection under him. Then when every sceptre shall be laid down but his, and every crown shall be cast at his feet, then "shall the government be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

A Trip Through Europe

BESSIE V. FARNSWORTH

Continued from last month

It was with hearts thrilled to the utmost, that we entered the Swiss regions. Lucerne reclines peacefully beside its lake. Mt. Rigi and Pilate rise from its shores and for miles beyond, snow capped mountains can be seen. The "Lion" makes Lucerne of interest historically. This "Lion" is sculptured in a wall of living rock and is 44ft. long and 26 ft. high. It is a monument inspired by the commemoration of the Swiss heroes, who, by so much bravery and fidelity, lost their lives in the French Revolution. After taking the 23 mile sail upon

Lake Lucerne the tourist reaches the foot of Mt. Rigi, where he takes a "cable car" for the top, to better behold the wonderful Alpine scenery. So many beautiful scenes present themselves throughout Switzerland one is always thrilled with enthusiasm.

Interlaken, as its name indicates, lies between two lakes. Here the "Jung Frau Mountain" nearly 14,000 ft. high, reclines, so called because always covered with snow. It symbolizes the purity of the virgin.

Near Interlaken lies the town of Lauterbrunnen only half a mile wide and bounded on either side by high mountains. The famous Staubbach Falls, the highest waterfall in the world, here leap over the side of one of these mountains to a depth of 980 feet. In Lauterbrunnen a person feels dissatisfied and longs to climb to the top of the mountains which surround him. The ordinary tourist doesn't have time to climb but, if his courage is good, he can take the electric train which goes perpendicularly for several miles to the top of one of these heights where is situated a little town called Murren. It is the highest hamlet in Switzerland. The roofs of all the houses have to be weighted with stones to keep them from blowing away. As Stoddard says, "The surrounding summits reveal to the astonished sight, heights, lengths and depths which overwhelm one with sublimity." From Murren we went to Martigny, thence over the famous St. Gotthard Pass, called by some the grandest of all the Alpine passes, to Chamonix, which is situated at the foot of Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, rising to a height of 16,000 ft. Seven glaciers can be seen from this town. It was our privilege to climb part way up Mt. Blanc as far as the "Mer de Glace." This glacier can truly be called the "Sea of Ice" for its surface looks like the foamy waves of a tempestu-

ous sea.

Surpassing even Lucerne in beauty is the town of Territet-Montreux which is situated on Lake Geneva. Here is where you want to stay! Here Byron wrote part of "Childe Harold." Here on the water's edge is the Castle of Chillon, which is the setting of Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon." Only the poet can describe its beauty and do it justice! Could opportunity be given me to visit again, either Territet or Paris, Territet would be my choice.

Paris is truly the city of gaiety and fashion. The Place de la Concorde is doubtless the most beautiful square in the world. The Louvre perhaps contains more art treasures than any other art gallery in the world. It also exhibits the diamond-hilted sword of Bonaparte valued at \$400,000 as well as the Regent diamond valued at \$3,000,000.

The church of LaMadeleine with its imposing columns reminds one of the ancient Grecian temples. The day we visited Notre Dame, so wonderfully described by Victor Hugo, it had within its walls over 20,000 Parisians. The occasion was the funeral service of a French officer. The Champs Elysees, the fashionable street of Paris can best be seen by driving over it slowly in an automobile. It is quite as wonderful as it is pictured to be.

Versailles which reveals the sad story of Marie Antoniette, has turned the Palace into an "Art Gallery" and contains in painting the whole history of France.

We left Paris for Havre where we took the boat for Southampton, thence to London. It was a day such as one would expect to find in London—misty and foggy. We visited the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the modern Art Galleries, which contain the famous Watts and Turner paintings; St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, which for

600 years was the fortified dwelling place of the "Royalty." Here many have been beheaded. Here also are to be seen the wonderful crown jewels valued at \$15,000,000. Back of this tower is Dickens' district. As one stops at "The Old Curiosity Shop" one sees Silas Wegg on the corner, or "Bill Sikes" whose face is hidden underneath his slouch hat. This district still remains the place for thieves to loiter, and from the poverty that is so evident, one feels that something must still be the matter with the "Beadle."

In the British Museum, the Rosetta Stone was of great interest to me. This stone has a paragraph engraved upon it in three different languages—the Egyptian language of the priests, the Egyptian language of the people, and the Greek. The Greek is what helped to decipher the Egyptian hieroglyphics. This Museum also contains the "Elgin Marbles" which are friezes and parts of the Parthenon of Athens brought to England by Lord Elgin, who has been severely criticized for so doing.

From London we went by auto to Stoke Poges church, where Grey wrote his "Elegy." In this churchyard Wm. Penn's son is buried. From here we went to Windsor Castle and Oxford, the "College City." Oxford college consists of 23 colleges, the three largest of which are Magdalen, New and Christ college. Our guide, in his English dialect, (which is only noticeable among the ignorant) told us many interesting incidents that took place at these colleges during the reign of "Henry the Eighth." He also showed us the rooms of John Wesley, where Wesley and his disciples used to meet. From Oxford we went to Norwich Castle. The entrance fee to this Castle is two shillings, which they claim, Lady Norwich, (who, by the way, is a great socialist), uses to pay her debts.

From here we continued our auto drive to Kenilworth Castle which Sir Walter Scott so vividly describes. Nearby is Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespear's home. A short walk across the fields brings one to Anne Hathaway's cottage, and is the very route that Shakespear used to take when he was courting Anne.

The remainder of the trip was spent in Litchfield, the home of Dr. Johnson; York, Ripon and the English Lake district, including Windermere, Grasmere, the home of Wordsworth; Keswick, Southey's home; and Edinburgh, which proves to be exactly as Robert Louis Stevenson has described it in his "Essay on Edinburgh"; thence to Sterling, Melrose Abbey; Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, through the region of the Scottish Lakes, the country of the Trossachs. As the steamer glides over Loch Lomond or Loch Katrine, here and there one hears bits quoted from "The Lady of the Lake" the story which has made this country famous. A trip to Scotland would not be complete, unless one visited the little town of Aye where Burns was born. His little thatched roof cottage shows that he was a man of poverty, a poet born not made. This little poem which was written by an American was in the room in which his manuscripts were exhibited.

"Though Scotland boast a thousand names
Of patriot, king and peer,
The noblest, grandest of them all,
Was loved and cradled here,
'Tis but a cot roofed in with straw,
A hovel made of clay;
One door shuts out the snow and storm,
One window greets the day.
And yet I stand within this room
And hold all thrones in scorn;
For, here below this lowly thatch
Love's sweetest bard was born.
Within this humble hut I feel
Like one who clasps a shrine
When the glad lips at last have touched
The something deemed divine.
And here the world through all the years,
As long as day returns,
The tribute of its love and tears
Will pay to Robert Burns."

A Word From Outside

[We are especially glad to know that alumni of Houghton are interested in what is happening. May we receive many such contributions as this—Editor.]

It is with no little "fear and trembling" that I ask for a little space in the columns of "The Houghton Star." Having been interested in the paper from its beginning, I realize that it is something of an innovation for an alumnus to appear therein, especially with any suggestions. This may be the fault of the editor; it may be the fault of the alumni. It is partly to locate that blame that I make this venture. My only defense is a plea of "first offense."

It has sometimes occurred to me, as I have read "The Star," that it might be used more than it is, for a discussion of some of the problems that concern, perhaps vitally, our Alma Mater. Of course we enjoy the literary productions that are given us and are interested in the accounts of the different departments of the institution. These latter seem to deal largely with the routine work. That is well; but unless conditions have taken a serious turn (for the worse we believe) since we "went in and out" it seems to us alumni that there must arise perplexing questions of development and advancement. These are what we would like to see discussed; not that we doubt for one moment that you, now in college, are able to settle these questions, but is it too much to hope that a helpful suggestion might come now and then from an alumnus? Or do you do yourselves the honor to think that you are more interested than we in the advancement of Houghton Seminary? It hardly stands to reason that you who are just receiving the advantages that Houghton

affords, can appreciate them more than we who have had the opportunity to find the real value of those advantages. Where is a more fitting place to discuss the interests of college, academy, conservatory and theological department than in these columns? If those departments have no question of vital importance, then we do not feel that you can justly ask us to support the organ representing them.

But we believe that these are vital questions and we are sure there exists a mutual interest. We have lately learned that a very fine line of debate and oratory was shown in regard to the formation of a college literary society. Who can be more interested in such a discussion than the alumni? And if it were permitted who ought to be more ready to enter into such a discussion than the alumni? It seems like a backward step of some thousand years to attempt the settlement of important questions, while ignoring the power of the press.

In view of the general trend of the above, I deem it wise to subscribe as

An Alumnus.

Miss Ilahi Baksh's Address On India

M. L. CHURCHILL, '14

During every school year there are many and various instructions given in Houghton along the line of missions. The present school year has not fallen short in this particular. There have been among us so far this year Mr. Vanus Smith, recently returned missionary from Africa; and Rev. Albert E. Ashton, our new missionary elect to India. These men have greatly increased our interest in the work in their respective fields. This article, however, deals not with

a missionary, but with a native of Bombay, India, Miss Grace R. M. Ilahi Baksh, and her address in the church, December 4.

Miss Baksh, although she possesses the color and features of an Indian woman, yet is a young lady of very pleasing appearance and winning ways. She came to America seventeen years ago in company with her parents. Since then she has spent several years in the study of Liberal Arts and Medicine in Syracuse University. At the present time she is engaged in medical work in Buffalo.

Sunday morning, Miss Baksh spoke to an attentive audience at Fillmore. Sunday evening she addressed a full house at our church here. She was attired in native costume, which is still her favorite style, and was accompanied by three young ladies dressed in native garb and decked with jewels. During the entire service Miss Baksh impressed us by the simplicity she used in telling the story of her land, and its people. She described the idolotry of her country, and told also of the dark cloud of superstition which has so long overshadowed it, and of how this cloud is at length lifting. However, the greater part of the evening was spent in portraying the hardships of the caste system, and the unhappy lot of the women of India. Finally Miss Baksh gave some facts concerning her own life, and in a most striking manner claimed the God of Christian America as her God, and her personal Savior.

As a community we feel that having heard so much about India from Miss Baksh's lips we can fully appreciate our advantages in being American citizens, and can better understand our obligations to our brothers and sisters just across the sea. As students we feel that this one so recently among us, although

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Editorial

The staff of the "Star" joins heartily in wishing all the readers of the "Star" a merry and pleasant Holiday Season.

Our readers will doubtless notice several changes in this issue of the "Star." We trust that they will call these improvements. It is the desire of the management to make this paper bright and cheery in appearance as well as in content. There are some limiting circumstances which seriously prevent us from reaching our ideal at present; but we expect that, with the co-operation of our patronage, that these shall soon be entirely overcome.

On account of the resignation of the former editors it became necessary for us to reorganize the editorial staff. This of necessity has changed some features of the paper, particularly the department of local and personal items. It is our purpose to make this feature such that it shall be interesting to our readers, and especially to those who are not now at school. We also believe that all our readers are interested in knowing what our old students and alumni are doing. We shall do our best to furnish news of this class. To this end we shall always be glad to hear from or about any of our former students.

In a recent article in the North American Independent, President David Starr Jordan, points out that the main question at stake in choosing a college to attend, especially among the larger universities of our country, is not so much one of educational standards and methods as of the personality and influence of the teachers under whom the student must come, and the character and ideals of the students with whom he must associate.

Houghton certainly can not, in some respects at least, claim a place among the larger educational institutions of the land; but when it comes to the noble personality of teachers and the Christian influence of fellow students, we are disposed to think that it might well pay President Jordan to look this way. The number of our schools today, all of whose teachers are men and women of Christian character and definite religious experience, is not great. There are few schools where the students are men and women who place spiritual things first. We are also led to wonder how many of our great universities today are taking their stand definitely for the Christ of the Bible. If Christ in the hearts and lives of

men can transform nations from a state of paganism, superstition, and cruelty, what can He do if among a body of noble young men and women, preparing for lives of usefulness He is given the preeminence? Surely these are important considerations; and we believe that when they are brought forward as a test, our Houghton will rank high as a desirable place to get an education. It is doubtful if any of us appreciate truly what Houghton means to us in furnishing us true and lofty standards of manhood and womanhood.

Exchanges

The Houghton Star is a comparatively young paper and is not yet fully going, in some ways at least. We have never as yet given a place to exchanges in our columns; but in the future we intend to acknowledge the fraternal greetings of our brother editors.

We thank our exchanges for the many kindly and pertinent suggestions and criticisms that they have given. In the future we shall doubtless be able to make individual acknowledgements and to express our appreciation and criticism.

Rooney's Boys' Concert

On the evening of Dec. 20, the people of Houghton and the students were favored with a rare musical treat in the entertainment given by the Rooney Boys. The company consisted of Mr. Rooney with five boys, ranging in age from eleven to fourteen years.

The main feature of the program was instrumental music. Mr. Rooney played the piano accompaniments and handled the orchestra bells, while the boys showed themselves consummate masters of the flute, piccolo, clarinet

and violin. Especially commendable was the violin music furnished by Master Curt Dieterlie, known as America's greatest boy violinist. Their skill in rendering orchestral music was no less marked than their mastery of their art as soloists. The vocal music, though secondary to the instrumental, was highly enjoyed. The boys could sing almost as well as they could play.

One feature, entertaining as well as instructive, was the appearance of the boys in sailor, oriental, and Scottish plaid costumes. The Scottish costumes were made the more interesting by Mr. Rooney's explanation of their meanings and uses.

H. J. O.

MISS ILAHI BAKSH'S ADDRESS ON INDIA

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alien to us in blood, and foreign to us in dress, is yet brought nigh to us in the student world and in the bonds of Christian love.

From The Business Manager

The management regrets that it has been late each month in publishing the "Star" and especially that this December issue has to be mailed in January. However, unforeseen and uncontrollable conditions have arisen that have necessitated this. We trust that in the future the "Star" will be able to make its appearance not later than the twentieth of each month and if possible by the fifteenth

Organizations

MIRIAM L. DAY, '12, Editor

Mission Study Class

The Mission Study Class, on account of vacation and cold weather, has held its meetings rather irregu-

larly of late; but yet there seems to be an increase of interest at each meeting. We surely receive new knowledge and something to think about every time we meet. Our text book is "Comparative Religion", by Kellog. Some of the facts concerning other religions seem almost unbelievable to us; yet the greater light we receive on other religions, the more we see the need of having the Gospel carried to all nations.

The lectures that have been given here recently on India by the Rev. A. E. Ashton and Miss Grace Ilahi Baksh were very interesting and instructive. Surely God's blessings are without number.

Our leader, Mr. Edward Elliott, requested that each member of the class write to one of our foreign missionaries, as a token of remembrance, so that they might receive it by Christmas.

A. M. D.

The Philomathean Society

In spite of the cold weather that has prevailed in the buildings, the Philomathean Society has refused to be frozen out; but when the chapel was too cold for the meeting to be held there, it was held in the reception room of the Dormitory. We have had some interesting things in society during the last few weeks. Among these was a program based upon Van Dyke's "Story of the Other Wise Man." We need to know something about modern writers; in fact, that ought to be one of the great aims of a literary society. If one does not have time to read a book for himself, he can get a very good general idea of it from a program of this sort. Our program for Dec. 16 was good. It was mainly on music. The band very kindly played for us. The other musical numbers were a violin solo with piano accompaniment, a piano and cor-

net duet, and a vocal solo. There were also some good readings on music.

We hope to make our programs still more interesting, if possible, in the future; but we must remember that if our society work is to be a success, every one must do his part. Everyone should feel it a personal duty to be present at every session, if it is at all possible, and to help make the work more interesting than it has ever been before.

M. L. D.

The Neosophic Literary Society

"Not getting the better of another person but getting the BEST out of ONE'S SELF is SUCCESS." This is certainly a good maxim and indeed a good motto. We, as Neosophics, are endeavoring to develop our talents in order to give to the world the best that we have. We are doing this by the literary drill, practice and education gained in the delivery of our assigned parts of the programs to be rendered. We are steadily and not slowly, making progress toward a successful and efficient literary society. Our society this year has been exceedingly good. The programs have been composed of sound, solid stuff. Each member has shouldered the responsibility of making the society a success and a credit to its members and the school.

We have had, what proved to be, three very excellent and entertaining programs during the last six weeks. They consisted of three oratorical contests. The first contest was a contest between six Neosophic girls; the next a contest between six Neosophic boys; and the third a contest between the three best of each of the first two. This third contest proved to be exceedingly interesting and entertaining. Although many seemed desirous that the boys should not be beaten by

the girls, yet their hopes and wishes were destroyed when the boys were compelled to bow to Miss Opal Smith and Miss Grace Bedford as the "Demosthenes" and "Cicero" of the Neosophic Society.

P. F.

The Prohibition League

The Association Meeting on Dec. 15 was well attended. A special feature on the program was the Houghton Seminary Junior Quartett. We trust that all the students may have the privilege of hearing them. "Lincoln, the Man of Sorrows" and "What Other Leagues Are Doing" were discussed in a very interesting manner. Come next time.

The Journalistic Contest of the Association was also mentioned in the last meeting. If we win in the Jan.-Feb. contest, all must help. If you are not a member, join now and hand some good Prohibition material to our reporter. "For the Honor of the School."

At present, nineteen students are expecting to enter the Prohibition Contest of Feb. 11. Here is another opportunity for good, hard work. Remember that if this contest is to help you any you must earn that help by the sweat of your brow.

All interested in the Cause will be glad to learn that an association has been formed in the Wesleyan Methodist institution at Miltonvale, Kansas. We wish them a splendid success.

G. T. M.

Alumni and Old Students

H. H. HESTER, '11, Editor

Florence M. Yorton, '02, just returned from our African mission addressed the Mission Study Class, Dec. 21.

Arthur and Della (Hunter) Osborn, '06 and '04, are the efficient pastors of the W. M. church at Greer, Ohio.

Shirley Keyes, '10, is teaching music at her home town, Lisbon, N. Y.

Ben J. Clawson, '06, is taking a post-graduate course at the Kansas University.

Rena Lapham, '04, is working in a post office at Burt, N. Y.

Earl Cookson and wife, Grace, (Benton, '08,) are proud of their baby, Delmas, who "grows like a weed," they write.

We were glad to see Earl Houghton's '08 bright face at the Roney's Boys Concert. He is home from Syracuse University to spend Christmas.

"The Class of '09 (prep.,)" writes their reporter, "have been widely scattered since they parted. Only two, C. F. Hester and H. J. Osthend, are at present in Houghton. Miss Freda Greenberg is teaching school in the southwestern part of the continent. Miss Ethel Hester is at her home near Burr Oak, Kans., enjoying improved health. Mr. W. W. Neville is pastor of the M. E. church at Black Creek, N. Y. Mrs. Minnie (Hart) Frazier is the busy wife of the W. M. pastor at Forksville, Pa. The class are keeping in touch with each other by a chain letter, which though somewhat hindered in its initial journey, is again on its way." Why not other classes adopt such a plan?

Estella Glover is assistant principal in Northbranch Academy, Kans.

Sam Kinney is specializing in Physics in Oberlin College this year. As one of the most advanced students in his department he has been assisting his professor in research work. Professor Williams' articles in the magazines are attracting considerable attention. Mr. Kinney graduates in June.

On Nov. 13 Archie Crapo was called to mourn the death of his broth-

er, Guy, in Kansas, where the two boys were working. As soon as possible Mr. Crapo took the body home to Chittenden, Vt., for burial. On Dec. 12 he returned to Kansas. The Lord comfort Archie and his folks.

M. F. Leinard and J. A. Stansbury are engaged in revival meeting at Ensign schoolhouse, near Burr Oak, Kans.

Samuel Rickets is farming it near Dalton, N. Y. He and his excellent wife are bringing up a fine family of five boys, who are coming to Houghton some day.

John Yancey writes from Miltonvale, "Kansas, in spite of a dry Spring, yielded more bushels of grain than ever before. Our students here are of a superior quality. There are 140 registered to date (Dec. 10). Best wishes to Houghton and its "Star"!

LOCALS

JAS. ELLIOTT, Prep., Editor

College Notes

Dec. 2.—George Sprague was absent from school on account of the annual reorganization meeting of the Prohibition Committee of Steuben County, of which he is vice chairman, held at Canisteo, N. Y. He reports an enthusiastic and inspiring session and a favorable outlook for the Prohibition party in his county.

Dec. 14.—During the repair of the steam pipes something happened! The college rhetoric class were surprised to see a stream of water come pouring through the ceiling. Fortunately no students sat in that corner of the room but Prof. Smith had to make some quick motions to rescue his books.

In addition to her college work, Miss Miriam Churchill is taking a nurse's training course through correspondence.

The Iliad class are hustlers. They expect to finish the Iliad in the first semester. The second semester will be spent in the study of the Greek new testament.

Edward Elliott has been preaching at Haskell Flats nearly all the fall. Though it makes his work quite heavy, still he is enjoying it.

Last April, Floyd Hester organized a Sunday school on Dutch Hill about five miles east of Houghton. The attendance is about twenty-five. Within the last few weeks an organ has been procured.

The Debate class expect to hold a debate with Alfred University some time next spring. The subject and exact date will be announced later.

Walter Willover spent Thanksgiving at his home at Haskell Flats.

Frank Wright with his family spent the evening of November 25 at the home of his father, Rev. J. F. Wright of Rushford.

Election day is past but the Hester brothers have not lost their enthusiasm for prohibition. On December 10 they attended a county prohibition reorganization meeting at Belmont.

Messrs. Wright and Sellman went to Rushford on business for the "Houghton Star," December 15.

The sophomore class organized Friday evening, Dec. 16. Mr. R. A. Sellman was elected president and M. A. Gibbs, sec'y.

The college students have had some meetings for the discussion of the question of founding a college club.

M. L. B.

Preparatory

Miss Isabelle Stebbins in company with her aunt, Miss Sarah Brown, went to Belfast a short time since on a shopping expedition.

We welcome another new student, Mr. Beverley of Haskinsville. He

is rooming with Mr. Sprague at Houghton Hall.

Miss Nettie Rowe has been working for president Luckey in the office during the absence of Miss Sperzel.

Owen Walton is shining perceptibly in Cicero. Houghton appreciates "stars"!

Miss Mary Polahar has been out of school for two days on account of illness.

The fourth year English students are each preparing an oration for class work. So much practice in that line ought to develop some geniuses in oratory.

Bethel Babbitt gave a very interesting discussion on "Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address" in English III, not long ago (with the help of Professor Smith, of course).

Mr. M. A. Gibbs taught the preparatory Bible classes during the absence of Professor Bruce.

We are glad to welcome Miss Ethel Acher back to the class room again after two weeks' absence on account of illness.

During the absence of Professor McDowell, Mr. A. J. Karker taught the ancient history class. Some of the remarks made by the students in reference to Greek sculpture were quite amusing, and the various names of the sculptors afford excellent training in pronunciation.

A number of the competitors in the Prohibition League Contest are preparatory students.

Lorenzo Dow gave an interesting extemporaneous discourse in English II, on "Honesty is the Best Policy." Those who had the benefit of listening to the talk will doubtless find it impressed indelibly on their memory, and recall it ever with a smile of amusement.

There was great excitement in the plane geometry class last week. Miss Mary Kerr was demonstrating at the black-board when suddenly Professor Rindfusz rushed down the aisle from the rear of the class-room toward

her. There was a terrified scream, a short scuffle, and Professor arose from the floor, breathless but triumphant with the tiny body of a dead mouse in his hands.

'Twas in the plane geometry class. Nathan Capen had just finished demonstrating a theorem with great zeal and accuracy. 'Yes,' said Prof. Rindfusz, "Therefore, chord AB is greater than chord CD, isn't it, Mr. Barnett?"

Clarence Barnett: "Yes; but say, have they got that chimney fixed on the heating plant yet?"

O. L. S.

Music and Theological

Mrs. Ralph Rindfusz is a new music student.

There are six registered students in Harmony.

Miss Frances Jones of Belfast is obliged to drop her music for some time because of a seriously fractured wrist.

Miss Marjorie Haines of Hume has discontinued her music in order to take a course in domestic science in a school in the northern part of the state.

Among the out-of-town music students there are ten from Fillmore, one from Caneadea and one from Belfast. Miss Margaret Haines, too, of Hume has registered for music.

Miss Catharine Sperzel was called home on account of the death of her father. After an absence of five weeks she has again returned to resume her duties in the president's office and to study music. We welcome her to Harmony Class.

Mr. Hamilton, our only Canadian student, is preaching at Cadwells Corners. We should like a thousand students from Canada, if they would all be like Mr. Hamilton.

There are thirty-four students registered in Rudiments of Music.

Mrs. C. W. Smith of Appleton, New York, is finishing by mail her course

in Harmony.

Miss Lois Crawford has had an operation on her throat which necessitated her absence from school for some time.

The piano practicing has been seriously interrupted on account of the inability to heat the practice rooms.

Mr. Dunkerley has recently preached a few times in Mr. Wright's church at Higgins Corners.

The music department with its forty-two registered students is larger than it has ever been before.

E. M. S.

Faculty

Professor McDowell held quarterly meeting for David Scott at Fink Hollow, Nov. 20.

Professor Rindfusz raised \$33 in chapel in answer to an appeal made for the support of the library reading table.

Miss Hanna Greenberg visited relatives at Salamanca over Thanksgiving.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bruce entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Waldorff at dinner Nov. 24.

President Luckey and Master Harold and Professor and Mrs. McDowell were guests at the Thanksgiving dinner at the Dormitory.

Professor H. C. Bedford and family with the families of Rev. Dean Bedford and Roy Chamberlain of Canadea visited at Bruce Bedford's on Nov. 25.

Professor and Mrs. McDowell entertained Professor and Mrs. H. R. Smith, Professor and Mrs. R. E. Rindfusz and Miss Keil at supper, Nov. 25.

Miss Keil of Tonawanda, who has been making an extended visit at Mr. Rindfusz's, returned home Nov. 29. Mrs. Rindfusz and Miss Keil were friends at Ann Arbor where they both attended college.

Professor and Mrs. Rindfusz en-

tertained Dr. McCuaig, President Luckey and Professor and Mrs. McDowell at luncheon, Dec. 1.

The effects of the recent lack of heat in the Seminary have been numerous. One appeared on the black board of the teacher of debate as follows: "Debate at my home. H. R. S." A dignified senior, seeing the notice, soberly inquired, "Professor, are you not giving away your family secrets?"

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bruce have been in Indiana for several days on business.

Mrs. Luckey and her daughter, Ruth returned Dec. 6, from Mooers, N. Y., where they have been since the death of Mrs. Luckey's father.

Professor H. W. McDowell held quarterly meeting for Rev. H. R. La Vere at Eagle Harbor over the Sabbath of Dec. 11.

A. J. K. (translating Virgil) Thrice I endeavored to surround her neck with my forearm."

Latin Teacher: "That reminds me of a story. A boy once read that line as follows: 'Three times I tried to put my arm around her neck.' Then to the great amusement of the class he repeated the line several times. Finally he said, 'Professor, that's as far as I got. I thought I had gone far enough.' Now Mr. K. remember that for you'll come to it again."

A. J. K., (very red) "In real life?"

Thanksgiving at the Dormitory

To a number of Houghton students, Thanksgiving Day away from home this year was rendered much brighter by a very pleasant social gathering at the "dormitory."

At 5:30, p. m., about fifty students, teachers and friends gathered around the daintily decorated tables in the dining room for the Thanksgiving dinner. Before sitting down to the tables, verses, which had been written for the occasion by dormitory girls,

were read by each of the company, President Luckey presiding. The dinner consisting of four courses was enjoyed by everyone, and the general good feeling of the occasion was conducive to a lingering at the tables.

After this evening repast, all repaired to the reception room where we were entertained during the remainder of the evening. Wholesome games had been planned by the committee in charge of the occasion. All joined at the close in singing "Houghton" our college song.

Many thanks to the "dormitory" are due from those who enjoyed this occasion, so well planned and carried out.

G. T. M.

Doings About Town

The dormitory girls went for a sleigh ride on the evening of Saturday, December 17.

Mrs. Shultz of Falconer was in town recently for a short visit.

Mr. George Crowell has been in town recently looking after the interests of his store.

Mrs. Chas. Sprowl, who has been ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

Miss Luella Crosby is at her home here for a few days.

Rev. A. T. Jennings was in Glens Falls Sunday, December 18, to assist in a quarterly meeting.

Mr. Elmer Schouten, Rev. A. T. Jennings' stenographer, is spending a few weeks at his home in town.

Dr. J. N. Bedford, pastor of the Seneca Falls Wesleyan Methodist church, attended the "Rooney Boys" concert Tuesday evening, December 20.

The merchants of town have been displaying a fine stock of holiday goods.

Coasting on Seminary Hill is said to be very fine and many students

have been improving this opportunity.

Mr. Barber, who formerly lived near the church, has recently built himself a house on his lot just north of Dr. J. N. Bedford's land.

A still to obtain for the chemistry class water free from mineral matter has been installed in the heating plant.

On Dec. 21, the Greek students presented Professor H. C. Bedford as instructor of the Greek department with a fine large map of Ancient Greece. Professor Bedford was very appreciative of the gift.

The Houghton Seminary Band with its seventeen members, of whom Bruce Bedford is president, Theos Thompson, vice president and leader, and Ray Calhoon, secretary, is enjoying a better year than any before.

An organization for the purpose of giving enlightenment on secret societies has recently been formed here. The two student members of the executive committee of five are Ralph Davy, '13, and Harold Hester, '11. Two of the other members are from the faculty and the fifth member is to be chosen from the board of education.

On the evening of December 10, a company of about fifty gave the pastor, Dean S. Bedford, and his wife a very pleasant surprise in honor of the tenth anniversary of their wedding. A dinner was served after which a purse of \$38 was presented to Mr. Bedford. Mr. Leonard Houghton gave the speech of presentation to which Mr. Bedford responded in an appreciative manner.

The temperature of the Seminary buildings has been greatly improved. The chimney was found to be too short to draw the flames through the long flues of the new boiler, the steam pipes were found to leak, and the radiators were in poor condition. After proper repairs the heat has been good.

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Miss Jennings,	present, 13 days, per cent 65
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