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What Houghton's Alumni Should Mean to Houghton.

I do not know. But yet it is a question of prime importance for discussion in this Alumni Number. One inference, more or less valid, to be drawn from the statement is that that Alumni is not now meaning what it ought to mean to Houghton. I feel quite sure that any Alumnus who will make a moderate amount of investigation will find himself forced to admit the truth of the inference.

A few days ago, while in the library here, I took down the volume containing the first issue of the "Oberlin College Review." In his first editorial, I found Editor Jones writing to the Alumni thus:—"We are sufficiently acquainted with the feeling of all Oberlin graduates to know that nothing need be said to recommend anything that springs out of and grows in harmony with the purposes and aims of our Alma Mater, and whose design is to enlarge her field of influence, and to continue the bond that exists between her and her graduates as they leave her immediate protection."

I am not willing for one moment to admit of one standard of loyalty for the Oberlin Alumni and another for the Houghton Alumni. But some of us are apt to attempt our own justification by answering that we cannot well interest ourselves in projects for Houghton's advancement when we do not know what they are. It may be a sort of a boomerang for someone is apt to make the counter charge that we have not been over-diligent in trying to learn of them.

But how can we mean more to our Alma Mater? At the great Public Schools of England, such as Eaton and Rugby, there is held each year a "class day." At such times there gather within those historic walls men of every rank from almost every cor-

ner of the world, to do honor to the Old School. Not only this, but all day long there arrive cablegrams saying that at a government post in India, or a mission station in China, a dozen or half dozen men, remembering the day, are gathered to return their hearts' devotion to their Alma Mater. How many of us have laid and worked our plans to return and pay a cheering visit, or failing of that have even sent a letter at commencement time reminding those who are there that our hearts still beat true and loyal?

What else may we mean? A short time ago there began to develop in one of the large middle-west colleges a certain undemocratic tendency. It was clearly contrary to the traditions and principles of the college and yet was a tendency against which the Faculty did not feel free to legislate. A very serious complication would have been inevitable had not the Alumni of that college quietly brought its influence to bear upon the student body. It is easy enough to find fault with the workings of any institution. But how many of us are so closely in touch with our Alma Mater that our influence, (which the very fact of being an Alumnus gives us) can always be placed on the right side of every question and become a saving factor?

A hundred other things we should mean. Not long ago I heard a Houghton Alumnus, in addressing that Alumni, say something like this, "In as far as the advancement of Houghton Seminary is dependent upon human loyalty and human endeavor, more than upon any other thing, it is dependent upon US." I thought I believed it when he said it; I am sure I believe it now. Last summer it was mine to present the school interests to the Ohio Conference. I soon found it necessary to answer several questions, two of which ought to be answered better by the Alumni than by any one else. These were,

"Does the church need to support her own schools?" and, "Is Houghton Seminary a school worthy of our support? Are we answering these questions? Houghton's Alumni should be her most valuable advertisement, the most efficient agent of her financial system, her most hustling agent in securing students, and her most competent advisory board. I think I need not assume the role of the prophet to say that not until Houghton's Alumni means what it should to Houghton, will she mean what she should to the church, and only then will the church mean what she should to the world.

Stanley Wright, '10.

Oberlin O., April 7

What Houghton Still Means to Her Alumni.

Devotion to some causes wane and die with the passing years. They did not possess the strength and life which made them powerful enough to hold their earlier devotees. There are other causes which form so essential and fundamental a part of our very existence that the onward sweep of time only increases our love and attachment to them. They are great, moving, living, throbbing things that vitalize at contact and make one's heart and mind lift up to higher and nobler things. Such was the influence of our first and continued contact with our Alma Mater.

Houghton means to her alumni a green spot in memory around which centers the things that are worth while in life.

Her uninterrupted existence, development and success means the dissemination of the vital principles of true education which have been so important a factor in her alumni's life.

Our Alma Mater stands for a period in our life when we needed, and

she so faithfully gave, the right kind of help; broadened our vision and erected ideals that have held us steady in the stress and strain of life.

She means to us a place where the most helpful associations and friendships of life were formed and are still cherished.

She means to the alumni a place where the theoretical side of life does not overshadow the practical; but where theory and practice meet, and where ideals find living concrete expression.

To the alumni our Alma Mater is LIFE, for in addition to mental development, virtue went out from the godly and noble characters of our instructors which banished disease from mind and soul and pointed us unerringly to the "Morning Star."

She means to us a part of our very existence; she is "Our Alma Mater"—bountiful mother—who covered us with her protecting arms and shielded us by her kindly love.

Houghton means to us still the same fixed, steady, reliable and unwavering beacon of light that shows not only the negative, dangerous side of life, but whose rays reveal and guide halting, trembling souls to the "haven of rest."

She is to the alumni a place where the facilities for a Christian education have kept pace with the demand, and her increasing products stand the test of utility, efficiency, trustworthiness and the highest type of manliness.

So much does she mean to us that we indulge the hope of some day trusting our children to her care and keeping, knowing that the same things she brought to our life cannot fail to be of uplift to them.

We cannot express in words all our Alma Mater means to us, but we would make known with unmistakable clearness our appreciation of what she means to us by continuing our confidence in her constructive,

decisive, positive work, by giving to her support, by cherishing her honor and good name, by working for her advancement and growth, by cultivating personal contact with her faculty and student body, and always praying for her success, and the approbation of our Lord and King—Jesus Christ—as she walks in the path of the “old landmarks” and remains true to the principles upon which she was founded and for the perpetuation of which she remains to this day. The hearts of the alumni say, “God speed our Alma Mater.”

J. S. Willett, '01.

My Alma Mater.

I hold within my heart a place
For every good;
For all that will uplift the soul,
For all that yields to God's control,
And brings to man through God's free grace
Royal manhood.

I hold within my heart a place
For what is kind;
For that which will support the weak,
That to the erring one will speak
The word which will reveal God's face
To those now blind.

I hold within my heart a place
For what is right;
That which from truth will never bend,
But holds out steadfast to the end,
And to the faltering sets a pace
In christian might.

My Alma Mater holds first place
Within my breast.
All that is good and kind and right
She always holds foremost in sight,
And still advancing in the race
Excels the best.

—Waldo Raymond Emerson, '04, Bristow, Iowa

Every moral law is written in our own being more clearly than the commandments of Moses were graven in stone.—A. H. Bradford.

He who never works is unfitted for worship; he who never pauses to worship is rendered incapable of work.—G. Campbell Morgan.

What the Alumni are Doing For their Alma Mater.

What constitutes a college? Is it the buildings and equipment, the faculty, or the student body and alumni? The buildings and equipment are merely the tools, necessary it is true, but only secondary. The faculty are far more important, but still they are simply the great means for accomplishing the true end. The student body and the alumni then really constitute the college. Of these the student body are the probationary members, and the alumni are the members in full standing, becoming such on commencement day.

The relation of the alumni and alma mater is then of the closest kind, the success of one is always the success of the other, and the interests of each are very closely connected. Houghton Seminary has for its alumni some of the best men and women in the world, filling positions of trust and honor. Many have gone to the foreign field as ambassadors of the court of heaven; many are filling pulpits in our own land, some are teachers, some are business men, and almost without exception each one is putting in a life of service for his fellow men.

What this noble band of alumni are doing and may do for their Alma Mater is beyond explaining. The sons and daughters of Houghton are loyally helping with their means, and the library and laboratories are becoming vital forces in response to their efforts. They are the recruiting officers for maintaining the student body, and best of all they are proving by their devoted and useful lives the value of the training received here. Alumni, permit me to express my gratitude for the loyal support you are giving, and to suggest the boundless opportunities that you have for making Houghton Seminary a blessing to the world. James S. Luckey, '89.

From '09.

[The following are a few extracts taken from the recent number of the chain letter maintained by the preparatory class of '09.—Editor.]

My experience has been varied, most of the time spent at home. The meetings we held at North Branch have been the most important. They were very good. . . . God has helped me to touch some hearts, I am glad to say, during the last few months.

Ethel J. Hester, Burr Oak, Kansas.

We have rented Judge Hawkins' summer house. It is a large mud-roofed abode of ten rooms. Last week we had a 24 hours' rain. Every room leaked. We couldn't find a dry place to sit in the kitchen. . . . I miss Houghton very much.—Freda Greenberg, Three Rivers, N. Mex.

My time is taken up about the same as usual—riding around over the hills and mountains, calling, etc. I expect that is what I shall be doing for a while yet for we stay here another year. . . . The work here seems to be prospering and the blessing of the Lord is upon it. Minnie Hart Frazier, Forksville, Pa.

I have been to Canada. I could not help but notice the difference between the people here and there. They seem to have leisure for everything and here for nothing. . . . Canada is the place for farms and homes; United States is the place for youth. Wellington W. Neville, Black Creek, N. Y.

Our debate class has decided that the Panama Canal should be fortified. The sun has been shining here for the last three days. We are so used to cloudy weather that we are almost surprised when the sun appears. I am enjoying the school work as usual.

C. Floyd Hester, Houghton, N. Y.

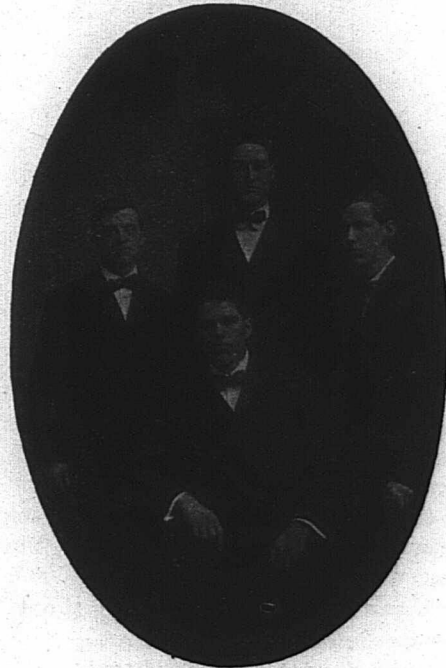
If the pleasure one gets out of anything is any index of its worth, I am sure that our class letter is a thing of great worth. The thing about our class over which I most rejoice is that before its members left school, every one knew Christ experimentally.

H. J. Ostlund, Houghton, N. Y.

Our First Intercollegiate Debate

R. W. Hazlett, '14.

The first intercollegiate debate in which Houghton Seminary has been represented occurred at Alfred, N. Y., on the evening of Mar. 29 between the freshmen of Alfred University and the debate class here. Incidentally Houghton won the debate by a unanimous decision. The question under discussion was in regard to the advisableness of fortifying the Panama Canal. The affirmative was defended by the Houghton team composed of the three best debaters that can be



C. F. HESTER, '13

E. I. ELLIOTT, '11

R. A. SELLMAN, '13

H. H. HESTER, '11

found within many a weary league of Houghton; i. e. Mr. Harold H. Hester, Edward L. Elliott, and Ray A. Sellman, with C. Floyd Hester as alternate. A brief characterization of each as they appear in the debating arena might be succinctly summed up respectively as follows; the man of iron, Demosthenes, the fact shark, and the utility man.

The girls of the debate class furnished the inspiration to the young men. This needs no further comment for it is perfectly apparent what would happen when two such young ladies as Miss Churchill and Miss Davison began to supply that article. But far more than this did the girls aid in bringing the triumph to our standard. Ably seconded by two gentlemen, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Fall, they had strenuously opposed the first team and fenced with them in countless preliminary contests, thus enabling the first team to prepare against many unsuspected points which their keen opponents had ferreted out and confronted them with. Too much credit cannot be given to the second team for the practice received by the debaters, for this drill certainly was an important factor in winning the debate.

The element of work, however, was the factor indispensable for the accomplishment of satisfactory results. It is unnecessary to say that work was not lacking. The work that was expended upon the debate was of two kinds, objective and subjective work; that is, work accomplished for the debate class and work accomplished by the debate class. Prof. H. R. Smith furnished the first named variety and of course the members of the debate class the second. Prof. Smith is the man who secured the debate and then saw to it that Houghton should not be defeated. He spent every moment available to instill in the minds of his pupils the fundamental principles of argumentation and to whip them into the best possible form. No one can hope to estimate at what sacrifice and cost he toiled to secure this object. If he receives no compensation for his labor he will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that his methods are unapproachable and that he has the good fortune to have instructed certain future geniuses in the eternal principles of debate.

That the members of the debate class themselves also worked is a plain, cold fact that no one can deny. Everyone has seen sufficient evidence for weeks past. The most casual observer could not have failed to notice on entering the library that the very air was surcharged with peculiar intellectual currents of extremely high potential. The source of these currents would speedily have been discovered to emanate from a retired corner where at all hours debaters might have been seen sitting at a desk, there submerged in papers and books of all descriptions. Merely to say that they worked on the debate does not express the half of what they really did. They labored night and day on it; they put their whole soul's into it; they would almost have given their lives for it.

When the time came for the debate Prof. Smith and his entire debate class went to Alfred where Houghton carried away first honors from the over-confident freshmen.

It must not be thought that, while the foregoing was being enacted, the students of Houghton took no interest in these events and were merely indifferent spectators of the scene—quite the contrary. The student body acted as one in manifesting an unequaled spirit of enthusiasm and encouragement. Just before the party took the train for Alfred, the entire school assembled in the chapel, where both students and faculty united in sending the debaters on their way with words of assurance and good cheer. Preparations were quickly made to receive the returning heroes with more than ordinary demonstrations. Each class was assigned various duties in arranging for the coming jubilee. The unexpected presence of our old schoolmate, Stanley Wright was immediately taken advantage of, and he was appointed cheer master, a circumstance which added tremendously to the spirit of the occasion.

The debaters were met at the train on their return by a howling mob of students, intermingled with a few reputable citizens, and were bundled promiscuously into a carriage. From thence they were conducted to the chapel where they were deposited breathless on the rostrum, the blood-thirsty students following in their wake and the eccentric strains of music from the band-wagon adding to the general confusion.

The bold debaters were now quite subdued and were completely at the mercy of the tumultuous throng. Accordingly the orders of the day were taken up. First, the band rendered a few selections. Then, Mr. A. J. Karker, the President of the Senior class, with a few well chosen words, welcomed the wanderers back again into our midst. Speeches were demanded from Prof. McDowell, Prof. Smith, and his ingenuous proteges of the second team, wherein many interesting confidences were innocently related. They were, however, unanimous in praising the hospitality shown them at the hands of the Alfred faculty and students, and they also expressed themselves as being delighted with the surroundings there. Of the debate in question they waxed very eloquent, vividly picturing the desperate struggle of the Alfred debaters to stem the tide of their opponents' inspired arguments. It was conceded by all those who listened to the debate, whether friend or foe, that the best debate team in the country would have had considerable difficulty in defeating our team. For the finale, all the dignitaries of the occasion were treated to some concoctions of a very doubtful consistency, manufactured by the Senior class. Before adjourning, the audience were delighted by the announcement that within a few weeks the privilege would be given them of hearing this famous debate fought to a finish between the first and second teams. To form any

correct idea, however, of this late celebration, one must consider the above order of events as being profusely punctuated with hearty cheering, yelling, laughing, etc.

An Old Song Resung.

M. E. WARBURTON, '88.

I

Say Darkies hab you seen de brewah
Wid de smile gone from his face?
He's feelin' mighty glum dis mornin'
Like he gittin' off his base;
For he knows dat prohibition's comin'
An' de brewah's on de run;
Get ready for de good time comin'
For de brewah's trade's mos' done.

Chorus. De brewah run! ha! ha!
De chillun shout "ho! ho!"
Get ready for de good time comin'
When de brewah brews no mo'.

II.

He used to strut roun' big an' jolly
On eb'ry 'lection day
Wid plenty cash in his vest pocket
For to make t'ings go his way;
But now he done got scart an he beggin'
For a few more days ob grace;
He'll be so good like one whipped puppy
If we'll let him run his place.

III.

But Mistah Brewah no mo' fool us
Wid his lies an' smiles an' dough;
He can work an' earn an honest libin',
But de beer hab got to go.
We'll shed no tears when we come to
partin'
Wid de brewah an' de bum;
reckon we can lib widout 'em
And make de business hum.

IV.

Dere soon will be one big t'anksgibin'
For de drunkahd's girls an' boys;
Wid plenty clo'es an' shoes an' stockin's
Dey will make a joyful noise.
Wid flour in de bin an' coal in' de cellar,
Wid our homes so happy an' clean,
You'll surely 'scuse a darky feller
If he shouts at such a scene.

(Tune "Kingdom Comin'.")

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Editorial.

When the Jews of old tried to tempt Christ by asking him whether or not it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar, he asked them whose was the image and superscription upon a piece of their money. They answered, "Caesar's." He then said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." The principle here illustrated is of wide application. It comes home to us perhaps in more ways than we think.

Those of us who call ourselves Alumni of Houghton Seminary have spent some time within her walls. We have been taught the principles for which she stands. Our characters have been largely molded by the un-

conscious influence and the instruction of her teachers and by contact with her noble students. There can not help being in our lives something that bears indelibly the stamp of Houghton. That something may perhaps be the best thing there is about us. Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Houghton? Let us look at our characters as individuals. Has not our AlmaMater stamped us as her very own? How much of our efficiency and ability do we owe to her. It is lawful—yes, not only lawful; it is a duty. The reply is a command: "Render to Houghton the things that are Houghton's."

It is our duty then to stand loyally by our Alma Mater. There are many ways in which we can do this. Our means may be a part of our tribute. Financial help is always welcome and can always be accepted to advantage. Our influence is another part. We can do much toward turning prospective students this way. Our lives, if they are noble, will add to Houghton's assets. By these we will set her before the world in her only true light. But however lacking we may be in those things which would minister to Houghton's material advancement, there is one debt that we can all pay; that is prayer to God for her blessing and prosperity.

Not only do the Alumni as individuals bear before the world the image and superscription of Houghton, but that image is stamped upon our denomination as a whole. For nearly a quarter of a century Houghton was our only school. During that time she has supplied the men to fill many of the most important positions in the church. A large per cent of our preachers have attended Houghton. Most of our missionaries to Africa have received instruction here. What can the church do better than to stand by her school? Let us each reckon with ourselves and see whether we have paid to Houghton our tribute.

Organizations

R. W. HAZLETT, '14, EDITOR

The Athenian.

The Athenian Literary Society is now organized and ready for work. The following officers have been elected:

President	Edward Elliott, '11.
Vice President	Miriam L. Day, '12.
Secretary	Anna M. Davison, '14.
Treasurer	Ray A. Sellman, '13.
Critic	Ralph Davy, '13.
Chaplain	F. H. Wright, '14.
Sergeant-at-arms	R. W. Hazlett, '14.
Musical Director	C. F. Hester, '13.
Literary Committee	H. H. Hester, '11; H. J. Ostlund, '13; Miriam L. Churchill, '14.

Although there is not much time left for active work this year, we expect to get a good start for a full year's work next year.

H. O.

The Neosophic Literary Society

Notwithstanding the bereavement our Society has suffered in the loss of its college students, it is making good progress. The programs have been especially instructive. At the first meeting, on March 17, the program was historical. Mr. Theos Thompson gave an interesting impersonation of George Washington.

The most important feature of the Society meeting of March 24, was a current topic contest conducted by Professor Rindfusz. The leaders of the two sides must have worked very hard securing current topics, for they had a fine set of questions.

The meeting of March 31 came the first night of our spring vacation. The program was on the life of Sidney Lanier. Several of his writings were given and also quotations from his works. Mr. Stanley Wright of

Oberlin College acted as critic. He gave many good and helpful suggestions.

L. H. T.

The Philomatheon Society

The programme for the first society meeting in March was given by the girls of the society. The main feature of the program was a Suffragette Convention. After much debating the convention adopted resolutions in regard to giving the ballot to women. Miss Bedford gave a very enthusiastic address on Woman Suffrage also a report of the Suffragette movement in England.

The meeting before vacation was very interesting, the program being on agriculture. Miss Day read a paper on "Farming Twenty Years Hence." If Miss Day's prophecy comes true, in 1931 farms will be in great demand.

Although the attendance has not been as large as usual, the programs have been not only entertaining but instructive.

M. P. H.

Houghton Seminary Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

It is with pleasure that our reporter announces that Houghton Seminary has again been successful in the National Journalistic Contest. We have entered the contest for two successive years and have on both occasions published more original material on Prohibition topics than any of the other leagues competing in any of the five contests held during the two years. This year the Houghton League broke its record of last year by sending in 64 feet, 2 inches length of column space. Eleven different papers in New York, Penn., Ill., and Mich., printed articles and seven of these papers were Democrat or Republican. The League receives \$10 in Prohibition books and the reporter \$10 in cash.

G. T. M.

Young People's Foreign Missionary Society

Miss Mary Buell, a member of our Y. P. F. M. S., and formerly a member of our Mission Study Class sailed for the Wesleyan mission field in Africa on the first day of April. Several days were spent by Miss Buell (and her sister, Mrs. Smith) visiting friends here in Houghton previous to her leaving for her work. On Monday the 27th of March, the Mission Study Class held a farewell reception for her. About twenty gathered at the Crosby home late in the afternoon where a pleasant social time was enjoyed. An excellent supper had been prepared by the class committee and those of the home where we met. After the supper a few hymns were sung, prayer was offered by the outgoing member of the band.

A meeting of the Missionary Society was held at the church on the same evening. Miss Florence Yorton gave an interesting address concerning our work on the mission field. It was suggested largely by questions written by various members and answered by the speaker. A few words were spoken by Miss Buell also. Many prayers follow. Miss Buell as she takes her long journey alone to the field.

The Mission Study Class is settling down for a few weeks of good work before the close of the year.

E. L. E.

God has two thrones, one in the highest Heaven, one in the lowliest heart.—Van Dyke.

What are Christians put into the world for except to do the impossible by the grace of God?—Armstrong.

Make yourself an honest man and then you may be sure that there is one less rascal in the world.—Carlyle.

Athletics.

C. FLOYD HESTER, '13, Editor.

The last basket ball game played was a very interesting one with the following line up:

OWEN WALTON	left forward	THEOS THOMPSON
LYNN BEDFORD	right for'd	GLENN CARPENTER
PAUL FALL	center	FLOYD HESTER
RAY HAZLETT	left guard	ROSS EDGAR
GAIL THOMPSON	right guard	WALTER WILLOVER

This was a hard fought game, the score standing 21 to 20 in favor of O. Walton's team. C. F. H.

April 6 the girls played a fine game of basket ball. There were four on each side with Grace Bedford and Leta Calhoun as captains. Though several who had never played before took part, yet the game went off splendidly, the new ones doing good work from the first. The score was thirteen to six in favor of Miss Calhoun.

This is the sort of games everyone enjoys and we want to have many more like it.

E. A. H.

Alumni & Old Students

H. H. Hester, '11, Editor

A. P. Lienard, '95, pastor at Moers, N. Y., writes, "I am more than ever attached to our 'Houghton,' my church, and the revealed religion of a whole Bible."

Mrs. Roy B. Smith, '04, who has been spending the winter at Ashburn, Ga., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, has returned to her home in Cohoes, N. Y.

F. R. Eddy, '04, pastor at Bryant, Ind., and chairman of the Indiana Conference Theological Institute informs us that the Institute held its 30th annual session at Hartford City, Mar. 21-29. Able papers were presented. Twenty-five were either saved or sanctified in the evangelistic services.

Arthur and Della Osborn, '06 and '04, pastors at Greer, O., send kind regards to all old friends and say, "A few weeks ago a young man was reclaimed and has since said Yes to the Lord in answer to a definite call to preach. We are expecting the Lord will lead him to Houghton for preparation."

Wm. F. Frazier, '06, in a communication from Forksville, Pa., says, "I think often of the days in school. I cannot tell you how delighted I was to learn of Houghton's success at Alfred."

Leland Boardman, '09, sends these good words from the great West: "I rejoice with you over the victory won in the debate. I would have enjoyed yelling a little myself. I am still a Houghtonite good and strong. I have her banner hanging in my room. If anyone wants to know what I think of Houghton as a school, I will say that she is very efficient because of her teachers and quality of students. She has the right kind of material to make a good school, and that goes a long way I think. Now as regards me, I do not wish to say. No man is expected to testify against himself. Perhaps I owe it to Houghton and Oberlin as well to say a little. While spending my Senior year in Oberlin with five other Houghtonites I became interested in Physics. To make long stories short, before the year was out Prof. S. R. Williams found me this job in the University of Nebraska. I am known as Graduate Assistant in Physics. To say that I like my work is putting it mildly. I hope to get my Master's Degree next year. The standard for such a Degree here in Physics is high. It is well compared with many Dr. Degrees elsewhere. I do not wish to brag; I would prefer not to say anything. If this will help our Alma Mater any very well." Mr. Boardman's address is Box 1154, Sta. A, Lincoln, Nebr.

Clarence Dudley, '10, sends a word of cheer from Bath, N. Y.: "Am feeling fine. Oh, the pure country air! How I like it! Was rejoiced to hear of the meetings there. Would like to be present some Tuesday night at prayer-meeting. Enjoy the Houghton Star very much."

Shirley Keyes, '10, heroically writes: "When asked for something spicy, I was scared; and when something SATIS spicy did occur, I was scared again. The spice was a Grand Rush for a Homeward Bound train. I walked and ran alternately as the words of encouragement or warning were granted me. But when, with my own eyes, I saw those wheels begin to turn, I was living a progressive-tense parody on Caesar's famous message for I was coming, I was seeing—would I win? The final dash was the winning one! In all it wasn't so bad as it might have been, for the gazers-on enjoyed the scene."

Heimweh of an '09 Alumnus: "My! How I wish I could go back to Houghton this spring! I fairly ache for the woods with the wet woodsey smell and the hepaticas in the moss. I can nearly smell the arbutus. I can see the spring beauties, the dog-tooth violets, and all the violets. How I love them! How do the societies get along? I wish I could be there. I am hungry for church. I pray for the Houghton meetings every day.

There are many other good things, but our space is full.

Opportunity with ability makes responsibility.—Bishop Hunt.

The truest proof of a man's religion is the quality of his companions.—Basil.

See what God is to the men of the Bible and let him be the same to you.—Maltbie Babcock.

Locals.

James W. Elliott, Prep., '11, Editor.

College Notes

Edward Elliott spent his vacation at Haskell Flatts.

Rev. F. H. Wright has moved from Houghton to Hume.

Ray Sellman and R. Davy attended the Lockport conference held at Ransomville, N. Y., during vacation.

Paul Fall accompanied Mrs. J. N. Bedford to Buffalo, spending part of the vacation there.

Harold Hester went to Portageville Sunday, April 9, to supply the Baptist pulpit while the minister was absent.

George Sprague returned to his home in Haskinsville, N. Y., for the week of vacation.

Miss Miriam Churchill had a very busy vacation moving from the Moe house to the rooms in Stephen Houghton's house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Walter Willover and Maurice Gibbs spent their vacation at their homes in Cuba and Maplevue, N. Y.

M. M. B.

Preparatory Notes

On Wednesday, March 22, the Senior preparatory class spent a delightful evening at the home of Tremaine McDowell. An informal program was rendered, an interesting feature of which was a piano solo by Prof McDowell. Warm sugar was served in abundance.

Arthur Elliott, who has been visiting his brothers, James and Edward, returned to his home at Pittsford, Vt., by way of Niagara Falls. After visiting Portage Falls and other points of interest near here, he considers Houghton a pretty good place.

Earl Barrett of Cuba, N. Y., spent a few days the first of the month with Tremaine McDowell.

Larkin Soap—Samuel Miner.

Emma Agnew and Ella Jones spent a day of vacation with Frank Wright and family and Blanche Colburn at Hume.

A number of preps. living near here spent their vacations at home.

On the evening of the 18th of March six prep. girls contested in the college chapel for the W. C. T. U. silver medal. Each of the girls did splendidly. The judges awarded the medal to Miss Emma Agnew.

Mr. Keeler of Olean, recently paid a short visit to his daughter, June.

David Scott and Will Hamilton attended conference at Ransomville, N. Y., during vacation.

Lyman Rowe and Jesse Frazier went to Cuba on business April 8.

Mary Kerr spent vacation with Cecil Smith at the latter's home in Olean.

First class dray from Wesley to Houghton. Apply to Nathan Capen.

Burt Hammond did chores for Prof Bedford at Fillmore while the professor was attending conference.

On the evening of April 5, some of the prep. girls gathered at the home of Charlotte Stebbins and spent a pleasant evening. Graphophone music was rendered and light refreshments were served.

Edna Chase and her father recently spent a day in Belfast.

Grace and Lynn Bedford entertained a number of friends at their home Friday evening, April 8.

As a result of the withdrawal of the college students, the prep. societies came together in mass meeting to consider what was best to be done. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution but it is yet undecided what the nature of the change will be if there is to be any change at all.

The preps. were not behind in their celebration of the debate victory. The classes were on hand with banners, colors and yells, while the Senior girls served light refreshments to the victorious team.

O. M. W.

Musical Notes

Miss Ava Curtis spent her spring vacation with her parents at Ransomville, N. Y.

A musical recital will be held in the college chapel on Friday evening, April 21.

Misses Ethel Chase and Edna Smith spent their vacation at the mission home in Olean, N. Y.

Miss Mary Keller visited her parents in Bradford, Pa., during the past week.

Mrs. A. T. Jennings and Dorothy visited Mrs. Carnahan at Appleton, N. Y., during the past week.

Mrs. Ralph Rindfusz has returned from a short visit with her mother in Albion, N. Y.

E. M. S.

Faculty Notes

On the evening of Apr. 15, the faculty gave their annual reception to the students and friends of the school. The library rooms were very prettily decorated in yellow and white. After the guests had passed the receiving line, light refreshments were served. Several musical numbers were highly enjoyed. The reception was very well attended and everybody seemed to have a pleasant time.

Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Bedford entertained several of their friends at their home on the evening of March 11. Prof. Bedford and his Freshman Greek class gave a fine English rendering of Aristophanes' "Clouds" after which light refreshments were served.

Prof. Bedford preached at Hume March 12.

Professors H. R. Smith and H. W. McDowell and Mrs. J. S. Luckey as chaperons accompanied the Debate Class to Alfred on the occasion of our historical debate with students of Alfred University.

Prof. H. W. McDowell invited the members of the Faculty and several other friends to surprise his wife on the evening of her birthday, March 31. Prof. McDowell had a supper prepared and all spent a pleasant evening. The guests presented Mrs. McDowell with a beautiful table-cloth.

President Luckey, Prof. McDowell, Prof. H. C. Bedford and Rev. Bruce

attended the annual session of the Lockport conference at Ransomville, N. Y. Prof. Bedford was ordained. He is to preach this year at Fillmore where he has already moved. Rev. Bruce is to take the pastorate at Haskinsville and will not be with us next year.

President Luckey was in Ohio last month on business.

Prof. McDowell preached at Boardmanville, March 18-19.

Rev. Bruce preached at Emporium March 19.

Professor Rindfusz spent the spring vacation in Albion, N. Y., Miss Farnsworth at her home in Shirley, Mass., and Miss Greenberg at Salamanca, N. Y.

Prof. McDowell attended the Rochester conference at Columbia Cross Roads.

Mrs. McDowell is visiting her grandmother at Gerry, N. Y. G. T. M.

Town News

Miss Mabel Dow is spending part of her Easter vacation in Buffalo.

Mrs. W. Robbins was in Cuba recently, visiting her sister.

Miss Rose Tarey is very ill at this writing.

Mr. Leonard Houghton entertained the students on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 7 and 8 with stereopticon views of the capital cities of some of the leading nations of the world. Refreshments were served.

A number of our enterprising students have been busy lately helping to set out shrubbery on the college campus.

Miss Lula Tanner, a lately returned missionary from Africa, is now in town visiting friends.

Mr. Peck and his family have moved from the Benton house into the Moe house.

(Student to farmer driving pig up Seminary hill) "Are you taking your pig to college?"

(Farmer) "Yes, I'm going to teach him how to dig out Greek roots."

A. L. C.

Exchanges

Paul Fall, '13, Editor

We are glad to have so many good exchanges. We feel that it is a help to our school and a help for our school paper.

The Record, Wheaton: Your pa-

per continues to be high in literary value and class spirit is good. We observe that you have an exchange editor but no exchanges.

One of our new exchanges is The Cascade, Seattle. The paper is quite complete in all departments, but a little more literary subjects would improve your paper. We like your moral and spiritual qualities. They are good and deserve notice. You could improve your paper by putting the advertisements separate from the main body of the paper and thus make your paper more attractive and better arranged.

The Albright Bulletin contains an article worthy of attention—A plea for our birds. May the time speedily come when men and boys will be tender-hearted enough to stop killing our beautiful and beneficial birds. The Bulletin is high in literary standards, but is somewhat deficient in class spirit.

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