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## First Allegany Supervisory District Holds Mid-Winter Conference

Professor LaVay Fancher Reads Part of His Thesis

Although last Friday was far from a pleasant day the teachers in the first supervisory district of Allegany county had a fine representation at the February conference held at Houghton.

Superintendent Tuthill opened the morning session with a few remarks. The group sang *America the Beautiful* and *He Leadeth Me* and read responsively. Pres. J. S. Luckey extended a cordial welcome to the visitors on behalf of Houghton College. While he was speaking, copies of the STAR were distributed which announced the opening of a Summer School in Houghton this summer. The assembled teachers listened with much interest to the outlining of the courses to be offered and further information about the summer session. It was very gratifying to hear Supt. Tuthill express his approval of this new work at Houghton and point out to the teachers the value of a summer school within their own district.

Mr. H. F. Collister brought the report from the House of Delegates meeting. The one fact which was stressed most at this meeting was that teachers must build for character—both for themselves and for the pupils. Among the problems discussed were tenure of office, centralization of schools, and welfare work for teachers who are not on the pension list. One of the speakers at the meeting said that much of the lawbreaking to-day comes from idleness and short working hours. The schools must teach worthy use of leisure time and find things in which the children are interested and which will keep them out of mischief.

Prin. C. H. Pocock gave the report of the Academic Principals' Meeting at Syracuse. He spoke of the movement toward consolidation of schools—the advantages of such schools—the addition of more courses, better teachers, and better equipment. These two reports were followed by a brief business meeting presided over by Miss Mary Crowley, president of the conference.

After a short recess the next discussion centered about vocational guidance in High School. This was taken up by Mr. Willet Albrow, Prin. P. S. Bowen and Prin. W. E. Hertenstein. Mr. Hertenstein said that in his opinion vocational guidance was not desirable in high school. Very few pupils know in the first year of high school what they wish to make their life's work. Mrs. Bowen in speaking of the teaching of languages said that Latin should be taught for cultural background rather than for content.

After an hour's intermission for dinner at the dormitory the afternoon session began. The Girls' Glee Club sang several selections during the afternoon meeting.

Dean W. L. Fancher read a part of his thesis. The subject which he treated was "Family Characteristics in Their Relation to Attendance in High School." The data for the paper was collected through the questionnaire method in the schools of Wyoming county. The data was taken for seventh and eighth grades and high school but was arranged so that the seventh, eighth and first year high school were included as a junior high and the other three years of high school as Senior high. From the data collected the conclusions drawn were eight in number—(1) there is a high correlation between the education of the parents and the possibility of their children going on to school (2) the fact that the mother works outside the home does not tend to limit the amount of schooling for her children (3) children of native born parents have a greater possibility of securing an education (4) children from small families have a better opportunity to reach senior-high school than those from large families (5) the youngest child has a greater possibility of attending high school than the oldest (6) more children of farmers are found in junior high school than in senior high school (7) girls whose fathers are farmers are retained in senior high school to a greater extent than the boys and (8) children of common laborers have the least opportunities of having a high school education.

Miss Miller from the Rural Education Department at Geneseo Normal discussed grade work. She put stress upon the teaching of reading in the grades. She urged that the stress in reading come not so much on oral reading as on reading for comprehension. This reading for comprehension should be both accurate and rapid. This was the last part of the days program.

### RESOLUTIONS

We, the teachers of the first supervisory district of Allegany County, in conference assembled this thirteenth day of February at Houghton, New York, submit the following resolutions:

First, that thanks be extended to President Luckey and faculty of Houghton College and Seminary for their generous hospitality.

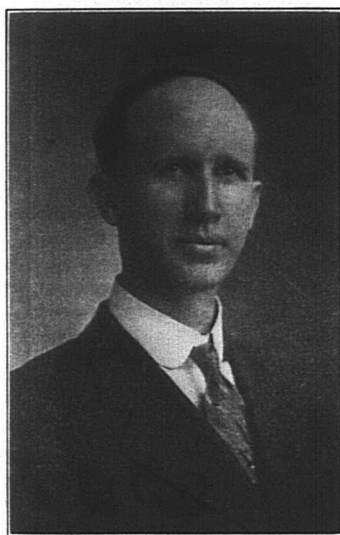
Second, that Miss Cole and her helpers be especially thanked for the bounteous dinner.

Third, that we thank our superintendent, the program committee, and all others who helped to make this meeting a success.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the HOUGHTON STAR.

Ione Driscoll  
Rheta Allen  
Agnes Norris.

## Revival Services Being Held at Houghton



Rev. W. H. Marvin

Wednesday evening, February 11, Reverend Marvin spoke on "God's Opposition to Sin or Evil" with Deuteronomy 25:16 as Scriptural reference. From Biblical account we find God to be the fountain of perfect goodness. All of His manifestations of opposition to sin are ones of goodness and righteousness. Satan attempting iniquity in heaven (God's home) became "God's just adversary" and was expelled. In earth he robbed Adam of righteousness. Adam through voluntary alliance with Satan fell with all posterity under God's curse. As a result the sinful desire in man, even though there be no act, brings God's displeasure.

"We have heard so much of a God of love that we have lost sight of His abomination of evil." We cannot bear a particle of ill-will toward our fellows and retain Divine favor, for the fact that He loathes sin is true and unalterable. Failure to oppose a single sinful thought brings wrath. "Unless you part company with the devil and evil, you will follow the devil to a hell of fire and brimstone."

"God loathes the use that men in sin voluntarily put their minds to but He loves the creature man. His love to the wicked is of well-wishing not approval." At Calvary God himself in human form expressed His love and justice. Because of perfect Divine goodness, sin made Calvary necessary. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but sin is no trifle.

God gives just warning of His abomination of evil and consequent judgment. There is no escape. Everyone shall reap justice. His opposition is not changed, though, through mercy, we may be washed. "Consider God a liar if you will, but some day you will wake up in hell." God is in earnest. He did not die in vain. Sin demanded it.

His eternal opposition to sin is written in conscience. Conscience will be a part of the fire in hell. "Conscience on fire makes hell on

earth." Peace comes only when restitution is made and wrongs rectified.

The service on the evening of February 12 opened with the congregation singing, "Let Jesus Come into your heart," "Does Jesus Care?" and "Tell me the old, old, Story." After Professor Frank Wright led in prayer, Mr. Clifton rendered a solo, "I know a Name."

The text was taken from Romans 12:19. God says vengeance is His, and we cannot conceive of a God who will not vindicate evil done to His name or His people. Satan is granted a large privilege to try a race that are on probation, and many men have given themselves to be Satan's servants.

Today many are asking God where there is any justice. Some of the richest men of the day are gaining their wealth by foul means. But God tells us that we are to do good to those who do us evil, and that we are not competent to judge any man. God looks at the heart and knows how to judge righteously. God alone can solve our multitude of problems and, "Vengeance is mine" is no lie but an eternal truth.

God loves us all impartially and none of us has the right to say he is better than the next person. All are on an equality before God and if we have larger capacities to use, we are under more obligation to use those faculties to His glory. Everyone has the same power of pleasure, of affliction, and of ultimately facing death.

God requires us to show the Golden Rule to all men. His sense of justice burns within Him at the unrighteousness of men. Every secret sin will be shown before the universe for God will show justice and judgment. God has made a law that suffering shall pay for sin. He is not limited to the power of man to recompense wrong but can go far beyond man's power. In the future world God will render good for good, evil for evil, and He has placed happiness in a future world.

### The Evangelist Delivers Many Vivid Sermons

On Friday evening, February 13, the Men's Glee Club and the Orchestra were present to aid both in the congregational singing and in special music. The Glee Club sang "Teach me to Pray" after which Professor Ries led in prayer. "The Name of Jesus", another selection by the Glee Club was sung just before the message.

"Necessity for Hell" as shown in Matthew 5:29 was the subject for this evening. Certainly an all-powerful God of mercy must have prepared such a place for a purpose for God is absolutely just in His program. Man may believe that sincerity is enough but God demands right.

God brings us the fact that there is something in the human heart that should go, and it is up to us to rid ourselves of it. Man has set himself in direct opposition to God. But there is a hell waiting for those willful doers of wrong and unrighteousness and there is a necessity for it since man deliberately opposes God. God comes to us with His light and mercy and if it is rejected God will abandon those rejecters forever.

Principles of evil are in everyone's life but God restrains these principles. If there was no penalty either here or in the hereafter man would go his own way. He gives us what we love most and if it is wickedness, our part will be in the lake of fire.

On Saturday evening, February 14, the text of the message was taken from John 3:14. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;" also, from I Corinthians 15:56, "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law". Both of these passages refer to Numbers 21:8, 9.

Death and its relation to the unbeliever was emphasized. To the unbeliever death comes as an unwelcome visitor. Since no preparation has been made and he has no truth to rely upon, he approaches death with fear. He has made his plans for life but the coming of Death's officer breaks human plans and the relationships of time. It's sting is fatal and there is no recovery. Also there is no chance for a trial journey before changing life's affairs. Human reformation apart from God's remedy cannot protect from the sting. As death finds the soul, so it is sealed for the day of judgment.

The bright side of the message came last. For the believer there is power in the blood of Jesus to remove the sting of Death. There is Victory in Him!

Sunday morning, the first Sunday of the Revival Services was opened by the usual song service. The Church Choir rendered the special number "Hallelujah What a Savior."

Brother Marvin read the Scripture found in John 10:11-17 and Rev. 6:12-17. He chose two texts; John 3:29 and Rev. 5:5. His theme was

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

One thing I won't stand for—to have my room-mate wear my shoes and swipe a dime off me for a shine.

## FAR OFF FIELDS LOOK GREEN

Many have heard the story of the Arab who became dissatisfied with life on his farm after hearing a glowing story of a diamond field where one could become rich with very little effort. Resolving not to spend his life working on a farm he sold his property and set out for the distant diamond field. It did not take him long to discover that his vision of great riches was in reality a dream and he returned home. One day he happened to meet the buyer of his farm. During the conversation the latter took what he thought to be a pretty stone from his pocket and showed it to the Arab. The stone as the Arab soon learned was a diamond of excellent quality, found on what had been his property. He had sold what he traveled many miles to find.

So it is with other things in life. That which is near seems dull and uninteresting. The far away has glamor, interest and calls to us. How many people are there who live within a hundred miles of Niagara Falls, one of the wonders of the world, and have never seen them. Yet many have traveled thousands of miles to see their majestic grandeur.

How many Houghton students have dreamed of large and famous universities, and wished that they could graduate from such a great institution? Yet our own college offers the same opportunities for education, for forming lasting friendships and for the building of character. Yes, far off fields look green.

C. S. D.

## GREETINGS

Mary Lytle—February, 22  
Louis Shipman—February, 23  
Richard Hale—February, 27

Teacher: Willie, give the definition of "Home".

Willie: Home is where part of the family waits until the others are through with the car.—Ex.

## HOOS HOO

This person is of medium height, rather slender, has brown hair and is equipped with artificial aids to the vision. This personage wears a smile that is peculiar in that only half of the face seems to share in the mirth—perhaps the result of the dry humor flowing from the jaws of wisdom that is very entertaining to the listeners.

Last Week's—"Skeets".

## ALUMNI NEWS

Miss Neva Henry Houghton, N. Y.

My dear Editor:

I thank you for your request that I furnish you with a few notes of interest reminiscent of the days of the beginning of the STAR for use during this anniversary month. I fear, though, that they will not be of much use to you, for the things that I recall that seemed of great importance then seem amusingly unimportant now.

Yesterday I stepped into our printing plant. Over in the corner was Willard at the Linotype machine. Across from him was Gordon, snatching some kind of work off the big, job press at something less than two thousand an hour. Down the other side was Brother Whitaker, getting that fine big cylinder press all tuned up for tomorrow's run of the STAR. In the middle sat that uncanny little folding machine, just tingling to snatch this week's issue and fold it into that neat form in which the STAR is handed to us. All around the room was that fine assortment of other equipment and materials so neatly arranged,—I mean, all around the room was that fine assortment of other equipment and materials. It all made a strange memory stir within me. For, would you believe it? back in that first year we had visions of our own printing plant. The Star Staff talked the matter all over and planned it all out in one of its regular meetings in the Star Office, (which office did not exist and which meetings never were held). It had reached the point where it seemed that the only point we could not settle was what to do with it when it arrived (You see we thought then we were crowded, but we were only mistaken.) I was delegated to lay this part of the problem before the Faculty. And I did! Now, I am sure the Faculty has greatly improved during the past score of years, much more, no doubt, than has the Student Body, for, what do you think? That Faculty began asking such perfectly nonsensical questions as: "Have any of you had any practical experience in the handling of printing plants?" "Just how do you expect to finance the proposition?" "Do you have anyone who will be able to set type and the like?" I will not burden you further with details of this. I never think of those particular hours (it was really a very few minutes) without a great deal of pain.

Having the paper printed at a distance was not without its peculiar difficulties. So many things could go amiss even after the paper went to press. Once the printer, who was always trying to help us out, thought he could save us a bit of money by using a bit cheaper grade of paper. I really think the change was greater than he planned on, for when the issue came out the paper was very, very poor and the STAR presented a bedraggled appearance that month. When I handed Harry Ostlund's copy to him, he looked at it pretty sharply, then remarked, "I suppose this is a proof copy or something like that, is it?" We didn't have the hospital in those days, hence the fellows had to care for him in his own room.

Sympathetically yours,  
Stanley W. Wright.

## HOUGHTON APPENINGS

Chester Driver spent the week-end at his home in Rochester.

Professor Claude Ries was in Olean Saturday.

Miss Noss visited friends in Fredonia for the week-end.

Mae Collins went home for the week-end.

Arthur Doty was in Houghton Sunday.

Elizabeth Erickson has been ill for several days.

Florence Clark has been ill for several days.

Captain and Mrs. G. M. Whitaker announce the birth of a daughter, Esther Marlyn, February 15.

Lois Sweet and Gladys Davison spent the week-end at the home of Frances Hall in Franklinville, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stoddard of Cattaraugus, N. Y. were in Houghton Sunday.

Professor Allen Baker, Beatrice Jones, and Robert Folger have recovered from the mumps.

Bernice Davie spent the week-end with Elizabeth MacFarlane at her home at Cincinnatus, N. Y.

Because of illness at home Alice Thurber was unable to return to school until Tuesday.

William and Lucy Joslyn were the week-end guests of Elinor Carpenter at Short Tract, N. Y.

Helen Holestein of Ebenezer, visited Ruth Kissinger Saturday and Sunday.

The Crawford House girls entertained Alta and Willet Albro, Onalee Davies and Kenneth VanSlyke at dinner last Friday.

Norma E. Gage spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Nicholson of Canisteo, New York.

Mrs. J. S. Luckey, Miss Anna Fillmore, Miss Dorah Burnell, and Miss Ella Hillpot were in Rochester Monday on a shopping tour.

Morella Wilsie, Theos Cronk, Warren Thurber, Tim Jones, and Silas Anderson are in the hospital with the mumps.

Mary Lytle was called to her home in Angelica Thursday because of the death of her uncle, Bruce Fairchild of Portville.

A union meeting of the local W. C. T. U. with the Angelica branch was held in Angelica Thursday. Miss Alene Schauss gave a temperance reading.

Miss Bertha Rothermel has issued a new book, *Emerson Personality Catechisms*, recently. She is issuing her second edition this week of her book *Systematic Friction Rules in Theory and Practice* published last year.

## Criticism of New Biography of Abraham Lincoln

New York, Feb. 16—Martin L. Davey, of Kent, O., former congressman, in a radio address here yesterday, characterized Edgar Lee Masters' new biography of Abraham Lincoln as "intellectual and spiritual vandalism."

Masters, Illinois poet, and author of "Spoon River Anthology," asserts that Lincoln was a man of low intelligence, few scruples and of very little democracy. He says that the apotheosis of Lincoln by the people of America is one of the greatest errors in history.

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## New German Club

There has been a long-felt need on the part of German students at Houghton for a greater opportunity for practical expression in the language. By the efforts of a large number of interested students a German club has been recently formed. This organization according to its constitution, exists for the purpose of helping students to gain an appreciation of the German literature and language, and to give an opportunity for practical training in conversation. It is planned that programs in German will be presented at the regular meetings, and occasionally a public program.

Membership in the society is open to any Houghton College, Theological, or High School students interested in the study of German.

The following have been elected as officers for the coming year:  
President—Clifford Bristow  
Vice-President—Silas Anderson  
Secretary—Golda Farnsworth  
Treasurer—Warren Thurber.

## High School Notes

As one gazes over the study hall he is apt to wonder why so many of the seats are minus an occupant. The answer is that simple word, mumps. Several have succumbed to that prevalent ailment; none, however, seemed to have suffered very lasting consequences. Professor Allen Baker is back at the old job; Mary McIvor has been released. But one misses the presence of Leon Jones and Clarice Folger. Many others are earnestly hoping that they will soon fall before the onslaughts of the disease. And some of them have a very good chance to do so.

## Light Bearers' Notes

On Sunday the Light Bearers held one of their most inspirational and enjoyable services of the year. Renewed interest was shown in the service in the very good number in attendance. There were about seventy-five out. Certainly God is working in our midst, if we can judge by the number who are interested in these Sunday afternoon young people's services.

Mrs. Clifton brought the message after Mr. Clifton had sung a special selection. Mrs. Clifton spoke on the subject of winning souls for Christ. She said that this is the chief business of the Christian, and, moreover, it is the greatest business that anyone can be engaged in! It is the work of the Christian.

There are six requisites for soul winning: (1) The necessity of being thoroughly saved, (2) the necessity of being absolutely sanctified, (3) the ability to pray earnestly, to receive answer to our prayer, (4) a burden for the lost, (5) a oneness of purpose, that of serving the Lord God, (6) and last of all, the necessity of living a consistent Christian life in the home, in the school, in society, wherever we are. These points the speaker very carefully presented and illustrated by personal experience.

According to one of the deans of the University of Nebraska; love, dumbness and faculty intelligence are the reasons for freshmen flunking out at college.

## Revival Services

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"the two attributes or manifestations of God," namely (1) Goodness and Mercy, (2) Justice.

The goodness of God is pictured in the story of the Good Samaritan—the Lord Jesus Christ who has come into this world, to have compassion upon us and heal our sin and troubled souls. The goodness of God is also pictured in the meeting of Jesus with the woman at the well of Samaria. He comes to her with the gift of life and divine love. He is the Lamb of God, come to bear the world's condemnation and lift the burden from every bruised heart. There is hope for the vilest of sinners. This is the day of mercy and redemption.

God is perfect in His justice as well as His goodness and mercy. God is a Lion as well as a Lamb. Justice will be poured out according to our desserts. The God of justice will send us to Hell if we refuse His love and salvation. The next world is the day of justice. Every man will give an account of himself to God. We are all hastening on to that day of judgment. Are we ready to meet the Lamb of God? Let us be prepared and meet the conditions given in God's Word.

The service Sunday evening was opened by a song service followed by prayer led by Rev. Pitt. A solo "Dying for Me" was then rendered by Miss Isabel Hawn, after which Rev. Marvin had charge of the service. His scripture reading was found in Isaiah 53:7. He chose his text from Jude 1:5, which is a statement of the outcome of disbelief in a nation. Although God had saved the people out of the land of Egypt, nevertheless he later destroyed them because they did not believe on him.

God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, his purpose to man is a good one if he will only believe on Him and recognize Him as the sovereign power. God never gives man over to his wrath until the latter rejects him and is worthy of that wrath.

God demands that man give him cooperation. His plan for mankind is salvation. God wants to wash our hearts, save us, and make us happy for eternity. In order that he may do this there are certain ways in which man must cooperate. He must show his great love for God, believe on his promises and keep covenant with God, if he wants God to be merciful unto him.

As God warned Egypt, he will also reveal the strength of his power to man. If man is lost it will be because of his own continual reluctance to hear the voice of God. As God has destroyed Egypt because of its disbelief, the same may be true of individuals.

The Girls' Glee Club was present at the service of Tuesday evening, February 17, to provide the special music. "Unfold, Ye Portals" was the first selection sung after which Professor Stanley Wright led in prayer and the Glee club sang, "When they ring the Golden Bells."

The text was taken from Luke 16. Many men feel they should like to be spectators of such a scene as portrayed here, but it is impossible for man to sit back and regard such a time indifferently. God does not use force on us, but if He did we should only do His purpose because we did not dare do otherwise. God's

purpose is to persuade us to change our character.

God requires pardon for sin and a renewal to holiness. The principle of unbelief says that God does not mean what He says, that we are not enough as we are and that God will not punish us. God says we must be born again.

All the seeming advantages of a wicked man cannot last long. God says, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." If we do not respond to God's claims of love and right, we will face hell as our doom.

## Chapel Services

Life! It is impossible for finite minds to comprehend the meaning of that word. Chaos—then from out that mass there comes a breath—of what? We know not. We call it life. Then soon it disappears. Where? Into infinity. Comparatively little is known concerning the previous or future state of mankind. There is a God and because we realize that He is the creator of life, we have hope for the present and for the future. That Supreme Being, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, came from realms of light to this world and brought with Him peace to men. Our lives to be effective, to be truly worthwhile must be guided by Jesus Christ.

Reverend W. H. Marvin has been showing in a series of talks the importance of finding this Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and the results which are certain if He is not accepted by men.

Here follows a most brief resume of the chapel services of this week which have been conducted by the Reverend W. H. Marvin.

On Monday, February 16, we were told of the "God who lifteth up and bringeth down." Sin is always costly. All men will be rewarded according to their merit. It is the duty, therefore, of every individual to choose whether he will accept or refuse the mercy which God through Christ has proffered.

On Tuesday, Brother Marvin used for his text the passage—"Thou shalt surely die." He showed that the consequence of and the penalty for disobedience are two different things. "Man departs from God by reckoning His Word a lie. If man would return to God, he must reckon the word truth and that God's Word and His love work for universal peace." God said, "Thou shalt not enter heaven with sin." The way to God is by faith in the redemption offered by Jesus Christ. Man must dedicate his heart, his life, his all to Christ, for He is dependable.

On Wednesday, the text was taken from Jonah 3:5—"So the people of Nineveh believed God." Faith governs man's conscience, his actions and all of his conduct. When faith becomes strong enough men put away evil. When the final result of sin is realized, an acknowledgement of that sin should be made and peace found in Christ. Separation from sin and a dedication of ones life to God is necessary if man desires the favor of God.

## Former Janitor to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott of Pittsford, Vt. are to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 4. Mr. Elliott will be remembered as janitor for a number of years here in Houghton. All receiving the STAR who knew Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are requested to remember this anniversary with a letter or card.

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Idle Clare.

Dear Idle:

Because she is painted in front, shingled behind, and no upper story.

Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

What does the buffalo on a nickel stand for?

Pester Heels.

Dear Pester:

Because he hasn't room to sit down.

Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

Why did "Tom" Armstrong fail to get his pharmacy degree?

Idle Dream.

Dear Idle:

Because he flunked in sandwich making.

Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

Why do many people fail to find life one sweet song?

Music Al.

Dear Al:

Because most of us are unable to sing.

Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

Why do so many of the students have the mumps?

Prof. Essor.

Dear Prof.:

Because the exams lowered their knowledge "bumps".

Count de Coupons.

## The Trials and Tribulations Of "Elizabeth"

Saturday noon, the time for the grand exodus of Houghton students, Elizabeth's visitor arrived with the avowed intention of departing from this atmosphere. Now, Elizabeth is a person of a discrete, well-ordered mind and she decided that this delightful spot was just where she wished to remain. This other person should not be permitted to disturb her slumbers—not at all! Elizabeth's owner decided differently and worked assiduously at the task she had set for herself. Elizabeth balked, yes she did! This interfering person should not be satisfied, no siree, Elizabeth can be quite as stubborn as any other contrary female. After perspiring freely, nearly spraining her arm, and putting a severe crimp in her temper, the determined young lady sought the assistance of a masterful male to quell this rank traitor. Elizabeth, that coy, modest maiden, demurely popped at the first attempt. Masculinity has a strange charm for sweet young things.

But alas, the handsome young Prince charming failed to accompany the party, so dear Elizabeth again began to show her skittishness. She considered that a rather under-handed trick had been played upon her so she began to show evidences of her temper in various rumblings and mutterings that sounded rather bad to the anxious ear of her driver. She progressed, protesting vigorously the entire distance until she arrived at

Fillmore. There, with many a protesting grunt she halted. She brightened up a bit when another young gentleman began to examine her. He was interesting, despite his dirty face and hands, unruly hair and greasy, oily clothes, for he handled his tools with a certain dexterity and skillful manipulation that fascinated Elizabeth's eyes. He decided her temper was a trifle disarranged, so he tightened the fan to cool her off a bit.

So, they traveled along amicably together for a short distance. Then a great mountain of snow appeared before her. Now, Elizabeth was feeling rather lazy this fine morning, so she didn't bunt that snow with enough force to travel through. Her mistress persevered. Again and again, she sent dearest Elizabeth at that disgusting white pyramid. Finally, Elizabeth's temper escaped its iron control and with supreme disdain, she sailed beautifully, majestically over that white foe, trampling the integral portions under foot—after she'd been soothed by a nice drink of water. This water tasted so good, that Elizabeth decided she wanted some more. Her mistress failed to realize her wish, so Elizabeth's contrary temper boiled up in steam and gracefully floated aloft in smooth white spirals. At this, with eager conciliating airs, the lady presented her with a lovely, long, cool drink that was very soothing. So, they went on again, over hill and down dale—and, presto! Here appeared another white mountain. Now Elizabeth was feeling the strain. She'd worked hard this day when all her vitals demanded REST! With a protesting squeak, she failed to plow through the mess, she wasn't going to commit suicide for any one. The person that was putting her through her tricks finally understood this, and set out to obtain aid. On the way, she met a man armed with a shovel who promptly set about smoothing Elizabeth's path. In the meantime, the man's wife regaled her owner with a luscious chicken dinner and numerous tales of frequent wrecks near this location. They finally arrived at Gainsville.

At this place, Elizabeth decided Houghton was not to be her resting place this day, so she settled down to business. They arrived home a few hours later with no more accidents except that the clutch band was tightened, the chains were fixed a few times and Elizabeth had a few more drinks. Elizabeth certainly illustrates the type of stubborn, obstinate females, but we'll hope she gets over her spells in future and allows her mistress to keep her dates on time!

## THE MEANING OF WASHINGTON

The 22nd of February, 1931, marks the 199th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. More than a century and a half has elapsed since he achieved his greatest triumphs in leading the ragged armies of thirteen loosely united colonies to victory against almost overwhelming odds. Still the interpreters of history accord him the highest place of honor among our national heroes. All this we consider in a vague way when we come to celebrate successive anniversaries of his birth.

Washington, however, was more than a hero; he was, and his memory still is, the embodiment of an ideal. And, unfortunately, like so many ideals, he is merely taken for granted by most of us. We all know that he

was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." We likewise know that he was "The father of his country." We are pitifully vague, though, concerning the meaning of these significant phrases which we cant so idly. And yet wrapped up in them is the vital meaning which Washington has for us today. We come to appreciate them, and consequently what Washington really stands for, only when we look beyond the mere words and see why his contemporaries should have been so unanimous in singing his praises and in lifting him so reverently to the first place of honor. This means that we must look at his life in all its phases and therein seek the causes for his preferment by his contemporaries; then we may understand what "The father of his country" really means to the American people, for we have inherited him and his lofty ideals from the ages.

Washington retreating warily across the Jersey Meadows, keeping himself and his dwindling army between the British General Howe and the Continental Congress in Philadelphia inspires awe in the breasts of those expert tacticians who study his movements; Washington crossing the Delaware in the dead of winter to surprise the foe at Trenton was a dramatic figure; Washington encouraging his barefoot, hunger-stricken army through the terrible winter at Valley Forge stands forth as an almost supernatural personality; Washington with his French allies planning and executing the coup at Yorktown excites admiration and wonder in all who know the story; Washington bidding his officers farewell in New York after victory was secure, and then taking himself off to his Virginia plantation there to enjoy his declining years in peace fills every breast with reverence; Washington coming out of his retirement a few years later in response to the call of his countrymen to take the helm again, this time as the nation's first president, excites admiration, wonder, reverence, anew. But none of these incidents, nor all of them together, encompasses the measure of his greatness. Nor is it easy to say that this or that made him a great man, though indisputably he was. We can understand him only by looking at his life as a whole and contemplating that elusive yet dominant thing called character. He was not great because of his great achievements, but his achievements were rather the expression of his in-

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herent greatness. The force of character that enabled him to inspire men to march barefoot to the field of battle and then by sheer courage and will wins the battle against odds was the secret of all his successes. But that forceful character was not gained in a day nor in the face of a great emergency; it was gained as only character can be gained—as an accumulation of personality resulting from continuous right thinking through all the years of one's life. Because Washington always did the right thing in the right place in a crisis, always made decisions the wisdom of which is still apparent, we know that his life must have been built upon the solid foundation of clear vision and wholesome thought. His ideals we know were high; his goals were always worthy; and his methods of moving forward to attain his goals were simple and direct marked and marred by no selfishness. He was motivated in all that he did during the most fruitful years of his life by a desire to see all enjoy the fruits of justice and liberty, and for these things he never ceased to strive first on the field of battle and then in the halls of Government. The cause of the American people he made his cause and to it he gave his life.

There is little wonder, then, that Washington's contemporaries recognized his greatness and sought to honor him upon every possible occasion. There is little wonder that later generations have joined their forefathers in keeping his memory still fresh, according him still the first place of honor in the nation, for truly he was the embodiment of the idea contained in the statement that he who would be "chiefest, must be the minister of all."

by Voorheis Richeson

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## Biography of Lincoln

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Davey set up the counter contention that human frailties make genius likeable and serve to emphasize, rather than detract from, greatness.

"Real greatness," he said, "is enhanced by the fact that it springs out of the normal qualities of life and is achieved by human beings rather than by unnatural super-men."

Although he did not mention Masters by name he referred directly to his book and the famous interview which Masters gave out ten days ago.

"The cynical destructionists," answered Davey, "are guilty of intellectual and spiritual vandalism because they paint a distorted, unfair and unbalanced picture of their subject. Lincoln was human; we would not like him if he had not been. He had some human frailties and peculiarities, but they only serve to make his greatness stand out more sublime."

"No man could put into statercraft so much fine character and lofty sentiment, without being great. No man in the searching analysis of time, could grow to the magnificent stature of Lincoln in the estimation of the civilized world without deserving the high place that he holds in the opinion and in the affection of the people."

"We do not need to be concerned about the success of these efforts at destruction. The reputation of Lincoln is safe. But we do need to be concerned with the efforts of a cynical minority to destroy the sources of our idealism and our inspiration, to tear down the inspiring personalities around whom our idealism is developed and our faith entwined."

Davey also paid his respects in equally vigorous language to the recent biography of George Washington by Rupert Hughes.

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