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## LOYAL S. WRIGHT GIVES

### ENDOWMENT LECTURE

The students of Houghton Seminary and the people of Houghton and nearby towns were especially favored on Friday evening November fifth by having the opportunity of listening to Professor Loyal S. Wright of Syracuse. Professor Wright is a speaker who has for the last thirteen years lectured on the subject of business efficiency before industrial organizations and chambers of commerce in most of the leading cities of the United States. He came not as a professional man but as a friend to Houghton and the Wesleyan Methodist church, and he proved his sincerity and devotion by donating the proceeds of his lecture, a sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars, to the Houghton Seminary Charter fund.

The subject of the lecture was, "The mind of man; what it is capable of doing and how it may be developed." This was clearly outlined to show that the mind is made up of the intellect, the emotions and the will. The intellect is concerned with thinking and is made up of both the subjective and the objective mind. The objective mind derives its information through the five senses, while the subjective mind takes cognizance of things independent of the senses. The soul of man is thus the subjective mind. It is of itself pure. It becomes corrupt only when the objective mind permits destructive material to enter and leave their impressions upon it. Everything entering the mind registers plus or minus. Our lives, present and eternal, depend upon whether we harbor corrupt and evil thoughts or whether we exclude them from dwelling in our minds.

It was then shown that a young person first experiences sensations, then concepts and images. From concepts come judgments, from judgments laws, and from laws principles. It is the choices of man which determine his career. Here the will becomes

## AN INSPIRING CHAPEL

A pleasant surprise was in store for the student body on November third, after the usual chapel exercises. A student body meeting was called and the faculty was requested to remain. The president of the student body, Mr. Hester, took the floor and was reading a letter from Marion College to Houghton Seminary, when one of the students arose and left the room, creating quite a sensation. But what was our surprise when two others were sent to bring him back! The president then remarked that everyone should stay to the meetings, as it did not show very good school spirit to get up and leave. One of the college freshmen then suggested that the sophomore girls display some of their school spirit. They responded with a very stirring yell.

As the student who played the part of the fugitive is a member of the male quartet, it was suggested that he get together the other members and render a selection. The quartet followed the suggestion and sang one of the school songs. Now we began to see that all this talk about school spirit was for the purpose of creating enthusiasm for the lecture, to be given November fifth by L. S. Wright, the proceeds from which were to be devoted to the endowment. Mr. White then gave a fine talk on what school spirit really is. He closed by showing how loyal we all should be to Loyal S. Wright who is so loyal to Houghton Seminary. Miss Helen Sicard, having heard Mr. Wright speak, gave us a fine idea of the man, his lectures and what we were to expect.

I am sure that everyone, by this time, had a great desire to attend the lecture. According to the suggestion of the president of the student body, Professor W. L. Fancher very effectively closed this part of the program by a speech, in which he urged each girl to buy a ticket and informed the boys that they should buy two just

the same.

After practicing a few yells, the meeting adjourned. I am sure that every student felt a great deal of school spirit and enthusiasm, as well as an equally great desire to attend the lecture.

Helen Davison.

## WHY MUSIC?

Music is one of the happy and most useful subjects in the curriculum. Martin Luther says that music makes capable people. More and more people are realizing how valuable it is and it is becoming more important each year. The world now needs an extension of good music into every community and every home. Could it not be recognized as a national need? Our records show that all people who lived even before the time of the birth of Christ, showed a love for music. It seems to be a part of man's nature by which he expresses thoughts he would be unable to express thru words. Sidney Lavier says "Late explorers say they have found some nations that have no God but I have not read of any that had no music."

Music lies close to the hearts of all kinds and conditions of people. It laughs with our joys, comforts the sorrow and has the power to cheer and inspire—There is music in the brook as the water ripples over the stones—There is music in the songs of the birds and in the wind as it blows thru the trees.

If you do not know much about music, it is your duty to learn all you can about it, you owe it to yourself. "As a people we work too hard, relax too little, are too much concerned with our material welfare and too little with the things which free the spirit. We need more song in our hearts, more rhythm in our thoughts, more harmony in our lives."

Samuel Baker, an African explorer, has said that the natives are passionately fond of music and he believed



the safest way to travel thru Africa would be to play the cornet, if possible without ceasing which would ensure a safe passage. "Music hath charms to soothe."

William Byrd gives the following quaint reasons why it is good to sing. It is hoped that more people will be induced to sing, if only for the purpose of "opening the pipes."

1—It is a kind of knowledge easily taught and quickly learned where there is a good master and an apt scholar.

2—The exercise of singing is delightful to nature and good to preserve the health of man.

3—It is a singular good remedy for a stuttering and stammering in the speech.

4—It is the only way to find out where nature hath bestowed the benefit of a good voice.

5—Because there is no music of instruments whatever to be compared to the voices of men when they are good, well sorted and ordered.

6—The better the voice, the merrier it is to honour and serve God therewith and the voice of man is chiefly to be employed to that end.

7—"Music means harmony. harmony means love, love means—God."

H M E

## THE RESULT OF A

### NEW YEARS GIFT

"A happy New Year, Sir," said a small newsboy to a man wrapped up in a great fur overcoat.

"I wish what you said were true," replied the man as he stopped to buy a paper. "Here's your money, you can keep the change," and taking a coin out of his pocket he handed it to the boy.

"Oh! thank you, Sir," remarked the boy as he pocketed the coin.

A few minutes later the boy reached in his pocket and took out the coin. "Looks like a quarter and yet it is yellow or copper colored I guess. Must be some foreign coin."

Just then another gentleman came along and asked for a paper. Handing the boy a fifty cent piece he inquired the boy's name. "Thomas Butler, Sir," said the newsboy handing him the coin recently given him among others to the man. "Do you know

what kind of coin that is? Is it a quarter?"

"A quarter! why boy that's a ten dollar gold piece. How come you to get it?"

"A man just gave it to me, Sir. I think he meant it to be a quarter," responded Tom.

"Sure boy, he probably thought it was a quarter. You had better keep it in some other pocket or you'll give it to someone by mistake who will not be apt to give it back."

Tom stood on the corner selling papers, a happy and excited lad. Ten dollars was an unheard of sum and already he was planning what to do with it.

When the last paper was sold he ran for home with all his might. Going into a small cottage near the outskirts of the town he called loudly to his mother. His mother who was a seamstress left her sewing and hurried into the main room of the house to see what was the matter.

"Say ma," burst out Tom, "guess what's happened? A man gave me a ten dollar gold piece."

"That's fine, did you thank him Tom?"

"Why no, he handed it to me and said for me to keep the change. I think he thought it was a quarter."

"Do you know the gentleman, son?"

"Yes mother, it was Mr. Brown. He lives upon Fourth street. He's an awful rich man, but he didn't seem to be happy this morning even tho' he has hoards of money."

"No, my son, money isn't all that makes a man happy. He must do as God wants if he is to be a happy man," said Mrs. Butler. For like many a good mother she was desirous of showing her children the right way while they were young.

"Mother," said Tom, "don't you think I had better show Mr. Brown his mistake?"

"I do Tom," said his mother decisively.

In a short space of time Tom in his neat but well worn suit was ready to start.

"There son, I guess you are ready to go," and wishing him good luck she sent him on the way to Mr. Brown.

I do not know as anyone ought to blame Mrs. Butler if she secretly pray-

ed that Tom might be able to keep the coin. For with three children and high prices prevailing, she had a hard time to get along.

Meanwhile Tom hurried to his destination. With trembling fingers he rang the bell to the door. By the time the servant came to the door he was trembling nearly all over. The servant who came to the door looked curiously at the boy.

"And what could ye want of Mr. Brown," he asked.

"Some business, Sir," responded Tom bravely.

"All right, follow me," and the servant led the way into the presence of Mr. Brown.

That person seeing Tom enter the room behind the servant, laid down his newspaper and said, "Well boy what can I do for you?"

"Please, Sir," said Tom, "you made a mistake this morning I think. You gave me a ten dollar gold piece. Here it is, Sir," and he took out the precious coin.

"Oh that's all right sonny. I put it in my pocket by carelessness. However I guess it did more good than if I had kept it. I'm glad I could make your New Year pleasant."

"My but mother will be glad to get it," said Tom.

"That's right my boy, honor your mother, I used to have a good mother once," pleased by the boy's honesty and his thoughtfulness for his mother, "Are you going to be busy the rest of the afternoon? If not I would like to have you become acquainted with my son." To Tom's negative reply he led him into a large adjoining room where lay a crippled boy. For Jack Brown had in his babyhood days suffered by means of infantile paralysis. The result was that he could not walk well and had to go about in a wheel chair.

The boys soon became friends and in a short time were talking and laughing. For Jack had never had many boy friends.

Mr. Brown was so pleased to see his boy happy, an unusual affair, that when Tom got ready to go he said, "I'll tell you what I will do. If you will come in every Saturday and see Jack and do errands from half past four to seven on school days, I'll put you in school."



Tom was so delighted that he could say nothing for a time. You may be sure it was a happy New Year for his mother and him. Mr. Brown now seemed to be more cheerful that his son had a good boy chum. Indeed he seemed to be a happier man and said so.

Lynn L. Russell.

## KINDNESS

Possibly there is no word with meaning more comprehensive than kindness, unless it be the word love.

Indeed, they are so closely linked and interwoven that it is often impossible to distinguish the one from the other.

When we find real love we never fail to find kindness. But often where no real love exists we find kindness at work. Actuated by pity and compassion, we are glad to do kindly acts to strangers in distress.

Even to the brute creation kindness reaches out a helping hand.

Kindness, an attribute of God, inherited by the human family, God's creatures, portrays our close relationship to Him. By constant exercise of this God-Given attribute we approach nearer and nearer the divine character.

Kindness binds friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor.

Kindness heals wounds that have bled and rankled through the years, cheers and soothes broken hearts, inspires the despondent to renewed effort in the battle of life. Rescues many a boy and girl, homeless and friendless, from the lives of degradation and shame through the use of its encouraging word or pleasant smile.

How many we find when we pause and look about us, who are starving and perishing for lack of kind hearts to brighten and smooth the dark rough pathway of life. How sweet the reward we receive for these little kindly acts as we see sunshine and gladness beaming in faces where clouds dark and threatening had gathered. Many have burdens too heavy to bear, help somebody today along life's way. Tomorrow may be too late. To us delay may bring bitterness of soul as we behold human wrecks once as pure and innocent as the infant on its mother's breast, whom we could have sav-

ed by a few kindly words. Like ships that pass in the night we let opportunities to show kindness pass heedlessly by, then when it's too late, our consciences condemn our inexcusable neglect.

L. M.

## Loyal S. Wright Gives

### Endowment Lecture

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the conscious author of an intentional act.

Professor Wright showed that the mind was capable of doing almost anything from the most colossal destruction of war as shown by the Kaiser, to the greatest skill as evidenced by a successful surgeon, or the foresight and application of an inventor such as Thomas A. Edison.

Throughout his lecture Professor Wright at the opportune places made strong applications of the principles he was unfolding. He showed that the mind of man was capable of rendering service. Forcefully, he brought home to his hearers the idea that the practice of Christianity enables one to render the most extensive and exalted service. Nor would he sympathize with those who would hesitate to believe the scriptures because there were parts which one could not intellectually prove. For men believe in electricity and in x-rays though they can not understand them. There is no scientific religion, nor can one apply the laws of science to religion. It takes faith, the sixth sense, to comprehend God. Very vehemently did he score those who would abolish the atonement from theology. For we should "teach the atonement first and teach it last."

W. L. F.

## Open Forum

### CONSECRATED PARENTS

The rank and file of the world to-day are taking the way of least resistance, are seeking money and fame, and take but little time to consider the necessity and importance of eternal things. Our pulpits are vacant, our pews are empty, and those who are training in either mental or

spiritual ways are few. Parents, what can you do to increase our numbers? Give your very best and your all to Christ. The gift is none too great. Perhaps your service seems great but, if so, take a few moments in quiet and thoughtful meditation concerning the scene at Calvary. Oh, we behold the mother of Jesus as she stood in agony beside the cross and saw her beloved Son pay the supreme sacrifice for the lost of earth! Are your lives, your money, and your sons and daughters consecrated to Christ? A rich reward comes to those who pay the price.

S. Lawrence

## Athletics

Are you weary?

angry?

worried?

jealous?

perplexed?

sad?

indigo blue?

Here's a tonic.

Bundle up and set out over the point beyond Prof. Fancher's house.

Below you lie the valley and the winding river and beyond the misty hills. On your other hand, the hills roll up against the sky in long smooth curves. Below you is the earth, firm and solid.

Isn't there something in you that responds to the call? Doesn't it make your blood tingle thru your veins? Don't you feel like falling down and worshipping?

On the summit of the hill you see giant trees. Their beauty is in their strength. They have taken a stand against the fiercest storms, and have come off conquerors.

Unconsciously you straighten up and breathe more deeply. You feel the purpose in everything and you see your place.

Altho you are only "a grain of sand on the shores of time" yet there is strength and power for you. You can conquer your storms.

Your very soul opens up and allows the breezes to purify it.

Anger and envy fade away. They look so small and mean in view of the handiwork of the Almighty.

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## Editorial

### CHEER UP!

"What a man thinks in his spirit in the world", says Swedenborg, "that he does after his departure from the world when he becomes a spirit

Whether you believe the above or not you will admit that you believe that what you think of here has a great deal to do with your future happiness. At any rate it makes a great difference with your chances of success in this life. The power of right thinking cannot be overestimated. The Bible, the Book of all books, contains frequent exhortations to heavenly minded-

ness and uplifting thought. Your life is greatly characterized by your meditations. Some one has said, "Our thoughts comprise the city of man's soul". If this be so we should be determined to be possessed of a strong constructive spirit to make that city fit for the closest scrutiny! Do you want the city in which your soul holds citizenship to be a doleful melancholy place? If you don't, cheer up! Anyone can find something to be blue about. One thing that will advertise Christianity effectually is a sunny disposition. Again and again we are reminded of this fact but somehow a frown fits the occasion pretty well and our faces get sort of trained that way. Let's put on some "grin stretchers". Did you ever hear about the man who was convinced that everything was wrong? He said 'why the sun only shines on nice days and we don't need it so badly then as on the cloudy ones!' Is that the way with your smile? Cheer up! "A man who thinks right", says Kleiser, "has reasons to feel proud of himself and he walks abroad with 'the holiday in his eye'". He doesn't need the modern wheel of entertainment and pleasure to keep him sweet. He has found the secret of being entertained by pure and sensible thoughts. He in a measure realizes the truth of Pascal's exclamation: "With space the universe encloses me and engulfs me like an atom, but with thought I enclose the universe". Clear and positive thinking is constructive and builds not alone for beauty of expression and grandeur of character, but for a sterling worth and high utility. Wrong or negative thinking is destructive and impoverishing; it contains only fear, uncertainty, hopelessness; nothing to clarify and brighten the lives of others.

Right thinking means cheerful thinking. It makes a man an intellectual and spiritual optimist. Robert Louis Stevenson although sick in bed and racked by pain for weeks did not let a weak or negative thought escape his lips; instead he gave us this: "A happy man or woman is a better thing to find than a five-pound note. He or she is a radiating focus of good will; and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted. We need not care whether they could prove the forty-seventh proposition; they do a better thing than that, they practically demonstrate the great theorem of the livableness of life."

God saved us to be not only servants

but friends. Can you be a good friend without giving your best thought and warm interest to those you love? Try that with the greatest Friend "who sticketh closer than a brother." The resources of Almighty God are behind the Christian who will think right and cheer up!

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## FILLING THE RANKS

Last year when Rev. A. E. Wachtel of Jersey City was contemplating affiliating himself with the Methodist Church, he came to Houghton to get a glimpse of the young people of our school and this made his final decision to become a Wesleyan Methodist. He was a man of keen observation and wide experience and knew that the church might be judged largely by the quality and quantity of her young people. Consequently our church is being judged by the spirituality of our schools and the students. For we represent the youth of our church and will be her men and women or tomorrow.

Therefore if the principles for which our church stands are to be maintained it will be because we believe those principles in word and in practice.

In this day of drift from the "old paths" and great unrest among the masses of people how necessary it is that we be not contaminated by the world if we are to retain our standards as holiness schools. And if the faculty and students of our schools do not maintain this standard, can we not see what the next generation will bring to our church? If the schools of any church will not produce young men and women who will be loyal to the principles for which that church stands, where can we look for them?

Do we realize that the presidents and teachers of our schools, the pastors of our churches and those on the mission fields are not always going to be able to carry the burdens of the day as they are doing now? Then unless we have young people in training now, whose consecration is deep enough, whose vision is enlarged so that they will lay aside worldly ambitions, some of these positions are not going to be filled.

We believe that we as Wesleyan



of a report of the failings of its competitors? Would we not be tempted to patronize those same competitors?

Surely we will agree that the method of success in any secular business consists largely of a truthful statement of the good to be gained by favoring the concern mentioned, allowing to others the unrestricted use of the same play.

It is apparent, however, that we frequently forget that the constructive method of progress applies also to a school or church. Sometimes destructive criticism of other institutions follows a revival of legitimate school spirit in our own and we forget that good always has a stronger appeal to human nature than bad.

I wonder if we alumni who want to show loyalty to our Alma Mater ever employ the destructive method rather than the constructive. We all know that Houghton is a good school, one which deserves our loyalty. But perhaps we are so familiar with her good qualities that we forget that those are the very things that others, outsiders, are wondering about. Do we ignore the simple good things we might say about the institution and launch into a comparison, emphasizing the faults of other schools? People are more interested in the good we have to offer than in the evil present elsewhere. And besides, let us remember that other schools are not all bad simply because they differ from us.

Is there not a tendency to carry this spirit of destructive criticism even into the defense of the Wesleyan Methodist Church? As with the school, it may result from the true loyalty which every member should have. The motive may be pure and sincere but for success motives and methods must cooperate. If our hearts are truly loyal, we will find enough good in our own organization to work constructively in support of it and find it unnecessary to use destructive criticism against other religious organizations. As with the schools, let us look for the good instead of the bad in our neighboring churches and we will find that they too are not all bad. It need not mean the least sacrifice of a principle to recognize the good to be found in others. On the contrary,

it would develop within us a fair and square attitude which is the foundation of both real Americanism and true Christianity. Ethelyn Stebbins.

## BUSINESS CHRONICLE

Spiritually bankrupt and financially insolvent.

That about expresses the condition of the world after its emotional debauch. Drunk on the wine of economic fallacies, the new day that was to usher in the glad era of no work wherein all men are brothers brings but a headache. Elijah's ravens have quit the job, and a befuddled and befuddled mankind is facing the distressing alternative of starving or going to work. The silk shirt period has passed, and no longer is the fatted calf being killed for returning prodigals who strut and fume and complain of the service. People who bought flivvers and forgot to pay the grocer are lambasting the government, or the capitalists, or whatnot, but they haven't yet had to walk far enough or go hungry long enough to be brought to a realization that their trouble lies largely within themselves. The wrong viewpoint. Too much listening to the mischief makers who were educated in a lop-sided way and who look with disfavor upon the general scheme of things as it was laid out by the Almighty. Too much jazz, and too little prayer; a full belly, and an empty head.

What a sick world needs just now is an old fashioned religious revival and a baptism of pentecostal fire. A little more regard for the sacredness of contract, and then a lot of self-denial and intelligent expenditure of both time and money.

Kick out the sociological quacks, read the Sermon on the Mount, and go back to work. All will yet be well—for those who survive.—Business Chronicle, 1504 Alaska Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Some poor city children visited a farm. Each was given a glass of milk. "Well, boys, how do you like it?" "Fine, I wish our milkman had a cow."

Dallas Morning News

## THE WAY OF LIFE

Lord, I am weary, and the Way is hard,  
Sometimes I cannot understand  
Nor see,

The enemy doth stand a subtle guard  
At places where I thought would  
Angels be.

Lord, I am weary, and the path is dim,  
Though often I have walked in  
Light of day,

A moment's doubt, mayhap another's  
Whim

Have brought the dusk and shadow  
O'er my Way.

Lord, I am weary, but I feel and know  
That thou hast trod this darksome  
Road before;

Thy bleeding foot-prints all these rocks  
Do show,

And cause me still to love this Way  
The more!

O. L. G., 1913

## Items of Interest Along

### Missionary Lines

We as young people of Houghton Seminary are fortunate in having our General Y. M. W. B. Superintendent as leader of our Mission Study Class: This is a privilege which our sister schools do not have and we should make the best of our opportunity. These classes have proved very helpful and interesting and we cannot afford to miss them. India has been studied and now the other countries are to be taken up.

Two interesting programs have been given by the Senior Y. M. W. B. one on Home Missions and one on Japan. In the program on Home Missions a brief survey was given of our Southern Mountain work and what an opportunity it afforded anyone anxious to work for the Master. The speaker said that this would be a good place to try out prospective missionaries. The United States as a mission field and its need presented a vast field for workers. When we realize that there are 27,000,000 boys and girls in the United States who do not attend Sunday School, it makes us feel like beginning at home.

Several phases of the work were brought out in the program on Japan a few of which are:—

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Methodists have a reason for our existence, and a mission to fulfill. Therefore if that mission is fulfilled, it must be through human sacrifice by our young people.

Our college charters will be a detriment to us if they only prepare men for the business world, and it's true that the business world needs godly men and women, but if for that alone our schools exist they will have failed in the past and let us pray that it may not be so in the future. Then they will furnish young men and women who have been to Calvary and gained a broader vision of life, who will fill our pulpits, supply our mission fields and become teachers in our schools. When Rev. J. S. Willett of Syracuse, our connectional agent, gave us that splendid chapel talk, he said that if we were looking for honor and large salaries the Wesleyan Church held no place for us, but if looking for a place in which to invest our lives in sacrificial service, then the doors were open wide for such.

Prayer is the greatest force in bringing this about. Christ said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Are we praying as we ought that our ranks will be filled with godly men and women? If these places are not filled it will be partly because the church has failed to pray out the people to fill them.

## ATHLETICS

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The things that worry and perplex you are not the all important after all.

You want to go back and take another try at things; to put a little more vim into your work; to master problems that made your head ache.

Now this may sound like a lot of sentimental trash but be fair, test it out.

## Organizations

### ATHENIAN SOCIETY

The attendance at the Society has been growing less instead of increasing as it should. If you don't think it worth

while, come out and boost a little. The Program Committee may plan and plan but if they fail to have your co-operation their plans will amount to nothing.

At a recent meeting only two numbers were given out of what seemed a well-planned and instructive program. These need commendation. But if you fail to take part without a legitimate excuse after being placed upon the program, then you're a slacker. You've no right to enjoy the recreations of the Society if you are not willing to bear a part of the toil.

Our Parliamentary Law Drills prove to be very interesting as well as helpful.

Come out and prove yourselves now!

## FORMER THEO. GRADUATE SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

As a forerunner of the movement which stirred Houghton lately, the Rev. Gerritt Visser spoke in the chapel exercises. He is a graduate of the Theological Department here and is now a pastor at Pittsford, Mich.

Rev. Visser impressed upon our minds the thought of what a great thing it is to live but what an awful thing not to meet the responsibilities of life. Opportunities, which may never return, are before us. He remarked that some people think that the world no longer needs or demands "hell fire preachers" nor those who preach the fundamental truths. The world today needs the preachers of an earlier day as much as they were needed then. The things which are worth most and which will abide are those that are eternal. So we need to put first our salvation for, as Rev. Visser said, there is no answer to the question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

L. B.

## CENTRAL, S.C.,

NOVEMBER 9, 1920.

It gives me much pleasure, (in response to the request of your kind editor), to say to you that I am glad to greet you in word and hope to meet you personally some time.

I hail you and congratulate you in the work that you are doing for the cause of Christ as a Christian Institution. For many years I have heard of the "Houghton Seminary" and wished it well.

In harmony with your editor I assure you that we shall be very happy indeed

to become more intimately acquainted with you through the columns of our respective papers by the means of any literary contests that we can conduct in such a manner. We are confident that you have some very talented members in your student body who will be able to make most any contest very interesting for us. Since we, too, have the spirit and presence of progress, we shall do our best to make it interesting for your kind and noble students.

However, this is not a challenge but a word of acquaintance which we hope will bring us closer to each other and bringing us nearer the goals for which we are striving and especially nearer to the Christ our elder Brother.

Requesting your prayers hearty co-operation and hoping you the best year of your history,

I am your fellow student,

Arther L. Vess

(Editor of W. Me Educator)

You noticed the difference in your bottle of milk to-day, of course. More price at the top. Detroit Free Press

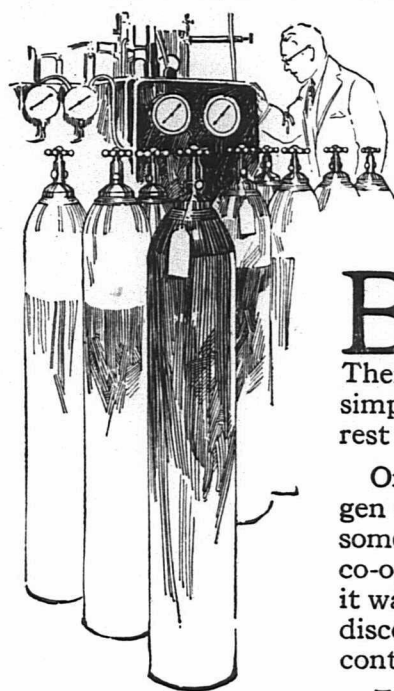
## CONSTRUCTION vs

## DESTRUCTION

On all lines of constructive work there should be a healthy spirit of competition. Perhaps no one realizes this more than those of us who have left school and have entered for a time into life's activities. We have found that some other individual or corporation is trying to reach our goal ahead of us. Fair competition has always been one of the chief agents of progress in any line. Surely, then, it is legitimate and commendable.

But no one will deny that some of the methods used in competition are anything but legitimate and commendable. Perhaps the error most frequently made is the attempt to climb by trading upon the opponent. This method invariably defeats its own ends because it antagonizes the people and drives away the public sentiment which it hopes to gain. Do we not think less of a politician after hearing him enumerate the faults of his opponents? What would we think of a department store whose ads consisted





## What Is Air?

**B**EFORE 1894 every chemist thought he knew what air is. "A mechanical mixture of moisture, nitrogen and oxygen, with traces of hydrogen and carbon dioxide," he would explain. There was so much oxygen and nitrogen in a given sample that he simply determined the amount of oxygen present and assumed the rest to be nitrogen.

One great English chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

Pressure will check boiling or evaporation. If the pressure within a boiler is very high, it will take more heat than ordinarily to boil the water. Would a gas under pressure prevent filaments from boiling away? If so, what gas? It must be a gas that will not combine chemically with the filament. The filament would burn in oxygen; hydrogen would conduct the heat away too rapidly. Nitrogen is a useful gas in this case. It does form a few compounds, however. Better still is *argon*. It forms no compounds at all.

Thus the modern, efficient, gas-filled lamp appeared, and so argon, which seemed the most useless gas in the world, found a practical application.

Discover new facts, and their practical application will take care of itself.

And the discovery of new facts is the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company.

Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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## Current News

Mrs. Lucas is at the hospital in Olean at present. She had an operation Jan. 14th. She seems to be recovering quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Cott and Francis with Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Fancher were in Castile Saturday.

Skating season has commenced on the cove. Parties of skaters may be seen there nearly every afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett are visiting at Syracuse where their son, Ray, is an instructor in English.

Mrs. Grace McKinley with her two little sons, Gerald and Merrill, is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Steese.

Arthur Bernhoft who was detained at home on account of the sickness of his father has returned to school.

Katherine Jones who has just recovered from an attack of sickness is in school again.

It is hoped that we shall have electric lights by the 25th.



## CURRENT NEWS

Continued from page .

On the evening of Dec. 25 the students who were in Houghton gathered at the Dormitory for a social evening. Some games were played at first, and then a merry jingle of sleigh bells announced that Santa Claus had arrived. He vainly tried to enter the windows but the screws prevented him. But he found a means of entrance. Everyone watched eagerly while he took presents from the heavily laden tree. Evangeline Clarke and Gay Randall acted as Santa's assistants and carried the presents to their owners. Everyone received at least one present as well as a bag of popcorn and candy. Then evening closed with several games.

Some of Houghton's former students were in town during vacation. Ruth Kellogg who is teaching school was at home with her parents and her sister. Dorothy Peck who is teaching at Central this year was at home over the holidays. Rev. Northrup was also here wiring the church for electricity.

Miss Wynegar has been on the sick list for several days. She is staying at Mrs. Crawford's at present.

Although we miss from our midst the faces of some who are not to be with us for the new semester's work, we are glad for the large number of students who have returned from their vacation with much enthusiasm to take up their studies again. May this indeed be a Happy New Year in the history of the school.

Mrs. Anna Spencer and small daughter, Elaine, were at Mrs. A. Houghton's for a few days recently.

Mrs. Whitaker is now here having come back with Prof. Whitaker after the vacation period.

Mrs. H. S. Babbitt who has been in New York City and Boston since the first of September with her husband is visiting her people, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Thayer while Comdr. Babbitt is with the Atlantic Fleet which will rendezvous on the Southern Drill Ground, go through the Panama Canal, and visit Peru before returning to home ports.

Stone VanBuskirk has been having an attack of the measles. Worth Cott has them at present,

Mrs. Molyneaux was in Cattaraugus a short time ago where her father is ill with a cancer. She took her little son, Silas, with her.

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It is reported that Miss Kelly studied Astronomy during vacation—the result of which was: She could see stars through a coat sleeve.

In homiletics class while topics of sermons were being discussed:

Clarence B.:—I think a preacher ought to have a topic in his mind for some time before amplifying it; for instance: Love—There's a reason.

Mr. Densmore reciting Burns:

Miss Culp:—What does 'Pith O' Sense' mean?

Densmore:—The soft part.

Several new industries were developed during Christmas vacation. Flora Brecht became adept at killing mice.

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Stanley:—"What would you do with a fellow who would run off with your English book without telling you?"

John:—"Hit him!"

Stanley:—"In this case it's a woman."

Lusk:—"Then let her have it."

Senior:—"What makes you so little?"

Freshman:—"My mother fed me on canned milk and I'm condensed."

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